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THE OUTSIDE WORLD!

We have no papers from which to get outside news and our telegrams report very little of note except incidents of the great storm. The blizzard seems to have been general and great damage is done in the South by the extreme cold.

Ilolio has fallen without the loss of a single man. This is the point at which Lieut. Barroll is stationed and in the attack on which he no doubt took part.

Senator Gorman and the Treaty.

Elsewhere in to-day's NEWS will be found the speech of Senator ARTHUR P. GORMAN upon the peace treaty. It is a part of the history of that great American blunder, wherein a peace is declared tacitly commending or endorsing the acquisition of foreign islands thousands of miles away—adding an unassimilable element to our population, trebling our army and military expenditures, and which, as declared by Senator Perkins, of California, "exposes our laborers and farmers to competition with the servile labor of the Orient, and involves the abandonment of Washington's precept to avoid entanglements in the Old World's conflicts."

Senator Gorman's speech is characteristic of the man. Throughout the closing and exciting hour of the great discussion he was deliberate and cool, while his argument was as usual convincing—unanswerable. His wisdom and conservatism also equalled the great statesmen whose voices have been heard in that same hall in warnings and prophecy in the years gone by.

Senator Gorman has no equal in qualities of leadership in the Democratic party in this country; if indeed there is in any party a just claimant as his rival to that excellence. His loss to the whole country in his retirement from the Senate is now generally conceeded; Maryland certainly will not soon recover from her misfortune.

The act retiring from the nation's highest legislative hall her ablest leader of men, is not easily understood when considered in its surface bearings, but looked at from other standpoints it has better promise. The Senator's retirement from the exalted position he has so long dignified opens to him a wider field of usefulness. Though he may not seek it, the fact is patent and acknowledged by all parties, that one of the most conspicuous figures in the contest for the next Presidency of this great country is likely to be ARTHUR P. GORMAN, of Maryland. In the North he is looked to as the best hope of Democratic success; in the South he is unequalled in strength, while in the East and West he would hold his party as solid probably as could Bryan or any other of the distinguished Democratic leaders.

The drift of political events seem to point with unerring finger to Senator Gorman as the leader of the National Democracy, and nothing but his own positive declination will eliminate him from the contest for the head of the Democratic ticket in 1900.

Senator Gorman made no mistake in voting his sentiments and in representing the majority, we believe, in his State, on the occasion referred to. The twenty-seven in that list are on the side of our National honor—our National prosperity—and alone in the line of a permanent peace. The howlings of a frenzied fanatical press, Democratic or Republican, did not move them from the solid position upon which they stood, though it did drive some of the members of that august body in direct antagonism to their own declared views. Senator Wellington up to the last moment in the consideration of the subject, protested against the reckless extravagance and perilous undertaking of the whole proceeding, but he voted for it. Others like minded did the same. They lacked the courage of their convictions, and this cannot often be said of Wellington. He is generally equal to all such emergencies.

The epithets of papers like the New York Sun will harm no one. Its principal editorial utterance is this sort of billingsgate levelled at the best and ablest of American statesmen. That it should attempt to befoul with its mud and slang the twenty-seven Senators who refused to endorse imperialism is in perfect keeping with its vicious and anti-American character.

The Baltimore Sun, the one agency more than any other which led to Senator Gorman's retirement from the Senate, says: "Those courageous Senators who opposed ratification of the treaty without modification, despite the hysterical denunciations of the imperialist press, are entitled to the gratitude of all who have the welfare of their country at heart."

THE HISTORY OF CHESTERTOWN.

An Interesting Book.

At last we have in hand the completed M.S.S. HISTORY OF CHESTERTOWN, which will be issued in a book of about ninety pages at the earliest practical moment. It will be handsomely illustrated with public buildings and private residences.

Many references are to persons and events in the county, which makes it of interest to people outside of the town.

The work includes a survey of all the business of the town; the merchants, mechanics, lawyers, professional men, athletics, musical and literary organizations, the first railroads and steamboats, noted public buildings, churches, residences, &c.; real estate values in the county are noted in the sale of over 4,000 acres of farms on a single occasion; while the changed aspect of many localities are shown by the record of older edifices.

To the citizens of Chestertown such a work as this should be considered invaluable, both for future reference and present interest.

