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# Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....Jan. 30, 1886.

## AN ARKANSAS WEDDING.

A very interesting wedding occurred over at Rock's Spring the other night. Ben Lother and Ida Grimes ran away from the neighborhood where they had been reared and applied to young Wilkinson, who recently accepted a call to preach. The arrival of the runaway couple soon became known and quite a number of young people gathered at the school house, where the ceremony was to be performed. The preacher, upon arriving, called Bill Fellers to one side, and said:

"Bill, I couldn't refuse to accommodate that young couple, but to tell the truth I don't know how to perform a marriage ceremony. I was never married and I never saw anybody married and I don't understand the performance."

"I never saw anybody married either," Bill replied, "and I don't believe there's anybody here that understands it."

"It won't do to disappoint them, for I understand the girl's father is in pursuit. Let's see, you were commissioned as a justice of the peace the other day, weren't you?"

"Yes, but the papers didn't shed any light on marriage ceremonies."

"I don't know what to do about it," the young preacher continued. "They've begun to grow restless, you see."

"Well, parson, I don't understand it any more than you but I am willing, if you'll help me kill hogs next week, to take the job off your hands."

"All right."

Bill turned to the company and said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, we've met here to engage in a very serious business. This young couple" (pointing) "think they ought to be married and it ain't for me to say they ought not. Young fellow have you got your license?"

"Yes, sir."

"All right. Hop out here, now."

The young couple advanced.

"Join hands," said Bill. "I would like to say that the new ceremony just approved by the Governor has gone into effect. Those who have never seen this ceremony performed will doubtless be amused at its novelty, but I'll say right here that all snickering will be treated as contempt of court. Young man, what is your business?"

"I am a farmer."

"Ah, hah! how many rails can you split in a day?"

"Four hundred in good timber."

"Will you swear it?"

"Yes, sir."

"Hold up your right hand."

He held up his hand and was sworn. Bill continued.

"Are you a good hand to cover corn?"

"Yes, sir."

"Please say, 'Yes, your honor.'"

"Yes, your honor."

"That's right. How much can you cover in a day?"

"Three acres, if the land is in good condition."

"Will you swear it?"

"Yes, sir."

"Yes, your honor."

"Excuse me. Yes, your honor."

"Hold up your right hand."

And he was sworn again.

"What was the weight of the largest bass you ever caught?"

"I don't remember exactly. About five pounds I reckon."

"Will you swear it?"

"No, your honor."

"All right. Are you willing to marry this girl?"

"Yes, your honor. If I wasn't I wouldn't have brought her here."

"That's what I thought" Bill replied meditatively. "You love her I reckon?"

"Yes, your honor."

"How much?"

"Oh, I don't know. Ever so much."

"What did she say when you asked her?"

"She said 'Yes.'"

"Glad to hear it."

"Now, young lady, will you please advance and kiss the Judge?"

The girl hesitated a moment, but she stepped up and kissed Bill.

"Do you love this man?"

"Yes, sir."

"Yes, your honor."

The girl corrected her mistake.

"How much do you love him?"

"Lots."

"Glad to hear it. Please step forward and kiss the judge."

Again she kissed him.

"Remember that you are under oath. Did you ever love any one else?"

"Yes, your honor."

Why didn't you marry him?"

"He didn't ask me."

"Please advance and kiss the judge."

"Look here, 'squire,' said the would-be bridegroom, "I believe we'd ruther be married the old way."

"The old way is repealed. Young lady, how old are you?"

"Look here, judge," said the now-impatient lover, "that's none of your business."

"Yes it is. Young lady, you will please advance and kiss the judge."

"Now, I'll blamed if she shall!" exclaimed the young man; "no more than that this thing has gone far enough. Now I want to ask you a few questions. Don't move." The young fellow whipped out a pistol and Bill's knees began to hump each other. "Now just stand there. Did you ever see a bigger liar than you are?"

"No, sir."

"No, colonel."

"No, colonel," Bill repeated.

"Wouldn't you steal if you got a chance?"

"Yes, colonel."

"That's what I thought. Now, confound you, lead us to a preacher's house pretty devilish quick. Come on, folks; the fun ain't over yet."
—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

## KEEPING ACCOUNTS WITH COWS.

We clip from the *Dairy* the following interesting illustration of the wisdom of keeping an accurate account of each cow's record:

I was milking in the barn when young Squire Lawton came in. I lifted up the pail and hung it on the spring balance.

"Just 13 pounds," said I, and marked it on the little board on the wall just opposite where the cow stood.

"What do you do that for?" said he.

"Why, I always count, measure, and weigh everything on this farm," said I. "My father taught me that when I was a boy."

"But what's the use here?" said he. "You have all the milk, and no one can cheat you."

