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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING..... Feb. 14, 1885.

There is now very little doubt of the fact that Senator Bayard will be the premier under the new administration.

The citizens of Annapolis are making a strenuous effort to induce Congress to erect a public building in that city.

The business men of Easton and Cambridge, Md., are alarmed at the prospect of the withdrawal of the steamboat mails from Baltimore, and are vigorously protesting against it.

The 22d of February this year falls on Sunday. The act of 1882, designating the legal holidays in Maryland, provides that whenever the 22d of February falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be treated as a public holiday.

The New Orleans Exposition has gone so far behind that it is now $360,000 in debt, and is asking Congress to make an appropriation of $500,000 to cover this amount and furnish the means of meeting the further expenses of the great show. A committee has been sent to Washington to urge the appropriation, but have met with little success.

Hon. George W. Covington, M. C., has ordered a competitive examination to be held at Salisbury on the 25th inst., with a view to filling the vacancy at the West Point Military Academy. United States Senator-elect E. K. Wilson, of Snow Hill, Dr. Bryan, of Cambridge, and Prof. Rivers, Principal of Washington College, Chestertown, have been invited by Mr. Covington to conduct the examination. The competitors must be residents of this congressional district.

GORDON ASSASSINATED.

A Horrible Massacre in Khartoum.

The following additional details of the killing of General Gordon and the fall of Khartoum are furnished by Colonels Wilson and Wortley, who were with the expedition to that place but effected their escape: On the day of the capture General Gordon's attention was attracted by a tremendous tumult in the streets. He left the so-called Palace, or government building, in which he had made his headquarters, to ascertain the cause of the disturbance. Just as he reached the street he was stabbed in the back and fell dead. The tumult was caused by the Mahdi's troops, who had gained access to the interior of the town through treachery, and who were soon in complete possession of the place, including the citadel. A fearful massacre of the garrison followed. The scenes of the slaughters are described as surpassing the Bulgarian atrocities and rivaling the worst horrors of the Sepoy mutiny. The panic-stricken Egyptians were captured in their flight and put to death with the most fiendish tortures. Some were transfixed with spears and left to bleed to death. Most of the victims were mutilated in the most horrible manner. Eyes were gouged out, noses were slit, and tongues were torn out by the roots. In many cases the mutilated parts of the victims' bodies were thrust into their mouths while they were still living. The massacre included many non-combatants, and the Egyptian women were subjected to shameful indignities. More than a hundred women and young girls were given over to the Mahdi's followers to be used as slaves. After the slaughter many Arabs were seen rushing about the streets with the heads of Egyptians impaled upon their spears. The next night was spent in a saturnalia of blood and debauchery. Since the capture of Khartoum the Mahdi has repaired the fortifications, and has made the place well nigh impregnable. He has made it his permanent headquarters, and is said to have an abundance of guns, small arms and ammunition.

News has been received that Gen. Earle was killed on Tuesday near Birti. General Wolseley telegraphs that scouts have returned from Khartoum with a confirmation of the news of Gen. Gordon's death. The war office refuses to officially confirm the dispatch, and the accounts of the newspaper correspondents fall to mention any eye-witness to the assassination.

CLEVELAND IN NEW YORK.

He Adheres to His Civil-Service Policy.

Mr. Cleveland spent several days in the city of New York last week and was waited upon and had conferences with many prominent democrats from all parts of the country. From the Washington correspondence of the Baltimore *Sun* of Monday we extract the following:

"The Senators and others who went over to see Mr. Cleveland have all returned, and concur without exception in the sentiment that he is a man whose action and policy the democratic party and the country can await with the consciousness that it will be judicious and safe. On the general policy of his administration, and more especially as pertaining to the important question of appointment to and removals from office, the expressions of Mr. Cleveland gave still greater emphasis to the position which it is understood he has determined to assume. He inquired of several of the Senators what was thought in Washington of his late civil-service letter and the principals laid down therein. It was suggested to him that more than one construction had been put upon the letter. That it had been interpreted, for instance, by some office-seekers as not meaning so much as appeared to those not looking for a place. To this suggestion he replied very decidedly that the letter meant exactly what it said, no more and no less, and those who were undertaking to read between the lines would find themselves mistaken. He did not propose removing any republican official who had been faithful and attentive to his duties, and whose administration of his office was satisfactory to the public immediately concerned. When the terms of such officers expired he expected, of course, to fill their places with good men of his own party if they could be found, which he did not doubt. There might be reasons in some cases why this should not be adhered to, but, under all ordinary and usual circumstances, it would be the rule. It has not developed that any of the Senators to whom he talked on the subject took issue with him. If any one of them did it has been kept very quiet. On the other hand several of the most prominent Senators expressed themselves to him in hearty approval of his ideas, and said the adoption of such a policy would relieve them of much annoyance and trouble.

