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...TURDAY ..... JAN. 7, 1882.

AN informal conference of business men and Hon. F. S. Hoblitzell was had in Baltimore on Wednesday, in order to make arrangements for bringing before Congress the subject of the proposed ship canal.

IT is said President Arthur has avowed his purpose to extirpate Mormonism during his administration. If he don't succeed during his present term, he would doubtless like to try a second term on the infidels.

COL. HENRY S. MCCOMB, the Wilmington millionaire, died suddenly, of apoplexy, in Philadelphia, on Friday of last week. It was Col. McComb that first exposed in the court the iniquities of the Credit Mobilier corporation. His wealth is estimated at $8,000,000.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL BREWSTER'S letter to Geo. Bliss on the Star Route cases has the right ring. The civil and criminal prosecution, Mr. Brewster says, "must be earnestly pressed." The public will be happy to see some speedy and tangible results of pressure thus plainly promised.

THE United States, according to a table just published by the Department of Agriculture, has one-fourth the horses, one-fifth the cattle, one-ninth the sheep and almost one-half the swine in the civilized world. Russia has more horses, and that country and the Argentine Republic more sheep than the United States; but these are the only countries whose number of live stock is larger in any particular.

MR. BLAINE, according to the statement of a prominent gentleman in Cleveland, has no intention of making an active canvass for the presidential nomination in 1884, and has no idea of going into any such fight as he made in 1876 and 1880. If the Republican convention should nominate him he would accept, but the honor of it must come unsought. Mr. Blaine's friends, however, may insist upon bringing him to the front.

THE present session of the Legislature will be a working session, not a talking nor a wrangling one. There is a good deal of important work to do, says the Gazette, work which the Democracy stands pledged to accomplish, and which cannot be accomplished if the time and attention of the members are occupied with collateral matters or bickerings over the claims of this person or that to office. There is a substantial harmony as to measures, and the party will not permit itself to be split or torn asunder for the ambitions of chieftains. The people look to see certain reforms carried out; they know that reforms will encounter both Republican and sorehead resistance. If sorehead ism stands in the way of reform the people will understand it, and will be in nowise deceived.

THE investigation into the alleged frauds in the treasury department at Washington was begun by the Senate investigating committee before the recess, but as it held its sessions with closed doors there have been all sorts of reports as to the character of the testimony. One story was that Brown, the carpenter who is said to have been paid out of the treasury for work on Secretary Sherman's house, had appeared and sworn that he never did any such work, but Brown publishes a card to say that, although he has been subpoenaed as a witness, he has not yet given his testimony. Meanwhile fresh tales are told of how the treasury was robbed to adorn the houses of members of the ring with expensive furniture, how the expenses of a serenade to Sherman were paid out of public funds, how Assistant Secretary French had appointed thirty of his relatives to offices, how he authorized Merritt, while collector at New York, to help the owner of a private building to finish it so that the government could rent it, and so on. The committee will make a great mistake if it does not throw open its doors, and probe the matter to the bottom.

THE POLITICAL PROSPECT IN NEW YORK.—It seems not altogether certain that the democrats will have it all their own way in organizing the Senate and House of Representatives at Albany at the session now about to open. They have a majority, it is true, but John Kelly is in the way as usual, and proposes to hold "the balance of power." The Legislature consists of 17 democrats to 15 republicans in the Senate, and 67 democrats to 61 republicans in the House. It is thought that the "Boss" will desire his men to play the part at Albany that Gen. Mahone played at Washington last Winter, co-operating with the republicans rather than those of his own alleged political faith.

SUICIDE ON KENT ISLAND.—*A Man Blows His Brains out With a Gun.*—On Wednesday afternoon Mr. William Hampton, an oysterman, aged about 30 years, appeared at the store of Mr. J. O. Phillips on Kent Island, with a gun in his hand, and asked Mr. Philips for a cap, saying he intended to shoot a bird. Seeing that the man was drunk (a condition he had been in for several days) Mr. Phillips endeavored to dissuade him from attempting to use a gun, and asked him to give the gun to him to keep for him. This he declined to do. A cap was given him, and he departed. In a few minutes he returned saying the cap was not good, and asked for another. This was also given him, and again he departed. In a few minutes the report of a gun was heard not far from the store, and looking in the direction from which the sound proceeded, Hampton was found prone upon the ground. The spot was at once visited, and a horrible spectacle met the vision of those who approached. Hampton had procured a stick long enough to reach from muzzle to trigger, and holding the gun out with one hand (or resting it on a fence) had pushed the trigger back with the stick held in the other hand. The load entered his right temple and came out on the other side, carrying with it the whole left side of his head, scattering his brains some thirty feet. An inquest was held over the body of the unfortunate man, the jury rendering a verdict that "the deceased came to his death by means of a shot-gun deliberately fired by his own hands." Mr. Hampton leaves a wife but no children, and when not under the influence of liquor was a quiet, industrious man and generally respected in the community in which he lived. No one supposed he contemplated suicide.—*Observer.*