"Don't you be sure of that. Now look here. You see this board. That's Topsy's milk account. Here you see is 17 pounds, 16½ pounds, 18 pounds and then comes 11 pounds. That struck me all of a heap, and I went right there and then to Topsy to see what was the matter. Her nose was hot and dry, and her mouth was wet, and she was not eating. I soon found what was the matter. She had been chewing fence-rails, and a big splinter was between her teeth, and her jaw was swelled badly. Now, I might not have found that out for two or three days if I hadn't weighed the milk. But you see I soon set her right again. I saved a good deal of trouble by it. And then, look here. Here is 13½ pounds, 15 pounds, 17 pounds, 12 pounds, 11 pounds, 14 pounds, and then here you see is only 6½ pounds, 7 pounds, 7½ pounds, 5 pounds, 5½ pounds. Now look at that cow. She's pretty, ain't she? But handsome is as handsome does, and that cow don't stay here any longer than she is fat enough for beef; for she ain't half handsome enough for a dairyman to keep. Then you see these glasses. These are to measure the cream by. A cow that won't give 15 per cent of cream won't pay to keep with the feed I give them; and a heifer that won't make 10 per cent. won't pay to raise, and is only good to sell to those who sell milk. Now, how could I tell all this if I didn't weigh and measure? See here, this is the feed measure; one of these goes on to the feed for every cow at every meal, and that scoop holds just two quarts. This basket holds a full bushel, and every cow gets that full every feed. And two or three get a scoopful more. No thumb rule either, but weights and measures every time. A man that don't weigh and measure everything about a dairy can't tell what he is doing, and it is just as easy for him to lose a dollar a day as it is to fall off a log. Now, my boy, it's worth a thousand dollars to you if you don't forget that, but you are welcome to it for nothing."

## LETTER FROM CAMBRIDGE.

CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 21, 1886.

*Dear News*:—Since my last scratchings to you another of those periods into which time is divided and which we call a "year" has closed. Eighteen eighty-five has dropped out and eighty-six heads our calendar.

The Prot. Episcopal and Methodist churches held their usual Sunday-school entertainments and treats for the children. Christmas trees bearing all manner of fruits were prominent ornaments, toward which many eyes were turned, wishing that the last item of the exercises would come, reminding me of an incident I read some years ago of a little girl who went with her parents to hear a celebrated pulpit orator preach. After the services were over, and on their way home the parents and others were expressing their opinion of the great sermon. The little girl, who had become impatient at its length, said the part she liked best was the amen part. She was not an exception especially at Christmas entertainments.

Since my last to you we have had one of those much-to-be-regretted events in any community—an execution. The culprit, C. Williams, maintained his stolid indifference and declared his innocence even to the last.

I have always been opposed to capital punishment—I am now more so than ever. Those States which have long since abolished capital punishment do not have any more violations than those that retain it. Then to hurry a soul into eternity with the snap of a cord is a fearful thing, especially when no good results follow it. Were criminals guilty of the highest crime against society incarcerated in prison and put to hard labor for life, would be greater punishment really. Then it would furnish ample time for, and the circumstances would conduce to serious thought, reflection and repentance. We think this a subject the present Legislature might well consider.

The cold breath of the ice-king has reached as with considerable severity and everything is portbound. The creeks have become playgrounds for skaters, and the rivers the resorts for gunners, while with many oystermen it will soon be a serious question as to what shall I eat and wherewithal shall me and mine be clothed?

Nearly all of the oyster houses have closed for the want of stock. A few which laid in large supplies are open. Many vessels with cargoes aboard are icelocked in the harbor and down the river. The freeze has sent the price up fifty per cent, and more. This makes many captains cast a longing, wishful eye toward the houses, and pray that the ice would give away. Some have cut their vessels in and are delivering cargoes.

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I am afraid this is too long already. DORSEY.


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☞ Repairing promptly attended to.

SANITARY PLUMBING,

DRAINAGE & VENTILATION

☞ A SPECIALTY. ☜

ESTIMATES MADE FREE OF CHARGE.

OFFICE—under "KENT NEWS" Office.

Jan. 24-1885.

**The Tariff Reduced!**

Not anticipating these hard times and scarcity of money, I bought for THIS SPRING AND SUMMER a very heavy stock of

MEN AND BOYS'

**COARSE AND FINE SHOES,**

which MUST BE SOLD, and in order that they may be sold soon I propose to offer them to all cash buyers at a very small margin above first cost.

They are all FRESH and STYLISH GOODS and we only make this offer because we need money.

We have a variety of other goods, such as SUGAR, Coffee, Flour and Molasses; Segars and Tobacco, Powder and Shot, and many other articles, all of which can be bought at a low figure for the money.

**This is NO HUMBUG**

but we intend to do just what we say.—But in order to be convinced of the truth of this statement, we invite you to call—with the money—and we feel sure that we can satisfy you both in the price and quality of goods.

