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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....April 5, 1884.

There was a heavy decline in the price of coffee in New York last week. Good coffee sold as low as ten cents per pound.

Gov. Stockley, of Delaware, has appointed ex-Congressman William G. Whitely as associate judge, to fill the vacancy on the State bench, caused by the appointment of Judge Wales to the United States district judgeship.

The whiskey bill, allowing the distillers to keep their whiskey in bond two years longer without paying the internal revenue tax, was killed in the House of Representatives last week. The enacting clause was stricken out of the bill by a vote of 185 to 83.

Gov. McLane has appointed Mr. Thomas C. Weeks, of Baltimore, as the head of the bureau of labor statistics, under the bill lately passed the legislature. Mr. Weeks is an engraver by trade and a lawyer by profession, and one of the most eloquent speakers in Baltimore.

Ms. David W. Gray, deputy collector of the port of Baltimore, died on Tuesday morning at his residence, 144 McCullough street. Mr. Gray was in his 62d year. He had been ill for a long time, but his malady, which had assumed a dropsical form, only prostrated him a few days since.

Samuel W. Regester, president of the old board of Baltimore fire commissioners, was on Monday acquitted of violating the ordinance prohibiting city officers being interested in contracts with the city. The charges against the other members of the board have been stetted.

Ex-Senator Michael Bannon has been appointed county treasurer for Anne Arundel county, under the bill passed last week by the legislature. Mr. Bannon opposed the bill, and for his exertions in that respect has been rewarded over all the politicians who supported it. He is a safe man, and plays "heads, I win; tails, you lose."

The ex-Confederate soldiers and members of the Grand Army met in New York Monday night, and decided to hold their mass-meeting to arouse interest in the work of establishing a home for soldiers in the South on April 9 at Cooper Union. Gen. Grant will preside. Quite a number of prominent officers who fought on the Union side are interesting themselves in the matter.

The New Jersey House of Assembly, after an exhaustive debate, on Monday defeated by a vote of 27 to 24 a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution in favor of woman suffrage. Eleven republicans and thirteen democrats voted in favor of the joint resolution, and ten republicans and seventeen democrats against it.

Death of Captain Mitchell.—Capt. C. I. B. Mitchell, late commander of the oyster police steamer Leila, died at his residence, in Queenstown, on Saturday, of consumption, aged 55 years. Capt. Mitchell was a genial, warm-hearted gentleman, and leaves many friends. His funeral took place on Sunday, and was largely attended, Rev. Ware and Mitchell, of the Episcopal church, officiating.

Ages of Presidential Candidates.—Among the candidates named for the Presidential nomination, we give below the ages of a few. Of the Democrats—

Samuel J. Tilden was 70 Feb. 9 last.
Thomas F. Bayard, 57 last October.
Henry B. Payne, 74 last November.
Wm. R. Morrison, 58 last September.
John G. Carlisle, 48 last September.
Abram S. Hewitt, 62 last July.

Of the Republican candidates—

President Arthur was 54 last October 5.
James G. Blaine, 54 January 31 last.
George F. Edmunds, 56 on Feb. 1 last.
John A. Logan, 58 Feb. 9 last.
Benjamin Harrison, 50 last August.
Robert T. Lincoln, 41 August 1 last.

There are others spoken of as candidates whose age is unknown to us.

The House of Representatives on Tuesday passed the trade-dollar bill, "rehabilitating" that much abused coin by providing that until Jan. 1, 1886, trade dollars shall be received at their face value in payment of all dues to the United States. Treasurers or assistant treasurers are required to give standard silver dollars in exchange for trade dollars, dollar for dollar, on presentation. The trade dollars once received into the government's hands are not to be reissued as such, but are to be first recoined into standard silver dollars. The bill has still to go to the Senate.

Hon. R. C. Hollyday has resigned his position as Secretary of State of Maryland, on account of ill health, the resignation to take effect May 1. Governor McLane has appointed Geo. B. Milligan as Mr. Hollyday's successor. Mr. Milligan, is a cousin of Gov. McLane's, and has been acting as his private secretary since his inauguration. He is about 45 years of age, and was an independent candidate for Congress in Baltimore several years ago. He is a very pleasant gentleman, and will doubtless make a popular Secretary of State.