BISHOP HURST, who is to preside over the Methodist Conference which meets at Middletown, Del., next March, is a native of Dorchester county, and has risen with a rapidity that is rarely equalled in the Methodist Church or elsewhere. He is still a young man. Not long after his admission to the ministry he went to Germany and became connected with educational institutions there. During this portion of his career he wrote several books on theological subjects which brought him forward as one of the learned men of the Church. On his return he was elected to the Presidency of the Drew Theological School, and subsequently to the same position at Drew Theological Seminary, at Madison, N. J., which latter position he held at the time of his election to the Episcopal Board during the last General Conference at Cincinnati.

Rev. Charles Hill was in 1845 assigned to Cambridge Circuit, in which the father of Bishop Hurst lived. Mr. Hill in the performance of his pastoral duties had to visit the Hurst home, and says that the Bishop, then a boy, frequently ran to the gate for the purpose of admitting him, and it seems like but a short step from that humble station to the highest position within the gift of the Methodist Church.

The coming visit of the Bishop to this conference will be surrounded with pleasant incidents both to himself and the people of his native peninsula.

Rev. T. O. Crouse, of the St. Michaels M. P. Church, was "surprised" last week.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.—This body met at Annapolis at noon on Wednesday. On the previous evening caucuses were held by both branches for the selection of officers. The Democratic Senators met in caucus promptly at eight o'clock in the President of the Senate's room. Senator H. Vanderford, of Carroll, presided; Dr. Geo. Wells, of Anne Arundel, secretary. The following resolutions were offered by Senator Bond, of Calvert, and adopted:

"The democratic members of the Maryland State Senate, in caucus assembled, fully recognizing their obligations to the people and the party requirements to reduce the expenses of the General Assembly to a minimum: Therefore

"*Resolved*, First, That the number and compensation of the officers of the Senate shall be fixed by a vote of the Senate, and not increased or decreased except by a majority vote of that body.

"Second, That it is the duty of the democratic members to pass an act fixing by law the number and compensation of the officers of the General Assembly hereafter to be appointed.

Third, The chairman of this caucus is hereby instructed to offer a motion that the rules of the Senate be amended so as to declare the officers of the Senate shall consist of the following: One secretary, at a compensation of $8 per diem: one reading clerk, at $7 per diem; one journal clerk, at $7 per diem; one engrossing clerk, at $7 per diem; one assistant engrossing clerk, at $7 per diem; one sergeant-at-arms, at $5 per diem; one doorkeeper, at $5 per diem; two assistant doorkeepers, at $5 each per diem; five committe-the clerks, at $5 each per diem; one keeper of cloak-room, at $5 per diem; two folders, at $5 each per diem; one messenger, at $5 per diem; one keeper of committee-rooms, at $5 per diem; one janitor, at $5 per diem; two pages, at $2 each per diem; two chaplains, at $200 each for the session.

"Fourth, That immediately after the organization of the Senate it shall be the duty of the chairman of this caucus to propose a message to the House of Delegates requesting that body to concur in a resolution authorizing the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to appoint the following joint officers: One postmaster, at $5 per diem; two police officers for the rotunda of the Capitol, at $5 per diem; one janitor, to have charge of rotunda and closets, at $5 per diem; one engineer, to have charge of the heating and ventilating apparatus, at $5 per diem.

"Fifth, That a rule shall be proposed that no extra compensation shall be allowed to any member or officer whatever."

Mr. Eugene Higgins was unanimously nominated for secretary, when a letter from him was read stating that it was impossible for him to accept the position.

The following officers of the Senate were then nominated by the caucus, and it adjourned: For President, George H. Williams; secretary, ex-Senator John M. Miller, of Cecil; reading clerk, John Barrett, of Baltimore; journal clerk, Wm. Purnell of Cecil; sergeant-at-arms, John E. Hooper, of Dorchester; janitor, Edward Powell, of Anne Arundel; engrossing clerk, John Ireland, of Anne Arundel; assistant engrossing clerk, H. H. Robertson, of Somerset.

The members of the House met in their chamber, Robert A. Dobbin, of Howard, presiding, Levin F. Morris, of Baltimore, secretary. Resolutions were adopted similar to those in the Senate caucus in reference to the appointment of joint officers of the two houses and their compensation, no extra compensation to any member or officer, and the introduction of a bill fixing the number and compensation of the officers of the General Assembly.

