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The date on the Label on your paper shows the time to which your subscription is paid.

The suggestions of Ex Gov. Brown for a new deal is a good one, provided he will guarantee *better* leaders than at present in command. Has Gov. Brown a senatorial bee in his bonnet?

STRAUS' opposition to Vandiver had a queer result. It gave that gentleman not only every Democratic vote—but Straus—but two Republicans in addition!

ANDREW CARNEGIE says that wealth, beyond a competence, was useless except as a means of doing good. Some of us, however, never get the competence, so we cannot give an opinion on the statement.

EX-GOV. BROWN wisely advised Straus to *act* and not *talk* so much. Wouldn't it be well for Gov. Brown to take some of this medicine? If he wants to be a candidate for Governor why don't he go ahead to win it and not be *talking* so much.

MESSRS. KENDALL and TREW would not follow Straus in his filibustering, but voted with the Democrats and other straight Republicans to sustain the Speaker and prevent delay. The Kent representatives certainly deserve credit for this.

THE standard blue book of the State of Maryland published by the Baltimore Sun grows better each succeeding year. This year it is as usual a compilation of reliable statistics and an encyclopedia of matters pertaining to the State of Maryland.

THE special embassadors to represent the United States at the coronation of King Edward VII are in a predicament. The necessity of wearing breeches will compel Mr. Reid and others to buy artificial calves! If the president had selected some of Kent's bicyclists this trouble would have been avoided.

THE air rifles in the hands of the boys about town have become a dangerous toy and their use should be restricted. Often the shot rebound and do serious injury. One day this week Harry Bramble, of Chestertown, was shot in the head accidentally by his 14-year-old brother and the doctor had to cut to bone to find the bullet. We would caution parents to look into this matter.

THE Board of State Aid made public its report to the Legislature on Thursday. Washington College was one of a number of institutions which were refused desired State aid. The college asked for $15,000 for 1903, and 2,500 for 1904. The reason given for refusal to grant was that the college already receives $1,275 annually from the State for scholarships. Other colleges were recommended aid.

This institution known as the board of State aid and charities has proven about the most useless appendage to the State government. Through its secretary it has submitted a report to the Legislature which contains many words but very little information, and the prediction is here made that its recomendations will carry no weight with the committees having in charge the appropriation bills and should not.

When the bill was submitted providing for the appointment of such a board it was claimed that much good might be accomplished in the way not only of curtailing the appropriations, and thus saving needless expenditures, but by ascertaining to what use the State's money was put and what were the benefits derived. Nothing of the kind was done.

The law authorized the board to visit the various institutions when they deemed it advisable, but they do not appear to have considered it necessary to make any such visits. As a matter of fact, the board rarely met. Reporters assigned to visit the rooms on the day a meeting was to be held uniformly reported there had been none. The secretary drew his salary with great regularity, and the office expenses were also paid.

RICHARD CROKER retired as leader of Tammany Hall Saturday and Lewis Nixon, a native of Leedsburg, Va., succeeds him. Croker has been active in politics since 1866 and retires wealthy but in bad repute. It is hoped that Nixon will place Tammany on a higher plane. He owns a large shipping plant. Croker's last words were "If you conduct this organization honestly and comply with the laws you can't be beat at any time."

THE hall of the House of Delegates was crowded last Tuesday by representative Democrats from all over the State. They were there to see the consummation of the great work for which they had so long and earnestly labored—the re-election of Hon. Arthur P. Gorman to the United State Senate. And the work was done handsomely. The scene was impressive and will long be remembered by all present. Speaker Mitchell presided with dignity and skill and on the left sat Gov. John Walter Smith. Other prominent officials were in the throng of spectators while near the speaker's desk a group of distinguished ladies gave earnest attention to all proceedings. Among the latter were Mrs. John Walter Smith, wife of the Governor, and daughter, Mrs. Arthur D. Foster, Mrs. James Alfred Pearce and Mrs. Alonzo L. Miles.

A Happy Event.

The Democratic Legislature in Annapolis last Tuesday was unanimous in the election of Hon. Arthur P. Gorman for the U. S. Senate. The Maryland Democracy are happy in the consummation of this, its greatest need in recent years, the possession of a statesman of high repute in National Legislature. The State has it in Gorman. He is an honor to the nation at large.

A Hint to Ex-Gov. Brown.

Ex-Governor Frank Brown publishes another column in the Baltimore Sun of Wednesday on current politics. He is still insisting that that the old leaders should retire and that the present legislature might as well adjourn and go home! He would, however, allow that body to pass the necessary appropriation bills and restore the picture ballot law. There may be good grounds for criticism. No leader in all the past is beyond this. They all are fallible. If ex-governor Brown had taken some interest himself in the last campaign he would be better qualified to advise the Democracy as to its future. It would certainly come with far more grace from him at this time. To use the gambler's phrase he should "put up or shut up."

Give Kent the Law.

