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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....May 1, 1886.

General News Notes.

CUSTOM-HOUSE civil-service examinations will begin at Baltimore May 19.

THE master builders in Baltimore will not concede eight hours for a day's work.

REV. MR. GRANGER, of New York, has declined a call to Trinity Cathedral, Easton.

SINCE Mr. Cleveland entered the White House he has gained forty-two pounds in weight.

GARRETT COUNTY, MD., voted on local option on Monday and went for prohibition by 13 majority.

THE paper mill at Easton, Md., has shut down on account of the high price and scarcity of coal.

A LODGE of the Knights of Pythias was organized at Easton last week with about thirty charter members.

HON. WILLIAM WHITELEY, associate judge of the Superior Court, died April 23d, at Wilmington, Delaware.

THERE was a large eight-hour demonstration in Baltimore Thursday night. Between 5,000 and 6,000 men were in line.

THE camp-meeting at Chester Heights this week will continue but ten days, beginning on the 13th and closing on the 22d.

The old Town Hall building at Cambridge, occupied by H. Page Rea, was burned Saturday morning; loss $3,000—no insurance.

The Smyrna *Times* estimates the Peninsula peach crop as promising, through blossom indications, at more than were shipped last year.

It is understood the opinion of the Virginia Court of Appeals on the application of Thomas Faulkner for a new trial will be ready for delivery next Thursday.

THE celebration of the sixty-seventh anniversary of the introduction of the I. O. O. F. into the United States occurred in Washington on Monday.

MR. I. N. MILLS, superintendent of the Delaware Railroad, is finishing his large and handsome house at Clayton, where he will make his residence.

BISHOP BECKER, of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Del., has received official notification from Rome of his transfer to the see of Savannah, Ga.

THE elections on Monday in Richmond, Lynchburg and Manchester, Va., resulted in overwhelming majorities in each city in favor of license to sell liquor.

THE commissioners of Queen Anne's county have allowed Pere Brown $50 for damages to his carriage and harness by being swamped in Massey's branch.

COLONEL WM. HENRY LEGG, of Queen Anne's county, has been selected by Mr. Warfield to be his chief deputy in the surveyor's office. The place pays $2,000.

THE Prohibitionists carried Chincoteague Island on Saturday by a vote of 264 to 38. The other districts of Accomac county will vote on the same question today.

A CURIOUS result of a stock law election took place in the Fork district of Dorchester county last week. By a misprint of the ballots a minority vote carried the day.

IT is a Mugwump idea, we believe, that the President, instead of choosing his wife to suit himself, should hold a competitive examination for the benefit of all applicants.

THE last stone of the pedestal for Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty was laid last week, and it only remains now to raise the statue to its proper position to complete the work.

THE House committee on commerce has reported favorably the drummers' tax bill, which prohibits the imposition of a license on commercial travelers by States or Territories.

THE May term of the circuit court for Queen Anne's county will convene next Monday. The term is likely to prove interesting, there being a suit for slander and several civil cases.

IN a recent suit against the Baltimore *American*, in which the plaintiff claimed $20,000 damages, he recovered one cent and had to pay the costs! A costly victory was that.

IT is positively stated that Secretary Manning has informed President Cleveland of his intention to retire from the cabinet, but will give the President ample time to look around for a proper successor.

UNDER the new fertilizer law all fertilizers hereafter offered for sale in this State are required to be analyzed and stamped, and dealers must take out licenses. We shall publish the law in full next week.

OFFICIAL FIGURES from the Denver Mint show the mineral output for Colorado in 1885 to have been as follows: Gold, $5,000,000; silver $13,500,000; copper, $700,000; lead, $3,361,000. Total, $22,561,000.

GEORGE C. GORHAM has written a scathing review of Mr. Blaine's "Twenty Years in Congress." He accuses the Maine leader of having "jockeyed and thrown" the republican party purely for personal ends.

WILLIAM B. STEEL has purchased of Albert Constable the old Constable estate, between Port Deposit and Perryville, consisting of about 300 acres, for $11,000. This was the homestead of the late Judge Albert Constable.

IT is reported that Congressmen Randall and Morrison, having become alarmed at the passage of so many pension bills, have determined to defeat the river and harbor bill and to stop any more appropriations for new buildings.

THE tenth anniversary of the Johns Hopkins University was celebrated with interesting exercises on Monday at the Mount Vernon M. E. Church, where a number of addresses were made by members of the faculty. Diplomas were awarded to 150 graduates.

GEN. BRADLEY T. JOHNSON has expressed the opinion that the new law giving the appointment of school commissioners in certain counties to the Governor is unconstitutional, and it is thought the deposed members of the board in Caroline will attempt to hold on.

THE President has sent no less than 2,156 nominations to the Senate since the beginning of this session of Congress, and up to date there have only been six rejections. This does not look as if there was much of a fight against the executive's appointments.