There is no purpose on the part of the author to make money out of the publication. It will not contain a single advertisement and only a limited number of copies will be printed.

The price of the book will be ONE DOLLAR, which will not cover the actual cost of the work if the whole prospective edition is sold.

It is very desirable that the author should be able to make some calculation of the number of copies that will be taken. To this end, therefore, the author requests those desiring copies to give notice at once at the KENT NEWS office. It will be sold exclusively by private subscription and without canvasing.

This is the third time within the past forty years that attempts have been made to secure a history of Chestertown, and not a single page of the efforts former can be found, both authors failing to complete their work.

We are prepared to say that the present effort will not fail as the author is determined to publish the work at his own expense and take all risks even of partial remuneration.

Opening the Public Roads.

Our county authorities have been facing a grave responsibility this week, that of deciding upon the propriety of heavy expenditure for clearing the public roads of snow. We have not heard the conclusions of all the members, as no meeting could be held and each commissioner had to act upon his own responsibility. The large expenditures in '95 created the expectation for like action now. Mr. G. W. Hatcherson, in this district, has used every means to encourage road opening without resorting to county expense and has been successful. Mr. Jos. R. Usilton personally set a good example in his neighborhood by promptly turning out upon the roads his full force of horses and men and soon had the great satisfaction of seeing good passage ways opened up through roads and fields in almost every direction, and that without the expense of a dollar to the county. These are the only two commissioners we have seen.

It is estimated that to clear the roads generally of the snow blockade at the expense of the county would have cost fully ten thousand dollars! It cost over six thousand dollars in 1895 and the expense this year when once commenced, would be much larger.

The commissioners appreciate the heavy tax burden and dread the laying of other extra expenditures for any purpose upon the people, and hope to avoid the cost of snow moving through the individual enterprise and patriotism of citizens along whose lands the roads run, feeling assured that no one will object to temporary trespass upon adjacent fields, or that our people will be less accommodating or self-sacrificing than the citizens of neighboring counties where no public expenditure is ever required to open the roads of snow blockades. This as a rule is certainly good public policy, but as there are exceptions to all rules, there may be in this matter—that is, small sections of road of extreme danger and universal use, might justify a reasonable expenditure for public safety.

IF the "black speck" in peach buds means death—as many growers claim—then the peach crop for '99 is a dead failure. One farmer on Chester river stated yesterday that in extensive trials he did not find one bud in fifty without the black speck. A number of twigs left at the NEWS office are found in the same condition. But we are not yet hopeless. Many wise peach men say the "black speck" is meaningless. Mr. Bartus Trew says the crop is killed sure—that the black speck sign is infallible.

Fire at the College.

There were two narrow escapes from fire at the College this week—the first was in Student Wheatley's room, and the other the kitchen chimney in Normal Hall. To make matters worse the pipes are frozen and the tank covered with thick ice. Mr. Miller is at work thawing them out.

THE most worthy poor and often the most needy are most difficult to discover. Diligent search should be made for all such.

SNOW BAFFLES STEAM!

One Week Without Mail — Engines and Crews Working from Clayton to Chestertown — Mail Expected Tonight.

Conductor John Welch received word Monday not to attempt to fight the snow until the blizzard ceased. Tuesday morning the assault was begun. Engineer Reed, Fireman Hollett, Brakemen Blyman and Howard, Section Boss Rusk and fifteen men all under Conducter Welch's experienced eye began at 6 a. m. and rounded the first cut, about 100 yards from the depot, at night fall. It was sixteen feet on one side and tapered off to about five feet depth. Several times the old steam horse buried herself in the snow and had to be dug out. Headlight, windows and panels were broken while snow poured into the cab a foot deep! The onslaughts were witnessed by scores of visitors from town. The scene is one that rivals the grandeur and majestic beauty of the ice gorges in Northern waters. As far as the eye can see the deep cuts are filled with snow that lay as a fortress before the enemy. Supervisor Rusk, with twenty-two men dig trenches in the snow, leaving ten foot blocks every five feet for the engine to knock out. Several hundred yards down the track stands the iron horse, No. 216, hissing and puffing, like a champing horse eager for the fray. Men leave the track, Conductor Welch gives the word, and Engineer Reed plants himself firmly for the attack. The old engine seems to be anxious for the battle, and when the throttle is thrown open, he comes tearing down the track at a forty mile rate, reeling to and fro, from side to side. The embankments are reached and snow is sent twenty-five feet in the air and looks like the bursting of a sky rocket as the flakes fall, completely hiding the engine from view. Engineer Reed and Fireman Howard do not see anything but snow being shut in the cab and expecting at anytime to be buried by snow or thrown off the track! Bravely he batters them down, but, as each block tumbles, the speed is diminished and finally the iron horse comes to a standstill, panting like one exhausted from fatigue. One hundred yards are cleared by this assault and work is next begun further on. At this writing they have reached Worton.