Reduced Rates to the Inauguration via the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The inauguration of President-elect Cleveland on the 4th of March next promises to be a noteworthy event in the history of Washington. The citizens of the capital are working energetically and systematically to make the occasion a great success. In anticipation of an enormous throng of people, every effort is being put forth to provide accommodations for all who may come. Beside the regular hotels and boarding-houses, with which the city is well equipped, numbers of private families have agreed to entertain visitors, and sleeping quarters are being improvised in halls and such other buildings as are suitable. There will doubtless be ample accommodations for all, but those who desire to secure their lodgings in advance can do so by applying to Colonel L. P. Wright, Chairman of Committee on Public Comfort. Preparations for all the ceremonies are in the hands of competent committees, and every measure calculated to promote the comfort and pleasure of visitors will be carefully looked after.

For the benefit of the thousands of people who will be drawn from points along its lines, the Pennsylvania Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Washington from all stations on its system at greatly reduced rates. Its facilities for transporting passengers will be increased by the addition of special trains, which, with those regularly in service, will prove sufficient for all demands of travel. The Baltimore and Potomac Station, Washington, into which all the trains of the Pennsylvania system run, is situated on Pennsylvania Avenue, in full view, and within two minutes walk of the Capitol, on the line of march of the inaugural procession, and is easy of access to all the principal hotels and public buildings, and to any portion of the city by horse cars, bus, or carriage. The station is large, the facilities for handling incoming and outgoing trains and their contents are ample. Application should be made to local ticket agents of the Pennsylvania Railroad and its branches for full and detailed information as to tickets and rates.

Governor Pattison denies the story that he would enter the ministry when his term as executive of Pennsylvania had expired. "I do not know how the story started," he says, "but I presume it was because I have made a number of addresses in churches and was a lay member of the last general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

"Doc on it" is the only profanity General Grant indulges in.

The Inauguration.

Next Wednesday two weeks is Inauguration Day. Mr. Cleveland has signified his preference for a quiet and unostentatious demonstration, but judging from accounts in the papers there will probably be as many if not more persons in Washington than on any similar occasion. It has been so long since a democratic president was inaugurated, and the desire is so paramount in the breast of many to witness such an event, that the influx to the national capital on the fourth of March will be simply immense. In the meantime the President-elect seems to be taking his leisure in selecting his cabinet, and it is said that not a line of his inaugural has yet been written. But he has the capacity for doing a great deal of work in a very short time, and the public may rest assured that when the time arrives for Mr. Cleveland to act he will be found equal to the emergency.

A Good Selection.

Gov. McLane has appointed Mr. John S. Gittings, of Baltimore county, State Treasurer to serve the residue of Mr. Compton's term. Mr. Gittings is a thorough business man; has long been engaged in banking concerns and is specially fitted for the position for which he has been chosen. The Governor has certainly made a very wise selection. Mr. Compton takes his seat in Congress March 4 as the Representative of the fifth district of Maryland. Mr. Gittings, as State treasurer, brings about a change in the board of public works, which is composed of the Governor, the treasurer and the comptroller. Whether the new appointment will be in furtherance of the spirit of harmony in the board concerning office-holders under its control, and other matters heretofore regarded as "factional bones of contention," remains to be seen.

A Noted Case Decided.

The Court of Appeals has decided the case of Ernault H. Williams against his father, George Hawkins Williams, in favor of the son. The prominence of the parties gave great notoriety to this case two years ago and the Baltimore papers have reported the proceedings in the courts pretty full. The troublesome paper in question was executed May 31, 1882. The son being dissipated and in love, made a trust deed to his father whereby he could *only* receive $2,000 per annum, and then took a trip to Europe. He soon changed his mind, came back to Baltimore, married his lady-love and brought suit against his father to have the deed of trust set aside. The father contested the point, but the city court gave judgment against him and he appealed; now the court of Appeals sustains the lower court, so that young Ernault comes again in possession of his $250,000. For setting aside the deed were Judge Bryan, who delivered the opinion, Chief Judge Alvey and Judge Stone; for sustaining the deed Judges Miller and Robinson.

Only a Formality.

The United States Senate and House of Representatives in joint session last Wednesday counted the electoral vote and Senator Edmunds, the chairman, announced the result and said that Cleveland and Hendricks "appear to have been elected." And that was enough for him to say, his critics to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Ground for Alarm.

