Kent News

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THE loss to early vegetable growers in Houston, Texas, is put at $1,000,000.

THE public schools of Baltimore and of Talbot county closed last week for six days on account of the weather.

FLORIDA oranges advanced last week from $3 to $5 per box when the news that the crop was killed was received.

FIRE last Thursday night destroyed three six-story business buildings on Market street, below Thirteenth, Philadelphia, and a number smaller structures in the rear, entailing an aggregate loss little short of $400,000. It is supposed to have been started by a live electric wire in contact with woodwork.

The fire was only a few yards from Wanamaker's big department store, but the intersection of Thirteenth street prevented the flames from reaching that establishment, and the only damage it suffered was a trifling one from water. Frequently the flames swept to within 100 feet of the big bazar, but many of the city engines, aided by Wanamaker's private fire corps, safely diverted their course.

M. FAURE, President of the French Republic, expired suddenly at the Elysee Palace from apoplexy Thursday of last week. M. Loubet has been elected President. He received 483 votes to 270 cast for M. Meline. General quiet reigned in the Republic, and beyond the exciting scenes incident to the election in the National Assembly there was no demonstration by any faction.

OYSTER AND POLITICS.

Mr. John W. Carroll, editor and owner of the *Cape Charles Light*, and also one of the officials of the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk R. R. Co., is one of the best posted men on the Peninsula about the oyster business. For years he was railroad agent and merchant at Westover, Somerset county, and he dealt largely in oysters. He is now a Virginian and is warning the people of his adopted State to send men to the legislature who know the needs of the oystermen, then Mr. Carroll proceeds to draw a pretty picture of venal political oyster legislation in Maryland. Here is what he says on this subject:

Our sister State, Maryland, is now giving us an object lesson as to the results of venal political oyster legislation, by which, if we are wise, we must certainly profit. Maryland is in the throes of death as regards her oyster interest. Her oyster beds have been depleted, and her oystermen, once the most prosperous of any section of the country, are nearly pauperized, and are being driven from their native heath to Virginia, North Carolina, and other states where, under a system of protection they are enabled to make a livelihood.

The citizens of Maryland are beginning to awaken to a realization of their true conditions, but how to extricate herself from her present condition is a matter difficult to solve; and while the fight goes on her people are daily growing poorer, and not only are those engaged in the oyster business being driven from her shores, but scores of other industries dependent upon the success of the oystermen are fast departing to more congenial climes. Maryland packers are coming into Virginia, where the planting system has made it possible for our people to supply them with oysters they have not at home. The emigrating of packers to the Rappahannock and James rivers, North Carolina and other states, and the vast army of laborers they take with them, has withdrawn from circulation, in the community where they formerly lived, large sums of money, thus crippling other industries which are dependent for existence on the money received from these channels.

Go into every creek and cove, both on the seaside and bayside, and you will find improvised shucking houses for the purpose of filling the orders of the Marylanders who have been compelled to come to us for their stock, then say if any better or more forcible argument could be used in favor of our present oyster legislation and its wise protective provisions.

No man can estimate the loss to the citizens of Maryland, by reason of the decline in the oyster business. The depreciation of vessel property alone would run the losses up in the millions, to say nothing of the large sums of money that have been invested in shipyards and railways that are now idle or have been abandoned. The labor they formerly employed is scattered to the four winds, or are barely eking out an existence at work only a small portion of the time. Whole towns and outlying belts which were once flourishing centres now present the appearance of deserted villages. Unwise and inoperative oyster legislation has brought this condition about, and Virginia not only supplies Marylanders with oysters, but contributes largely to the support of Maryland merchants doing business in towns near her boarder.

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.

A Grandmother at 27!

For some time an item has appeared in the newspapers of the country that Mrs. James Burke, of Knox county, Indiana, less than 33 years old, was the youngest grandmother in the United States. This honor is now disputed by Mrs. Kate Texter, of Millcreek township, Lebanon county, Pa., who is a grandmother at 27.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

Did YOU Ever Notice
How a Snow Ball Grows in Size as it Rolls Along?

Its all simple enough—nothing but holding fast at each revolution to what the last revolution attached. Precisely so in business—old customers must stick if the business bal is to grow. What makes them stick? a good many things, but the foundation is always the same—sound reliable goods—goods that keep your promises—goods that work and wear.

Our Stock

is always made up with goods from old reliable manufacturers and when we tell you what an article is made of we are ready, and *WILL* stand back of our representations.