THE administration wing of the Democratic party of Delaware are very seriously considering the advisability of running E. R. Cochran of Georgetown as their candidate for governor next fall. Mr. Cochran is known as a shrewd politician and one who can beat Benny Biggs in his own home.

A popular vote was taken on prohibition of liquor in Annapolis and Brooklyn, Anne Arundel county, on Wednesday, and both went "wet." The majority in Annapolis was 433 and in Brooklyn 36. The question was resubmitted in accordance with the act of Assembly at its late session.

MR. JEFFERSON DAVIS, ex-president of the Confederate States, took part at Montgomery, Ala., on Wednesday, in the ceremonies connected with the proposed monument to the Confederate dead. He made a short address and was followed by Gen. John B. Gordon, who made the oration of the day.

THE last span of the Susquehanna river bridge will be in position not later than the first of next week, by which time the track will be pinned up on the west bank of the Schuylkill river with the Chester Branch of the Reading Railroad and the road will be in condition by the 15th of May to open their through freight traffic to Philadelphia and New York.

PHILADELPHIA fears that she will lose her Zoo. The expenses for the last year were $7,000 more than the receipts, and it is thought that nothing but a permanent endowment will save it. Last November a citizens' committee was selected to raise money for such an endowment, but only $22,000 has been secured. There are 710 animals in the collection.

GREECE has submitted to the combined request of the great powers of Europe and has disarmed her forces, to the great satisfaction of Turkey and her creditor, England. It is more than probable that England managed the whole affair, for it is well known that neither Italy, France nor Germany have any love for the Turks, while they do entertain a genuine feeling of regard for the Greek.

THE quaint, old-fashioned, slow-going, hospitable town of Snow Hill will be 200 years old on the fifth of July next, and proposes to have a bi-centenary celebration. New York and Snow Hill were founded the same year, but New York has somewhat outstripped our Eastern Shore town. It is proposed that Mr. Irving Spence, a very competent gentleman, shall write a history of Snow Hill for use at the celebration.

THE Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Maryland State Sunday-school Union will meet in Hagerstown, Thursday evening, May 6th. All Sunday-schools are requested to send delegates. Reductions have been secured on the railroad lines running to Hagerstown, and the Chester River Steamboat Company will take delegates to Baltimore, charging full fare to the city, but will return them free of charge upon presentation of a certificate from the officers of the convention.

REPRESENTATIVES of the various evangelical denominations of Baltimore are engaged in active preparations for the coming of the Rev. Samuel P. Jones and Mr. Samuel Small, the famous evangelists. Their work in that city will begin on the first Sunday in May (tomorrow) at the Biddle Street skating rink, which will be fitted up for 4,000 people, and will continue for several weeks. Prof. Harry Sanders is organizing a choir to be composed of the members of the old "Moody Choir," and as many others as are willing to assist. It is his desire to make the membership of this choir fully two hundred and fifty persons.

Maryland Politics.

The democratic congressional contests in Maryland, which come off this year, are beginning to attract attention. The Baltimore *Sun*, of Tuesday, indulges in the following speculations:

The report comes along now and then from the first, or Eastern Shore district, that there is an element, and one of some importance, which, if the conditions are favorable, will support Gov. Henry Lloyd, of Dorchester, for the congressional nomination in opposition to the renomination of Congressman Charles H. Gibson, of Talbot. There are people in political circles who insist that there is something in this report. In the second district, composed of Cecil, Harford, Baltimore and Carroll counties, the canvass has developed almost to the point that it is safe to say that ex-Congressman J. Fred. C. Talbott, of Baltimore co., will contest with Congressman Shaw for the nomination. Mr. Talbott was in this city on Saturday with his Baltimore county friends. He says his friends want him to go into the contest, and that if he does he will do his best. It is said the selections in the United States marshal's office indicate that Mr. Talbott still has friends at court. But he will have some lively opposition in Baltimore county. Harford is counted upon as having a friendly leaning to the Talbott party. The canvass in the third, or East Baltimore district, is said to be shapeless at this time. The regulars only express themselves in whispers concerning Congressman Cole's health. The friends of Hon. William Pinkney White are said to be watching the political field of the third district. The friends of State Senator Rusk, who is a young man, and has congressional aspirations, will not give any sign. In the fourth, or West Baltimore district, the congressional atmosphere is much clearer. The political leaders say it looks to them as if State Senator Isidor Rayner will get the nomination almost without opposition. They expect that at the polls the contest may be between Messrs. Rayner and Findlay for the congressional prize. Congressman Compton, in the fifth, or Southern Maryland district, lets no opportunity pass to make friends among his constituents. If he has a sharp fight for a renomination it will not be for the reason that he has not tried to make the road smooth. In the sixth, or Western Maryland district, it is too early to say who will be in the field as the democratic banner-bearer.

