The Kent News

Established 1841.

Subscription - - $1 Per Annum

Fred. G. Usilton, Wm. B. Usilton, Jr

WM. B. USILTON'S SONS, Publishers.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., FEB. 28, 1903

THE mine owners of Johannesberg have sent to Maryland and the South for 100,000 negroes and offer good wages. We don't think the Kent county negro is after gold in this way and the Transvaal will have to look elsewhere for labor.

THE express rates on small packages to and from Chestertown are simply outrageous. The rate has recently been raised so that now a small package to Millington, Elkton or Clayton will cost 35 cents. Mr. Matthews, the efficient agent here, is in no way to blame for this condition.

THE Democrats made a partisan affair of the town election in Smyrna Tuesday with the result that State Senator T. C. Moore was beaten for Council, and Wm. M. Bell defeated E. M. Fowlar, Union Republican. All the Union Republicans were ousted and the Council will stand six Democrats and six Regular Republicans. Addicks evidently did not send any "sinews of war" there.

COL. W. SCOTT ROBERTS hoists Parker and Bryan to the top of his column for the Democratic nominees in 1904. If he was anxious for an odd ticket why not put up Cleveland and Bryan? Although we have not been consulted, the NEWS would suggest Maryland's astute and able statesman, Arthur P. Gorman, for President, and a popular young man from the west or middle west for vice-president.

THE public convenience calls for a telephone at the steamboat wharf in Chestertown and we are confident that the Baltimore officials will give their many patrons here this additional service when the matter is presented right. The Chester River Steamboat Company is up-to-date in its service with this one exception.

Farm Labor.

THE farmers of Kent county are in a quandary as to the best plan to adopt by which they can secure reliable labor. The help both on the farm and in the kitchen is becoming less satisfactory with each recurring season. Several of our most successful farmers in Still Pond neighborhood have gone to Virginia for help. Others have made arrangements for German or Polish families. They will erect tenement houses and use the women help in the kitchen. This method is adopted almost universally in the districts outside of Baltimore and works like a charm. At a recent farmers' convention in Harford county Jacob G. Schoufarber, assistant to the Chief of the State Bureau of Statistics, said:

Fifty years ago, nine-tenths of the farm work was done by hand and constant hard labor. Today, any and every well-regulated farm contains such an amount of machinery and facilities for rapidly doing the work that even the most poorly equipped farm is better off in this respect than the best equipped of the past period. Seeding, harrowing, threshing, plowing and nearly all work done in the cultivation of the land is now facilitated by steam or steel. The value of farm implements in the State of Maryland is placed at upward of $8,000,000 by the census, an increase in two decades of nearly 50 per cent.

Maryland Farm Operations.

"Today there are 46,000 farms in the State of Maryland; 40,169 of which are owned or operated, or managed by white farmers, and 5,842 are owned or operated by colored farmers. On these farms are employed 92,014 males and 3,540 females in various capacities. Of this number 50,000 are agricultural laborers, representing 14,689 families. These figures are exclusive of the children that are employed on the farms. Of the 234,210 negroes in this State, 57,174 are illiterate, and can neither read no write. When it is remembered that a large proportion of this negro population live in the counties and are employed on the farms, it will be seen at a glance one of the reasons why your farm labor is indifferent.

"There was a time when almost any unskilled laboring man could be utilized on the farm; today, however, to be of any help to the real farmer he must be almost as highly skilled as the ordinary mechanic. To get results from labor applied to mother earth, scientific theory must be practically applied, and study and developed intelligence is most highly necessary. Show me the successful farmer, and I will show you an intelligent man. A successful farmhand should know something about soil, its chemical qualities, drainage, farm buildings and adaptability of the soil.

Causes Of Indifferent Labor.

"Now, then, we come to the indifference of your labor. Why is it indifferent? First, because it is unintelligent.

"Second, because you cannot get intelligent labor for the money offered by Maryland farmers to their farm help.

