msa_sc2901_scm1625-0313 © Maryland State Archives

Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....May 2, 1885.

Meeting of County Executive Committee.

The Democratic County Executive Committee will meet at the Court House in Chestertown on Monday, May 12th, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of fixing upon a day for making nominations and other necessary business.

W. S. WALKER,
May 1st, 1885. Chairman Co. Ex. Com.

THE BALTIMORE POSTMASTERSHIP.—Postmaster Adreon's term of office expires on Tuesday next. Those in a position to know say there is no prospect of his reappointment, but that a good democratic business man will succeed him.

GEN. LOGAN denies that he is in any way an obstruction to the election of a United States Senator in Illinois. He tells his republican friends that whenever they can see their way clear to elect any other republican than himself Senator they are at liberty to call a new caucus to make the effort.

OPPOSED TO POLITICAL TEMPERANCE.—Rev. T. L. Poulson, one of the founders of the State Temperance Alliance, and one of the most active workers, has withdrawn from the organization. He was the leader of the opposition to the political activity of the Alliance.

THE managers of the Cecil County Agricultural Society at their recent meeting decided to hold the spring fair but three days. The dates are June 2, 3 and 4. A programme of attractions was agreed upon. There will be six trotting races, each for a purse of $400. This class range from 2:27 to 2.50. There will be seven running races for purses of from $75 to $150.

GEN. MCCLELLAN'S VISIT TO ANTIETAM.—Gen. George B. McClellan's visit to Antietam National Cemetery, on the 30th of May, on which occasion he will deliver the Decoration Day address, will be the first he has paid that famous battle-field since the battle, although it was in that engagement that his fame reached its zenith. While in Hagerstown General McClellan will be the guest of Col. H. Kyd Douglas, who was on the staff with Stonewall Jackson at Antietam.

THE CZAR has sent an ultimatum to Great Britain insisting on the Russian boundary. Mr. Gladstone's speech on Monday on the vote of credit appears to have dispelled any notion abroad that England will make any concession to Russia. It was announced in the House of Commons on Wednesday that Russian troops had occupied Meruchak, within the line, it is explained, of the frontier claimed by Russia but which England does not concede. It is believed that war is imminent.

THE PRESIDENT AFRAID OF GROWING FAT.—President Cleveland has already begun preparations for going to the Soldiers' Home, to which place he will remove much earlier than was expected. The President says that one of his reasons for expediting the removal was his health, which is becoming a little "bilious," as he expressed it. "It is three miles from the Soldiers' Home to the White House, and I shall probably walk the distance now and then for exercise. In Albany I walked three miles daily, to and fro between my home and the executive office." Mr. Cleveland has gained 18 pounds in weight as a result of his sedentary habits since he has been in Washington, and his moral horror of obesity prompts him to pedestrian exercise.

GEN. SHERIDAN AT WAR WITH THE WAR DEPARTMENT.—Gen. Sheridan modestly supposes that he does not need to look to the Secretary of War for orders on a number of matters which the law and the custom of the War Department have placed under the control of the latter official. Secretary Lincoln found it necessary to intimate to the General that he was necessarily adding to the burden of his duties. His hints having failed to have the proper effect, the President will, it is said, venture to request the General to take a rest in regard to the matters under discussion. The particular thing he is charged with doing is ordering troops about the country at his own discretion, and at no little expense to the tax-payers.

THE PROBABILITIES OF WAR.—Ex-Gov. Curtin is reported to have said in an interview regarding the probabilities of the war between England and Russia: "It looks inevitable at present. War is a necessity now to the perpetuation of the Russian dynasty. War between England and Russia will agitate the whole world. It will naturally excite us in this country. If the war lasts some time, and there is every reason to believe it will be a protracted one, it will cause a demand for many of our products. Of course, after war shall have been declared, we can't sell arms and munitions legitimately, but it will be done. It will be done clandestinely, no doubt, to a very great extent. But we can sell legitimately the raw materials which go to make up the materials of war, and that will increase trade. Then in the event of a protracted war, our breadstuffs and kindred products will be in demand. It will be a war which will shake all of Europe."

THE Williams murder trial in Somerset county is not yet concluded. The tax-payers of the county are grumbling over the costs. It is estimated that the present trial will cost $5,000. The expenses of the jury alone are $100 per day. Over 100 witnesses were summoned. Within a year there have been two murder trials, which together cost the county $6,000. This makes $11,000 in all as the result of the killing of three people. Two of the defendants were penniless, and the present defendant pays taxes on less than $500 worth of property. The result of these trials has been to increase the tax-rate from 15 cents to 20 cents per $100. The prisoner testified in his own behalf on Wednesday and the case was probably given to the jury Thursday evening.