MR. TILDEN INTERVIEWED.

A correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* interviewed Mr. Tilden at his residence in New York on Tuesday, and communicates the following to that paper:

Gov. Tilden sat in any easy chair, in front of an open fire in his library, at 10 o'clock this morning, looking quite comfortable and satisfied with himself and the outer world. As I entered his presence he arose, and with a smiling welcome extended his hand. Gov. Tilden shows scarcely a perceptible change in appearance in the last four years, except that his voice may be a trifle more feeble; he has a fine healthy color, his hearing is acute, and his eye as bright as it was twenty years ago.

Gov. Tilden asked me about the progress of legislation in Washington, and what the democratic majority of the House would do. He had decided opinions in this respect, but did not wish them recorded. I said to him that there was a very general feeling in political circles in Washington that the democratic party had got[illegible] to a muddle; that he was the only man [illegible] extricate it, and that his candidacy [illegible] unity. At this he leaned over close to [illegible] and very slowly and distinctly, "I [illegible] nomination and cannot take it." [illegible] "No, I cannot give up the [illegible] I enjoy here for four years' [illegible] seventy years old and I [illegible] that it had been r[illegible] write a formal letter [illegible] reference to the [illegible] thought of that [illegible] would do it, [illegible] health and a proto[illegible] brightened up as he said, [illegible] health. I have no complaint [illegible] I enjoy [illegible] score." He then raised and let h[illegible] struck out from both shoulders, and [illegible] this with a vigorous stamping of first [illegible] and then the other on the carpet, and sai[illegible] jocularly, "No paralysis there." Taking my [illegible] he walked with a firm step the whole length [illegible] the spacious library, and parted from me at the door with a cordial grasp of the hand and with the request to convey his kindly regards to his friends in Maryland.

A number of destructive wind-storms occurred Tuesday and Wednesday in various sections of the country, visiting Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee. The town of Oakville, Indiana, was wiped entirely out of existence, and a house near that place was lifted from its foundation and carried over a distance of two miles and a half. A number of persons were killed and others injured. The iron roof of the State house at Columbia, South Carolina, was blown off, and the Palmetto monument is greatly damaged.

Mrs. Frances Hastings, of Wicomico county, died recently at the age of ninety years. She was the mother of thirteen children, the grandmother of sixty-seven, the great-grandmother of [illegible] seven, and the great-great-grandmother of [illegible] making the total number of her descendants [illegible] hundred and sixty.

MOBS AND MURDERERS.

No one will justify the mob violence which broke the peace of Cincinnati last Friday and Saturday, but in the same breathings of condemnation will justly flow sentiments of bitterness and disgust at the outrageous miscarriage of justice that led thereto. The mob violence was no greater crime upon the good order and peace of Cincinnati than was perpetrated by the villainous jury who failed to convict a confessed murderer, except it may be in the immediate loss of life. The disgraceful conduct of that jury was the "last feather to break the camel's back,"—the jail of the city was then already full of murderers—and the people began to despair of ever seeing such red-handed violators of the law brought to punishment. If the mob had done no greater wrong than rid that community of Berner and like murderers, not much complaint would be made when all the circumstances of infamy and crime were considered. The courts had become a mockery and juries a nuisance, so that the fiery indignation of every decent citizen seemed to have been aroused. We have not a word to say in commendation of mob violence under any circumstances. It should never be the resort of a civilized people, but it seems in place to utter a word in equal condemnation of the tendency of the times to a false sympathy with criminals. This latter spirit has burdened our statutes and courts of law with precedents and legal enactments wholly and solely in the interest of criminals, and the deeper and more heinous the crime, the more loopholes of escape there seem provided, until it has in this day become almost an impossibility to bring a murderer to justice if he can raise money enough to avail himself of the facilities of escape offered.

And we may here say that in many places elsewhere than in Cincinnati, murderers too seldom get their just deserts. A few good healthy hangings in Maryland might serve to elevate the standard of public opinion concerning the value of human life.

President Lloyd and Speaker Thom.