The following nominations for officers were then made: For Speaker, Otis Keilholtz, of Baltimore; chief clerk, Joseph B. Seth, of Talbot; reading clerk, John W. Baughman, of Frederick county; journal clerk, Richard Wooten, of Prince George's; sergeant-at-arms, Thos. H. Moore, of Baltimore county. The caucus then at half-past ten, adjourned.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The republican Senators and members of the House met in the Senate chamber and were in session until half past 11 o'clock, Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, president, and Geo. A. Davis, of Washington county, and George W. Dow, as secretaries. The following nominations were made: For president of the Senate, Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, of Frederick county; secretary, S. M. Loane, of Alleghany county; reading clerk, Thos. Robinson, of Harford county; journal clerk, Capt. Charles R. Mullikin, of Talbot; sergeant-at-arms, John H. Emerson, of Caroline county. For Speaker of the House, Sydney E. Mudd, of Charles county; chief clerk, Wm. H. A. Hamilton, of Washington county; reading clerk, James M. Leech, St. Mary's county; journal clerk, R. W. McMichael, Allegany county; sergeant-at-arms, James M. Evarts, Frederick county.

The correspondent of the Sun writes: The result of the democratic caucus was a surprise to the great majority of people, so far as principal subordinate officers are concerned, though a strong intimation of it had been foreshadowed. It was decided at a late hour Monday night in Baltimore that a sacrifice of these officers must be made, but it was known to a very few people, and was kept shady here till a late hour this afternoon. Mr. Higgins had already come forward and announced he would withdraw if he was chosen, which he considered a vindication. Hon. John M. Miller, who succeeds Mr. Eugene Higgins, was in the last Senate, having represented Cecil several terms. Mr. J. J. Barrett, reading clerk of the Senate, vice W. H. Hiss, is a lawyer, and lives in the third ward of Baltimore city. Mr. Joseph B. Seth, in place of M. Y. Kidd, as chief clerk of the House of Delegates, has represented Talbot in the House. Mr. Wm. Baughman, who succeeds, Dr. Wm. H. Cole as reading clerk of the House, is a brother of Col. L. Victor Baughman, of Frederick. The sacrifice was made to please a widely diffused sentiment in the State calling for rotation and a change of officers generally.

Both houses were promptly organized on Wednesday according to the above program, and the Legislature adjourned from Thursday to Tuesday next to await the appointment of committees, which will be announced that day.

It is not probable that caucusing for State treasurer will take place before next week. No democrat's name has been mentioned to antagonize Hon. Barnes Compton, the present incumbent for re-election, and if it is necessary some republicans, it is sad, will give him their votes in joint convention, though Hon. Lloyd Lowndes is to be their caucus candidate.

THE BALTIMORE SUN ALMANAC for 1882 has been received at this office, and is filled with a great variety of statistical and other information of an almost invaluable character. It is sent to every subscriber free of charge. By the way the Sun is a newspaper deserving the most extensive patronage. It is always filled with the latest and most reliable news, and nothing bordering on sensationalism is allowed a place in its columns. We can commend it to every one who desires a first-class daily. The subscription price is $1 50 for 3 months; 6 months $3 00; 1 year $6 00.

THE negotiations for the pu rchase of the Baltimore Gazette by the new paper, The Times, having fallen through, it is authoritatively announced that it will continue to be published, and that "new life, new energy and additional capital will at once be thrown into the enterprise." Such an announcement is in the right spirit. The effect of such changes and the determination they evince ought to be in every way salutary, and so thinking, we wish The Gazette a success commensurate with its merits. We are gratified that the negotiations for the purchase miscarried, as, in the language of a cotemporary, "the Maryland Democracy would be lost without the Gazette."

THE AMERICAN FARMER begins the new year with a greatly improved number. It is changed in form, with new type, and is to be issued semi-monthly. It is now more excellent in typography, and would be perfect in convenience if the leaves were cut. The veteran agricultural editor, Samuel Sands, still continues his interest in the paper, though his son Wm. B., is sole manager. Those in want of a good agricultural paper for 1882 cannot go wrong in subscribing for the "American Farmer." It is specially desirable to Marylanders. Address Samuel Sands & Son, Baltimore.

HON. GEO. W. COVINGTON, member of Congress for the first Maryland district, has been confined to his bed, at his residence in Snow Hill, since Christmas, with a deep cold. He is now improving.

MRS. CATHARINE FORD died in Baltimore last week and was buried in the M. E. Cemetery at North East, Cecil county, on Monday last. The deceased was the mother of B. S. Ford, State Senator from Queen Ann's county, who was drowned while bathing at Ocean City in July, 1879, and of Dr. S. E. Ford, of Baltimore.