REPUBLICAN PARTY PLANS.—A large number of prominent Republicans in Baltimore met the other day. The future and the present condition of the party in Maryland was discussed, especially the matter of congressional nominations for next fall. It was very generally agreed that the better element of the party had but a small voice and representation in the present city and state committees. A well-known gentleman questioned if it would not be of some advantage to make a change in the name of the party in this State, continuing the name Republican and suggesting the possible addition of "conservative." The subjects were referred to a committee of three, consisting of State Senator Thomas S. Hodson, Somerset county; Sebastian Brown, of Baltimore, and Deputy Surveyor Charles L. Wilson, of Frederick county.

MARYLAND OYSTER NAVY.—The Board of Public Works met at Annapolis on Thursday and elected Mr. Jacob Plowman, of Harford county, commander of the State fishery force, in place of Capt. James I. Waddell, deceased, and deferred the other appointments for two weeks. Mr. Plowman was put in nomination by State Treas'r Archer. Comptroller Turner also supported him. Gov. Lloyd nominated his friend, Capt. Travers, but afterwards voted to make Mr. Plowman's nomination unanimous. The Easton *Star* says that Gen. Joseph B. Seth was in earnest to secure the commandery of the State Fishery Force. State Comptroller Turner, who was in Baltimore Monday night, is reported by the *Sun* as saying that he would support a Western Shoreman for the position if the proper person is presented; that it would give him pleasure to support Gen. Jos. B. Seth, of Talbot, for the position, but his county now has Capt. Hedge Thompson as commander of the oyster steamer Gov. McLane, and there are several Talbot citizens among his crew. Both the Governor and treasurer have indicated that if Talbot gets the commander of the navy, the command of the McLane will go to another county. Capt. Thompson has filled the post efficiently for two years, and he has strong backing at home to be retained when the board of public works selects the oyster-navy force, which it is required to do in a week or two. The Easton *Ledger* says the Talbot people would be very glad to see Mr. Seth and Capt. Thompson both in the force. They do not wish to see the latter removed under any circumstances.

A REFLECTION UPON THE CITY.—Mr. John A. Murray, a well-known reporter of the Baltimore *Sun*, was assaulted and badly beaten on Cathedral street, near Saratoga, on Friday night of last week by two men for no cause whatever, and neither of the assaulting parties were arrested nor have they yet been discovered. Mr. Murray is known to be of exceptionally quiet and peaceful habits, and it is thought he must have been mistaken for some one else against whom the assailants had a grudge. The wonder is that a peaceable citizen could thus be violently assaulted near one of the most prominent streets of the city—a short distance from Rennert's hotel—that he should call loudly for help, and the call heard by at least a half dozen persons, who witnessed it, yet no one went to the innocent man's rescue and a policeman was not to be seen! Such an outrage is a reflection upon the good name of our State metropolis, and no effort should be spared to apprehend and punish the rowdies.

FATHER ABRAM J. RYAN, the poet-priest of the South, died at Louisville, Ky., Thursday night of last week. Father Ryan was born at Norfolk, Va., in 1840. He was educated for the priesthood, but when the war broke out he entered the Confederate army with his brother. He followed its fortunes with a sacerdotal capacity until peace was declared. His remains were buried at Mobile on Tuesday. In 1882, during the pastorate of Father Carey, Father Ryan was in Chestertown and spent several days. He delivered a fine lecture during his stay and made a very favorable impression upon all his hearers. Many of our citizens remember this visit with pleasure and greatly regret his demise.

A POPULAR MEDIUM.—The Baltimore *Sun* illustrates its popularity as an advertising medium by reference to the fact that in last Saturday's paper there were 1,086 separate advertisements occupying 32 columns, and in Monday's paper 882 advertisements occupying 31½ columns. It pays to advertise in a good medium, and the people have found it so.

TESTIMONIAL TO POLICE COMMISSIONER COLTON.—A large number of the personal and political friends of Police Commissioner Colton, including many of the members of Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church South, gave a supper in his honor at the residence of Mrs. A. M. Walker, northwest corner of Argyle avenue and Townsend street, Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Colton were presented with quite a number of costly and elegant gifts. Among them were a card-receiver of the latest fashion from Captain Earhart and Lieutenants Scott and Watkins, a richly-framed crayon portrait of Mr. Colton, a gold and silver inkstand, a silk dressing-gown, and a gold rooster inscribed, "A game rooster to a game man, with the compliments of a politician," Captain Earhart and Mr. John G. Mitchell made presentation remarks. Mr. Colton said of the rooster he "supposed it was the present of a politician who had seen him at Annapolis the past winter, and that he had been in the way of his opponents in the past, and he would be in their way in the future." The presents were worth several hundred dollars.—*Sun.*

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND PERMANENT LABOR COMMISSION.—The recommendations of the President's message in regard to the creation by Congress of a permanent arbitration commission have found a speedy response in the bill introduced Monday by Mr. Springer, of Illinois, to establish a department of labor, with three commissioners, whose duty it will be to consider and settle by arbitration, when possible, all controversies between labor and capital. As respects controversies affecting interstate commerce, it is made the duty of the commissioners to act as a board of arbitration whenever its office is invoked by the parties to such controversies between laboring men and their employers, and their consequences, are confined within the limits of any State the interposition of the commission may be tendered by the President on application from the Legislature of such State, or from the Executive when the Legislature is not in session and cannot be convened. All questions submitted for arbitration are to be in writing and signed by the parties in interest, and "the decision or award shall have such effect only as provided in the articles of submission."