THE Postmaster-General has issued a circular order to postmasters explanatory of the changes made by Congress at the last session in the rates of postages. The postmasters are informed that on and after July 1 the rates of all domestic first-class matter, including drop letter-carrier offices, will be two cents per ounce or fraction thereof, instead of two cents per half ounce. This change will apply to mail addressed to Canada, but not to other foreign mails. To provide for wants that may arise from the change in the rate on second-class matter or newspapers mailed by publishers from two cents to one cent per pound, the department has decided to issue a newspaper and periodical stamp of the denomination of one cent, the design and color of which will be the same as those of the present series. They will be ready for issue on June 1.

THE gardener of the Johns Hopkins estate, in Baltimore county, has cultivated figs for the past twenty-five years with success, having never failed to secure a crop. He gives the method of treatment as follows: From the 10th to the 20th of November we dig a trench around the bushes, cutting away about half the roots they have made during the season, when the bushes were growing vigorously, and less when they are not so robust, bending down the branches to the ground in the form of a cross, and covering them with earth from the trenches from three to four inches in thickness, and in spring uncovering them from the 1st to the 10th of April. They bear fruit abundantly, ripening about the 1st of July, and continuing to bear until November.

MR. GEORGE SPAT, of Church Hill, has two yearling heifers which have calved this spring. One is a year and the other is eleven months old.

MARYLAND POLITICS.

General Bradley T. Johnson Presenting His Claims to Secretary Manning.

A special Washington dispatch to the Baltimore *Sun* of Monday states that Gen. Bradley T. Johnson had a long interview with Secretary Manning at the treasury department on Saturday. He warmly recommended the appointment of Mr. Richard D. Johnson, of Allegany county, to succeed Mr. J. Henry Sellman as collector of internal revenue for Maryland. Although there was a room full of people, General Johnson claimed the Secretary's attention for a considerable period. He did all the talking, and the Secretary simply noded his head while the General talked. Gen. Johnson said that Mr. Johnson was in every way qualified for the position, and was just such a man as the present administration desires and needs in conducting the public business. If there was any responsible person in the State of Maryland who could say one word against Mr. Johnson's honor, integrity or business qualifications, he (Gen. Johnson) was ready to withdraw the application. Mr. Johnson did not seek the office, but many of the representative men of the State desire that he should have it. Among his indorsers were ex-Gov. William T. Hamilton, Jas. Alfred Pearce, J. B. Brown, Gen. Hardcastle, J. U. Dennis, Charles Marshall, Wm. Walsh, E. B. Prettyman and H. W. Archer. Gen. Johnson said the apprehension was general in the State of Maryland that the federal patronage of the State was to be used to promote the fortunes of one gentleman and secure his re-election to the Senate. That impression, he thought, was exceedingly injurious to the party. He did not share in it, and he urged the Secretary by some public act to demonstrate that it was without foundation. That public act, he claimed, could only be by the appointment of a man to some conspicuous place who it will be apparent was selected because of his qualifications and fitness, and not for personal considerations.

He said that gentlemen of his views considered it extremely important that the federal patronage should be kept out of the local political struggles in Maryland. He did not ask that any appointment should be made for the purpose of injuring any gentleman's political aspirations, but urged that it should be equally understood that it was not to be used in favor of any one. It ought, he thought, to be bestowed upon the whole democratic party of the State, and not for or against any one. The experience of the republican party in New York in the case of Secretary Folger showed how the people would resent any interference by the federal administration in their local affairs. Gen. Johnson then gave a brief view of the political situation in Maryland from his standpoint.

The Secretary, in reply, said he would bear in mind what Gen. Johnson had said on the subject.

Before Gen. Johnson had concluded his interview Mr. Sprigg Harwood of Annapolis, entered with a delegation composed of Dr. Owen, Augustus Hall, Thomas J. Nutwell, Isaac Nutwell, A. K. Starling and George N. Potee, who called to introduce the application of Dr. Wells for the internal revenue collectorship. Mr. Harwood's party did not consume much of the Secretary's time, and they soon joined Gen. Johnson in the hall, and a combination was formed to move on the Postmaster-General. At the Postoffice Department Gen. Johnson encountered Senator Gorman, to whom he repeated what he had said to Secretary Manning, and added that he wished Mr. Gorman had been present. Mr. Gorman said he did not know any necessity for his presence. His views were not the same, and they were both very well aware of that. Gen. Johnson, he said, and every other citizen of Maryland had the right and the privilege to present their views to the administration, and this was all that he has ever claimed.

It was pretty well understood at the Capitol and at the White House that none of the federal officeholders who have a fixed time to serve will be disturbed except for cause, until the expiration of their present terms.

The Postoffice officials do not appear to know who is to draw the prize of the postmastership, or if they do they are keeping the secret to themselves. Up to date there are four applications regularly on file, James R. Brown, John W. Horn, Sidney Kempton and H. J. Chilton. There are several other persons whose names have been brought to the attention of the Postmaster-General.

For Senator Gorman.