"Third, because Maryland farmers have so completely depended in the past upon the unintelligent negro, because he was cheap, that they are now at a loss what to do when this cheap negro labor is gradually being drawn from him by the better paid low-grade occupations offered him in the cities.

"According to the census returns, the tendency of the drift of population is to the larger cities. This applies more particularly to the negro population than to the white. The changed economic conditions, the blare and glare of the cities, the crowded and cheap tenement houses, the $1 to $1 50 a day offered by the ordinary laboring occupation, and the political utilization of the negro voter, with opportunities for smaller political preferment, have been temptations too strong for them to resist.

"These, in my judgment, are the main causes of the indifference of the negro farm labor in the State of Maryland. Some of these same reasons apply to the white labor.

The Pay And Work.

"Let us take for example a poor man, with a family, employed on the farm. He receives $125 to $200 a year for his work and he has a wife and two or three children. If he has two children this means 13¼ cents a day for food, clothing, medicine, books, etc., for each. He sends his children to the county school, and, probably with the aid of his wife, devotes all his energy to paying rent, buying food and clothing. As soon as the children are old enough to go into the cannery or factory they are put there, to add to the family income. For six months in the year at least he will work from sunrise to sunset. Too tired when that work is done to read, with no opportunities to attend lectures or amusements, his evenings are spent largely in bed. Can you expect any development of this man's mind in an age where everything moves with lightning-like rapidity to the highest developed civilization ever known? Can you expect those children at work when 10, 12 and 14 years of age to become intelligent farmers? Does the pay of the man justfy such expectations? To make an intelligent man of a farm laborer or anything else you must afford him time for rest, recreation and education, and these have not been granted to the farm laborers of Maryland and other States in the past.

CHURCH DOINGS * * *

The M. E. Conference will convene in Easton on March 18th. The outlook is for a number of changes in Kent pulpits as noted in the NEWS last week.

Lent began Wednesday. Regulations for keeping the fast will be found on another page of this issue. The following is the program of the services to be held in Emmanuel P. E. Church, during the Lenten season:

Sundays—8 and 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

WEEK DAYS.—Holy Communion, every Thursday, 10.30 a. m. Evening prayer and reading daily 4 30 p. m. Except on Fridays, litany and sermon, 7.30 p. m. No services on Saturday.

HOLY WEEK.—Holy Communion daily 10.30 a. m. Evening prayer and reading daily, 4 30 p. m.

GOOD FRIDAY.—Morning prayer and sermons, 10.30 a. m. Three hours' devotion, 12 to 3 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7.30 p. m.

EASTER DAY.—Holy Communion 7.30 a. m. Morning prayer, sermon, Holy Communion, 11 a. m. Sunday school and children's service, 2.30 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon 7.30 p. m. Offerings on Easter Day for the Parish Building Fund.

Mr. William J. Hurlock has been elected delegate and Mr. Issac Cleaver alternate to represent the Kennedyville M. P. Church, at the session of the Maryland Annual Conference, to convene in Pocomoke City, April 1st. The delegate has been instructed to request the return of the present pastor, Rev. R. S. Rowe.

The "Winter Calendar" of Chestertown M. E. Church held a delightful entertainment Tuesday evening, the committee in charge being Mrs. A. P. Matthews and Miss Lizzie Snitcher. The following program was presented to a large audience.

America....orchestra: Warren Hurlock, L. Bates Russell, Jack and Foster Cannan, Roland Matthews and Miss Lillian Matthews.
Prayer.....Dr. E. P. Roberts
Recitation.....Mr. Harrington
Solo.....Mary Miller
Graphophone.....L. B. Russell
Reading.....Miss Bessie Ball
Stars and Stripes.....Orchestra
Violin Solo.....T. Kemp Bordley
Duet.....Misses Stuart and Thomas
Stereoption Views.....L. B. Russell
Please let me Sleep.....Orchestra
Benediction.....Pastor.

At the session of the fourth quarterly conference for Galena charge M. E. Church, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, this is the last visit the Rev. W. F. Corkran our Presiding Elder will make us in his official capacity, therefore,

Resolved, that we hereby express our hearty appreciation of him as a Christian gentleman and our high regard for him as a just and competent official and able minister of the gospel. It is with regret that we sever the the very pleasant official relations that have always existed and do now sustain between him and the officials of this church.

