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The Prize.—Mr. Lewin S. Fowler has the prize peach tree in his yard. It is a seedling and the fruit is as pretty as a picture.

The Same Story.—A postal to the NEWS from Mr. H. L. Crew, Still Pond, says: "Please discontinue my advertisement for farm hand. I have had answers from Rock Hall to Massey and from Baltimore to Philadelphia."

Inspectors.—Messrs. Henry N. Greenwood, J. Walter Sutton, George R. Scoone, C. C. Kendall, Bartus J. Wilkins, and Wm. S. Scoone have been reappointed oyster inspectors from Kent county for the present season. They gave entire satisfaction last year.

Coal Shipped to Kent.—As one of the results of the great strike of the miners and the consequent coal famine in the land, W. L. Butler, coal and wood dealer, Crisfield has shipped 20 tons of coal to H. H. Beneman of Millington. Mr. Butler was fortunate in receiving a consignment of 500 tons just before the strike began. The schooner Venus, Capt. J. D. Barnholdt, carried the coal.

Prisoner Caught.—Robert Jackson, colored, 18 years old, was arrested Wednesday by Patrolman George Williams, on the charge of stealing articles to the value of $9.75 from John Kilburn, of Edesvilie. The list included two nickle watches valued at $2, a pair of lace shoes valued at $3.50, one pair of trousers valued at $1, one mouth organ valued at 75 cents and $2 50 in money.

New Tenants.—Messrs Wm. B. Usilton & Sons have rented Tolchester Plantation to Mr. Alfred Bramble, son of Mr. James Bramble. Mr. B. has been a tenant of Mr. I. R. Leaverton's Lankford farm and is succeeded by Mr. Chas. Willis. Mr. Wm. Nourse will tenant Bel Rio next year. It is owned by Mrs. Helen Kent Shaw. Mr. Dave Ford is spoken of as tenant on the Nourse Pomona farm.

Property Sales.—Mr. Curtis E. Crane has purchased from Hon. Charles T. Westcott, the Island Creek Farm, situated in Queen Anne's county for $14,000 cash. The farm contains about 800 acres of land.

Mr. George B. McWhorter has purchased from Mr. R. Stafford the Edwards farm situated near Millington in Queen Anne's county. The farm contains about 80 acres, and the price paid was $1300.

Fertilizer Factory Burned.—The Hubbard Fertilizer Co.'s factory in Baltimore was burned Friday night. Mr. W. W. Hubbard, of Chestertown, is vice-president and one-third owner in the company and this community were very much concerned when the news was placed on the NEWS bulletin board. The loss is estimated at $80,000 with insurance of $68,760, divided as follows: building, $16,300; machinery $18,100; stock $34,350. The company had large orders to fill which will be attended to by the factory in Chestertown and by other plants in Baltimore which have come to the help of the Hubbard Co. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Buncoed.—Sig. Sautelle's circus in Cambridge last Saturday was attended by bunco men. William A. Clash, one of the wealthiest citizens of Cambridge, took a hand at the bunco game and lost $900. Mr. Clash promised to keep the affair quiet on condition that the showman would return the $900 in two weeks with an additional $25. One of the showmen, however, did not receive what he considered his proper share of the spoils, and reported the affair to Sheriff John W. Mills. After considerable negotiating the money was paid back to Mr. Clash, but $100 was given to the informant.

Big Sale.—The public sale of Mr. R. Moffett, on the Alms House farm on Monday last was largely attended and good prices realized. Cows brought from $25 to $41; brood sows from $12 to $21 and farm horses from $80 to $150. A bay stallion was knocked down to Mr. Romie Byrom at $255, and Mr. Wm. G. Smyth purchased a suckling Bedworth colt for $150. The dam of the colt was an Alcantel mare. Auctioneer Greenwood was in charge.

The sale of stock at Mr. Alexander Hickman's was largely attended Thursday and everything brought good prices. Cows averaged about $34 and other things in proportion.

Fine Corn.—The finest corn we have seen this season is a sample left at the NEWS office from the field of Mr. George W. Sutton at Locust Grove. The five ears average 966 grains—1040, 1020, 1000, 944 and 826. The largest weighed 24½ ounces. What farm in Kent or Queen Anne's can beat this average?

Groome Will.—The will of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Groome, of Elkton, was probated in the Orphans' Court on Saturday. The estate, which is valued at about $200,000, is left principally to relatives. It is bequeathed as follows:

To her daughter, Mrs. Maria G. Knight, of Baltimore, a lot of silverware and china; Mrs. Elizabeth G. Constable, of Elkton, lot of silverware and china; Mrs. Jane G. Black, of New Castle, lot of silverware; her granddaughter, Elizabeth B. Knight, silverware and her gold watch and chain; her granddaughter, Elizabeth M. Black and her grandson. John G. Constable, silverware; to each of the daughters of Capt. Matthews C. Pearce, $200 is left; Ella Carter, who had lived with Mrs. Groome, $100; her daughter, Mrs. Maria G. Knight, "Duncan Veasey" farm in Sassafras Neck, which the testatrix valued at $14,000, if she desires it; her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Constable, mansion house in Elkton, valued at $7,000; also a lot of land on Main street, if she elects to take same.