In discussing the prospective legislative nominations in Talbot county a writer in the Easton *Star* says "the feeling in this county is so pronounced and enthusiastic in favor of Mr. Gorman's re-election to the U. S. Senate, it will not be safe to place before the people any man, either for the Senate or House of Delegates, who is not outspoken and pronounced in favor of Mr. Gorman's being his own successor."

The same is true in regard to Kent. The people generally are in favor of Senator Gorman over any man that could be named for United States Senator, and it would not be worth while for the politicians to kick against it, even were they so disposed. Mr. Gorman has only to persue a sound political policy to insure his re-election by an overwhelming vote.

A Change for the Better.

The following is clipped from a leading republican daily of Baltimore:

"The *Morning Herald* is no admirer of Mr. Bayard. It considers him to be a much overrated man, who has allowed the incense of newspaper adulation to puff him up unseemly; but it prefers his blunders to such as Mr. Manning makes. Bayard disgusts only the politicians; Manning disgusts all decent people and shakes the public faith in the reform professions of the administration. When Bayard names a fool or a knave we will believe that he was misled; when Manning names a rascal we know that he does it deliberately and with the intent to use him as only a rascal would permit himself to be used."

It has been pointedly remarked that "Stalwarts howl when Democrats go in and Democrats cry when Independents get the prize. The Mugwumps alone are happy."

An overflow of vituperation like the above from such a good republican source indicates that the administration is not being run to please its enemies exclusively. When the powers that be are in full accord with the sentiment of the country which called it into being, then we may expect a howl of abuse all along the line!

A Flaw in the Oyster Law.

In the United States Circuit Court in Baltimore on Tuesday last Judge Bond rendered his decision in the habeas corpus case of Capt. Geo. H. Insley, charged with an infringement of the general oyster law of 1884 in carry oysters without a license. He declares the provisions of the act imposing a tonnage tax of $3 per ton for carrying oysters to be contrary to the constitution of the United States and therefore void, because it requires the petitioner to pay a tonnage tax on his vessel without the consent of Congress. This decision would seem to involve the restitution by the State of the fees exacted of owners and masters of vessels for carrying oysters, and to settle the question as to whether the State can impose this form of tax for carrying oysters even within the boundaries of the State. The general oyster law of 1884 occupied a great deal of the time and attention of the Legislature, which seems nevertheless to have acted finally without maturely considering and perfecting the measures which it sought to incorporate into law. A special dispatch to the *Sun* from Annapolis says: Gen. Bradley T. Johnson was at Annapolis today and arranged to have the case against Capt. Geo. H. Insley, who has been indicted by the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel county for violating the oyster law, taken up Thursday. Insley had been discharged from custody by Judge Bond under habeas corpus in a similar case, and his counsel has entered a demurrer to the present indictment, based on that decision.

Comptroller Turner stated that the question of carrying oysters without license could not be considered as definitely settled until the question had been decided by our Court of Appeals, where he supposes the question would be sure to go for adjudication.

The State, he said, has realized very nearly $100,000 during the past year from the new oyster law. Should its provisions requiring a license to carry oysters be decided unconstitutional, those whose business was confined exclusively to carrying oysters would be entitled to a return of their money. The State would thus be subjected to considerable loss in this branch of her revenue.

A COLORED CRANK made his appearance in Washington and at the White House door last Wednesday. When the doorkeeper asked him what he wanted he replied that he was King Solomon, and had come to take possession of the palace. When he was told to come back next week he blandly said that he would, but warned the doorkeeper that he would return on Monday with 300 ship-loads of gold and 700 wives.

COURT NOTES.

The session of the grand jury at the recent April term was longer than for several years, with a single exception. That body expressed its opinion in unmistakable terms upon the question of fertilizer storage. It is given in another column. It is unfortunate that the Court had not the opportunity to weigh the merits of the case also, thereby settling the matter.

We did not undertake last week to give a verbatim report of the court's opinion in the Hall whiskey case. Only the substance was aimed at. Subsequent developments have justified the court's view touching the lease submitted by the defense; the bench warrant sent to the sheriff of Talbot county for "Theodore Stevens"—it being reported that he lived in Easton—has been returned with the information that no such person is believed to have an existence in that county.

The Parsons forgery case was reached on Saturday. This case has excited considerable interest in the county, and especially in the neighborhood—Worton—where he lived. He was a young man of excellent address and good family and had numerous friends. He had but recently married a beautiful and intelligent girl, and altogether his future appeared to open up in brightest colors. But in a fatal hour the tempter overcame him, and he fell! He was arrested on the 12th of last August for forgery and for eight months has lain in jail; at the last October term his counsel took advantage of a flaw in the indictment, and the court held him for another grand jury. On Saturday morning when he entered the court-room he greeted numbers of his acquaintances as he passed through the throngs of spectators on his way to the prisoner's box. His counsel, Messrs. Hynson and Pearce, were in the bar ready to defend him, while the State's Attorney, Mr. Smith, was sure of his case. The clerk arraigned him and then came the question, "Are you guilty or not guilty of the matter whereof you stand indicted?" The prisoner in a low tone answered, "Guilty." The utmost quiet prevailed. The court eyed the prisoner curiously for a moment, and then Judge Wickes questioned him: "What is your age?" Prisoner—"Twenty-eight." Judge—"Are you married?" Prisoner—"Yes, sir." Judge—"Have you children?" Prisoner—"Yes, sir." After consulting with Judge Stump, the sentence of six years in the penitentiary was pronounced, prefaced by appropriate reference to the crime and the leniency with which the prisoner was treated. Other cases against him had been *stetted* which if tried would have necessitated a life-long sentence. He was returned to the jail apparently satisfied with his sentence.