A GLUT OF HERRINGS.—A Barford county correspondent writes as follows to the Baltimore *Sun*: Lepidum is now full of fish wagons all the time, and the country people carry away many thousands every day. The vast quantities caught bring to mind the days of fish plenty half a century ago, when the rivers were so full that the fish were used for fertilizing. Yet, with all the plenty now, there is no shad — not one caught. Herring retail at ten cents a hundred. The absence of shad is in strange contrast with their plentifulness in the waters of the Wicomico and other Eastern Shore rivers. It is in this very neighborhood almost that most extensive shad hatching has been going on a number of years.

THE strike has reached Caroline county. The employes of Joseph T. George, road contractor for the first district, stopped work on Wednesday. They have been working ten hours and receiving ninety cents per day, but have struck, according to report, for one dollar and eight hours per day.—*Denton Journal.*

Circuit Court Proceedings.

The following is a continuation of the proceedings of the Circuit Court for Kent county:

Assignments were made in the following cases:

State vs. Theodore Hodges, colored, charged with the larceny of meat from Frederick Niecke—Barroll for defense.

State vs. Chas. B. Scott, colored, charged with burglary and theft from the storehouse of Geo. W. Harper—Slay for defense.

State vs. Alexander Corse, colored, charged with burglary and theft from Geo. W. Harper's store—Hynson for defense.

State vs. Edward L. Price, colored, charged with bigamy—Pearce for defense.

State vs. John Barrett, colored, charged with assault with intent to kill Thomas Mason—S. T. Wickes for defense.

State vs. James Taylor, colored, charged with assault with intent to kill Thomas Mason—J. D. Urie for defense.

Wilheim Glaidyszenski, Thomas Keviotkoski, George Burchark and Julius Pouisky, all natives of Germany, declared their intention to become citizens of the United States and took the necessary oath.

CHAMBERLAIN VS. B. & O. RAILROAD.

The second of the removed Cecil county cases was taken up on Saturday and a jury sworn with J. W. Hurtt, Esq., foreman. This was a suit for $3,000 damages, Anna Chamberlain et al. against the B. & O. Railroad for destroying a spring, or for not supplying plaintiff's land with water from a spring upon the land acquired from the plaintiff, and for non-compliance of contract in the erection of a fence along the line of railroad. Messrs. J. A. Pearce and John S. Wirt appeared for the railroad and Messrs. Albert Constable and H. Arthur Stump for plaintiff. The case was ably managed on both sides; Mr. Wirt was compelled to leave on Monday after the evidence was in, and Mr. Pearce had to do the pleading for the defence. The case was given to the jury at 3½ o'clock on Tuesday and at 7 o'clock that body returned a verdict for the plaintiff for $266.25.

HOGELAND VS. P. W. & B. RAILROAD.