Yesterday morning excellent progress was made until the pilot or 'cow-catcher' was knocked off. Worton was reached at 8 A. M., and had the engine remained all right, Masseys would have been in sight now. As it was, the men dug as far as Hepbron's last night. Supt. Groff has perfected arrangements to open the road today, Saturday, so that we may expect a mail late this afternoon.

The Clayton force begun at that end Tuesday morning and at the time of going to press were at Masseys. Two other gangs of men have been at work, without engines, at Masseys and Kennedyville so that it is hoped we will get mail here sometime to-day.

The Queen Anne's road got through yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Armstrong tried to get to Price's yesterday but failed. He will leave town early this morning and make the trip if possible.

HERE IS THE PROSPERITY!

How the trusts prosper! The following table is interesting to men who are growing wheat and corn at starvation prices:

Annual income of twenty-five of the leading trusts for the year 1898:

Standard Oil trusts, $100,000,000.
New York gas companies, $40,000,000.
Federal Steel, $20,000,000.
Sugar trust, $9,000,000.
Western Union Telegraph, $7,000,000.
Tobacco trust, $5,000,000.
Pullman Palace Car Co., $5,000,000
Bell Telephone, $5,000,000.
Cracker trust, $3,500,000.
Rubber trust, $3,000,000.
Leather trust, $3,000,000.
General Electric, $2,500,000.
Lead trust, $2,000 000.
Commercial Cable Co., $2,200,000.
Wire nail trust, $1,500,000.
Malt trust, $1,500,000.
Cotton oil trust, $1,500,000.
Warehouse trust, $1,200,000.
Consoldated ice trust, 1,200,000.
Westing Electric, $1,000,000.
Spirit trust, $1,000,000.
Starch trust, $600,000.
Cordage trust, $500,000.
Wall paper trust, $250,000.

The following list shows the annual income of twelve persons who reaped profits from the trusts and monopolies of the country in 1898:

J. D. Rockefeller, $30,000,000.
Cornelsus Vanderbilt, $20,000,000.
W. K. Vanderbilt, $20,000,000.
Russell Sage, $15,000,000.
Hetty Green, $15,000,000.
George J. Gould, $10,000,000.
John Jacob Astor, $10,000,000.
D. O. Mills, $10,000,000.
Wm. Rockefeller, $10,000,000.
Roswell P. Flower, $10,000,000.
J. Pierpont Morgan, $10,000,000.
Philip D. Armour, $10,000,000.

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THE undersigned, by virtue of the power contained in a mortgage from James Magrogan and Lydia Magrogan, his wife, to William T. Brantley, trustee, and which mortgage by successive assignments was transferred to the undersigned, which mortgage and assignments are all duly recorded among the land records for Queen Anne's county, State of Maryland; the undersigned will offer at Public Sale at the Court House Door, in Centreville, in Queen Anne's county, aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, Feb. 25th, 1899,

at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m.,

All That Farm

whereon James Magrogan now resides, situated near Ingleside, in Queen Anne's county, aforesaid, adjoining the lands of Alday Clements and others,

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by recent survey and being the same farm conveyed to the said James Magrogan by deed from Edwin H. Brown and Philemon B. Hopper, trustees, bearing the date of June 24th, A. D., 1892 and duly recorded among the land records for said county in Liber W. D., No. 7, folio 225 etc.

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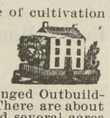

and convenient and well-arranged Outbuildings suitable for the farm. There are about 40 acres of growing wheat and several acres in Strawberries on the farm. This farm will be sold very cheap.