In the Connelly & DeFord cases quite an array of counsel appeared, as will be seen by the report elsewhere. Col. Bryant is one of Caroline county's legal lights, and his colleague in the case from the same county is a young barrister of fine talent. These cases excited more interest than any tried during the term. Mr. Connelly's case was tried first. It was commenced on Tuesday morning and concluded about noon on Thursday, including a session Wednesday night, and the court-room was crowded all the time. The trial was shortened many hours by the submission of the case without argument. When the jury came in with their verdict on Thursday every one listened with breathless interest and when the foreman uttered the words "Not guilty," there was a general sense of relief. Mr. Connelly had the sympathy of the whole community in the severe ordeal through which he passed.

In deciding one of the whiskey cases before the court Judge Stump remarked that the Legislature had no right to enact such a provision as is contained in our present local option law, to wit: "Pharmacists and druggists shall be liable for the acts of their clerks, agents and assistants with reference to the matters and things herein contained." He enforced his opinion by the remark: That should a druggist's clerk sell a man arsenic in place of proper medicine and the man die in consequence, it would be preposterous to undertake to hold the proprietor himself responsible, and any enactment to this effect by a legislative body would be clearly unconstitutional.

A witness in a case which was tried on Thursday failed to put in appearance when his name was called. An attachment was issued, and when he was brought before the court and explained his failure to respond, Judge Stump fined him $10, remarking that it was more difficult to get witnesses before this court than any other in the circuit.

The court-house was well filled yesterday morning to hear the DeFord case, but by agreement of counsel and the somewhat reluctant consent of the court it was postponed until the October term.

THE LADY EVANGELISTS BACK AGAIN.—Mrs. Kenney, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Stewart, of Philadelphia, who conducted the late memorable revival meetings in the M. E. Church of this town, came down from that city on Thursday and attended the regular weekly meeting for the promotion of Christian holiness in the above church the same evening. Yesterday they held an all-day meeting, the morning services being conducted by Mrs. Smith, those in the afternoon by Mrs. Kenney, and Mrs. Stewart speaking in the evening. They will also have charge of the services tomorrow (Sunday) evening in the same church.

PEACHES ON THE PENINSULA.—Specials to the Wilmington *Every Evening* from all over the peach-growing districts of the peninsula concur in predicting an unusually large crop, unless some unforeseen and unexpected disaster shall occur.

An Epidemic in Pennsylvania.

A telegram from Wilkesbarre, Pa., dated April 27th, says:

An epidemic of a disease resembling typhoid fever is raging in Plymouth, Pa., a small town 3 miles from Wilkesbarre. There are upwards of 600 cases of sickness. Fifteen deaths occurred Saturday and thirteen on Friday. The physicians are unable to stay the spread of the disease, which is due to the bad sanitary condition of the town, there being no sewers or gutters to carry off refuse.

The frightful epidemic prevailing at Plymouth has practically stopped all business in that town except at the drug stores and undertaking establishments. Six deaths from typhoid-malarial fever have taken place since yesterday and there were nine funerals today. The whole town appears to be in mourning.

At a meeting of the borough council last night the cause of the pestilence was fully discussed, and it was decided to clean the streets, alleys and back yards at once. When this work is accomplished a project for the building of sewers throughout the town will be submitted to the vote of the people. The water company of the village having made a careful investigation, have notified the council that they were supplying pure, wholesome water, and that one chief cause of the epidemic was that a large portion of the village was supplied with water from wells which had become polluted. A heavy shower fell in Plymouth and its vicinity this morning and did much towards cleaning the filthy streets.

SIMPSON—PARROTT.—The marriage of Mr. Walter B. Simpson and Miss Emma F. Parrott took place at the M. E. Church in this town yesterday morning at half-past 8 o'clock. The bride wore a traveling suit of dark material and the groom the conventional black. The ushers, Messrs. J. Fletcher Rolph, Wm. L. Holton, T. Sudler Roberts and Frank Keating, preceded the bridal couple to the altar. They all wore full dress suits. Rev. J. A. Arters officiated. The bridal couple left by steamer Emma A. Ford for an extended trip to Washington and Virginia.—*Cent. Record, Thursday.*

THE census of 1880 gave Texas a population of 1,597,618. Gov. Ireland, of that State, now places it at 2,750,000. If correct, this would indicate an increase of about 75 per cent. in four years—an increase unequaled by any of the old States.