The damage suit of Mrs. Hannah Hogeland against the P. W. & B. Railroad was commenced on Wednesday morning—Judges Wickes and Stump on the bench. The amount claimed is $10,000, for injuries sustained by the plaintiff in a collision on the road on the 13th of August, 1884. A. Constable and H. W. Vickers, Esqs., appeared for the plaintiff, and W. J. Jones, J. Donaldson and R. Hynson, Esqs., for the defendant. A jury was empanelled with John R. Gray, Esq., foreman. The principal witness for the plaintiff was Mr. Joseph B. Richardson. He is the brother-in-law of plaintiff, was going to Elkton in company with her in a one-horse carriage on the day named; the county road runs almost parallel with the railroad for some distance before crossing the latter, but that the latter is hidden from view by a deep cut at one point, and by bushes at other points; he did not apprehend any difficulty from passenger trains at said crossing, but thought a stone train might be passing, and so looked out the side of his carriage three times when nearing the point of crossing, but saw nor heard any sign of a train; a signal post required all trains to give warning at this crossing; he heard no whistle until the engine of a passing train—the seaside express—had gone by his team; there are two tracks here; his team was on the southbound track and his horse's fore-feet in the six foot way between the two tracks when he discovered the train and he attempted to turn his horse's head to get out of the way; the carriage was struck, he couldn't tell how; he picked himself up about thirty feet away unhurt and found his companion (Mrs. Hogeland) lying on the track unconscious and bleeding, about thirty feet from the point of collision; the carriage was broken to pieces but the horse was unhurt and the harness unbroken. The train took them to Elkton; Mrs. H. remained there two weeks, at Mrs. Giles', unconscious and in the care of physicians, when she was taken to a hospital in Philadelphia where she remained two months. It is claimed by the plaintiff that she was a hearty, able-bodied woman before the accident, 34 years of age, kept a boarding-house and attended to all her household duties, but that by the collision she is left a wreck in body and her mental faculties are seriously impaired; she remembers nothing whatever of the occurrences of that day. The other witnesses called for the plaintiff were Amos Pearson, Henry McCrone, Rev. E. K. Miller, David Hogeland, (husband of the plaintiff,) Mrs. W. T. Giles and Henry S. Cameron. Mrs. Giles, of Elkton, at whose house the plaintiff stayed two weeks after the accident, was on the stand Thursday morning and testified as to the condition of Mrs. H. For the defense the first witness called was Dr. Charles M. Ellis of Elkton, a surgeon of the P. W. & B. Railroad, who attended Mrs. Hogeland upon her arrival at the Elkton depot after the accident. He said he found her injuries to consist of a fractured arm, scalp-wound on forehead, two contused wounds on back of head, at first supposed one of them to be a compressed fracture of the skull, thought she would die in a few hours; had her removed to the residence of Mrs. Giles, where she remained about 17 days; was unconscious for the whole time; saw her at her house about one year after the accident; believed she had fully recovered her mental faculties; had not entirely recovered the use of her right arm; could not raise her hand to her face. Other witnesses who have testified for the defense up to the hour of our going to press were: J. B. Fuller, of Wilmington, in the employ of the railroad company as assistant supervisor, who testified relative to the obstructions to the view from certain points.—Robert Booth—I was the engine-man on the seashore train on the morning of Aug. 13, 1884, that collided with carriage at Red Mill crossing. I gave the usual signal at the whistle post. As I passed the crossing the fireman told me we had struck a carriage. Stopped and backed the train. Took the lady to Elkton. Upon cross-examination said he knew he whistled at the post, because the rules required it. Could not say whether a train can run 40 or 60 miles an hour down Bacon Hill; was looking for banner at Elkton not looking at the crossing on the morning of the accident; had I been looking at the crossing might have seen the carriage, the fireman called my attention to horse and carriage approaching crossing, but did not look out or again give the signal. Brown, fireman, heard signal at post. Barclay Brown, baggage-master, heard signal at post; was in smoking car; saw something fly as we passed crossing; can't say that he can remember any other signals. John McNeal heard whistle at post about 30 or 40 seconds before reaching crossing; at crossing saw something fly; stopped train, backed back and found lady lying on southbound track seriously injured; was confident he heard signal; but does not ordinarily hear the signals. Jas. Logan and Caleb Johnson, section men, next testified. W. R. Gosh, farmer and trucker, lives near Hogeland's; has traveled the same road she did to Elkton two hundred times a year for the past twenty years; from the top of the hill on the county road 500 feet from the crossing you can clearly see 600 yards down the railroad; he generally looked three or four times between the hill and the crossing to make sure of safety.

This case will probably occupy the attention of the court all day today. The court will then adjourn until next Wednesday morning to allow an opportunity for members of the bar to attend the Queen Anne's court which meets on Monday.

Items from Fairlee.

School Exhibition—Building—Preaching.

According to announcement made in the "KENT NEWS" of 24th inst. the pupils of public school No. 10, aided by several of their former classmates, presented to their friends and the public a really attractive entertainment on Monday, 26th. Your editorial promise that "it would be delightful" was fulfilled literally. The little ones evinced thorough training and many of them a considerable degree of aptitude for the mimic art.

It is pleasant to note that the former pupils of the school do not forget their *prima alma mater*, not less than five filling places on the program; one, now herself a teacher, reciting effectively "The Painter of Seville," and four others, two of them students of Washington College, filling the parts in the laughable farce entitled "One too many for him." The characters were admirably sustained and elicited rounds of applause.

Mr. A. M. Kendall's new house is approaching completion.

Mr. W. Sparks has removed his saw-mill from its former location to his lot near the village and its buzz is heard throughout the day.

The discourse of Presiding Elder France on Sunday last was highly appreciated by his auditors. SIMON SHARP.

THE P. W. & B. Railroad will run excursions from Wilmington and intermediate points to Tolchester Beach, via Perryville, statedly this season. The cars will run down to the new wharf on the Perryville side of the river where the boat will be in waiting to convey the excursionists to their destination. The trip from Wilmington to the Beach will be made in three hours.

A VALUABLE TREE.—A cherry tree stood in the way of the Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge Railway extension that is being pushed at Almaden, and the owner asked about $900 for the tree. Experts were appointed, and he then showed that it had for years yielded him crops each of which sold for sums equivalent to the interest on the amount named. They finally agreed to award $600, and the tree had to go.