Her household goods are to be divided equally among her three daugbters. The residue of her estate is to be divided equally among her three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Constable, Mrs. Maria G. Knight, Mrs. Jane G. Black, and her granddaughter, Maria E. Groome, daughter of the late ex Governor James B. Groome. Two hundred dollars is left in trust to keep the Groome burial lot in the Elkton Presbyterian cemetery in proper repair. Mrs. Elizabeth G. Constable, Mrs. Maria G. Knight and Mrs. James G. Black are named as executrices. The will bears date of November 30, 1895, and is witnessed by Chas. B. Figley, Jno. T. Brown and C. C. Strickland.

Married.—September the 17th at the parsonage, by Rev. J. L. Elderdice, John Walter Elburn and Mary Catherine Liemback.

Tomato Notes.—The Harford county papers are bragging about 240 bushels of tomatoes to the acre! This is but an *average* crop in Kent while many of our farmers have picked from 400 to 500 bushels per acre.

Buyers at Chestertown wharf were paying as high as 30 cents per basket Tuesday and nearly a thousand baskets were bought.

The NEWS is indebted to Mr. James E. Walbert for a basket of beauties. He has three acres all contracted for $8 per ton. He had one tomato that could not be gotten into a quart box! He says he was not like the fellow in Still Pond who brought a big turnip to town and remarked "I have hunted all through my patch and this is the smallest one I could find."

The Kent County Farmers' Preserving Co., of Rising Sun, which contracted early in the season for tomatoes at $7 per ton, has notified the farmers with whom it contracted that it has increased the price to $10 a ton for the remainder of the season. The scarcity of tomatoes and the higher price paid in cities caused the advance.

A farmer near town will realize $80 per acre on six acres off his tomato crop.

Wednesday was the big day at the wharf. A new buyer from Numsen's cannery entered the field with instructions to buy at any cost and paid 25 cents per basket and returned the basket. Messrs. Lambert and Tolls bought several hundred baskets and then sold at a good advance to Mr. J. R. Clements who was buying for Lawder & Son. Mr. Clements shipped 704 baskets to his firm Wednesday night.

The Susquehanna has carried daily this week from 500 to 1500 baskets of tomatoes from Tolchester wharf.

Less Talk—More Action.

The public are convinced of the great evils of bribery so that speeches on this line are nearly useless. It is time now for ACTION which speak louder than any words. The Democrats have taken the lead in a grand cause and should have the sympathy and support of all good citizens. The Salisbury Advertiser takes the sensible view of the situation when it says:

"What we want is *the enforcement law*. There is ample law upon the statute books to send to the penitentiary every man engaged in vote buying, we only need the evidence of the offense. There are enough people who are heartily in sympathy with the cause in the Congressional district to collect the evidence in any effort made to violate the law.

"All that is needed is an organization of prominent citizens determined to see that the law is enforced, and it will be done. Herein lies the path of Mr. Ellegood's campaign. Waste no time discussing the subject; too much has already been spent on that. Go directly to the subject of organizing anti-bribery vigilance committees in every voting precinct in the congressional district, and when the organization is completed we can all tell what it is worth. If it has the intelligence and strength that such a cause merits it will surely succeed, because no vote buyer is going to take the chances of a term in the penitentiary for his day's work. But if this help cannot be enlisted, then the cause must fail. It will mean that the people of the district are indifferent to the suppression of the evil. But we do not believe that they are, because the delegates to that convention which met at Ocean City Thursday were fresh from the people and unquestionably represented their constituents. It is very evident that the convention intended to make the suppression of bribery the platform to go before the people on, and a victory on this platform will be the most signal that has been won in the State for years. If the proper methods are pursued it can be accomplished; on the other hand, a defeat would be most ominous to the State and humiliating to the intelligence and manhood of the First Congressional District.

"We repeat; what we want in this campaign is *legal suasion*, no waste of time on sentimentalities or glittering generalities. Every believer in suppressing bribery must show his faith by his works if the task is to be accomplished."

MILLIONAIRE STRATTON DEAD.

Sold Famous Independence Mine For $16,000,000—Had Been Ill For Months.

Winfield Scott Stratton, a multi-millionaire and probably the best-known mining man in Colorado, died at Colorado Springs Sunday night.