REV. J. S. BOWERS preached at the Meth. Prot. Church, Chestertown, last Sunday evening.

THE Catholic Fair closed Monday evening.

"THE TIMES."—The new Baltimore daily, "The Times," is upon our table. It is in size and general make up very much like the Philadelphia Times, and the contents of the several numbers we have received give evidence of enterprise and ability. Mr. W. B. Hazelton, a wide-awake journalist, is at the helm, and Mr. Charles H. Adams, of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, his managing editor. Subscription price: for daily, $6, with Sunday edition, $6 50; weekly, $1; Sunday edition, $1. In noticing this new candidate for public favor we cannot refrain from the suggestion that several of its leading editorials have not been in keeping with the promises of its publisher to make it a journal of high character. The one headed "The Democratic Caucus" is filled with foulness worthy only the lowest street-corner loafer, and the author's low estimate of gentlemen of the highest character, and his indirect villification of the mass of the democratic party of Maryland indicate in him either a lack of brains or a superabundance of radical partizan spleen. Mr. Hazelton should invite this "sub," if such he be, to step down and out.

COMPTROLLER KEATING during the last election campaign, says the Baltimore Gazette, was more calumniously and slanderously abused than any man in the party. His report this year shows a larger balance in the treasury than has been there for many years past. This is an unanswerable fact, showing his efficiency as a public officer, and justifies the Democracy in sustaining him against the torrent of foul abuse that was poured out against him.

LAID UP.—The steamer Trumpeter has discontinued her trips to Buck Neck and Sassafras river until further notice.

The steamer L. G. Cannon, after this week, will be laid up for a thorough cleaning and painting.

The steamer Pilot Boy, of the Tolchester line, has been withdrawn for the winter.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The annual election for officers of the Kent Co. Agricultural Association will be held next Monday, and it is desirable that every member should be present. Upon the selection of competent, wide-awake officers, depends in very large degree the success and perpetuity of the society.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county was held at the Court House last Monday. W. N. E. Wickes, Esq. president, was in the chair, and N. G. Westcott, Esq., secretary. All the members of the old board of directors were re-elected, and Mr. Jas. H. Baker to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas Baker. The report of the secretary shows the following very satisfactory figures:

Am't in the invested fund		$82,698.94
Cash on hand		6,021.86
		$88,720.80
Liabilities:		
Dividend No 8	$2,465.17	
Claims unadjusted	2,008.76	4,473.93
		$84,246.87

MR. W. REGISTER, our well-known and popular marble sculptor, having some business out of town last Tuesday, took it into his head to combine some New Year's pleasure therewith. So he got Robert Spear to rig up a handsome four-in-hand turnout, and, after making several turns of the town, he started out on the Worton road, passing Hanesville in a runaway, and coming in by way of Worton Station. He says that he "astonished the natives" on the route and "treated" whenever opportunity offered.

KENNEDYVILLE NOTES.—A correspondent of the Transcript notes the following:

E. G. Benjamin, our telegraph operator and R. R. Agent, leaves for New York this week. Who is to take his place is not yet known. Mr. L. S. Vansant goes to Galena. Henry Meredith builds a new house, the one he now occupies being taken by Ed. Young who also takes a charming young lady of the place as a permanent housekeeper. Peter Stevens, blacksmith, goes to Galena. J. M. Pennington takes the house now occupied by him. Josh. Vansant takes the house left vacant by Pennington. Josh. tried Phila., but had to come back to his old love, and now sings with right good will there is no place like Kennedyville.

Our enterprising young men have organized a cavalry company with the following named officers: H. C. Wallis, Captain; John Medders, 1st Lieut.; W. T. Jones, 2d Lieut.; Garret Foxwell, 3d Lieut.; J. Horton Kelley, Surgeon; J. W. Holden, Orderly Sergeant; J. C. Rambo, 1st Sergeant; John E. Willis, 2d Sergeant; Jno. Dumpsey, 3d Sergeant; Myers Jester, 4th Sergeant; Edward Sanders, 1st Corporal; Daniel Webster, 2d Corporal; John Jester, 3d Corporal; C. W. Rambo, 4th; A. G. Bartlett, Buglar. The organization is quite large already, and is constantly receiving accession to its membership. H. C. Wallis, the captain, is doing every thing possible to make the undertaking a success, and under his excellent management the Kent Dragoons will no doubt prove themselvas a credit to both their county and State.

Dr. Jacobs is still improving and now has a fair chance of ultimate recovery.

A party was held in the Hotel on the 27th at which there were quite a number of very pretty young ladies. The gentlemen were, of course, all handsome (save those who were not.) The evening passed off very pleasantly and every one seemed to have a good time.

LETTER FROM WARWICK.