It has been proposed that the Peninsula Press Association make its annual excursion this summer to Boston or Ashbury Park. Some think that Rehoboth is good enough for a few days' vacation, while the trip would be less expensive. At present the average editor is considering ways and means for the purchase of a straw hat and linen duster.—*Milford News.*

DIVORCE now shares with death and taxes the fame of being the only constant things under the sun.—*Phila. Times.*

NOT SATISFACTORY.—The new fish law for Chester river causes much dissatisfaction among the fishermen interested in the business in these waters. The provision requiring every *employe*, as well as every principal of every boat engaged in fishing, to take out a license is complained of as a special hardship, and the distinction drawn between the residents of the two counties is unexpected and unnecessary. Another hardship complained of is that no person can be employed to assist in hauling a seine or fishing a net unless he has been a resident of the county for twelve months and has obtained a license. As the law stands citizens of Kent, even after procuring license, are allowed to fish only in waters within the county jurisdiction, and so also with citizens of Queen Anne's. The law was supposed to allow the use of these waters by the citizens of the two counties in common, and our representatives say that was their understanding of the act when endorsed by them and when it was upon its passage. How it was changed is the mystery which Kent county fishermen at least would like to have explained. Did the Queen Anne's representatives understand its provisions as now published?

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—Board met Tuesday, April 27th. Full board present.

The board requested proposals for a new bridge over Morgan's creek, from parties who had previously filed proposals for repairs.

John. P. Hendrickson and Medford M. Rasin presented their county and State bonds as tax-collectors for the second and third districts respectively, which were approved and ordered to be filed with the clerk of the circuit court for record.

The board, through J. C. Wheatley, president, executed a joint contract with Cecil county commissioners with Wm. H. Spratt to construct a new wooden bridge at Kennedy's Mill, connecting the two counties. Price, $780.

An order was drawn upon Samuel Comegys, collector, in part of levy for jail bonds and interest, which was paid.

Sundry transfers and abatements were ordered, and accounts passed for levy.

IN THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—Charles Jones, colored, was before Justice Wheatley last Tuesday, charged by his wife with assaulting her daughter. After hearing the case the justice sentenced him to sixty days in jail and to pay a fine of $2 and costs.

Emma Keys, a colored girl about eighteen years old, was before Justice Wheatley yesterday morning on the charge of taking a dress-body from Sarah Tilghman, colored. The girl was sent to jail in default of bail, and afterwards released upon restoring the goods and paying costs.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. C. C. Batcheller, our ship-carpenter, met with a painful accident last Tuesday. He was at work with Mr. Sparks in the yard adjoining Mr. J. O. Lowe's carriage factory, assisting in shaping a large log which was being swiftly turned by horse-power. The chisel he held against the revolving log took hold too deep and the iron handle flew up and struck him under the chin, cutting a deep gash and knocking out five teeth. He has been confined to his home since, but is rapidly convalescing. Dr. C. W. Whaland dressed the wound and is attending the patient.

CHESTERVILLE AND VICINITY.—The yards of the Church South and parsonage property at Chesterville are being graded, preparatory to putting up a new fence.

Crumpton is lighted by handsome coal oil lamps. She has also one glass-front store. These are moves that show enterprise.

The wheat crop around Chesterville is very promising. Many farmers are planting corn. Several are using patent corn planters, by which the ground is run out and planted at the same time by one man and a team of horses.

Personal Notes.

Mr. George Kennedy, a prominent citizen of Sassafras, died at an early hour last Sunday morning after a short illness. Mr. Kennedy was a firm believer in the canal enterprise and often said he expected to live to see this great work accomplished via the Sassafras river route.

N. Barnard, Esq., Still Pond, sends us some very fine asparagus, for which we return thanks. Mr. B. is largely engaged in the cultivation of this plant and is among the first shippers to the city markets.

U. S. MAILS.—The contracts for star-route service in Maryland were awarded on Monday. Among them was the following: 10,336—from Still Pond to Betterton, 3¼ miles and back, three times a week. Leave Still Pond Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 2 P. M., arrive at Betterton by 3 P. M.; leave Betterton Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3.30 P. M., arrive at Still Pond by 4.30 P. M. Bond required with bid, $100. To J. D. Castleman at $67.

THE Maryland Fish Commission on Tuesday turned out 600,000 young shad in the Chester river opposite Chestertown and 800,000 on Wednesday in Chester river near Millington. The commission has also turned out 400,000 in Corsica creek near Centreville and 600,000 in Wicomico river near Salisbury. These fish were hatched at the Tuckahoe hatching station, which is in charge of Herman J. Hines.

THE Clover Leaf Club of Centreville gave their closing sociable for the season at the hall in that town on Thursday evening, which was a very agreeable entertainment and attended by some fifteen couples from this county. The visitors from Kent speak in the highest terms of the hospitable manner in which they were entertained. They found the Centreville girls as agreeable and attractive as ever.

APPROACHING.—The promised concert by the Chestertown Orchestra comes off next Thursday evening, and from the indications they will certainly have a good house. The talent they have engaged from abroad is of such a character as to guarantee to all a first-class entertainment. We should all turn out on this occasion and encourage this new association.