Hon. Henry Lloyd, of Dorchester county, who was called upon to preside over the Maryland Senate during the session just closed, is quite a young man to possess in such high degree the merits of a master parliamentarian. He is a man of marked force as a speaker, of original thought and quick perception. His whole course in the position named, as far as we are able to judge, not only reflected credit upon himself and the State, but evinced the wisdom of those who proposed him for the postion. Mr. Lloyd's name is among those now prominently mentioned in connection with the congressional nomination for this district.

Hon. J. Pembroke Thom, of Baltimore city, the Speaker of the House, also displayed a high degree of talent in the delicate and arduous duties devolving upon him. He proved himself a man of independent thought and action. He disagreed with the members of his delegation upon several of the most important measures brought forward affecting his constituency, and leaving the Speaker's chair measured swords in debate with the skilled orators of the body. He will no doubt hereafter figure conspicuously in public life and cope with the leading spirits of his day.

We have carefully watched the proceedings of both houses as they have been reported day after day, and are convinced that to the efficiency and ability of the presiding officers is due in no small degree the merit of preventing the enactment of a number of ill-judged measures, and the success of other wise legislation.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The Maryland Legislature adjourned *sine die* at 12 o'clock last Monday night. The following local laws for Kent county were passed: To extend the provisions of the mechanics' lien law to the county; authorizing the sale of the old Brick Church at Kennedyville; authorizing the removal of the remains from the burial grounds of Chester Parish; authorizing building of a new jail; extending time for shooting rabbits; dividing the 4th election district into two voting precincts; limiting the town tax for Chestertown to 35 cents on the $100.

THE OYSTER LAW.

The oyster law, passed at this session, fixes the time for dredging from November 1 to April 1, and the tonging time from September 1 to April 15. The dredging license is fixed at $3 per ton of the boat, the old rate. The penalty for illegal dredging is from one to three years in the penitentiary and a fine of from $100 to $500 on the boat. The punishment for resisting officers is from one to three years in the penitentiary. There is a fine of from $50 to $200, or imprisonment in the House of Correction from three months to three years, for catching or having oysters in possession in the closed season. Parties are allowed to take up five-acre farms for planting oysters. The board of public works are to provide two new steamers, not to cost over $35,000 apiece. The Governor, Senator E. E. Jackson and Delegate Jos. B. Seth are to contract for and superintend the building of the steamers. The Oyster police force is to be in charge of a commander at a salary of $1,500 a year. The deputy commanders in charge of steamers are to get $1,200 each, and each one is to have one officer at $600 per annum, an engineer at $800, an assistant at $500, two seamen at $25 per month, two firemen at $25 a month, a steward at $20 a month and a cook at $20 a month. Deputy commanders in charge of sloops are to get $800 a year and are to have one officer at $550, four seamen at $40 a month during the open season and $30 a month in the closed season. An amendment prohibiting the catching of oysters, even for private use or on private grounds, at any time between the 15th of April and the 15th of August, was adopted after discussion, Mr. Hodson opposing and Mr. Moore supporting it, yeas 13, nays 7, as follows: Yeas—Messrs. Lloyd, (President,) Burchinal, Getty, Gill, Hayes, Jackson, Lane, Mearns, Moore, Rusk, Shriver, Turpin, Warfield. Nays—Messrs. Brace, Brewer, Clark, Hodson, Ireland, Lancaster and Roe.

EXECUTORS' COMMISSIONS.

The executors' commissions bill, which is awaiting the Governor's signature to become a law, fixes the commissions at from 2 to 10 per cent., at the discretion of the Orphans' Court, on $20,000, and not more than 2 per cent on all over $20,000. The law also restores the $300 allowance for funeral expenses. The bill started from the House with the commissions fixed at from 5 to 10 per cent., but was amended in the Senate as it now stands, and the House accepted the amendments.

The House passed the Senate bill forbidding marriages between white and colored persons, the nays were Messrs. Randall, Gantt, W. DeC. Mitchell, Southerland, Parks, Davis of Dorchester, Coffin, Perrie, Morrison, Markell, Speicher, Keller.

A bill providing that wills of all kinds shall be witnessed by two persons passed both houses.