Our Stock is always large—thus giving you a wide range for selection, and our prices invariably lower than other dealers charge for the same quality.

See Us

about your Watch, Clock and Jewlry repairing, we do it right and you will be pleased.

EYES carefully tested and glasses properly fitted at half the price "fake" opticians charge you.

J. H. SIDES,
JEWELER AND OPTICIAN,
Chestertown, - - Maryland.

READY FOR BUSINESS

I Have My New Stock Of

HARDWARE

Ready for Your Inspection.

It embraces everything usually found in a first class stock.

A good many articles have, and are still

ADVANCING *in price.*

Notably—

Nails,
Bolts,
Screws,
Hinges
And All Wire Goods.

I have a good stock in this class, and can offer you **Special Inducements** *in these lines.*

I will be glad to welcome my friends and take much pleasure in showing my stock of goods.

No **Job Lots** or **Cheap Auction** goods, but good **Standard Goods** at **Cheap Prices.**

Forks, Cross-Cut Saws, Shovels, Steel Traps, Axes, Hay Knives, Whips, Cow Chains, are now in season, as are **Nails** and **Bolts**, which owing to a **Low Purchase**, I can sell **Cheap.**

—A fine line of—

TABLE & POCKET CUTLERY.

Razors,
Scissors,
Horse Clippers.

Clover Seed
—AND—
Sowers.

See my STOCK and PRICES.

I handle both the **STAR** and **THOMPSON SEEDERS**, which are acknowledged **BEST.**

My prices on these **SEEDERS** are all right.

COAL
-AND-
WOOD
At HEPBRON STATION.

ISAAC ROBINSON,
STILL POND,
"The Hall." Md.
Feb. 25., '99.

Clearing Sale

To Make Room for Spring Goods. PRICES TO SUIT EVERYBODY AT

B. S. SUTTON'S.

MEN'S SHOES

Men's regular $2.50 Shoes	$1.98
" 2 00 "	1.69
" 1.50 "	1.24
" 1.25 "	.98

LADIES' SHOES

Ladies Regular $3.00 Shoes	$2.48
" 2.00	1.69
" 1.50	1.24
" 1.25	.98
" 1.00	.79

MEN'S PANTS

Men's regular $5.00 Pants	$4.00
" 4.00 "	3.00
" 3.00 "	2.25
" 2.00 "	1.48
" 1.50 "	1.23
" 1.25 "	98c
" 1.00 "	79c
" .80 "	63c

Shirts at half-price; Men's and Ladies' Underwear at Cost.

Leverings Coffee	10c
Granulated Sugar, best	5c
6 Bottles Yeast Powder	25c
2 Bars Good Washing Soap	5c
Hominey, quart	3c
Buckwheat	2½c

Dried Apples, Peaches, Prunes and Raisins; all goods to be sold at Bottom Prices.

Yours for business,
B. S. SUTTON,

WILLIAM S. CULP,
—WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN—
Coal, Wood, Lime, Cement
AND BALED HAY.
2,240 Pounds to the Ton.
SAWED and SPLIT OAK and PINE WOOD
Orders by mail promtly attended to
WILLIAM S. CULP, Chestertown f11-3t.

TO THE PEOPLE
—OF—
KENT and QUEEN ANNE'S!

I have now on hand the most complete stock of

BOOTS, SHOES
AND RUBBERS,

that have ever been shown in this town, embracing all the latest style toes and widths, that have been selected with the greatest care, and I defy competition on the same lines of goods. All I ask is inspection of them to convince you that a regular Shoe Store is the place to buy.

Men's Shoes and Boots	$1.00 to $5.00
Ladies' Shoes from	.90 to $3.50
Misses and Children's Shoes from	.25 to $2.50
Rubber Shoes from	.25 to .75

Also the W. L. Douglas Shoes $2.00, $3.00 $3.50 and $5.00; Boys', $2.00.

Some Shoes require a lot of talk to sell them, but we have in our $2.00, $3.00 and $3.50 line of Men's Shoes that after you have seen them does not require much talking, because they speak for themselves. We have them in Box-Calf, Willow-Calf, Russets, and Patent Leather, for a strictly dress shoe, on the new English Toe, Golf cut with back stay, Double Sole, right up to date. Inspect this line and satisfy yourself.

BOYS', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S
School Shoes.