KILLED BY BARBED WIRE.—Mr. George W. Giant lost a valuable young mare last Sunday; she became entangled in a buckthorn wire fence and was so fearfully cut that it became necessary to kill her to end her terrible agony. Mr. G. had been offered $250 for the mare only recently. Another horse with the above was injured though not seriously.

MISS S. JENNIE LEATHERBY and Wm. Walker, of Middletown, were married in the M. E. Church of that place on Wednesday, April 21, at 8.30 o'clock A. M. After taking a short tour they went to Millington, where they will make their future home. The bride was the recipient of a number of useful and pretty presents.

THE congregation of the Chestertown P. E. Church gave their pastor, Rev. S. C. Roberts, a surprise on Tuesday evening. A large quantity of substantials for the table were taken along, and the young folks of the party prepared a refreshment table, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

THE annual election for one commissioner of Chestertown took place on Monday. There was no opposition and James A. Pearce, Esq., was re-elected, receiving the entire seventy-five votes cast. The board consists of three, two of whom, Messrs. Chas. T. Westcott, and John F. Howard, hold over.

THE gross weight of the fine show beef advertised by B. Thompson in the NEWS last week was 1,575 pounds, instead of 1,075 as erroneously printed. A difference of five hundred pounds is no inconsiderable item in the weight of one beef.

ALL the churches in Chestertown were rich with floral decorations last Sunday. The music at each was specially prepared and unusually fine. Services appropriate to the occasion were conducted by the respective pastors.

ON and after May 4 steamer Nelly White will run on the Tolchester line three days in the week. Louise will start daily about June 7.

THE commissioners of Chestertown publish a caution to travelers in connection with the sewer now in course of construction on High street.

GREEN POINT, since becoming the property of Dr. W. B. Turner, has developed into a place of considerable activity. A new wharf has been made, a commodious warehouse and granary erected, and it is destined in the near future to become a shipping point of no mean pretensions. Besides shipping and buying grain, the proprietor deals in fertilizers, coal, provisions, ship stores, agricultural implements, lumber, building materials, etc. See adv.

PUBLIC SALES.—A valuable Peach Farm on Chester river, next Tuesday in Centreville, by John D. Urie, Esq.

Today—in Chestertown—a College Lot by J. A. Pearce, Esq., and a Traction Engine and Thresher by H. H. Barroll, Esq.

THE Tolchester line have made arrangements so that the Kent county people can go over in the Nelly White and see the great show of P. T. Barnum's. See adv. in another column.

"OUR FOREFATHERS' SOAP" is said to be first-class in quality for all the uses of the household. It can be had from most of the dealers in Chestertown. Give it a trial.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEPHONE LOCALS

REPORTED FOR THE KENT NEWS.

WORTON STATION—Mr. Wm. Cooper, who has charge of the track on the fair grounds, has nine or ten horses breaking and training. He has sold Fannie W., belonging to Mr. Frank Wilkins, and the black gelding Frank, belonging to Dr. J. Wesley Cooper, to the sheriff of New Castle county, Del., for $750.

LYNCH'S—Mrs. Mary E. Edwards has purchased of Thos. J. Willis his building lot lying next to the M. P. Church, upon which she contemplates having a dwelling erected for her occupancy.—Mr. Albert Perkins returned home from Florida this week, after an absence of about six months; his trip seems to have had a beneficial effect, as he is looking quite well.—Mr. G. B. Kennard has gone to Bailwood, Va., on the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad, where he will engage in house-painting.

GALENA—The Galena base-ball club had its second game with the Ceciltون club on the 25th inst. and was beaten by a score of 12 to 23.—Sassafras river is filled with herring; it is said that one pound near Georgetown now has 75,000 in it; price $1.50 per thousand.

STILL POND—The Farmers' club of this village will give an entertainment Saturday afternoon (today), followed by a supper at night.—The second entertainment given by the Good Templars of this place last Tuesday evening was a success in every particular.

KENNEDYVILLE—The Kennedyville base-ball club met the Fairlee nine at Worton Station last Monday and beat them by a score of 14 to 18.—Mr. Frank Roeder, who has been sick since last January, is in a very critical condition.

LOCUST GROVE—The ladies of the Locust Grove M. E. Church will hold a strawberry festival the first week in June.

LAMBSON'S—Mr. Moses Lambson, who has been very ill for some time, is much better this morning.

ROLPH'S—Mr. John H. Evans will in a few days commence to build a new granary and wharf at this place.—Robert Norris, who lives on the Beck farm of John H. Evans, is very ill with malarial fever; he is attended by Dr. Weedon, of Church Hill, who thinks his condition a little improved this morning.

MILLINGTON—Mr. Wm. Walker, of Middletown, Del., has moved to this place and opened a new drug store. We wish him much success.

PEOPLE WHO ARE SURPRISED.—People who have read the Cash Clothing advertisement of Bordley Bros., have with one accord expressed their very great astonishment at their exceeding low price. "How can you afford to sell so cheap?" is the question asked by nearly every customer. *

MARRIED.