Remember the place:

**JAMES A. SHAW,**

COURT STREET, Chestertown.

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**C. B. LAMB & BRO.,**

*FAIRLEE*

**NEW STORE under Grange Hall!**

A year ago we promised the public to sell them goods as cheap or cheaper than they could be bought in the county and we are still of the same determination. Our patronage has been such as to encourage us to still greater efforts to be attentive to business. Our stock is being daily increased and consists of EVERYTHING NEEDED for a full-stocked and well-kept STORE.

**Our Farming Implement Department**

is now being filled with all the different kinds of fixtures, &c., needed for Fall use. We are also agents for the

**Equitable Fertilizing Company's**

**STANDARD BRANDS,**

also other RELIABLE BRANDS.

☞ All kinds of PRODUCE taken at the *Highest Market Price*, or in exchange for Goods.

Aug30-tf. C. B. LAMB & BRO.

**"RISING SUN" SALOON,**

**CHESTERTOWN.**

Is fitted up for the accommodation of Ladies and Gentlemen with all the delicacies usually found in the Saloons in the city. In the Ladies' Saloon will be served Cake, Ice-Cream, Clams, Soft Crabs, Deviled Crab, Beefsteak, Hams, Eggs, Fish, Lobsters, Spring Chicken, Tea and Coffee. In the Gentlemen's Saloon the Gentlemen will in addition be served with choice CIGARS.

☞ Parties will be served with everything needful for Refreshment Tables, and ICE.

☞ Families supplied with Ice-Cream, Water Ices, Custard, &c., by the gallon on reasonable terms.

All orders must be accompanied by the CASH.

☞ ICE in large or small quantities for sale and delivered every morning to regular customers in Chestertown.

The long experience of the subscriber as a caterer justifies him in asking a liberal patronage from the public.

WILLIAM PERKINS,
April 11, 1885. PROPRIETOR.

**BALTIMORE & DEL. BAY R. R.**

*Connecting with Delaware Railroad at Clayton.*

WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.

On and after Monday, Dec. 14, 1885, until further notice, (Sundays excepted), Trains will run as follows:

| GOING NORTH. | | | | GOING SOUTH. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pass & Frt | Pass & Frt | | | Pass & Frt | Pass & Frt | | |
| No 1 daily | No 3 Thurs | | | No 2 daily | No 3 Thurs | | |
| A M | P M | | | P M | P M | | |
| 6 30 | 2 25 | lv | Chestertown | ar | 2 00 | | 6 30 |
| 6 47 | 2 43 | | Worton | | 1 40 | | 6 12 |
| 6 55 | 2 50 | | Lynch's | | 1 30 | | 6 07 |
| 7 06 | 3 06 | | Still Pond | | 1 15 | | 5 52 |
| 7 13 | 3 20 | | Kennedyville | | 1 05 | | 5 45 |
| 7 27 | 3 35 | | Black's | | 1 00 | | 5 45 |
| 7 41 | 3 50 | | Lambson | | 12 45 | | 5 35 |
| 7 55 | 4 05 | | Massey's | | 12 30 | | 5 15 |
| 8 06 | 4 15 | | Delaney | | 12 15 | | 5 05 |
| 8 12 | 4 25 | | Bingham | | 12 06 | | 5 05 |
| 8 30 | 4 30 | | Clayton | | 10 05 | | 4 55 |
| 8 43 | 4 50 | lv | Clayton | ar | 12 00 | | 4 50 |
| 9 04 | 5 15 | | Middletown | | 9 36 | | 4 30 |
| 9 42 | 6 15 | | Wilmington | | 8 35 | | 3 50 |
| 10 35 | 7 20 | ar | Philadelphia | lv | 7 35 | | 2 40 |
| 12 35 | 8 25 | ar | Baltimore | lv | 6 35 | | 12 40 |
| 1 20 | 10 05 | | New York | | 4 30 | | 8 40 |
| 1 40 | 10 10 | | Washington | | 7 45 | | 7 15 |

☞ The Thursday afternoon trains will leave Chestertown and other stations ONE HOUR EARLIER than schedule time during peach season.

Stations marked thus (*) have no agents. Freight for Bingham's and Nicholson's must be prepaid.

The morning trains make close connection at Clayton with trains on Delaware Railroad going North and South.

Passengers on morning train for Baltimore change cars at Wilmington.

Freight carried at low rates to all points and must be at Stations thirty minutes before starting time in order to insure despatch.

Excursion Tickets issued at reduced rates.

FRED. GERKE, Jr., Lessee.