The NEWS' suggestion for a law authorizing the enployment of prisoners on the roads and streets has met with universal commendation. Our cotemporary last week says:

"The commissioners of Chestertown annually pay about $275 for work on the roadways of the town. Why should not the people who are constantly running up expenses for the people in the magistrates courts or in jail, or in both, be made to keep up these street repairs and thereby pay their own board."

It is now up to our able Senator and Legislaturemen to frame this bill and have it placed upon our statute books.

Queen Anne's County is ahead of us in this matter having been given a law of this character by the Legislature of 1894. Talbot also has the same law passed earlier. After the "working bill" will come the salaried police justice, two needed reforms in Kent.

Now *is the time to act.*

Mr. Straus' Folly.

If Mr. Straus, of Baltimore, could see himself as his best friends see him he would be anything but content with his present position. He is simply playing the "baby act"—pouting for spilled milk. He may succeed in injuring those who have served him best but the greater loss will be to himself. He pleases nobody by his antics but his enemies, and the fact that he has no sympathisers but Republicans should open his eyes to his folly. He appeared to have a bright future a week ago. To-day he is doing his best to kick himself down hill.

Navigation Impeded.—The steamer Ford had to contend with very heavy ice all the way from Chestertown to Baltimore last Monday and Wednesday. It was over an inch thick and even the bay was solid. At the "seven foot knoll" it was heaviest and the steamer came to a dead halt for a little while, but the noble vessel with her experienced officers and crew, went safely through making every landing and was only an hour late in reaching the city.

The Betterton boats experienced considerable ice in the canal, off Poole's Island, Worton Point and Betterton, on Monday reaching Baltimore several hours late.

A Terrible Fire.—A fire was discovered in the livery stable of William H. Collins of Smyrna, Monday, and before the flames could be extinguished seventeen fine horses had perished, together with all the hay, corn, harness, blankets and buggy, stored in the building. The origin of the fire is supposed to be the work of incendiaries, as Mr. Collins paid a late visit to his stable last night. He used a lantern at that time, but was careful to extinguish the light before leaving the place. Mr. Collins estimates his loss at about $1,000, having had an insurance on his stock, amounting to $1,000. The owner of the stables, H. B. Grieves, will lose about $2,000.

EX-SENATOR HENRY G. DAVIS, of West Virginia, telegraphed a gift of $100,000 to his baby grandson, Henry G. Davis, Jr. This should be enough to keep the baby in rattles at least.

BALTIMORE will be like a man emerging from a forest when all the poles are removed from her streets. The work was begun Saturday.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Ex-Senator Arthur P. Gorman was chosen by the Democratic members of the Legislature to again represent Maryland in the United States Senate. He will succeed Senator George L. Wellington on March 4, 1903 He received every Democratic vote in each house of the General Assembly—17 in the Senate and 51 in the House.

Mr. William H. Jackson received all the Republican ballots—52 in number, or 16 less than Mr. Gorman.

State Treasurer Vandiver was re-elected to that office, notwithstanding the efforts of Mr. Isaac Lobe Straus to prevent it. It is said Mr. Vandiver received two or three Republican votes, and the Republicans held a caucus to consider the matter, but nothing resulted.

Senator John P. Moore, of Worcester county, on Wednesday introduced a bill to provide for retiring upon half pay teachers who have taught 25 years in the public schools of the State, have arrived at the age of 60 years and are too infirm to work any longer. There is great interest in the bill and it is believed it will pass without opposition.

Following up Gov. Smith's suggestion, a bill will be presented next week to appropriate $25,000 for two years, the sum to be expended in returning the shells to the bay. The work may be done during the summer by oyster police vessels, or by private parties, who are to receive satisfactory compensation. It will be permissible for a boat, after disposing of a cargo of oysters at one of the packing houses in Baltimore, to reload with shells for distribution on the beds. The work of distributing the shells is to be under the supervision of a committee of two, with the commander of the oyster police force a member ex-officio of the board. The Eastern and Western Shores are to be represented on the commission. Each commissioner is to be paid $1,200 a year. The annual appropriation can be secured either out of the general State fund or by increasing the oyster bushel tax, a tax which he believes the oystermen will willingly pay when they realize the benefits to accrue to them In two years the great increase in the supply of oysters will have become fully appreciated.

Kent's Legislaturemen have been placed on the following committees: Senator Baker, on Corporations, Agriculture and Labor, Railroads, Library, Contingent expense of Senate, and Revaluation and Assessment. Hon. A. M. Kendall on Insurance and Loans, Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries. Hon. T. W Trew on Manufactures, Revaluation and Assessment.

FOR A DAIRY COMMISSIONER.