Dr. Wright, in Warwick, has erected on the most eligible lot in the village, the handsomest, most stylish, ornate and unique dwelling in the place. It is a thing of beauty and convenience. He and family moved in time to spend the Christmas in the new house. He is a skilful and faithful physician and has an extensive practice.

Just before the holidays a long string of carriages and wagons of the Salem members and friends drove up to the M. P. Parsonage—Rev. J. B. Jones'—in Warwick, and took possession; had things their own way till late in the afternoon. The carriages, wagons and Salemites are gone now, but there is wood in the dominie's shed, chickens in the henhouse; corn and oats in the bin for Harry; a barrel of flour, hams, sausage, spare-ribs, back-bone, and the Christmas turkey left behind. These visits of the kind people cheer and help the pastor. When properly managed, as this was, they are very touching. The church is, or should be, one family. "Ye are the body of Christ and members in particular."

On the 24th ult., the M. P. Sabbath School of Sassafras treated the children to the good things of the season. As the grown up children did not wish to have their neatly painted and furnished church soiled, Mr. B. F. H. Caulk invited the whole school to his house. Here was ample room and accommodation. Mr. Caulk is a gentleman of means and refined taste, and had much building, repairing, painting and beautifying done the past summer. The dwelling stands back from the road, beatifully—not loftily—elevated on the crest of a long, unruffled wave of land sweeping away from the mansion and outbuildings, far into the rich fields beyond. A well kept, well trimmed lawn slopes gently from the house to the public road. The house was illuminated and lanterns gleamed here and there on each side of the walk from the front veranda to the road gate. It was a brilliant, cheerful picture to hang up in memory's hall. The guests began to pour in about 7 P. M.; a large company soon assembled. The Christmas tree in the parlor chamber, bore fruit not after its kind but good to the taste, and has opened many a boy's eyes if it did not make him wise. The large company repaired to the parlor where chat and music were the order. The next day being Sabbath, the company broke up at an early hour well pleased with the evening's entertainment. Thanks to Mrs. and Mr. Caulk and Miss Laura and the company.

On the 26th ult., the M. E. Sabbath School of Sassafras gave an entertainment in the church. The writer had a kind invitation but duty called him elsewhere. We believe it was well sustained.

On the 27th Prof. Robinson and family gave a concert in the M. P. Church. It was a success. The building, buying or renting a hall in our village for concerts, festivals, exhibitions, &c., is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

The M. E. Church in Warwick held a supper for the benefit of the church Dec. 26, 27 and 28, and cleared over $100. NEANDER.

VENDUES.—At the Voshell House yard on Tuesday next, Mr. W. Ford will sell a lot of horses and other stock.

Mr. Simpers Tarr will sell his personal property at Edesville on Thursday next.

CHANGES IN QUAKER NECK.—Mr. Ezekiel Fowler will occupy the place of J. H. Porter. Mrs. Martha Clark has bought the place of Jesse Jerome, and John H. Porter has purchased and will occupy the farm of Mrs. Martha Clark.

THE receipts of the new Building Association for dues last Monday evening amounted to over twelve hundred dollars. This institution is assuming mammoth proportions.

WINTER AT LAST.—We have had a genuine touch of Winter this week. Our office thermometer, on Monday morning, marked 24°, Tuesday 22°, Wednesday 19°. On Thursday morning the ground was covered with about two inches of snow, which had fallen during the night, and the sleigh bells rang a merry chime in our streets. Chester river was frozen over at this point on Tuesday morning but soon opened after sunrise. The ponds are covered with ice about two inches thick, and many persons have began housing it. It is said to be unsurpassed in quality, solid and clear as crystal Mr. H. M. Brown has erected a very large ice-house on the margin of his pond (Whaland's Mill) and hopes to be able to fill it during the season.

The large city dealers in ice say they have but little expectation of obtaining a crop from the Susquehanna river this Winter. At this time the river is high, and is not frozen. Only a small amount of the ice gathered last Winter remains in the houses at Havre De Grace, Perrymansville and Lapidum. The canal from Havre De Grace to Lapidum is frozen over with ice about two inches thick. Should the ice increase to six inches cutting would begin at Lapidum and Havre De Grace for the houses along the canal. Advices to the firm of Wm. M. Oler & Co. from Maine state that the ice went out of the Kennebec on Friday of last week, and the river was clear for the third time this Winter. Since that time the river has again frozen over, and Sunday night there was a heavy snow, making the prospect for ice there very favorable. The ponds are all closed in Maine. Messrs. Oler have about 12,000 tons of ice left over in their houses on the Kennebec, which they hold to supply their own trade. It is thought that a full supply of ice will almost certainly be gathered in Maine before the Winter season is over.