Prof. Ely, of Johns Hopkins University, is quoted as saying in reference to the recent dynamite crimes: "I believe we are just beginning to enter on a terrible era in the world's history—an era of eternal and domestic warfare, such as has never been seen, and the end of which only the Almighty can foretell." It is a pity that Prof. Ely should have said this, if he did say it, because the utterances of men occupying prominent positions are apt to produce a serious impression, and because there is really no ground for any such gloomy and sensational forecast. As, however, many timid people are liable to be alarmed by the signs of the times and by such dark predictions as the above, it is worth while to show the unreasonableness of all grave apprehension concerning the future. The current of civilization is a broad and powerful stream, fed by innumerable tributaries of inherited tendency, and flowing with incalculable weight and force in the direction of aggregated present social evolution. Now present social evolution, being the sum of social efforts at advancement, shows clearly the lines of greatest energy. The great mass of men are plainly working up toward better conditions by thoroughly peaceful, legitimate and natural methods. Development, in fact, is the characteristic of modern civilization; and since education is more diffused than ever, and since because of this the common mind is less conservative and more receptive of new ideas, the obstacles to necessary reforms are feeble, and change for the better is so easy as to justify all reasonable expectation.

This is why there is no ground for alarm in the present symptoms of discontent and disorder appearing here and there. These symptoms merely indicate a surface disturbance. Trade and industry all through the world have been depressed for a considerable period. As a consequence there has been much suffering, and this has bred discontent and some turbulence. But whoever desires to comprehend fully the significance of this surface agitation should study English history from 1815 to the passage of the reform bill. During that period all England suffered from disturbances which in these days would seem to imply hopeless anarchy. There was no dynamite then, but incendiarism did more mischief than dynamite has ever done. Famine, riots, organized outrages, brigandage, epidemic disease, made the country seem a pandemonium, and this continued for years, and grew worse instead of better, until the timid had some excuse for thinking that a general breaking-up of society was imminent. But all that condition of disorder passed away so quickly with the return of prosperity that if we had not historical records to inform us we might doubt the facts.

The great current of civilization went steadily on, unaffected by the foam and the ripples and swirls which agitated the surface of the stream. And just so will it be with all the present disturbances. Civilization is too firmly planted in the hearts and natures of men to be shaken by the lawlessness of a few restless people. These may make a good deal of noise for their number, but they cannot upset anything. Evolution, not revolution, is the process by which all necessary changes will be made. Dynamite will play no important part in the future, unless it be as the servant of engineering science. There is no basis for apprehension. The world will go on in its slow but sure way to improve its conditions, and it will neither be hurried nor hurried into the adoption of abnormal methods. And in the future, as now, the influence of American institutions, the spread of democracy in Europe, will prove invaluable in preventing dangerous explosions.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

The steamship Wm. Kennedy, Capt. Parker, of the Baltimore Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company, bound from Baltimore for Charleston, was abandoned at sea in a sinking condition off Lookout Shoals, North Carolina coast, at 8 P. M. on the 3d inst. The crew of 21 were taken on board the steamship Tallahassee, bound from Savannah for New York, and landed in the latter city on the morning of the 5th. The Kennedy left Baltimore with an assorted cargo, consisting of dry goods, woodenware, tinware, bags, crockery, &c., valued at about $50,000, part of which was insured by the shippers.

A scaffold suspended from the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad bridge at Havre de Grace, which is undergoing some repairs, gave way at 8.30 o'clock Monday morning, and John Barnes, the inspector of the work; John Shultz, Samuel Fleming and Peter Patterson, laborers, fell to the ice below, a distance of 24 feet. The momentum of the fall caused the ice, which was six inches thick, to give way under the men, and they were immersed in the river. They managed to crawl up on the ice, and made their way to the Havre de Grace shore, not far distant. Barnes sustained serious internal injuries, and was also badly hurt in the back and legs. The other three men also received injuries of a serious nature. The scaffold was fastened to the bridge by iron hooks and was overweighted, this causing it to fall.

Mr. Blaine's latest complaint is the nervousness, resulting from reading proof, a task which he says he dislikes, but he has only one more volume to go through with and plenty of time, as the public is not specially impatient for the completion of the work.

The pork-packing-house of G. Cassard & Son, 407, 409 and 411 West Baltimore street was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, entailing a loss of about $70,000.

A Minister Convicted.—Nine ministers of the Wilmington M. E. Conference have been sitting as a court in Princess Anne, Md., to hear testimony in the trial of the Rev. W. E. Tomkinson, of the Princess Anne circuit, on the charge of lying and slander. These charges were preferred against him by two elderly members of the church. The charge of lying was that the Rev. Mr. Tomkinson made the assertion publicly that a member made an assault upon him in church at a quarterly conference some time since, which charge the same member denied. The charge of slander was that the Rev. Mr. Tomkinson made damaging charges against the Rev. Mr. Brewington, Jr., preacher of the same circuit. The counsel for the church were Rev. Messrs. Cochran and Hanna. The accused was represented by his brother, and also appeared for himself. The trial was conducted with closed doors, and the minister convicted on five counts for lying.