A bill that is of considerable interest to Kent county farmers was introduced in the House of Delegates this week by Delegate Rogers, of Baltimore county. It provides for the creation of a State dairy commission and the appointment of a dairy commissioner by the Governor for a term of two years, at a salary of $2 000. His duties shall be the enforcement of laws against adulteration in the manufacture and sale of dairy products and all laws regulating manufacture and sale of oleomargarine now in force. He is to have two assistants, at salaries of $1000 each, one of whom is to act as secretary and receive $200 additional. The commissioner shall act in conjunction with the city and State boards of health and with the inspectors of milk. $12,000 is appropriated to carry out the bill.

Lieut. Starke, of Richmond, Va., has been arrested charged with sending an obscene letter to President Roosevelt containing these words: "To Teddy; white without and black within, a nigger in a white man's skin." The letter referred to the Booker Washington dinner.

A Clean Sweep!

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We mean by this that our entire WINTER STOCK now remaining, we are offering at a sacrifice.

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Our stock of UNDERWEAR will be sold at prices to suit you, regardless of what former prices were.

RUGS and BLANKETS we have very much lower.

CHAMBER SETS, DINNER SETS, TEA SETS, LAMPS of every style, all lower than ever.

Our remaining stock of JARDINEERS will be sold at low prices and at no other place can such an assortment be found.

Ladies, we think this is your time to be looking around at our immense stock of spring goods all new and now in stock consisting of CHAMBRAYS, finest PERCALES, SILKS, fine PRINT CLOTHS all of which we bought at the lowest prices in advance, on account now of the advancing prices which we claim will be a great saving to every customer.

☞ REMEMBER we are paying more for Eggs and Poultry than others pay you.

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Two Week's Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The first Pennsylvania Railroad tour of the season to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington by special train on February 4.

Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals *en route* in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, $50.00; Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington, $48.00; Pittsburg, $53.00; and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, or to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Prof. Ebaugh Leaves. — Prof. A. Newton Ebaugh, whose resignation from the faculty of the Baltimore City College, where he had charge of the department of history for five years, was accepted last week, has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., to assume charge of his duties as professor of mathematics in the Manual Training High School there. Professor Ebaugh took his examination as a Greater New York teacher last Easter, but did not receive his appointment until last week. The larger chances for advancement as well as an increase in salary were among the principal considerations which decided Prof. Ebaugh to make a change. Prof. Ebaugh and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Leaverton, near Lankford last Sunday.

JOHN F. RICE, the successful Live Stock Dealer, of Fairlee, has removed to the Geo. Bacon farm at the Flat Lands, between Melitota, Chestertown and Worton Station, where he will make his home. He will be in a better position this year to handle stocks of all kinds, especially Suckling Pigs, and all orders directed to JOHN F. RICE, Worton Station, will receive prompt attention. Hoping to hear from you, I remain,
j3-3t. JOHN F. RICE.

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Chestertown, Md.
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TOWN TAXES!

All Corporation Taxes for 1901 are DUE. and settlement is requested.
By an act of Assembly of 1900—All Taxes not paid by January in each year, will be deemed in arrears, when interest will be added, property levied upon and sold.
M. WILBUR THOMAS,
d14 Collector.

TO THE PUBLIC:

We wish the readers of the NEWS one and all a Happy New Year. We take this method of thanking the public for their patronage and guarantee to give even better service during 1902 than ever before. Our closing out sale is still in progress.
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are First-Class in every particular, and satisfaction always given to my customers. Traveling salesmen conveyed to all parts of the Peninsula at moderate prices. Teams for private parties furnished at short notice. Give me a call. Respectfully,
GEO. B. McWHORTER,
j3 1y. Chestertown, Md.

Report of the Condition

—OF THE—

Kent Building & Loan Company,

At the close of the year Dec. 31, 1901.

—RESOURCES—

Investments	$10,709 00
Supplies	98 60
Cash	1158 18
Total	$11,956 18

—LIABILITIES.—

Installment Stock	$7715 30
Full Paid Stock	3600 00
Net Profits for Distribution	639 88
Total	$11,956 18

I, Jefferson L. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer of the above named company, solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JEFFERSON L. SMYTH.
Secretary and Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Justice of the Peace, this 4th day Jan., A.D. 1902.
T. WATERS RUSSELL, J. P.
Correct Attest:—
J. H. SIDES,
jan 11—3t. W. M. CULP.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the estate in Kent county, Md., of
ANNA MARIAH JOHNSON,
late of Kent county, Md., deceased.
All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouches thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of June 1902, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.
Given under my hand this 31st day of December, 1901.
SIMON FREEMAN.
j4—4t. Administrator,

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Suits, Overcoats & Trousers made to measure.

Any style you may desire. Finest woolens to select from. Your garments will be cut and made right here in the house and fit guaranteed.

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JOHN EVANS, (late of Phila.,)
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NOW AND THEN

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January Clearance Sale

and the prices fastened to them will certainly make 'em go humming. The character of our clearance sale is too well established to need explanation. We have at present a fair selection of goods but there'll be no more filling in and the lines will soon be reduced so the first to come will of course be best provided for.

JAS. D. LUCAS,
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