[illegible] Latrobe sent to the Baltimore city [illegible] Monday the names of Samuel Kirk, nom[illegible]ter and J. Alexander Preston to the new bo[illegible] new fire board. They were con[illegible] letter to Fl[illegible]yor had stubbornly refused to [illegible] the fact, to wh[illegible] place of Mr. Preston. The [illegible] not surrender th[illegible] Tuesday[illegible] and sent a [illegible] ordinance creating [illegible]ll informing him of [illegible]lished by the courts. [illegible]lied that he would [illegible] however, have acknowle[illegible]alidity of the [illegible] new board. [illegible] was estab[illegible]partment.

Fire.—The dwelling-house of Dr. [illegible] Courcy, situated on Wye river, in Q[illegible] county, was destroyed by fire on Sund[illegible]ing last. The fire originated from a spa[illegible] the high wind blowing at the time render[illegible] impossible to save the house. All the furnitu[illegible] however, except some bedsteads, was saved. [illegible] The house was one of the old homesteads of the county and was a very fine building. Loss about $3,500, covered by insurance in the Montgomery company.

[illegible]ell, a distinguished Tam[illegible] York, died last week.

The plan of making nominations in Queen Anne's is again being agitated by the democrats in that county. The *Observer* suggests a popular vote of the party to decide upon the merits of the "jury plan." This would seem to be a wise procedure considering the amount of "bad blood" that has been stirred up over there on the subject. "Vox populi, vox Dei" may not always be a truth, but the majority-rule principle is *democratic*, and if the leaders of the Queen Anne's democracy are not willing to obey the voice of a majority, and settle down to an acquiesence in some fair method of party management and quit their factional wranglings, the future success of the party may well be despaired of. This will apply to Kent as well as Queen Anne's.

A favorable report has been presented to the Senate of the United States by the committee on woman suffrage proposing an amendment to the right of suffrage to women.

If the Cincinnati riot shall have the effect to cause such amendments to the criminal laws as will enable the courts to secure a better class of jurors in cases of high crimes, the blood of her citizens will not have been spilt in vain.

The committee of the Newark (N. J.) Methodist Conference appointed to investigate the charges of immorality against Rev. George R. Bristor reported that the charges were sustained and unanimously recommended his expulsion.

The *Easton Star* of Tuesday says that Mr. J. Frank Turner is much better of his rheumatism than he was a week ago, but not able to leave his bed. The damp weather last week was against his rapid recovery.

FEARFUL RIOT IN CINCINNATI.

Two Hundred Persons Killed and Wounded.

A fearful riot occurred in Cincinnati on Friday and Saturday of last week. It grew out of the popular indignation at the miscarriage of justice, as demonstrated by the verdict of the jury in the case of Wm. Berner, a youth of 18, who, assisted by a negro, had murdered Wm. H. King, his employer, and robbed him of $345. At first he confessed the crime, but subsequently withdrew his confession. The evidence on the trial was so conclusive as to his guilt as to offer no apparent loophole of escape. Nevertheless, in spite of the law and the facts, the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter, to the surprise of the judge, who, when the court broke up, denounced the verdict in brief, but vigorous language, while among those who were present when the verdict was rendered, so strong was the feeling against the jury that some of the latter, fearing bodily harm, retreated from the court house by a back way. It was this flagrant act of theirs that led first of all to a call for the public meeting that drew together a large concourse of people on Friday night, and at which inflammatory speeches stimulated the passions that better and wiser counsels should have sought to allay. Unknown to the mob, the authorities had sent Berner to Columbus for safe-keeping, and, warned in time, had prepared to repel by armed force any attack on the jail.

On Friday night a meeting was held in Music Hall to express indignation over the Berner verdict. The meeting did not contemplate violence. The best men in the city signed the call for it. Several speeches were made condemnatory of the verdict, and when the meeting adjourned and the 6,000 or 7,000 persons were pouring out of the hall, the cry "To the jail!" was raised, and the crowd, not knowing that Berner had been taken away, surged thither in one solid mass, filling the whole width of the street. As it moved on others joined the throng, and when it reached Sycamore street in front of the jail it must have numbered 10,000 men. The approach to the jail was made rapidly and quietly. A desperate onslaught was made upon the building, the doors were wrenched from their hinges, and the howling mob rushed pell-mell into the prison. About fifty of them mounted the stairs. Here they were met by a detail of police and the sheriff, and were forced back into the jail office. By this time the mob outside procured a long, heavy board, and placing it on the iron railing in front of the jail, pushed it through a window into the second story. With this they broke out the entire sash and the inside shutters. This successful move encouraged the crowd and the mob kept calling, "Give us Berner! Give us Johnson!" and so on through the list of murderers confined in the building. Sheriff Hawkins had instructed his men not to fire, as he did not wish to shed blood. He attempted to address the mob, but they flew by him and up the winding iron stairway to the cell-room. They sought for Berner, but soon discovered that he was gone.

