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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....SEPT. 4, 1886.

For Congress:

HON. CHARLES H. GIBSON,

OF TALBOT COUNTY.

FOUR DAYS' FAIR.—The Kent Co. Agricultural Association has decided to hold the fair this fall four days instead of three as heretofore, that is —Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 21, 22, 23, 24. They have also added a 2.45 class for trotters, premium $200; also, a free-for-all running race, premium $50; a hurdle race, first premium, set of harness; second, bridle and saddle; third, lap robe. Entries close Sept. 21, at 12 o'clock M.

REV. ALEXANDER J. DRYSDALE, who was on Thursday of last week elected Bishop of the Diocese of Easton, died on Monday at Waukesha, Wisconsin, where he was spending part of his vacation, of disease of the kidneys. Mr. Drysdale was rector of Christ Church, New Orleans, where he went about six years ago from Mobile, Ala. He was a native of Savannah, Ga., and about 45 years old. The death of Mr. Drysdale will necessitate the assembling of the convention for the fifth time to choose a successor to the late Bishop Lay. Prior to the election of Mr. Drysdale the convention elected three clergymen, all of whom declined— Rev. G. Williamson Smith, D. D., who was chosen November 18, 1885; Rev. Chauncey C. Williams, elected December 16, 1885; and Rev. Kinloch Nelson, D. D., elected June 3, 1886. A dispatch from Cambridge to the Baltimore *Sun* says: In regard to the reassembling of the diocesan convention, made necessary by the death of Mr. Drysdale, Rev. Dr. Barber, chairman, states that it would be impossible to name now the time and place for the next meeting. There must be a consultation with the parishes. Many will urge that the whole matter be postponed until after the general convention in Chicago in October, but it is more probable that a special call will be issued for the last week in September.

General News Notes.

The Cecil county democratic convention chose an anti-Talbott delegation to the second district congressional convention.

Two shad and a herring were caught by fishermen at Denton on Saturday, something very unusual for this season of the year.

Large ripe strawberries of second growth were in market in Salisbury last Saturday, and sold by Marion Brown, of Nutler's district.

The steamboat inspectors find that the Nelly White was to blame for the collision with the schooner Ida Farren, and suspended the license of her pilot.

Andrew Burke, a sailor, about 20 years of age, had one of his feet bitten off by a shark while swimming in the Susquehanna river at Havre de Grace last Sunday.

Clarence M. Hanson, the 17-year-old son of Benjamin P. Hanson, of the second election district, Cecil county, has been awarded the vacant scholarship in Washington College.

Dr. Henry J. Goldsborough, a retired physician and druggist, of Easton, died on Thursday of last week. He was fifty-eight years old, and was a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Talbot county.

Joseph Murphy, of Baltimore, was drowned at Atlantic City last Sunday while bathing, and Frederick Roeseke, of Baltimore, and his young son were drowned at Cape May the same day. All the bodies were recovered, brought home and interred.

The Pennsylvania prohibition convention last week nominated a full ticket, with Hon. Chas. S. Wolfe at the head. Each and every one of the nominees are effective stump speakers, and with a thoroughly organized executive committee a lively campaign may be expected.

Judge Stump has drawn the jurors for the September term of Cecil County Court. There are about 20 persons in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury, 4 of whom are charged with capital offenses. The criminal business at the session, which begins September 20, will take several weeks.

Henry Wilmer Driver, a nephew of the late Henry Wilmer, of Queen Anne's county, died on Saturday, at the residence of Mr. R. D. Tucker, 352 North Carey street, Baltimore, in the 58th year of his age. Mr. Driver was an extensive landowner in Queen Anne's county and for over thirty years a very successful farmer.

The Mayflower has been selected by the committee of the New York Yacht Club to contest with the British cutter in the international race. The selection was made after the most thorough trials, in almost all conditions of weather, with the best crafts of this class in the country.

Jonathan W. Scott, foreman in the office of the Baltimore *Price Current*, was found hanging Tuesday morning from one of the shafts of the machinery in the office. He left home on Sunday, having provided himself with a cotton clothes-line, with which he accomplished his end.