THE SMALL-POX.—The spread of the small-pox makes it very desirable that all persons should be vaccinated. No one knows how frequent are the dangers of contagion in the streets, churches, street cars, in stores—everywhere. Ordinary prudence requires this protective precaution. There are no cases in Chestertown and we hope will not be, but as the disease is prevalent in all the cities, people throughout the country, in all the towns and villages, should provide against it by vaccination. A strange prejudice to vaccination seems to prevail in some sections among the colored people, and to this cause may be attributed the introduction and spread of the disease in the cities. In Baltimore the disease is confined almost exclusively to this class, and it is attributed to their opposition to vaccination. The white people throughout the city have availed of this precaution; physicians visit and vaccinate whole families but when the colored cook and butler are called they positively decline the operation, some of them seemingly afraid of some trick or affliction to result, and therefore prefer to take the risk of the dread disease itself.

The public school-law expressly provides that all children shall be vaccinated before being admitted into the schools, and it is the duty of trustees to see that it is enforced. The danger now should prompt more attention to this than has heretofore been given, especially in country schools.

The Baltimore Sun of Thursday states that no new cases were reported in that city on the previous day, and the disease is rapidly disappearing.

A "SEASONABLE" WORD.—Rev. Mr. Haynes, pastor of the M. E. Church of this town, commenced a protracted meeting on Monday evening last, and prefaced the service with a word of caution to the thoughtless in reference to the behaviour that was to be expected. His remarks, though few, were so pointed that we think it not out of place to refer to them for the benefit of those not present to hear for themselves. Mr. H. said he preferred to forewarn than to rebuke; he disliked greatly to do the latter, though it seemed necessary sometimes; his objection to publicly rebuking misbehaviour had been heightened from reading the following: A minister, visiting in a certain town, was assisting in a revival meeting, when he was greatly annoyed by the conduct of a young gentleman in the congregation and he sharply rebuked him; the next day the pastor of the church expressed his regret to his brother minister for having done so, for, said he, "the young man's parents are greatly hurt over it, as he is *simple minded.*" "And," said Mr. H., "I dislike to do so lest I may make a similar mistake." Respectable people generally will endorse the inference, that none but simpletons intentionally disturb religious worship by giggling, whispering, &c.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.—Very interesting memorial services were held at the Methodist Protestant Church, Chestertown, last Sunday afternoon, in respect to the late S. E. Sullivan. Remarks were make by Revs. W. J. Neepier and J. S. Bowers, and Messrs. J. W. Collins and W. B. Usilton, and a beautiful poem was recited by Miss Maggie Sappington, a young lady in the class formerly taught by deceased. The altar was appropriately wreathed for the occasion—an arch, trimmed with black and evergreen being thrown over the pulpit with the letters "In Memoriam" upon its face, and the name "S. E. Sullivan" in gold letters upon a suspended bar. Appropriate music was a feature of the service, and a number of little girls very sweetly sang the hymn: "Many are the friends who are waiting to-day," &c.

THE Baltimore Sun of Tuesday says: Mr. John Brice, a resident of Kent county, near Lankford, yesterday brought to the Sun office a slip of paper which he found in a corked half-pint bottle last Sunday on the bay shore of Kent, at Hunting Field, the home of James L. Beck, near Kent Island. The writing in a very good hand, in pencil, was as follows: "Drowned in the bay, Bill Lewis, Jim Hagerty, George Hull. Leave in Baltimore. Yours, truly." The bottle contained nothing but the paper, and Mr. Brice and others in the vicinity could get no definite information that would throw any light on the question as to who put the bottle into the water.

FATHER BRADFORD was in town last Monday and reported his work thriving upon his new field, which includes Galena, in this county, Dover, and other points in Delaware. He states that his two recent festivals at Dover netted nearly a thousand dollars.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Jan. 3.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

On application, letters testamentary on the estate of Jacob Highley, were granted to Richard Hynson, (one of the executors appointed in the last will and testament of the said deceased, and sole executor, since Elizabeth B. Highley and J. C. Bowen, two of the executors appointed in the aforesaid will, have renounced,) who filed his bond in the penal sum of $130,000 00, and Dan'l U. Dewees and Wm. T. Hepbron were appointed to appraise the personal estate, and also to appraise the real estate of said deceased.

Theodore F. Dill was appointed guardian to Gilbert F. W. Wood, and filed his bond in the penal sum of $1,000.

Chas. H. Baker guardian to Mary E. Parks, Emma F. Parks, Alfred Lee Baker, and James T. DeCorse, returned his guardian accounts for the year 1881.

The last will and testament of Rebecca A. Ruth, dec'd, was admitted to probate.