The mob was dispersed by daybreak, but the building was surrounded all day by a large crowd, attracted there by curiosity. The feeling that aroused and inspired the people to violence, however, was by no means allayed by that night's tragedy, and it grew not only against the murderers, but against the militia, upon whom the whole responsibility for the loss of life is placed. Sheriff Hawkins had repulsed the mob, and was holding the men at bay when the militia entered the jail and began firing upon the rioters.

The riot was renewed Saturday night, the mob breaking into and setting on fire the magnificent court-house, which was almost totally destroyed. A large proportion of the valuable records, however, which were secured in vaults, were saved, and the money that was in the treasury is safe.

The united testimony of men who had opportunities for observation was that from 200 to 300 men composed the bulk of the violent, active rioters, and that they were not fully armed. They were stimulated by the cheer and presence of others; but the general opinion is that very little generalship would have been sufficient to put them to flight. The number of persons killed and wounded in the riot is about 200, including a number of women and children.

A Disabled Clergyman.—*Letter from Bishop Lay.*—The following letter was written to a recent number of the *Churchman* by Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay in reference to a disabled clergyman of this diocese: "Some readers of the *Churchman* were interested in the case of a clergyman presented awhile ago. I said that the Church had none among her clery more gentle and patient, more laborious and self-sacrificing, than my dear old friend. I quoted his own simple language, that it seemed somewhat hard that after a ministry of uninterrupted activity, extending over more than forty years, he should become a suppliant for shelter and bread for himself and his two daughters. An opportunity now offers to purchase a home for them, and in a neighborhood where there are sheep without a shepherd, where a rector cannot be supported, and where my venerable brother can do a modest but useful work. Five hundred dollars added to his own slender resources will accomplish this result. How happy it would make the good old man! I will gladly become responsible for the judicious investment of whatever may be sent me."

Died from Eating "Skunk Cabbage."—Mr. John McClure, of Union, Baltimore county, died suddenly Saturday night at 9 o'clock. About 6 o'clock he was seized with violent gastric pains, rapidly succeeded by convulsions and all symptoms of a virulent poison having been taken. Dr. Thos. B. Owings was sent for and did all he could for the unfortunate man, but to no avail. Upon inquiry it was found that he had in the afternoon gathered an herb in the woods and had been chewing it under the supposition that it was spikenard root. The root proved to be a poisonous variety of the "skunk cabbage," and as he had used a considerable quantity of it during the afternoon it was evidently the cause of his death.

A large whale got aground at Pungoteague creek, Accomac county, Virginia, and was captured by the fishermen of the neighborhood a few days since. It was fifty feet, nine inches long, and twelve feet four inches through the body, and is expected to yield 75 barrels of sperm oil. The fishermen boarded him while aground, cut through him, and anchored him with [illegible] 75, but when he waked up and the ho[illegible] he moved off with the anchors, many p[illegible] to death.

Jurors.—Judge Wickes, on Thursday last, drew the following names of jurors to serve at the April term of the circuit court for Kent county, which commences two weeks from next Monday:

David Jones,	F. Hyland Taylor,
Samuel J. Hill,	T. Waters Russell,
James A. Shaw,	James T. Ireland,
Columbus A. Leary,	Richard F. Moffett,
Wm. W. Stephens,	John Gale,
Stephen Lecates,	Edward T. Comegys,
Jas. F. M. Woodall,	Wm. S. Thompson,
James T. Dixon,	Andrew Woodall,
Enoch N. Roland,	Samuel L. Blackiston,
Albert L. Corey,	Thomas W. Ringgold,
Henry M. Thomas,	Jos. H. Hossinger,
Benj. F. Sappington,	Samuel W. Wallis,
Nicholas G. Westcott,	James E. Hurlock,
John F. Beeks,	David Clements,
Samuel Todd,	Thomas G. Wroth,
John W. Jarman,	Samuel A. Merritt,
Joseph Rasin,	Geo. W. Davis,
Wash. G. Skirven,	George L. Maslin,
Richard H. Corbaley,	Chas. H. Wickes,
John W. Hines,	Wm. Boyer,
Wm. Morris,	Colin F. Stam,
John P. Hendrickson,	Benjamin P. Morgan,
Robert Nicholson,	T. W. Eliason, Jr.,
Edward J. Kennard,	George R. Vansant.