It is now beginning to be feared that the murderer or murderers of B. T. Eversman, near Quantico, Wicomico county, cannot be detected. It is thought that there is not sufficient evidence against James Robinson, the colored man apprehended on suspicion, to convict him of the crime. The reward of $400 has caused several persons to engage in the search, but so far their labors have been fruitless.

The annual meeting of the Peninsula Press Association at Atlantic City was one of the most pleasant reunions ever enjoyed by the association and was largely attended. George E. Haddaway, Esq., of the Easton *Ledger*, was elected president for the ensuing year, and Mr. Scott Way re-elected secretary. A trip to California is in contemplation for next year. A gold-headed cane was voted to the secretary for his long and invaluable services to the association.

A dead body was found on Monday by a colored boy floating in the bay, near the shore of Gunpowder Neck, Harford county. It was that of a man about five feet ten inches in height, apparently about 65 years old, of dark complexion. The man had on nothing but dark pants and vest and a white shirt. No marks of violence were found on the body, and the jury rendered a verdict that the man had been drowned in the Chesapeake bay. The remains were buried on the shore.

A buyer from Washington on Monday purchased a cargo of cantaleups from the Anne Arundel truckers at the foot of Marsh Market space. The canteleups were taken to the market, where each one was opened for the seed and the fruit given away. The news of the free lunch soon spread about, and before the cargo was half opened one of the most motley gatherings seen in the vicinity since the height of the tramp season swarmed about the spot. The seed were taken to Washington to be dried and packed for use next season.—*Sun.*

Wilkes' Spirit of the Times, an accepted authority on sporting matters and an earnest patron of athletic contests, has written for particulars in regard to Mr. W. L. Coudon's great throw with the 15-pound hammer of 99 feet, 1½ inch. Certificates of weight of hammer, and of the distance thrown, have been forwarded, and the throw will undoubtedly go on record as the longest ever made by an amateur. About the middle of this month Mr. Coudon will attempt to beat his already unparalled feat—as he has repeatedly done in private practice—at an athletic meeting to be held at Perryville.—*Cecil News.*

The United States treasury makes a handsome showing under the management of the present administration. There was a net increase of cash in the year ended June 30, 1885, of $63,416,673. In the year following $88,901,859 of the principal of the public debt was paid, besides $5,954,729 added to the cash balance, the total gain for 1886 being $93,956,588. The net revenue in 1886 was $336,439,727, an increase over 1885 of $12,749,020. Expenditure in 1886 was $242,483,138, which was $17,790,894 less than in 1885, despite the fact that pensions cost $7,302,596 more in the former than in the latter year. The actual decrease of expenditure for the first full year of democratic administration was therefore $25,093,490.

A Remarkable Artesian Well.

A dispatch received at the City Hall in Chicago on Tuesday from the mayor of Belleplain, Iowa, states that an artesian well four inches in diameter burst when the depth of 180 feet had been reached in boring, and a volume of water was forced into the air several hundred feet, gradually increasing in volume until a stream fully 16 inches in diameter was formed, the upward force of which is equal to the power of powder or dynamite. Two rivers have been formed by this phenomenal water burst, which are running through the town at the rate of twelve miles an hour and carrying everything before them. House and lives are threatened. An attempt was made to insert 16-inch boiler iron tubes into the well, but these were instantly blown out and forced high into the air. Fifteen carloads of stone were emptied into the well but these were forced upward as though by the force of giant powder. Bags of sand were then hastily constructed and cast into the well; but these, too, were hurled into the air. The mayor of Belleplain telegraphed to Chicago for the best engineers to come and stop the spout. Engineers Artingstall and Morgan, of that city, are of the opinion that but little can be done to stop the flow of water, but that it may be possible to divert the rivers into less dangerous directions and confine them to their channels.

AN EARTHQUAKE!

THE COUNTRY BADLY SHAKEN.

CHARLESTON, S. C., IN RUINS.