DEAD IN A DENTIST'S CHAIR.—Mrs. Ella Shay, a young married lady, died while under the influence of chloroform while seated in a dentist's chair, in Chicago. The dentist states that she requested that chloroform be administered to her. The police are investigating the case.

HOW THEY PLAYED THEIR LITTLE GAME—AND GOT CAUGHT.—The usual number of thieves and swindlers that follow in the wake of a circus were in town last Monday. They were not at all successful here however this time, though they tried various new schemes to plunder the unwary. During the evening an "innocent" looking fellow entered the store of Mr. Wm. A. Wheatley and purchased a penknife for 50 cts. A twenty-dollar note was given in payment and the proper change received, when the fellow started out, but discovering that he had fifty cents he returned and asked Mr. W. to return him his twenty-dollar note and receive his change and the fifty-cent piece. The request was promptly complied with and the man departed. Mr. Wheatley, when he carefully counted his money again, found that the penknife transaction had left him just ten dollars short! He at once started in pursuit of the swindler, and learning that his neighbor, Mr. Goslee, had just had a similar trick played upon him, they made common cause. Going to the show grounds it was not long before they located the fellow in one of the circus cars and Officer Simpson was notified of the facts. The latter, with Messrs. T. J. Joiner, W. O. Dugan and Joseph Parsons, went for the swindler. He was found surrounded by congenial spirits and inclined to behave ugly. The officer and his posse, however, acted promptly, and in a little while had the "nippers" on the man they wanted. Taking him before Justice Wheatley he was about to be committed to jail, when his "brother" appeared in his behalf and offered to pay all damages if he could be allowed to go. This proposition was accepted and the "brother" handed over the very twenty-dollar note that had been used to perpetrate the swindles named, thus indicating his connection with the perpetrator to be different from that of a brother. They were glad to get off so easily. The principal swindler gave his name as Harry White, which, of course, was fictitious; he was of medium build, dark complexion, with short, black hair and smooth face.

The same game as the above was tried upon Mr. W. C. A. Thompson, up town, and others, but without success.

DEATH OF A WELL KNOWN FORMER KENT COUNTIAN.—Mr. Edwin Crouch, a former resident of this county, where he filled various offices of profit and trust, died in Baltimore on Thursday of last week, aged about 76 years. Mr. Crouch was elected sheriff of this county in 1859, was tax collector of the first district in 1865-66, and was elected register of wills in 1867, serving until 1873. In the latter year he was a candidate for re-election and in the nomination carried the third and fourth districts, Mr. Samuel Comegys, his opponent, carrying the second and fifth, and tying in the first district. Another nomination election was ordered in the first district, to take place two weeks from the date of the first, which, after an animated contest between the friends of the respective candidates, resulted in another tie. This was perhaps the greatest anomaly that ever took place in Kent county politics and resulted in the retirement of both candidates. When the nominating convention met, Mr. William Stevens, who had run as a candidate for clerk of the circuit court against Mr. D. C. Blackiston, was prevailed upon to accept the place on the ticket for register and was elected. Mr. Crouch removed to Baltimore in 1875 and obtained employment in one of the tobacco warehouses. For several years past he had been in feeble health and his mind had also become somewhat impaired. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters.

THE CIRCUS.—Frank Robbins' Circus exhibited in Chestertown last Monday. The street parade was not so extensive as others that have visited us, but the show itself is reported to be fully up to O'Brien's. The canvas was large and two rings and a platform were used. The attendance both morning and evening was far below that of former exhibitions of the kind in Chestertown, the falling off being notably in the white people. The "show pictures" drew about the usual number of colored patrons. The failure to spend a few dollars in newspaper advertising here without a doubt cost the concern fully five hundred dollars.

PROF. TWIFORD'S ADDRESS.—The Mt. Vernon Literary Society of Washington College celebrated its thirty-eighth anniversary Friday evening by an address delivered by the junior professor, A. E. Twiford. His subject was, "The Drama" and "The Dramatic Arts." He first treated of the drama, and then proceeded to prove the dramatist an artist. The Kent Cornet Band was in attendance and discoursed fine music. A large audience was present.

TOWN ELECTION.—The election for commissioner of Chestertown held last Monday excited very little interest. Only seventy-nine votes were cast, all of which were for Mr. John F. Howard, our Court street harness-maker. He will no doubt make a good "city father." J. A. Pearce and C. T. Westcott, Esqs., are the two members holding over.

HAIL.—The "April showers" of last Tuesday were mingled with considerable hail. In Chestertown it pelted the windows and almost covered the ground for a little while, and in other sections of the county the fall was much heavier. High wind and colder weather followed.