Resolved, that we pray for Brother Corkran many years of labor and usefulness to the church and the world, and hereby extend to him our hearty sympathy and prayers for his success in whatever position he may be called to fill.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be entered in the minutes of this quarterly conference, and a copy furnished to the KENT NEWS and the Chestertown Transcript, with the request that they publish them.

T. J. SHALLCROSS Secretary.

TWENTY-FIVE head of young mares halter broke, will be sold in Chestertown at Whiteley's stables on Wednesday, March 11, 1903.

THE contract for the new iron fence for the Sudlersville cemetery has been awarded to Joseph Guest, Chestertown. The work will be begun May 1 and will cost about $700.

CARD OF THANKS.

LOCUST GROVE, Feb. 15th, 1903.

We take this method of thanking our many friends for trying to save our property from the fire, and also for their kindness to us after the fire. Respectfully,

G. L. CHRISFIELD,
A. R. CHRISFIELD.

f21-3t.

MARRIED.

AT Wesley Chapel parsonage, February 24, by Rev. J. L. Elderdice, CHARLES H. SMITH and EMILY A. SAUNDERS, both of Kent county.

DIED.

In Baltimore, Md., on February 22, 1903, CORA VIRGINIA, youngest daughter of the late James M. Vandyke, in her 23th year. Interment in Loudon Park Cemetery, Balto.

In Wilmington, Del., Feb. 13th, ADOLPHUS STRONG, formerly of Kent county, Maryland.

Kent Roads.—The discussion of the number of miles of roads in Kent, mentioned in the NEWS last week, has resulted in many others giving a guess on same. A commissioner of a recent board says their figures were as follows:

First District	....	120 miles.
Second "	....	120 "
Third "	....	85 "
Fourth "	....	60 "
Fifth "	....	100 "
Total	....	480 "

The following figures are vouched for by several well-known gentlemen who have measured the roads as laid down on the county map, including the new roads, as far as could be ascertained:

First District	66 miles	94 rods.
Second "	77 "	8 "
Third "	50 "	13 "
Fourth "	47 "	115 "
Fifth "	56 "	129 "
Total	300 "	359 "

Dr. J. Horton Kelley says the number of miles of roads in Kent county is as follows:

First District	71 miles	238 rods
Second "	79 "	306 "
Third "	57 "	206 "
Fourth "	42 "	90 "
Fifth "	65 "	149 "

Allowing 320 rods to the mile, the total will be 317 miles, 89 rods. This is according to the map published in 1877. There has not been 50 miles of road added since.

MR. M. BATES STEPHENS, state superintendent of education, was operated upon Thursday at the Union Prot. Infirmary, Baltimore, for stomach trouble. The operation was performed by Dr. J. M. T. Finney, and at last reports he was doing well.

DO YOUR HENS LAY?

If not, then come to our store and get just what your poultry needs. Crushed OYSTER SHELLS, ANIMAL MEAL, GROUND BONE, ETC.

DAVIS & McINTYRE,
f14-tf. Chestertown, Md.

HEALTH NOTICE.

Ordered this 17th day of February, 1903, by the Local Board of Health of Kent county, that all the residents of Chestertown, who have not been successfully vaccinated within two years shall be vaccinated by the Health officer of Kent county, or produce a certificate from some other reputable physician within four days after called upon by the Health Officer.

DANIEL HILL, PRES.,
G. M. HADAWAY,
P. B. RASIN,
LOUIS C. AYRES,
WM. R. MESSICK,
Local Board of Health for Kent Co., Md.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

—THE—

Chesapeake House!

MRS. WILBUR GALE, PROP.,

ROCK HALL, MD.

ACCOMMODATIONS FIRST CLASS.
TRAVELING MEN ACCOMODATED
AND GOOD LIVERY ATTACHED.