Cecil to Have a Spring Fair.

The managers of the Cecil County Agricultural Society met in Elkton on Tuesday last and resolved to have a spring fair; to be held on the fair grounds near Elkton on 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th days of June next. The fall fair will be held as usual the first week in October.

Will Torbert Turn Democrat?

H. R. Torbert, Esq., editor of the Cecil *Whig*, holds a fat office in the Baltimore custom house. The *Appeal* is a rival Republican sheet, and its last issue has the following slap at Torbert:

"When a paper professing to be Republican in politics, and edited by a Federal office-holder, devotes its leading editorial to the praise of a man like Arthur P. Gorman, it gives high proof of its Republicanism, and higher proof that its editor courts his favor to retain office under a Democratic administration."

Safe Burglaries in Cecilton.—About 3 o'clock last Saturday morning the quiet village of Cecilton was suddenly awakened by an explosion. The fire-proof safe of Mr. Hazel had been taken from the store into the middle of the street, wrapped in blankets, holes drilled in the top and blown open. The thieves had the horse and buggy of Thos. P. Jones, Jr., ready and left immediately after securing the contents of the safe, which was about $75. Nothing else was taken from the store. Previous to blowing open Mr. Hazel's safe the thieves had entered Mr. Cruikshank's store and picked the lock of his safe and abstracted about $50.

The noise made by the thieves was heard by several of the neighbors, but little attention was paid to it until the explosion took place. Pursuit was instantly made, but they got to Middletown and took passage on the Norfolk and New York express for Wilmington. Several persons saw them and minute descriptions have been obtained of them. The police say they know them and want them on other charges. There has been a general overhauling of firearms and a determination to sleep lightly after midnight.—*Cecil News.*

SOMETHING ABOUT OYSTERS.

FAILURE OF THE BEDS—HOW TO KEEP UP THE SUPPLY—THE TAR KILLING BUSINESS.

In the Baltimore *Sun* of last Wednesday we find the following special dispatch dated Annapolis, Feb. 10:

"Oysters are becoming so scarce in these parts that several vessels have given up the business as a bad job. The stock for the most part is of a very inferior quality, and packers will not venture more than 30 or 35 cents per bushel which the oystermen say does not justify them for the trouble of catching them. Select oysters are in demand by packers, and bring from 70 to 75 cents a bushel, but few are to be had at any price. The season has been a very poor one for dredging.

A Baltimore vessel arrived today loaded with about 425 bushels, for which 35 cents were offered. The captain stated that he and his crew were 28 days in loading the vessel, and at the price given he would scarcely have enough to pay the crew and the grub bill, himself thrown out. He will turn the vessel over to the owner, feeling satisfied, he said, that oyster dredging is about played out. Hereafter, he says, he will endeavor to find employment in which there is more money and less exposure."

It is stated that the fears entertained by some of the oyster packers of Baltimore in the beginning of the season that the supply would fall short of the demand have been proven to be groundless. While there is a decided decrease of oysters on the beds, the vessels and men engaged in the trade are largely in excess of the number employed last season. They cover a larger territory, and are enabled to take up a sufficient supply of oysters. The prices have recently been ranging from thirty to sixty cents per bushel for cargoes of dredged oysters.

In speaking of the oyster trade Mr. W. H. Thompson, of Baltimore, who is well informed on the subject, said that there was a method for the protection of the beds, and the State could easily have all the exhausted beds replenished by the expenditure of some of the revenue derived from the trade and eventually create a larger revenue to the state. There are, he said, from four to six hundred square miles of exhausted beds in Maryland waters, which could be replanted, and being natural beds the oysters would be, in a year, ready for market. The idea of the matter is that the state should appropriate $100,000 a year, for two years, from the oyster fund, to be used in taking the young growth from the beds, where they never reach perfection, and placing them upon the exhausted grounds, which are naturally adapted to the rapid increase of the plants. This, he said, would ensure a lasting supply, pay the State, and keep the business out of the hands of monopolists. The young oysters, he stated, are being taken from our waters and carried East, where they are planted and grown, and then they are sold in competition with those of our market. He thinks that the State should not allow this very important branch of industry thus to be drawn from its borders. The business, he said, gave employment to many who would otherwise be out of work, and it would be no injustice for the State to spend some of the money derived from the oyster tax for the benefit of those whose hard toil created the fund, especially as it was evident that by doing so the trade could be kept at home and the revenue increased.