Richard Hynson, guardian to Philip A. M. Brooks, returned his guardian account.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of Lewis F. Cole, were granted to Sam'l W. Cole, (Martha Cole widow of said dec'd first renouncing,) who filed his bond in the penal sum of $1,000, and Wm. S. Merritt and Charles P. Loper, were appointed to appraise the personal estate of said deceased.

On application, letters of administration on the personal estate of Hannah Culp, were granted to Wm. S. Culp, who filed his bond in the penal sum of $2,000.

Margaret Sullivan, administratrix of Samuel E. Sullivan, returned the inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of said dec'd.

The hotel property at Queenstown, Queen Anne's county, known as the "Chester House," has been sold to W. Kent Sparks for $2,000.

MARRIED:

At the M. E. Parsonage, on the 5th inst., by the Rev. T. H. Haynes, THOMAS F. RASIN and Miss ALICE R. JEWELL, both of Kent county, Md.

Dec. 29, 1881, at the pastor's residence, by Rev. D. W. Bates, D. D., THOMAS E. JONES, Esq., and Miss ANNA B. TAYLOR, all of Kent.

Dec. 28, by Rev. George Leary, at his residence near Edesville, Mr. THOMAS W. BERGER and Miss ALICE E. DAVIS, both of this county.

DIED:

On Saturday evening last, at the residence of James Smith, near Pomona, JACOB H. COMSTOCK, of consumption, aged 24 years.

Passed into rest, Jan. 4, at 908 West 6th st., Wilmington, Del., JAMES L. BOWERS, in the 72d year of his age, formerly of this county.

Dec. 26, 1881, EMMA GRACE, aged 4 years, 10 months and 4 days, youngest child of S. J. and Emma E. Roseberry.

Father, we will be comforted;
Thou wast the gracious giver;
We yield her up—not dead, not dead—
To dwell with Thee forever.
Take Thou our child—ours for a day—
Thine while the ages blossom;
This little shining head we lay
On the Redeemer's bosom. MOTHER.

ST. PAUL'S.—There will be service at St. Paul's to-morrow (Sunday) at 2 o'clock P. M., conducted by Rev. S. C. Roberts. 1t.

CAUTION.—John F. Shriver is hereby notified to keep all his dogs, chickens, hogs and boys, off the premises I own in Quaker Neck. I will not permit any trespass hereafter.
Jan. 7, 1882—3t. JOHN H. PORTER.

WANTED—
A competent, practical MILLER, for the present year, (single man preferred.)—Address for two weeks, stating terms:
j7-3t. "MILLER," Kent News Office.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING for the election of officers of the Kent County Agricultural Society will be held at the Hall at Worton Station, on MONDAY NEXT, at 2½ o'clock P. M., sharp. The members are all requested to be present.
S. VANNORT, President.
WM. T. NICHOLSON, Sec'y. 1t.

WANTED—
A YOUNG MAN of experience and pleasant address, who can come well recommended, as CLERK. R. F. PARKS.
d31-3t.

AT PRIVATE SALE.
Having no further use, I will sell
1 FAMILY CARRIAGE, in good order;
1 HORSE CART AND HARNESS, nearly new;
1 YOKE OF OXEN, 5 years old next spring;
2 Alderny COWS, one of them extra for butter;
1 two-year old HEIFER.
Apply to F. BAKER,
d31-3t. Pomona, Kent co., Md.

PUMPS. PUMPS.
REMOVAL.
SAMUEL GORMAN, Practical Pump Maker, has removed to Calvert street, opposite Wm. Burke's shoe shop. j7-tf.

JOHN H. HESSEY, M. D.,
HANESVILLE, MD.
☞ OFFICE at residence of Mr. A. G. Mathiot.
dec24-3t.

LOST—On Saturday last, a RED LEATHER POCKET BOOK, between Chestertown and Mr. James A. Toulson's farm, containing $30 and some cents. Five Dollars reward will be paid if left at the KENT NEWS office.
d24-3t* J. W. BIGLOW.

LOST—On Thursday afternoon last, either at Buck Neck or in Chestertown, an ENVELOPE containing $74.15, in denominations as follows: Three twenties, one ten, and balance in ones or twos. The envelope was addressed W. J. Tarbutton, Buck Neck. The finder will be paid $10 on leaving it at Buck Neck or at this office. dec17-3t*

ALL PERSONS are hereby cautioned against trusting any of my family, or any one else on my account, as I will pay no bills of their contracting after this date.
JOHN M. DAVIS.
Sassafras, Dec. 24, 1881—3t.

NOTICE.—All persons wishing to take Stock in the new BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION of GALENA, will call at the Harness shop of HENRY PARR, where the books are now open for subscriptions to stock, and any information required concerning the association will be given. GALENA, Dec. 17—3t.