WHICH?—The Centreville *Record* wants the thinking residents of that town to seriously consider the question, "which is of the greatest importance, the health of the people thereof, or the continuance of the pig-sty nuisance?"

THE next meeting of the Easton District Preachers' Association will be held in Chestertown May 26 and 27. The curators appointed are Revs. J. D. Kemp, E. C. Macnichol and J. M. Lindale.

GEO. M. RUSUM, Esq., requests the Denton *Union* to state that he does not wish to be considered a candidate for clerk of the circuit court.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—The communication of "Obscure," from Edesville, being unaccompanied with the writer's name, is declined.

QUEEN ANNE'S COURT.—The May term of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's county will convene on Monday next.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, April 28.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

The last will and testament of Eliza Baker, and the last will and testament of Annie E. Taylor were admitted to probate.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.—Minutes of the meeting held the first Tuesday in April. Devotional exercises led by Mrs. M. E. Brown. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted. Complimentary and encouraging letters read from Mrs. Dr. J. C. Thomas, State president of the W. C. T. U. Motion adopted that Mrs. J. W. Corey read an original essay at our next meeting. The following petition has been presented to the official boards of the Methodist churches of Chestertown:

"We, the officers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kent County, do hereby petition your high authority to abolish the use of intoxicating wine at the Lord's table in consideration of our 'weaker brother,' substituting unfermented wine, which can be obtained at the M. E. Book Rooms, in Philadelphia."

Signed:—President, Mrs. M. E. Brown; vice-president, Mrs. Corson; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. D. Burchinal; rec. secretary, Mrs. M. E. Usilton; cor. secretary, Mrs. J. W. Corey.

Parlor meetings have been resumed and we trust at least to make them profitable, as in our Christian endeavor we are trying to do something toward lifting the veil of dissipation that has long been drawn over this fair land of ours and sowing the seed of temperance reform. Our next meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 5, in the M. E. Church. RECORDING SECRETARY.

AN order for twenty-five thousand dozens of undershirts has been received from Russia by a knit goods manufacturer of Troy, N. Y. It is supposed that these are for army use. The order will tax the utmost capacity of the establishment for eight months.

BURNED TO DEATH.—Mrs. Morris, wife of Wm. W. Morris, overseer on Mr. George Beck's farm in Broad Neck, was so horribly burned by her clothes taking fire on Monday last about twelve o'clock that she died at six o'clock Tuesday morning. She was engaged about the cook stove which was burning wood, and its front doors were open; in stooping to remove a dish of meat from the hearth the flame must have caught to some part of her dress. The first she knew of it was when walking to the cupboard to put the dish away; she looked around and saw that her clothes were in a blaze; before she could do anything to extinguish the blaze she seemed to be afire all over. She started to run out of doors and fell. The door steps were scorched where she fell. She got up from the steps and ran and clung to a tree. Her husband came up at this point and rushed into the house and got some carpeting and wrapped around her and succeeded in putting out the fire. It was too late, however. All that was left of her clothing when the carpeting was taken away was a few scorched rags. Her skin after the burning was the color of the brown side of a piece of tanned leather. She felt so little pain that she did not think she would die. Dr. Price, however, who had been summoned and saw her one hour after the accident, had no hope for her after he observed her condition. The deceased was in her 31st year and leaves three children.

A PLEA FOR CLEANLINESS.—In another column will be found telegraphic mention of a frightful epidemic raging in a small town in Pennsylvania. Polluted water and filthy streets and premises are given as the cause of the pestilence. How about Chestertown? Have the gardens and premises of our citizens been thoroughly cleansed? The bailiff should promptly and efficiently attend to this branch of his duties. We are in a fair way now to supply the whole town with pure water, but how about the stagnant pools that confront us in many places because of improper drainage? Cannot this important work of uniform and thorough drainage be commenced at once? Would it not be the part of wisdom and economy to do the whole work now, even though it be necessary to create a loan for the purpose?

PERSONAL.—Mr. Wm. Slay, the father of W. M. Slay, Esq., of Chestertown, died at his home in Camden, Del., Monday of last week, after a long illness. Mr. W. M. Slay has been kept away during the present term of court by his father's death.

Mr. William Conyer, of this town, who has been confined to his bed for seven or eight weeks, and whose life has been repeatedly despaired of, is recovering and has been down stairs several days this week.

Mr. A. J. Cahall, one of our town merchants, who has been confined to his bed for more than a month, is also convalescing.

Our Postmaster has suffered a sore affliction this week in the death of his wife. He has the sympathy of the entire community. Her remains were interred at St. Paul's on Wednesday.

Col. J. W. Bryant and Urie Townsend, Esq., of Denton; Winfield M. Simpson, and Thos. Hill, Esqs., of Baltimore, have been in Chestertown this week, the three first named being engaged in the Connelly & DeFord cases. Mr. R. J. Hollingsworth, of the firm of R. J. Baker & Co., and Mr. J. J. Hall, cashier of the Centreville National Bank, were among the witnesses in attendance upon the same cases.