Death of an Old and Prominent Citizen.—Col. George Gale died at his residence in Still Pond at 10 o'clock last Thursday morning, aged about 79 years. The deceased had been prominent in politics from a young man up to a few years ago, when age compelled him to abandon his active efforts, and for some two years past he had been almost entirely confined to his home. He has held a number of offices, both State and county, and had many warm personal friends, with whom he spent much time when able to visit about, who will be sorry to learn of his decease.

Arrested for Illegal Dredging.—Capt. Jas. B. Willson, of the police sloop Mary Compton, on Monday night arrested Capt. Samuel Cox, of the schooner Tangier, hailing from Baltimore, for illegal dredging. He was taken before Esquire Rollison, at Rock Hall, who committed him to jail for a hearing. The prisoner was brought to town on Tuesday by Constable J. F. Wheatley.

Election of Directors.—The stockholders of the Enterprise Transportation Company held their annual meeting in Chestertown on Tuesday and elected the following board of directors: Wright Spry, R. J. Foard, W. E. Jarrel, Harry P. Newnam and W. D. Burchinal. The president of the company is required to be selected from the directors, and it is said that the present board was elected in the interest of Capt. Burchinal for that position.

Republican primary meetings will be held in the several districts of Kent on Saturday next to elect delegates to a County Convention in Chestertown the following Wednesday, to select delegates to represent the county in the State and Congressional conventions.

To Locate in Chestertown. — Prof. T. D. Gambrill, of Baltimore, informs us of his purpose to locate in Chestertown, for the purpose of teaching music, repairing and tuning pianos, &c. He expects to be here in a week or ten days.

Farm for Sale.—The farm of the late John B. Walmsley, on the river road to Chesterville, will be sold on Tuesday next by John S. Wirt, Esq., trustee. Hope H. Barroll, Esq., Chestertown, will give any information desired.

The temperance meeting held at the Court House on Thursday evening was well attended, and Rev. E. B. Newnam delivered an able and interesting address. After the lecture some 40 persons remained and Chestertown Lodge, No. 222 I. O. Good Templers, was organized and the following officers elected and installed: W. C. T., Jas. H. Thompson; W. V. T., Mrs. Johnson; W. Sec'y, Walter W. Chapman; W. A. Sec'y, Geo. Wood; W. F. Sec'y, Wilber Thomas; W. Treas., Mrs. James Brice; W. Chaplain, Rev. W. M. Strayer; W. Mar., Rev. E. P. Aldred; W. D. M., Mrs. E. P. Aldred; W. I. G., Mrs. Kate Harding; W. O. G., W. B. Edwards; R. H. S., Mrs. Jas. H. Thompson; L. H. S., Mrs. Annie Thompson; Lodge Dept'y, John Bordley.

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, April 1.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

Chas. H. Baker, guardian to Alfred Lee Baker, filed his guardian account for the year 1883.

Harrison W. Vickers, executor of J. Thomas Rowley, filed an additional inventory of the estate of said deceased.

Richard Hynson, executor of Jacob Highley, filed his release from the legatees of said dec'd.

The manufacturers of the I. P. Thomas Fertilizers seem to court competition trials, and are willing to assume all the responsibility. Read their advertisement in another column. *

An Appropriation for Chester River.—Mr. Covington has filed in the House a petition signed by many citizens of Queen Anne's and Kent counties, and endorsed by members of the Corn and Flour Exchange of Baltimore, praying for an appropriation of $15,000 for removing four bars in the Chester river between Crumpton and Kirby's landing. The claim is made that if these bars—Plum-pudding, Mussel Shoal and Kirby's bar—are removed there will be a free passage for vessels drawing seven feet of water to Kirby's landing. The importance of the work is vouched for by the petitioners, by the members of the Corn and Flour Exchange and by the report of Colonel Craighill, who made the surveys. It is expected that the Committee on Rivers and Harbors will be ready to consider the needs of the water ways of Maryland early in April.