**Phila., Wilmington & Baltimore R. R.**

**DELAWARE DIVISION.**

On and after Dec. 21, 1885, (Sundays excepted), trains will leave as follows:

| SOUTHWARD. | | | | NORTHWARD. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| —Passenger trains— | | | | —Passenger trains— | | | |
| pm | p m | a m | | a m | a m | p m | p m |
| 5 21 | 3 01 | 11 35 | Philadelphia | 9 42 | 10 32 | 1 40 | 7 35 |
| 3 10 | 12 10 | 10 08 | Baltimore | 12 25 | 12 25 | 3 10 | 9 05 |
| 6 25 | 3 50 | 12 35 | Wilmington | 8 55 | 9 42 | 12 40 | 6 30 |
| 6 53 | | | Harre de Grace | 8 45 | | 12 27 | |
| 4 02 | 12 49 | 8 10 | Newark | 9 31 | 12 23 | 6 14 | |
| 6 46 | | 12 55 | State Road | 8 31 | | 12 16 | 6 56 |
| 6 53 | | 1 00 | Bear | 8 25 | | 12 11 | 6 51 |
| 7 01 | | 1 05 | Porter's | 8 20 | | 12 05 | 5 56 |
| 7 06 | | 1 09 | Blackbird | 8 13 | | 12 00 | 5 52 |
| 7 16 | | 1 18 | Mt Pleasant | 8 04 | | 11 50 | 5 44 |
| 7 18 | | | 9 31 A mstrong | 8 00 | | | 5 40 |
| 7 25 | 4 33 | 1 27 | 9 38 Middletown | 7 56 | 9 04 | 11 40 | 5 37 |
| 7 35 | | 1 36 | 9 48 Townsend | 7 46 | 8 56 | 11 30 | 5 27 |
| 7 40 | | 1 41 | 9 50 blackbird | 7 41 | | 11 25 | 5 23 |
| 7 47 | | 1 48 | 9 56 Green Spring | 7 33 | | 11 18 | 5 17 |
| 7 53 | 4 51 | 1 55 | 10 05 Clayton | 7 29 | 8 43 | 11 14 | 5 13 |
| 7 43 | 4 40 | 1 44 | 9 50 Liv Smyrna | 7 18 | 8 33 | 11 04 | 5 03 |
| 7 58 | | 1 58 | 10 07 Greenford | 7 24 | | 11 07 | 5 08 |
| 8 04 | | 2 04 | 10 12 Moorton | 7 20 | | 11 02 | 5 03 |
| 8 07 | | | Dupont | 7 14 | | | |
| 8 15 | 5 11 | 2 14 | 10 22 Dover | 7 11 | 8 25 | 10 54 | 4 53 |
| 8 21 | 5 17 | 2 22 | 10 29 Wyoming | 7 04 | 8 19 | 10 46 | 4 46 |
| 8 28 | | 2 29 | 10 34 Woodside | 6 57 | | 10 40 | 4 39 |
| 8 32 | | 2 33 | 10 41 Viola | 6 53 | | 10 34 | 4 36 |
| 8 37 | 5 30 | 2 38 | 10 49 Felton | 6 49 | 8 08 | 10 29 | 4 32 |
| 8 45 | 5 40 | 2 51 | 11 06 Harrington | 6 39 | 7 59 | 10 18 | 4 22 |
| 8 53 | | 2 59 | 11 14 Farmington | 6 27 | | 10 00 | 4 11 |
| 8 59 | | 3 06 | 11 24 Greenwood | 6 19 | | 9 51 | 4 03 |
| 9 12 | | 3 22 | 11 34 Bridgeville | 6 11 | | 9 41 | 3 55 |
| 9 18 | | 3 37 | 11 39 Canneries | 6 03 | | 9 35 | 3 49 |
| 9 38 | | 3 44 | 11 50 Seaford | 6 00 | | 9 28 | 3 45 |
| | | 3 55 | 12 03 Laurel | | | 9 16 | 3 34 |
| | | 4 05 | 12 15 Delmar | | | 9 05 | 3 24 |

New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad Express.—Leave Philadelphia 10 17 a m week days, and 11 10 p m daily. Leave Baltimore 8 20 a m, 7 35 p m. Wilmington 10 36 a m week-days and 11 53 p m daily, stopping at Dover and Delmar regularly; and at Middletown, Clayton, Harrington and Seaford to leave passengers from Wilmington and points South or take on passengers for points south of Delmar.

The 10 17 a m train also stops at Laurel, and the 11 10 p m train at New Castle to leave passengers from Wilmington and points North, or take passengers for points south of Delmar. 11 10 p m train also stops at Laurel to leave passengers from Wilmington or points North.

North-bound trains leave Delmar 1 35 a m daily, and 2 38 p m week-days, Dover 2 59 a m and 3 57 p m, regularly, arr'g Wilm'n 4 05 a m and 5 10 p m, Baltimore 6 