STATEMENT

Showing the condition of

The Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

of Kent Co., Md., Dec. 31, 1902.

INCOME.

Total Income during the year	$13,620 73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total Expenditures during the year,	13,621 14

ASSETS.

Real Estate	$ 9,837 73	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	14,400 00	
Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, Stocks or other collateral	3,400 00	
Bonds and Stocks owned by Company	33,760 00	
Cash in Office and in Bank	10,501 82	
Other Assets, Premium Notes held by the Company $198,653 00		
Admitted Assets		71,899 55

LIABILITIES.

Net amount of unpaid losses claimed or reported	5,300 00	
Total amount of all Liabilities		5,300 00
Surplus regards Policy holders		66,599 55
Surplus as regards Stockholders	$ 66,599 55	
Amount of Policies in force in United States on 31st Dec. 1902	2,148,348 00	
Amount of Policies written in Maryland during the year, 1902	119,500 00	
Premiums received on Maryland business in '02	9,907 66	
Losses paid in Maryland during 1902	7,477 57	
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1902	7,477 57	

STATE OF MARYLAND,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BALTIMORE, January 30, 1903.

In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the statement of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Kent county, Maryland, to December 31st, 1902, now on file in this Department.

LLOYD WILKINSON,
f28-3t. Insurance Commissioner.

MARYLAND RUSSELL 9751.

16-Hand Bay Stallion. Trotting Record 2.40.

Formerly Owned by W. H. McKee,

Will make the season of 1903 from March 20th to June 20th.

RATES:—$15 to insure, $10 season, $5 single service.

This horse is the best bred large horse in this section, his colts being well known, good disposed, large and stylish.

For further information apply to

A. LEON BROWN,
f21-3mos.* CHESTERTOWN, MD

THE BEST CUTS OF BEEF can b purchased at ROLAND'S BUTCHER SHOP, on High street.

Sparks & Jefferson

SUCCESSORS TO R. BERGEN.

CLEARANCE SALE

—OF—

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats

These goods must be moved to make room for OUR NEW SPRING STOCK, and some rare bargains await the early buyer.

Ladies' Coats

$12.00 Coats $6.00
$9.00 Coats $4.50
$5.00 Coats $3.00

Children's Coats Misses' Coats

$10.00 Coats $5.00
$8.00 Coats $4.00
$5.00 Coats $3.00

MILLINERY MILLINERY

EVERY TRIMMED HAT in this Department will be sold at

1-2 Price.

This is a bona-fide stock reducing sale and you will save money by buying at once.

We carry the most complete line of Dress Goods in the county and can suit the most fastidious taste.

Call and see us and we will be glad to show you our stock.

Sparks & Jefferson

SUCCESSORS TO R. BERGEN.

THE CANNING & MERCANTILE CO.

Promises Make Friends
Performances Keep Them

If you want the best goods at the lowest prices come and see us, and we will try to convince you of the above facts.

SOME OF OUR FEBRUARY OFFERINGS.

Grass Seed Sowers.

With metal wheels, 14 and 16 feet lengths. Our prices will make them go.

ONE AND TWO SPOUT

Corn Shellers.

This is the season that the Farmer wants one. The prices will induce you to order one; handy to have and cheap.

Just received a new supply of

Wood Pumps

Also, PUMP PIPING, COUPLINGS, BUCKETS VALVES, LEATHERS, Etc.

Can furnish you with a PORCELAIN or BRASS LINED PUMP, sizes 6, 7, 8, 10 and 12 feet long, and our prices are alright on them.

At Still Pond

We have a choice lot of MIXED HAY, also FEEDS of various kinds kept constantly on hand; and a carload of the

American Fence

Our supply in HARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS, MACHINERY, Etc., is increasing daily, and we ask you to call and look at our stock before you buy your needs in our line.

Chestertown: The Large Store opposite Voshell House, Thompson Building

THE CANNING —AND— MERCANTILE COMP'Y.

Still Pond: The Large Corner Store Adjoining Town Hall.

©Maryland State Archives, msa_sc6000_6_1-0072.jpg