Probably Fatal Blow with a Spade.—A dispatch from Centreville Md., to the Baltimore *Sun* of Wednesday says:

Information reached here this morning of an assault, which may prove fatal, by Wm. Harris Legg, Jr., of Kent Island, on a colored man named Whitman, who was working for Mr. Legg on the public road. Not performing his duties as Legg thought proper, the man was taken to task about it. He cursed Mr. Legg and told him he knew his business, whereupon Mr. Legg discharged him, but concluded to allow him to finish the day's work, and ordered him to another section of the road.

Whitman continued the quarrel, and finally struck at Mr. Legg with a spade. Legg retreated a few feet and made a movement as though to draw a revolver. The colored man dropped the spade and started off. Mr. Legg secured the spade and struck Whitman over the head, inflicting a severe wound. Dr. Benton was called, and after examining the cut, concluded that the wound might prove fatal. Whitman is now in a very critical condition.

DIED.

At his residence in Still Pond, on the 3d inst., Col. GEORGE GALE, in his 79th year.

Near Smithville, March 28th, HENRIETTA, wife of Wm. H. French, aged about 46 years.

In Smyrna, Del., March 31, IRA VANSANT, formerly of this county, aged 64 years.

THOMPSON will sell you Roasted Coffee at 13½c., 15c., 18c, and 20c.; a Barrel of Flour at 4, 6, 6.50, 7.00 and $7.75 and Sugar from 6 to 10c. a lb.
a5. THOMPSON, up town.

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apr5. THOMPSON'S, up town.

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mh1. COLIN F. STAM.

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Very cheap. M. A. TOULSON,
mar. 29. Druggist

2500 CIGARS!
More than we intend carrying in stock, will sell cheaper than can be found elsewhere.
SPARKS,
jan12. opp. Court House.

NOTICE.—ALL PERSONS are notified not to cross the premises of the undersigned near Still Pond village, particularly the wheat fields; paths across such are very unsightly. These will be enforced against all disregarding a notice.
apr5. LOUIS S. HEPBRON.

FOR SALE, Very Low,—A New, Light, Jump-seat CARRIAGE, Warner patent wheels, steel tires, shoulder and grooved axles, leather curtains, cloth lined, made by Rodgers, Philadelphia. Apply at this office, or to
apr5. Z. P. JANVIER, Drayton.

ENTERTAINMENTS
Will be held in the Town Hall in Kennedyville, Md., on the evenings of April 14 & 15, consisting of Dramas, Farces, Music, &c., &c.
Proceeds for improving the streets.
Admission 25 cents; reserved seats 35c.
Children under 12 years 15c. Reserved seats sold at E. HAYES' Drug Store.
By order of Kennedyville Improvement Association. a5-2t.

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Our stock now embraces one of the
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OUR BLACK SILK at $1, $1.25, $1.62½ & $2 per yard, would recommend with the utmost confidence, both as to quality and price.
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Very resp'y,
March 29, 1884. R. F. PARKS.

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WE CLAIM to sell the best 5 cent CIGAR that the city of Chestertown can produce. Come and try the CIGAR, and be convinced that this is the truth.
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FOR SALE.
THE UNDERSIGNED have for sale at their Stables at Middletown, Del., a fine lot of Young, Well-broken MULES; also a Superior lot of Young Western MARES and HORSES, which will be sold at reasonable prices. Old Horses and Mules taken in exchange.
mar29-3t. ECKENHOFER & LONG.

MORE MULES!
I will have at Mr. John N. Usilton's, about the first of April, a CAR LOAD OF SIXTEEN HAND YOUNG KENTUCKY MULES.
They will be sold low for cash or on time for good paper. DANIEL BROWN.
March 22, 1864—3t.