THE TAR KILLING DUCKS AND OYSTERS.

The Maryland Academy of Science held its regular meeting last Monday night, Dr. John Morris in the chair, and Edward Stabler secretary. Mr. A. P. Sharp called attention to the singular effects of tar in the waters near Swan Point and the bay in that vicinity, which he thought floated there from a fertilizer manufactory on the Patapsco river.

He was asked if the fish were dying from it, and replied they were able to get out of the way, perhaps. A member of the Academy said a gentleman reported the same effects at Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Mr. Leakin said there are great piles of oyster shells in the Kenebeck and Penobscot rivers, Maine, showing the Indians once caught abundance of oysters there, but it is said the oyster have been killed by the pine sawdust from the sawmills on those rivers.

Prof. Otto Lugger said the same effect on fish was reported from sawmills in Michigan. Laws for the protection of fish from this cause have been passed in Northern Europe.

Dr. Morris asked, ought there not to be legislation on the subject in Maryland? He said the tar might be burned. Incineration will be the mode of destruction for everything like refuse or sewerage in the future.

On motion of Mr. Oudenarde, a committee—Prof. P. R. Uhler, Otto Lugger and G. L. Smith—was appointed to investigate and report on the subject at the next meeting.

"Spoopendyke" Becomes an Indian Chief.—Despatches from Standing Rock Indian Agency, Dak., report that by the death of Chief Antelope a New York newspaper man becomes chief of the Tetons. The gentleman who enjoys this singular fortune is Stanley Huntley, who has contributed several sketches of Indian life to the city papers, and is a well-known humorist who writes for the Brooklyn *Eagle* over the signature of "Spoopendyke." Huntley gained the favor of Antelope's father while on a trip in the Northwest by caring him of a wound. The old chief adopted him, and Huntley now becomes chief by reason of the death of his adopted father and the Indian sons of the latter.

Col. A. K. McClure and party, of Philadelphia, visited the widow of ex-President Polk, at Nashville, Tenn., on their return from New Orleans last week, and were hospitably entertained by the venerable lady, who had a handsome refreshment table prepared in anticipation of the visit.

The 25-mile skating race for the amateur championship of the United States was won in New York Saturday by George D. Phillips in 1 hour 49 minutes and 22 seconds.

A gull, a crow and a black duck sailed down the Thames river in Connecticut last week on a cake of ice.

Farmers' State Convention.

The convention of Maryland farmers in Baltimore will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 24th and 25th. Hon. John M. Robinson has been selected as the presiding officer. The program embraces addresses by distinguished gentlemen and discussions of various important subjects of interest to the farming community. The Kent County Agricultural Association have selected the following delegates: Jno. W. Coray, Wm. W. Stephens and S. Vannort; alternates, Robert Nicholson, James Brice and Joseph H. Hossinger.

Annual Conferences.—The annual Wilmington Meth. Epis. conference will be held at Snow Hill March 12th. Railroads will sell tickets at half price between March 11th and 18th, both days included.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the Meth. Prot. Church will be held in Alexandria, Va., commencing on Wednesday, April 1st.

Our new jail has been completed and the county commissioners only await the presence and examination of the supervising architect, Mr. Neilson, before formally accepting it of the builder, H. M. Stuart. Mr. Neilson would have been over and made his inspection before this but for sickness. The new jail is not only admirably arranged and adapted to prison purposes, but it is really an ornamental structure, reflecting credit upon all concerned in its erection. When the sheriff moves into his new quarters the old jail will be torn down and the bricks utilized in the erection of the new jail enclosure. The latter work will hardly be commenced before spring opens.

A Cold Snap.—The severest cold of the winter so far in this latitude was on Tuesday night last and the following day and night. On Wednesday morning at seven o'clock our thermometer registered 4° above zero, and on Thursday morning at the same hour it was 10°. On the morning of the 19th December the thermometer registered 8°, which was the nearest approach to this week's cold we have yet had. We have heard of a number of thermometers in town which got down to within one or two degrees of zero Wednesday morning.

Yesterday afternoon the snow began to fall and soon covered the ground. The prospect at this writing is good for the deepest snow of the season.

What of the Peaches?—Some fruit growers express grave apprehensions lest the intense cold of the past week has frozen the peach buds and destroyed the germs of the hoped for crop of this important product. The loss of a peach crop this year would be especially afflictive to our farmers as their cereal crops the past year were very unremunerative and the outlook for wheat the present year is anything but encouraging. It is, of course, too early as yet to determine anything in regard to peaches.