THE TELEPHONE.—The Board of Directors of the Kent County Telephone Company met Thursday at C. T. Westcott's office to receive bids for the building of the line.

The contract was awarded to B. F. Winchester, the lessee of the Eastern Shore Telephone Company's lines in Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot counties, for the erection of 45 miles of lines in Kent county connecting Chestertown with Fairlee, Tolchester, Lynch's, Worton, Still Pond, Kennedyville, Locust Grove, Chesterville, Millington and Crumpton, to be completed by Aug. 1st, 1885.

The Board of Directors also contracted with Dr. Winchester to lease him the lines after they are built, with the understanding that connection is to be made with the lines of the Eastern Shore Company, and to endeavor to push the connection to Baltimore and other cities as early as practicable.

MEETING OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Mr. W. S. Walker, chairman of this committee, addressed a circular some two weeks ago to each of the members requesting their views as to the proper time for a meeting to agree upon the day for making county nominations, &c. In response thereto he has called the committee to meet in Chestertown on Tuesday, May 12, at 10 o'clock A. M. It is hoped there will be a full attendance.

MARRIED.

At the M. E. Parsonage in this place, April 22, 1885, by Rev. John D. Kemp, SEWELL H. RUTH and Miss EMMA MINNER, both of this county.

DIED.

In Chestertown, on Monday, April 27, 1885, after a long illness of consumption, Mrs. FRANCES ALMIRA HAMILTON, wife of Capt. W. H. Hamilton, in the 53d year of her age. Deceased was a daughter of the late John W. Pritchard.

In Baltimore, April 23, 1885, after a lingering illness, EDWIN CROUCH, aged about 76 years, formerly of this county.

At his residence in Camden, Del., on Monday, April 20, 1885, WILLIAM SLAY, in the 75th year of his age.

RELIGIOUS.—Divine Service at I. U. Church on Sunday, May 3, at 3½ P. M., instead of 10½ A. M., as notified. REV. J. MARTIN.

RELIGIOUS.—M. P. CHURCH, CHESTERTOWN: First Quarterly Conference next Tuesday Evening; Love-Feast on Thursday evening. Preaching tomorrow (Sunday) morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. W. R. GRAHAM.

RELIGIOUS.—James' M. E. Church. A move on the works of Satan tomorrow, 9 A. M. General Class; 10.30 Sermon by Rev. Dr. Duffin, of Baltimore; 3 P. M. Rev. W. J. Lively, followed by Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; 8 P. M. Rev. Dr. Duffin. Public welcome. J. HUDSON RIDDICK, Pastor.

GAS TAR at LOUIS K. STAM'S.

200 BUS. PEERLESS POTATOES for sale by N. BARNARD, a25-3t. Still Pond.

FOR RENT—For balance of present year, DWELLING HOUSE on Cross Street, Chestertown. a25-3t. Apply to J. H. SIMPERS.

FOR SALE—A YOUNG MARE, four years old this June. She is gentle and well adapted for farmer's use. Will be sold on reasonable terms. Address or apply to J. WRIGHT NORRIS, apr25-3t.* Kennedyville, Md.

Festival! Festival!

ON TUESDAY, MAY 26th, will be opened in the Town Hall a grand STRAWBERRY and ICE-CREAM FESTIVAL, under the auspices of the "Young People's Association of the M. P. Church, Chestertown." Preparations are now making to render this occasion specially enjoyable. The proceeds will be applied to the New Church fund, and our friends and the public are earnestly requested to favor us with their presence and patronage. apr25-3t.

STRAW HATS! STRAW HATS!! Large assortment, all grades, at low prices. J. H. SIMPERS.

MATTINGS! MATTINGS!! at lowest prices. may2. J. H. SIMPERS.

WHITEWASH BRUSHES! all sizes, at low prices. may2. J. H. SIMPERS.

UNLAUNDRIED SHIRTS, of Wamsutta muslin and 2100 linen. may2. J. H. SIMPERS.

VALUABLE STEAMBOAT AND Wharf Property —AT— PUBLIC SALE.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of the Circuit Court for Kent county, and to me directed, at suit of the Kent National Bank of Chestertown, against the Enterprise Transportation Company, of Kent and Queen Anne's counties, I have seized, levied upon and taken into execution all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Enterprise Transportation Company, in and to the following property, to wit:

THE NEARLY NEW PROPELLOR "Enterprise."

This Steamer has wooden hull, 142¼ tons burden—Custom House measurement—11 state-rooms, 26 berths, accommodating about 50 passengers. Registered length 118 feet, breadth 22 feet, depth hold 7 feet, draft 6 feet, speed 10 knots. She has a condensing Engine, 20-inch diameter cylinder, 1 8-12 feet stroke piston, 1 return tubular iron boiler 13 feet long, 7 feet diameter.