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Personal Matters.

Mr. Geo. W. Pitts, of Lancaster, Pa., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. James T. Brice. He intended returning home last week but is snow-bound now.

Deputy Internal Revenue collector J. H. Hurtt arrived home Saturday and went to the train Monday but at this writing is yet at home.

Mr. W. G. Skirven returned Saturday from a visit to New York and Philadelphia. He says the steam from engines in Broad street station froze and fell like snow so that scores of men were kept busy shoveling snow.

Mrs. S. A. Hurlock is in Kennedyville nursing her son, Frank, who was taken sick last week. Frank has been clerking for Pote & Co.

Mr. E. Western Welch, of New York, is visiting his mother on Maple avenue. Mrs. Welch has been quite sick for some time but we are glad to report her improving.

Mr. Andrew H. Blackiston, nephew of the Misses Blackiston, Washington avenue, has been spending the week in Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter U. Lusby returned Saturday from their wedding trip and were met by Miss Marion Lusby at their home on High street.

Dr. H. L. Dodd has been confined to his bed this week with fever, but is now about again.

One of our prominent merchants had made arrangements for his wedding on Wednesday, but owing to the storm was unable to meet his intended, who lives in the city. Fortunately no cards were issued.

Mr. Eck. Gray has been quite sick at the home of his sister. He was able to be out Thursday.

Messrs. John Brice and C. S. Smith had an eventful trip from Baltimore by train last week. They *walked* from Light street wharf to Union station and soon after leaving the city the steam pipe bursted and they had a very cold ride.

As foretold in the NEWS Postmaster Lucas has appointed Mr. Wm. H. Lambert, Jr., as deputy. Harry will make an efficient officer.

Stephen Lecates, Esq., is quite sick with pneumonia at the home of his son in Morgan Creek Neck. His grand-son walked seven miles through the snow Wednesday and returned with medicine.

Mr. Fred. Russell went to Church Hill Sunday to visit friends and at this writing had not returned.

Owing to the sickness of Father McManus the lecture to be given in Galena on Feb. 22nd, has been postponed.

A TRAGEDY RECALLED.

A White Oak Began to Decay at Once Upon Being Used as a Gallows.

It would be difficult to find a section of the Eastern Shore which has not its interesting tradition, its thrilling ghost story. One of the best from this section is that of the "Jim Pippin Oak," near the old Dixon's Tavern in Queen Anne's. A correspondent saw this ghost-stricken tree. Dixon's Tavern is not always the quiet orderly section it is to-day.

Some thirty years ago the great woods in which the "Jim Pippin Oak" stood was the rendezvous for a band of men who for miles around gave an unenviable reputation for lawlessness and deeds of violence, running into burglary, arson and even murder. The community was terrorized and lawlessness ran riot. When the sun went down every door and window for miles was barred and bolted. After the brutal murder and robbery of Benjamin Roberts, a Church Hill merchant, Jim Pippin and a man named Meginniss were arrested. The men were tried and, in spite of the efforts of ex-Senator Charles H. Gibson, Meginniss was convicted of murder in the second degree, and he was sent to the penitentiary for eighteen years. Pippin was acquitted and returned to his father's home in the "big woods" near "Dixon's Tavern."

A body of masked men found him in a sweet potato hole under old man Meginniss' home. The doomed man refused to surrender or come out, and the house was fired. He then surrendered, the fire was extinguished and Pippin was taken to a handsome young white oak which stood within a few feet of the public road, and was strung up. The body was left dangling until late the next day.

But here is the interesting part of the history of this period of lawlessness and disorder. The oak on which Pippin was hung was young and vigorous, but at once began to deeay. The strange part of the story is that the fatal limb upon which the man was hanged first withered and died. The blight then spread up that side of the tree to the topmost bough, and then the entire tree began falling to pieces, until to-day only a rugged trunk and rotting limbs are left. The place has been hoodooed, so far as the negro population is concerned, and they give the "Jim Pippin Tree" a wide berth after sundown.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. C. A. Grise, Pastor.
DR. W. F. CORKRAN, Presiding Elder, will preach in the M. E. Church, Chestertown, (tomorrow) Sunday night.

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