Damage by the Storm.—In the upper part of this county considerable damage was done by the heavy wind and rain of Monday night. The roads and wheat fields in many places were very badly washed. In Cecil county the damage was greater still; the bridge across Big Elk Creek near Elkton was rendered impassable; the lower part of the town was overflowed, the gas-works submerged and the town left in darkness.

Prize Beef.—Mr. Brice has just slaughtered one of the finest beeves ever offered in this market. It was a young steer of 1,500 lbs., purchased of Mr. S. G. Lee, on the Baker farm. Fine steaks and roasts may be had at the market house this morning and next week.

The contract for 2,500 lbs. beef, to be furnished the Kent county almshouse, has been awarded to Mr. Brice, he being the lowest bidder.

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, Feb. 10.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

I. R. Leaverton, executor of Gary H. Leaverton, filed releases from Heurietta Leaverton and Garey H. Leaverton.

I. Richard Leaverton was appointed guardian to Arthur J. Leaverton, who filed his bond in the penal sum of $3,100.

Charles H. Baker, guardian to James T. DeCorse, filed his account for the year 1884.

The report of sale of the real estate of George W. Hall, deceased, as made and reported by Charles H. Baker, trustee, was ratified and confirmed.

Charles M. Sutton, adm'r of Andrew J. Sutton, filed his first and final administration acc't.

Public Sales.

In another column will be found advertised the valuable hotel property of Mr. H. S. Gatzmer in Crumpton, by Messrs. Wm. J. Vannort, Samuel Vannort and John H. Simpers, exec's.

A desirable small property near the village of Fairlee, owned by the late Capt. F. Wing, on Tuesday, February 24, by Wm. Kline, agent.

Vendue.—Wednesday, February 25, M. C. Rawleigh, near town, by C. H. Baker, attorney.

Farm Stock.—Farmers and others in want of mules or horses should read the advertisement of L. P. McDowell & Son, of Middletown, Del. This firm will have a large stock of Western mules on and after today, and after next Friday twenty head of fine young Western mares. It will pay those in want of stock to take a trip to Middletown and look through the Messrs. McDowell's stables.

Skating Rinks are becoming fashionable in the cities, and in a number of towns on the Eastern Shore these "institutions" have been inaugurated and are said to pay handsome dividends. One is talked of in Chestertown.

A Handsome Donation.—Hon. George Hawkins Williams has presented through William Gould, Esq., to the P. E. Church in Church Hill, a pipe organ worth $1,000. Mr. Williams has made other munificent donations to the same church.

The Centreville National Bank is to have a Savings Bank Department, in which money will be received on deposit in sums of not less than $1.00, and the deposit for any one person shall not exceed $1,000 in four months. The rules are similar to savings banks generally.

"The New Era" is the title of a new paper published at Middletown, Del., by Freeman & Reeve; F. W. Reeve, editor. It is one of the handsomest of the peninsula journals and is well edited. We extend our best wishes.

"If the editors of the *Kent News* could be induced for once to leave off 'hog and hominy' and try a well prepared Delaware marsh muskrat, we fancy we should hear them exclaim that it was a dish 'fit for the gods.'"—*Smyr. Times.*

We'll take the "hog and hominy" every time when the choice is between that and the "Delaware marsh muskrat."

Conference Anniversaries.—The Peninsular *Methodist* gives the following list of anniversaries to be celebrated at the annual meeting of the Wilmington M. E. Conference to be held at Snow Hill, Md.:

Wednesday night, March 11th—Temperance sermon, W. H. Hutchin.

Thursday night—Freedman's Aid Society: speakers, W. S. Robinson and W. M. Frysinger, D. D.

Friday afternoon—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society: speakers, W. E. Avery, D. D., L. W. Layfield, Mr. E. B. Stevens.

Friday night—Missionary: speakers, T. E. Terry, E. L. Hubbard, C. C. McCabe, D. D.

Saturday afternoon—Education: speakers, A. Smith, B. D., W. E. England. Sunday School Union: speakers, R. C. Jones, B. C. Warren.

Saturday night—Temperance: speakers, J. E. Mowbray, E. E. Roberts, J. D. C. Hanna.

Monday afternoon—Conference stewards: speakers Walter Thompson, Esq., J. F. Williamson, Esq.

Monday night—Church extension: speakers, J. P. Otis, A. J. Kynett, D. D.

Tuesday night—Missionary sermon: J. B. Merritt. Missionary report, A. G. Cox, secy.

Personal Items.

Queen Anne's will be well represented by visitors to the great New Orleans Exposition. Col. Wm. McKenney, John B. Brown and J. Hersey Hall, Esqs., left last Thursday for a sojourn of several weeks; J. Fletcher Rolph and W. Hopper Gibson, Esqs., left on Monday, and Miss Anne Bryan and Mrs. W. S. Roberts on Wednesday.