A fine line to select from.
See what $1.00 buys.
See what $1.50 buys.
See what $2.00 buys.
See what $3.00 buys.
See what $3.50 buys.

No Trouble To Show Goods.

We believe in so treating customers that they will not only feel grateful to us but will send others to us about the shoe question.

If they come again, that's clear gain; if they bring others, that helps swell the average. In any event, it now begins to look as if people knew where the Shoe Store is. A large lot of Shoe findings, such as Slipper sole, Over-gaiters, Shoe Laces, Cork Soles, Brushes and all the different kinds of polish.

Don't Go To The City!

to buy until you have given your home merchant at least a chance to show you what he keeps.

T. G. WROTH,
The Shoe Man under Stam's Hall.

WANTED:
EVERYBODY to know that First Class Wines and Liquors, Foreign and Domestic can be secured at rock bottom prices from
H. KRIEGER,
601 S. Charles St., S. E. Cor. Lee St., Baltimore, Md.,
Prompt attention given to all orders by mail or otherwise.

WANTED.
A MAN OF ABILITY
with small capital to sell the cheapest and strongest light on earth. One hundred candle power, 13 hours for two cents. Exclusive right for the county. Address,
THE BEST STREET LIGHT CO.,
Canton, Ohio.

WELCOME AWAITS YOU
AND ALL COMERS TO OUR STORE.

It makes no difference whether you come to buy or only come to look around—you are heartily welcome. We want you to see what an array of useful things we have in

CLOTHING,
Dry Goods,
Notions,
Shoes
Hats and Caps,
Ladies' & Gent's Furnishings,
Carpets,
Floor and Table Oil Cloths.
Also a Full Line of
Furniture.

We want you to note their value and get our prices. We will make it pay you to buy all goods of us. The dollar of yours can buy more and bring better results than it ever did since the dollar mark was invented, if you put it into our dollar stretching values.

Poultry and Eggs taken in exchange and the Highest Market Price given.

Yours For Fair Dealing,

THE BALTIMORE BARGAIN STORE
H. H. BENEMAN, Prop'r, Opposite Brick Hotel Millington, Md.

At R. F. PARKS'

STOCK CLEARING ASSORTING REDUCING, is going on. Be er values offering to-day than yesterday.

Sales Must Continue!

NET CASH LOWN DOWN PRICES MUST DO THE WORK.

Ladies' Foot-holds, (Boston Rubber Company's Goods) per pair	.18
Ladies' Storm Rubbers, per pair.	.30
Gent's Storm Rubbers, per pair.	.49
Gent's Plain Sandels, per pair.	.48
Ladies' Croque per pair.	.24
Men's Heavy Leather Boots. Per pair.	1.39
Men's Heavy Leather Boots, worth $2.25, per pair	1.98
Lot of Boy's Shoes, prices were $2.25, 2.50, 3.00, any size, per pair	1.00
Lot of Ladies' Shoes, prices were $2.25, $2.50, $3.00, any size left, per pair	1.75

The above all Jobs, and rare, too, at the price.

Good Domet Flannel, per yard	.10
Flanneletts, that were 10c. per yard, now	6¾
Apron Ginghams, Saturday, all you want	4½
Lap Robes, good plush	2.75

White Blankets Start 39c; Grey at 50c., 62½c., 75c., $1.00.

Horse Blankets	.75
Extra Good Feather Bed Tick	12½
Extra Good Straw Ticking	.8
9-4 Brown Sheeting Muslin	.15
4-4 Extra Bleached Muslin	6½
4-4 Brown Muslin	.4
4-4 Extra Good Brown Muslin	4½

Towels 5c., 10c., 12½c., 15c.

Linen Napkins, per dozen	.75
Linen Napkins, per dozen	.60
Linen Napkins, per dozen	.50

Ladies Coats and Capes at your own prices to close out.

Ladies' $1.00 Coats now go at	.75
Ladies' $1.75 Capes now go at	1.35
Ladies' $2.25 Capes now go at	1.75

UNDERWEAR: — Gent's, Ladies', Misses' and Children's must be sold regardless of cost.

Men's 50c Undershirts now	.39

Saturday's Specials--Cash Only

Granulated Sugar 5c
Fine Blended Coffee, 2lbs for 23c
3 Boxes Lye, 25c 13 Bars Soap 25c
Pack Gold Dust & 5 Bars Soap 25c

Clover, Timothy, and Orchard Grass Seed.

Yours for business,
R. F. PARKS.

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