This Steamer is admirably adapted to the carrying trade, having capacity for 5,000 boxes peaches, or 6,000 bushels grain, or 200 tons coal.

—ALSO—

1 GRAIN SCOW, 1500 GRAIN BAGS, ONE BATTEAU.

8 PINE PILES, about 1000 feet of LUMBER. Also, all that LOT of LAND, WHARF and PREMISES, with The WAREHOUSE thereon, situated at Chestertown, and formerly known as "Thompson's Wharf." Also, interest in wharf at Quaker Neck, and interest in wharf at Long Cove.

And I hereby give notice, that I will on the said wharf premises, at Chestertown, Maryland,

On THURSDAY, May 21, 1885, AT TWELVE O'CLOCK M.,

sell all the above mentioned property to the highest bidder, to satisfy said writ and the costs due and to become due thereon.

TERMS OF SALE: By consent of parties the terms of sale will be as follows: $5,000 cash on the day of sale, and the balance in two equal instalments, with interest, at six and twelve months from the day of sale, to be secured by the bond or notes of the purchasers, with approved security.

JOHN W. PARSONS, May 2, 1885—tds. SHERIFF.

THE SHERIFFALTY.

OWING to repeated solicitations on the part of many friends, I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for SHERIFF OF KENT CO., subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries. ROBERT K. PIPPIN. Chestertown, April 18—8t.

PRICE OF GRAIN IS VERY LOW and EVERY CENT per bushel counts. To keep my vessels busy I will give good prices for CORN and WHEAT. mh28. JOSEPH TURNER.

SEEDS! SEEDS! A large and fine lot of LANDRETH'S FRESH GARDEN SEED at J. F. LEARY'S PHARMACY, mh28-7t* Rock Hall.

OIL STOVES! OIL STOVES!! The Golden Star, Tubular, Florence, Adams & Westlake, Summer Queen and others, at all prices. They save labor, fuel and vexation in warm weather. Call and see them, we take pleasure in showing them and pointing out their merits. For sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

Down! Down! Down! THEY GO! Mattings! Carpets! Oil Cloths! Rugs, Mats, etc. Special Inducements to Housekeepers! Note the Reduction in Prices: Carpetings that have been selling at 75c.; 85c. and $1 per yard, now go at 65, 70 and 75c. per yard. Mattings too! in the same proportion. Very truly, R. F. PARKS. Remnants of Carpeting, Mattings and Oil Cloths at half price. April 25, 1885.

$159,600 WORTH of PROPERTY INSURED AT THE CONTINENTAL AGENCY From April 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885.

Because intelligent business men want a Safe and Reasonable Insurance at a Reasonable Cost.

We refer to the following well known gentlemen whose valuable residences are insured in this company:

Jas. A. Pearce, Esq., Mr. Sam'l Vannort, H. W. Vickers, " " Jos. Turner.

JOHN D. URIE, Ag't, April 4, 1885. CHESTERTOWN.

JOS. L. DOWNES. WM. R. JENNINGS.

DOWNES & JENNINGS, Merchant Tailors, 333 Hanover Street, BALTIMORE. mh14-3m.

RAISINS, CURRANTS, Citron, Beans, Hominy, Buckwheat, Mince Meat, and Pine Apple Cider, just received and for sale by THOMPSON, n15. up town.

WALL BRUSHES, White Wash Brushes, as fine assortment as there is in town. Prices low. Prices quoted at the Hardware Store of J. K. Aldridge & Co.

BUY A GOOD PUMP from J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

Spring and Summer MILLINERY!

MRS. C. R. FIDDIS wishes to call the attention of the Ladies to her New Spring and Summer Millinery And FANCY GOODS.

She has selected the Latest Novelties of the season and will be happy to see her friends and the ladies generally. Please give her an early call.

N. B.—I have MISS M. J. WYATT as an assistant. She will be pleased to see her former friends and customers call and will as before do all in her power to please them.

STAMPING a Specialty. apr25-5t.

NEW SPRING and SUMMER MILLINERY!

MRS. KATE GILL has just opened A New and Beautiful Stock of MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS, For Spring and Summer. Newest Styles in HATS, BONNETS, &c. At Lowest Prices!

An early call is respectfully solicited. I will do my best to please. BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS for sale. KATE GILL, ap25. Two doors below the Post-office.

Greenhouse and Bedding Plants!

MY collection is larger and in better condition than ever before. An early call at the Greenhouses will convince you of the fact.—We shall be glad to see you. The following are some special Bedding Plants, very fine:

Coleus, Verbenas, Geraniums, Heliotrope, Pansies, Gladiolas, Tube Rose Roots, Dahlias, Daisies, China, Asters, Phlox, Carnations, Caladiums, Scarlet Sage, Fuchsias, Golden Feverfew, Canvas and many other Plants too numerous to mention. Prices low.

Cabbage Plants and Tomato Plants now ready. All