Mrs. Pearce, mother of Jas. A. Pearce, Esq., of this town has been quite ill for ten days past.

Mr. W. E. B. Faithful and Mrs. Lydie Cook, of Church Hill, have been dangerously ill for a week past. Mrs. Cook is the wife of Mr. Benj. E. Cook and a daughter of Mr. F. Aldridge of this town.

W. R. Parks, of Still Pond, was reported ill of typhoid fever last Thursday.

Paul Graham, the interesting 8-year old son of Rev. Walter R. Graham, now stationed in Philadelphia, is seriously ill of typhoid-malaria; his death was momentarily expected on Monday but he has since improved.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of George J. Meekins, Esq., county treasurer of Dorchester, and Mrs. A. G. Lyden, of Denton, on Tuesday, 17th instant.

The Revival Meetings at the Meth. Episcopal Church in this town have been increasing in interest since the first day of their commencement, which was on last Sunday week. Mrs. Kenney, the lady evangelist from Philadelphia, who has the general management of the meeting, is an untiring worker, and has succeeded in arousing not only the membership of this church but other professing Christians who have come under her influence to more earnest endeavors for the cause they espouse and a higher degree of grace. Crowded congregations attend the services every evening, and during the day meetings are held for special classes of persons. Many penitents have been forward to the altar and professed conversion. Mrs. Kenney does not undertake to preach but delivers earnest exhortations and effectively sings her way into the interest and hearts of her hearers. She is specially zealous in advocating the sanctification of believers, and spends much of her time in labors to this end.

Revivals Elsewhere.—The greatest revival known in Talbot county for years is now in progress at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Easton. Major Hilton, of Washington, conducted the services last week.

Rev. J. S. Bowers, of Cambridge, has a most successful revival in progress in his church in that town; 25 conversions is the result of the first two weeks.

Rev. A. S. Hoblitzell, of the Pocomoke Meth. Prot. Church, is also in the midst of a splendid revival in his church. His numerous friends here will regret to learn that he has recently had a severe spell of sickness.

Rev. D. L. Greenfield is assisting Dr. L. W. Bates in revival work in Centreville.

Held for Court.—John Pearce, a white man, was arrested by Officer Simpson some time since on the charge of stealing a beef hide from Butcher Thompson's slaughter house. Pearce took the hide to S. W. Rawleigh, our up-town butcher, and tried to sell it to him, stating that he had procured it from a man named Sam Miller who lived on the road to Tolchester. Mr. Rawleigh thought the circumstances rather suspicious and put the officer on his track. A hearing was had before Justice Wheatley and the man was committed to jail in default of bail for court. Pearce is about thirty years old and was one of the almshouse "guests" some time back.

"Hanesville" Sold.—Messrs. Vannort and Simpers, mortgagees, sold last Thursday the property known as Hanesville, at public sale. It was struck off to Mrs. A. A. Vannort for $725. This property consists of a dwelling, store-house, and other buildings, and at one time was a fair business stand. It was built by the late Daniel Hanes, and the store was for years conducted by Augustus L. Vannort, now deceased. Mr. J. W. Collins was the last occupant of the property.

The house and lot at Worton Station, offered for sale on the same day by M. deK. Smith, attorney for the Chester Loan Association, was bid in by the association at $375.

A Brilliant Affair at Fairlee.—A grand "Martha Washington Tea-Party" will be held in the Grange Hall at Fairlee next Thursday evening, for the benefit of Salem M. E. Church. Be sure and attend it.

Remember the musical and literary entertainment at Bond M. E. Church February 24th and 25th. The readings of Rev. T. O. Crouse will be worth more than the price of admission.

MARRIED

In Chestertown, Feb. 11, 1885, by Rev. W. M. Strayer, WILLIAM C. GOODHAND and Miss FLORENCE M. LYNCH.

At the residence of Mr. Bartus Wilkins, near Rock Hall, January 26, by Rev. T. O. Crouse, JOSEPH HERMAN HILL and Miss MATILDA A. GRULKEY, both of this county.

On the 4th inst., at Chesapeake Parsonage, by the same, JOHN THOMAS McCLAIN and Mss. TABITHA WHEAT, both of this county.

DIED.

Near Fairlee, on the 4th instant, JAMES RAMAGE, aged about 60 years.

February 8, Mss. MELISSA MASLIN, wife of George L. Maslin, Jr., a patient in the Maryland Hospital from the 5th district, since June 3, '75.

Divine service, sermon and holy communion at I. U. Church on 4th Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 11 A. M. J. MARTIN.