In Smyrna, April 26, by the Rev. J. B. Quigg, EDMUND J. COLE, of this county, and Miss KATE T. REED, of Kent county, Del.

DIED.

At Sassafras, on Sunday morning last of pneumonia, GEORGE KENNEDY, in the 62d year of his age.

In Chestertown on Wednesday night, MARY AMANDA, wife of James W. Chapman, only child of Mary and the late Wm. Webb, in the 49th year of her age. The funeral will take place at the late residence on Saturday (today) at 2 P. M. Interment at Chester Cemetery.

[Delaware papers please copy.]

Mrs. Chapman was of delicate frame and had long been a sufferer, but careful nursing and skillful physicians had kept her up until last Monday when the whole system seemed to give way and she was prostrated with her death sickness. In these last hours she had the comforting grace of the religion she had long professed, and bore her sufferings with remarkable patience. The loved ones of her household were about her and left nothing undone to smooth the dying pillow, while her pastor and physician and sympathizing friends were tireless in waiting and anxious in serving. At 10 o'clock she was released from her suffering and the freed spirit went to join the loved ones gone before. The sorrowing husband, the three affectionate children and the aged mother have the consolation of knowing their duty well performed towards the dear one and that by-and-by a happy reunion will be theirs in the land immortal.

OBITUARY.—A beautiful character passed from our midst to a fairer world on Saturday morning, April 24. In the person of Mrs. MARY MORGAN, the wife of Mr. John W. Morgan, the world knew one in whom many natural and christian graces abounded to an unusual extent. She was the daughter of Mr. Thos. Gale, of lower Kent, but married young and spent nearly 56 years of her happy wedded life in Cecil county, where she raised eleven children, who have all attained positions of honor and influence. She died in her 74th year, beloved by many, many friends—a sheaf well-ripened in devoted christian living for the heavenly garner. In the words of her pastor, Rev. Mr. Tomkinson, it can well be said of this "Mother in Israel, she left a priceless legacy to her children in the recollection of her loving, sainted life, the sweet odor of which will ever be fresh in the memories of those who knew her." Surely, she hath gone to reap the certain fruits of a life well spent in the Master's service. W. G. P.

Galena, April 27, 1886.

Dissolution of Copartnership!

THE Copartnership heretofore existing between George E. Smith and Charles S. Smith, under the firm name of SMITH & SMITH, has been dissolved by mutual consent. All bills due for coal and wood must be paid before June 1st, otherwise they will be placed in a collector's hands.

GEORGE E. SMITH,
CHARLES S. SMITH.

NOTICE.—The undersigned will continue the Tobacco and Cigar business next door to the Postoffice, and with personal attention and renewed energy he hopes to make things lively. Give him a call. CHAS. S. SMITH.
May 1, 1886—4t.

SHAD-SUPPER and FESTIVAL.

The Ladies of the M. E. Sunday School will hold a SHAD-SUPPER and FESTIVAL on the Church Green, on the Evenings of May 21st and 22d. Supper 25 cents. BY ORDER.
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TO THE LADIES OF ROCK HALL and Surrounding Country: I have secured the service of MISS M. E. KNIGHT, of Baltimore, an accomplished and competent DRESSMAKER, and invite you to give us a call at my residence, Rock Hall, where we will show you the Latest Spring Fashions and assure you satisfaction.
ap24-3t* MISS MAMIE RICH.

FESTIVAL.—The KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS will hold a FESTIVAL at ROCK HALL on FRIDAY and SATURDAY Evenings, April 30 and May 1, (if fair, if not on the first fair evenings thereafter, Sunday excepted). SUPPER each evening; Oysters and Fish, with all the delicacies of the season. Ice-Cream and Confectioneries in abundance. Proceeds to be applied to the erection of NEW HALL. Festival held on lot adjoining Mr. Jos. Davis' Store.
☞The Public are cordially invited; a grand time guaranteed. By order,
ap24-2t. COMMITTEE.

FOR SALE.—One GRAY MARE, and one Black Mare, suitable for farm work or the road. Terms moderate. Apply to
ml-3t. F. H. HARPER, Still Pond.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY:—Three Low Priced FARM HORSES for cash. Address N. BARNARD,
apr24-3t.* Still Pond, Md.

FOR SALE or Exchange.—TWO YOUNG MARES, 7 and 8 years old, in foal; Two Large and Superior Sorrel GELDINGS, 7 and 10 years old; Young Driving MARE, Brunette, will be sold on easy terms. Apply to
m20-tf. WM. J. VANNORT.

FOR RENT balance of year—A very convenient HOUSE; Water in Kitchen. Terms reasonable. Apply to
ap17-3t. LOUIS K. STAM.

PERSONAL.—MR. CHARLES D. BURGESS, late of Chestertown, begs to notify his friends and