PUBLIC SALE.
THE subscriber will sell at public sale on MONDAY, APRIL 14, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Village of Fairlee,
ONE HORSE, 5 years old,
1 FRESH COW,
2 Carriages & Harness, 2 Wheelbarrows, and other articles.
TERMS made known at sale.
S. C. SHUSTER.
J. Frank Wheatley, Auct'r. mh29-ts.

PUBLIC SALE of DRIFT LOGS.
Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, April 23, 1884, at 9 o'clock A. M., on the shore nearest the dwelling on my farm on Eastern Neck Island, I will sell for cash certain DRIFT LOGS heretofore advertised, to pay costs and charges on same. LAVINIA SMITH.
March 29, 1884—4t.

LAST NOTICE!
All persons indebted to me for Town Taxes are hereby notified that unless the same are paid by the TENTH DAY OF APRIL, I shall proceed to collect by law.
JOSEPH N. WHEATLEY,
mh29-3t. Collector Town Taxes.

LOCUST POSTS FOR SALE.
2,000 No. 1 LOCUST POSTS for sale.
Apply to ADAM DIEHL,
mh29-3t. Hancsville, Kent co., Md.

GALENA MILLS—NOTICE.
THE REPORT is out that I am buying my fancy Flour that is selling so fast from the city. This is not the truth. I am buying my wheat but I grind the flour, and any one who has five or more bushels of good wheat can get the same flour, or get paid for their wheat in case I fail to make it. No miller can make a first-class flour out of one bushel grist. Remember this when you go to mill.
Yours, resp'y, WM. J. SPICER.
March 29, 1884—3t.

Estate of Edward B. Gallup.
NOTICE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I have executed a power of Attorney to Mr. GEO. W. HARPER, of Still Pond, authorizing him to transact all business pertaining to the estate of the late Edward B. Gallup.
SUSAN S. GALLUP, Adm'x.
All persons having claims against the said deceased are notified to present them to me for settlement, and all persons indebted to said estate are notified to make payment to me at the earliest possible moment.
mh29-4t. GEORGE W. HARPER.

Examiners' Notice.
THE undersigned, examiners appointed by the Hon. County Commissioners of Kent county, under a petition of certain freeholders of the Fifth Election Dist., to examine and determine whether the public convenience requies that a
NEW PUBLIC ROAD
FROM ROCK HALL VILLAGE
through the lands of Dr. A. P. Sharp, Capt. James Young, and Christopher Wilkinson, to Deep Landing, on said Wilkinson's Beach, above the mouth of Swan Creek, should be opened, and a
Public Landing
at said last named point, should be condemned, said land owners offering to give the land required for said road;—Hereby give notice that they will meet at said Rock Hall village, on
WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of May next,
At Ten o'clock A. M.,
to discharge their duties under a commission to them issued for said purpose.
THOMAS A. HULME,
SAM'L H. CRAWFORD,
JOHN W. LOUD,
apr5-tm. Examiners.

PETITIONERS' ROAD NOTICE.
THE undersigned petitioners hereby give notice that after thirty days from the date hereof they intend to apply to the Hon. County Commissioners of Kent county for a
New Public Road,
to begin at top of hill south of Fairlee Mill, in road leading from Fairlee village to Buck Neck, thence over the stream to southern point of mill dam; thence with dam to road near mill.
SAM'L H. CRAWFORD,
JNO. W. COREY,
ED. P. JANVIER,
A. L. COREY
W. C. STEPHENS,
Mar. 22—5t. and 54 others.

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Mar 22. Druggist.

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Mar. 22. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

A PRIZE. Send six cents for postage, and receive free, a costly box of goods which will help all, of either sex, to more money right away than anything else in this world. Fortunes await the workers absolutely sure. At once address TRUE & CO., Augusta, Maine.

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Come and try our Edward Allen Poe CIGARS.
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To arrive this week:
2,000 Yards Choice Styles
in Fancy, Whites and Checks, and lower than ever. R. F. PARKS.

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OF
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On High St., in Chestertown, Md.
BY virtue of a power contained in a mortgage from Mary V. Elliott and Thos. B Elliott, her husband, to M. A. Toulson, dated the 1st day of March, 1883, and recorded among the land records for Kent county, Maryland, in Liber S. B., No. 4 folios 101, &c., the undersigned will offer at Public Sale at the Vo