Janes M. E. CHURCH—A great day for the endowment fund of Centenary Biblical Institute Sunday (to-morrow.) Preaching at 10½ A. M., by Rev. Dr. Frysinger; 3 P. M., by Rev. Dr. Roberts, of P. E. Church, Chestertown; 7.30 P. M., Rev. Dr. Frysinger. Public welcome.—Seats free. J. Hudson Riddick, Pastor.

3,000 CHESTNUT RAILS for sale. Apply to THOS. W. SKIRVEN, fe7-3t* Fairlee.

TOWN TAXES.

TOWN TAXES for 1884 are past due; call and settle to save interest. Those in arrears for 1883 will find their property advertised very shortly. JOS. N. WHEATLEY, j31-3t. Collector.

ORCHARD GRASS SEED FOR SALE.

Six or Seven Hundred Bushels. Apply to F. BAKER SAMUEL W. BROWN, j31-3t. Pomona, Md.

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NOTICE.—All creditors of the "KENT GUARDS" are requested to forward their accounts to Lieut. R. R. Calder within Thirty (30) days from this date or else be excluded from any claim on said company.

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Messrs. Plummer & Ubilton, Editors Kent News: Gents.—Please say that I have withdrawn my name used as one of the keepers of the light-house. Your obedient friend, LEMUEL STEVENS. Swan Point, Feb. 12, 1885—1t.

FOR RENT for the present year: HOUSE, STABLING and THIRTY ACRES OF LAND. For further particulars apply to the undersigned. S. J. WICKES, fe14-3t. Near Grey's Inn Creek.

A Musical & Literary Entertainment!

Will be held at BOND M. E. CHURCH, February 24th and 25th. The services of the Rev. T. O. Crouse have been secured for the first evening. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Entertainment to commence at 7½ o'clock. Tickets, 25 cents; Children, 15 cents. Proceeds for the benefit of the parsonage. fe14-2t.*

MARTHA WASHINGTON TEA PARTY!

Brilliant Affair in Fairlee!

"YE OLDEN TIMES" fully represented in the GRANGE HALL, on THURSDAY EVENING, Feb'ry 19, 1885 the ladies of the Aid Society of Salem Church will prepare an epicurean SUPPER. The public is respectfully invited to be present and to partake of this delicious repast, to behold Martha and George in their senility, to listen to the enchanting strains of the "Pomona Trombones" and to have a good time generally.

Supper 50 cts. and from 6 to 8 P. M.

Proceeds for the benefit of Salem Church.

1t. By order LADIES' AID S. S. CHURCH.

30 DAYS GRACE!

Thirty Days Grace, from this date, will be given all parties who have not settled for Taxes for 1883, and then I shall proceed to collect without fear or favor. NATH'L VOSHELL, Feb. 14, 1885—4t. Coll. 5th Dist.

FORD'S LATE.—Best and most profitable LATE WHITE PEACH; 50,000 Trees, including leading varieties. WILLIAM'S EARLY RED, one of the most desirable Early Apples. Good stock Apple Trees, embracing most popular kinds. Early Richmond, Montmorency and other choice Cherries. Grapes, Strawberries, Raspberries, new and older varieties. 100,000 2-year-old Asparagus roots. Large stock Shade and Ornamental Trees. Send for catalogue. S. E. ROGERS & SON, fe14-4t. Mt. Holly, N. J.

NOTICE.—I shall have on sale Saturday (today) a very fine BEEF, and also on Tuesday next something hard to beat to all lovers of good Beef. I purchased this Beef of Mr. Tyler Brice in Eastern Neck. Persons who know Mr. Brice know he has the feed to make good beef, and I shall be happy to sell this beef to all who may favor me with a call. As trying it is the best way to prove what I say, I hope the public will try it, and I know it will be to their full satisfaction. Yours, most respectfully, B. THOMPSON, Butcher, fe7-2t. opp. Vosbell House.

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WE ARE NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR CHOICE Western Clover Seed which we propose to furnish at a very close profit.

TERMS CASH or exchange for Grain.

TURNER BROS., Feb. 14, 1885. BETTERTON.

In the matter of Benjamin F. Vansant, Insolvent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all the creditors of Benjamin F. Vansant to meet at the Court House in Chestertown, Kent county, Md., on FRIDAY, Feb'ry 20, 1885, AT THREE O'CLOCK P. M., to file and prove their claims and elect a permanent trustee for the estate of said Benj. F. Vansant.

CHARLES T. WESTCOTT, 1t. Preliminary Trustee.

SOAPS For Toilet Purposes.

Beware of using the Common Soaps in the market! Many Skin Diseases are brought on by using common soap! We have been very careful in making our selections and we believe have the best in town. COLIN F. STAM, feb7. Druggist.

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