NEW GOODS!
MRS. E. N. MELVIN wishes to inform her friends and customers that she has just returned from the city with a large assortment of goods, suitable for Holiday presents.
Come and see before buying elsewhere. She has a full line of goods, such as she usually keeps. dec17.

FOR SALE—
A few more 8 months old
CHESTER WHITE SOWS,
very fine.
ALDAY CLEMENTS,
d10-4t. Near Crumpton, Kent co., Md.

"TRAVILLA" POULTRY YARDS.
I am now prepared to furnish a few very fine PLYMOUTH ROCKS of Stoddard's strain; LIGHT BRAMAS, Felch's strain; and PEKIN DUCKS, which I will sell low if taken before the holidays. EDWARD SLAUGHTER,
d10-tf. Chestertown, Md.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.
The undersigned having been connected with a leading Business College, is prepared to give instruction in Book-keeping, Accounts, &c., as taught in such Colleges. Apply for further information to A. E. TWIFORD.
Dec. 17, 1881—3t.

HOME-MADE WORK!
I will take measures for First Class Hand Made BOOTS or GAITERS, and guarantee a fit. Also, keeps best quality in stock. JAMES A. SHAW,
dec10. Court Street.

Coal and Wood!
T. DeC. RUTH,
Having leased a portion of the Steamboat Wharf and fitted it up as a
Coal and Wood Yard
has now a large stock of COAL which he guarantees to be pure White Ash. Also, WOOD, by the cord or less.
I have had erected one of Fairbanks' Platform Scales that weigh correctly, and I guarantee 2240 lbs. to every ton of Coal I sell. My prices are as low as a pure article of the above kinds of coal can profitably be sold.
Call and examine my stock and get prices before purchasing. I give my personal attention to weighing and delivery.
☞ Office on the wharf, adjoining Coal Yard. THOS. DEC. RUTH,
d24-3m* Ag't.

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Address WM. K. JUDEFIND,
d24-4t. Edesville, Kent county, Md.

AGRICULTURAL LIME.
FARMERS and Fruit Growers are respectfully informed that the
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is prepared to sell, at the low price of 2 cents per bushel (delivered to vessel)
Agricultural Lime,
in quantities to suit. A valuable enricher of land and a protector against insects.
Apply to Stations at Canton and Spring Gardens, or to office,
19 SOUTH STREET,
jy16-6m. Baltimore, Md.

CONSTABLE'S SALE.
BY VIRTUE of two writs of Fieri Facias, issued by C. W. C. Johnson, justice of the peace, and to me directed, at the suit of John N. Usilton, against the goods and chattles, lands and tenements of Peter Jones, I have taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of said Peter Jones, in and to
That Lot of Land
on Cannon Street, in Chestertown, adjoining property of John N. Usilton and others,
With the IMPROVEMENTS thereon.
And I hereby give notice, that on
SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 1882,
at 11 o'clock A. M., at the Court House door in Chestertown, I will sell said property to the highest bidder for cash, to pay said writs, interest and costs due and to become due thereon.
S. L. RAWLEIGH, Const.
Jan. 7—ts. [5.00]

Something that Everybody don't Know
Is, that there is a
Boot and Shoe Maker
ON CALVERT STREET,
where work is done in as workmanlike manner as anywhere in this town.
I refer to
WM. BURKE'S
NEW BOOT & SHOE SHOP, near the residence of the late Geo. Vickers.
He can show you samples of Coarse Boots, Fine Stitched Boots, and Button Gaiters, that for finish and durability will compare favorably with the best done in this community, and for less money.
REPAIRING done with neatness and dispatch. Don't forget the place.
Enquire for WM. BURKE,
j7-3m. Calvert St.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county Letters Testamentary of the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of
JACOB HIGHLEY,
late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.
All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 7th day of July, 1882, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under my hand this 3rd day of January, 1882.
RICHARD HYNSON,
Jan. 7, 1882—4t. Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent county Letters of Administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of
SAMUEL E. SULLIVAN,
late of Kent county, Maryland, dec'd.
All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, on or before the 7th day of July, 1882, or they may by law be excluded from all benefit in said estate.
Given under my hand this 3rd day of January, 1882.
MARGARET SULLIVAN,
Jan. 5, 1882—4t. Adm'x.
☞ The business pertaining to the estate of S. E. Sullivan, will be transacted through E. F. PERKINS, Attorney for Margaret Sullivan, administratrix. MARGARET SULLIVAN.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county Letters of Administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of
LEWIS F. COLE,
late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.
All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 7th day of July, 1882, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under my hand this 3rd day of January, 1882.
SAMUEL W. COLE,
Jan. 7, 1882—4t. Adm'r.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of
HANNAH CULP,