Mr. Stratton had been ill for several months and his death was not unexpected. He was unconscious all day and his sister, Mrs. Jennie Cobb of San Jose, who is the only near relative who survives Mr. Stratton, was with him to the end.

Mr. Stratton was born at Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1848. After an education in the city schools of Jeffersonville he mastered the carpenters trade. He came to Colorado Springs in 1872 and has since been a resident of this city. For thirty years he had been interested in mining and opened the famous Independence bonanza.

In April, 1891, he went to Cripple Creek district to prospect. After weeks of fruitless prospecting, Stratton decided to take out a claim on his account, and on the morning of July 4, 1861, staked out the Independence and Washington claims. The Independence yielded him millions of dollars and in 1898 he sold it for $16,000,000, retaining, however a very considerable interest.

The Independence was sold to a stock company formed by British capitalists. Mr. Stratton had since the sale of the mine spent much of his time abroad, though he had built a fine residence in Colorado Springs that he occupied when in this country.

Mr. Stratton's private charities were large and his interest in the public welfare was almost without limit. His wealth is estimated at from $15,000,000 to $50,000,000.

Mr. Stratton was among the first prospectors to enter the Cripple Creek district. He arrived there on foot, driving a donkey laden with his outfit.

The deceased is said to be a relative of mayor Stratton, of Cliff City. It was our pleasure to visit this wonderful mine several years ago and to learn with interest the above story in detail from his employes.

MOODY & LUSBY.

As The Season Advances

our stock is diminishing, though we have a good many

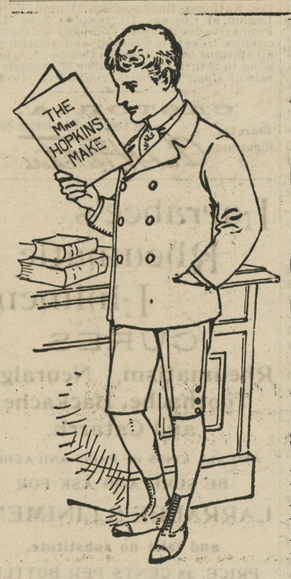
Men's Suits

yet. Plenty that can be worn all the winter,

.....BUT.....

being Odd Suits, (1, 2 and 3) of a kind they will go in Our Semi Annual Reduction Sale.





Boys' and Children's Suits

wil be sacrificed accordingly. Come fix the boys up for school and save money.

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Five Wagon Loads of Shoes Alone

1st. Shoes Shoes Shoes

One of the largest wholesale Shoe dealers and manufacturers agents a few weeks ago decided to quit business and close their entire stock. It was our good fortune to be open for just such a deal and we cleared up the largest purchase of Shoes and Boots on the Shore at sacrifice prices.

We Will Offer These Shoes in This Manner:

Misses' and Children's 1.25, 1.39 Fine Dongola, Box Calf and Kangaroo Calf Shoes in all sizes and styles, lace and button for only 88c, choice. This makes a real attractive line of good wearing—high-grade Shoes at such a low price for any size **88 Cents.**

These SHOES are alright for school or Dress and we will guarantee every pair or your money back.



Only 88c.



Only 98c.

Ladies' 1.39 and 1.50 Fine Dongola, Kangaroo Calf and Box Calf Shoes in lace and button, all sizes and styles for only **98 Cents,** choice.

You can select good serviceable SHOES from this lot at a big saving, only 98 cents.

Ladies' Fine 2.00 and 2.25 Dongola Shoes in lace only, newest toe, very stylish, only **$1.69.**

Ladies' 3.00 Genuine Goodyear Welt finest stock, Dongola, latest style toe, perfect fitting Shoes. A bargain **$1.98**

The real merits of this SHOE will make it sell at sight and at the price only $1.98.

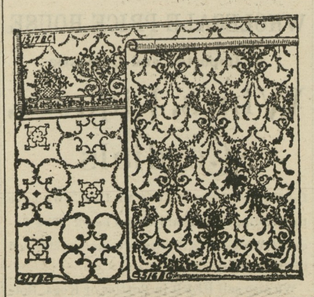
Men's and Boy's 1.25 and 1.50 Shoes, all go at **98c.**

Lot of Men's Fine Box Calf and Vici Shoes at special low prices. The Boot deal in this stock will mention later—they will be the best values ever presented in our county.

2nd—Is the Underwear deal. We made a deal to clear out a big lot of Men's and Ladies' Underwear at less than cost of manufacture. We will offer these goods in our Bankrupt Room and they will go in this manner:

Men's Best 75-cent Switz Conde, Fleeced Lined and Heavy Ribbed Shirts and Drawers for only **39c.**

Ladies Fine 50c Heavy Fleece Ribbed Underwear **29c.**



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We are showing an exclusive new line of Fine Fall Wall Papers and at about one-half the regular prices.

Good 5c Wall Papers, per roll, only **2c.**
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