Houses Shaken Down and Many Persons Killed and Injured.

About five minutes past ten o'clock on Tuesday evening last a slight shock of earthquake was distinctly felt in Chestertown. Houses were slightly shaken, windows rattled, hanging lamps and rocking chairs were set in motion, and some people were a little frightened and some others so badly that they ran into the street. No perceptible damage however was done. The shock was felt in all sections of this county from which reports have come, in Baltimore city and in all parts of the State. Dispatches from all sections show that the shock was felt more or less all over the country, and apparently traveled from points south and west in an easterly and northerly direction. It was severest, however, at Charleston, S. C., where many houses were shaken down and others set on fire, some thirty or forty persons killed and a much larger number injured. Another shock was felt at Charleston Wednesday morning and two more in the afternoon and still another between eleven o'clock and midnight, the last being very severe and shook down several more buildings. The city was cut off from the rest of the world by the breaking of telegraphic communication Tuesday night and nothing was heard from there until an early hour Wednesday morning, when a dispatch was sent stating that the city was wrecked, the streets were encumbered with masses of fallen bricks and tangled telegraph and telephone wires, and that for hours it was impossible to pass from one part of the city to another. The dispatch says:

The first shock of earthquake was felt approaching last night at 9.53 and before people could realize what the trouble was they found themselves being tossed about and their houses falling upon them. Every one ran screaming into the streets, and in a few seconds the city was wild with human beings crazed with fright. On all sides could be heard exclamations such as "My God, save us," "God have mercy upon us sinners," and people could be seen kneeling everywhere in groups offering up prayers. The first shock was followed immediately by another, though of less effect, but renewing the screams and shrieks, and from the time of the beginning of daylight shocks were felt at intervals of half an hour, each succeeding one being less distinct. Three or four fires started in as many sections with the first shock, and the city was soon illuminated with flames, thus leading all to believe that what was left by the earthquake would be devoured by fire. However the fire department was so well handled that the fires were gotten under control by daylight. From fifteen to twenty residences and stores were consumed. The principal business portion of the city was destroyed and hundreds of persons were rendered homeless. Men were frantic, women were beseeching mercy from the Almighty and children were in tears. Even women, armed with hatchets, fought valiantly to rescue the imprisoned unfortunates. The night was hideous with the groans of the dying, the screams of the wounded and the prayers of the uninjured.

St. Michael's and St. Philip's Churches, two of the most historic structures in the city, are ruined, and the steeples are down. Hibernian Hall was also wrecked. The steeple of the Unitarian Church has fallen. The police station and many other public buildings and fully two-thirds of the residences in the city are uninhabitable, being wrecked either totally or partially. Scarcely 100 houses in the city are now occupied, the people being all encamped in open places. All the stores are closed, and a scarcity of food is feared, not from a want of provisions, but because no one can be got to reach the stores to sell them. The city is wrapped in gloom and business is entirely suspended. People generally remain in the streets in tents and improvised shelters, and will camp out tonight, fearing another shock. There is a great rush to the railroad depots to get away, but owing to the earthquake no trains have been able to be dispatched from the city. Not a single place of business in the city save a drug store, which is busy preparing prescriptions for the wounded, is open.

There are three or four steamers in port including the buoy tenders, and many of the inhabitants are provided with berths on these boats. Fortunately the weather has been good, and the hardships are not as severe as they might have been. The situation, however, is becoming horrible. Cut off from communication with the rest of the world, afflicted and haunted with the prospect of immediate death—that is about the condition of this community. No trains have departed or arrived here in 24 hours. It is said that all the railroad tracks are twisted into the shape of snakes.

Owing to the demoralized condition of everything here it is impossible to give correct facts further than this: The number of casualties has not yet been ascertained—probably from 30 to 40 killed and over 100 injured. The loss to property will probably reach $8,000,000 or $10,000,000. Three-fourths of the buildings in the city will have to be rebuilt. There was very little shipping in port, and none of it was injured. The disturbances have not at all affected the water in the harbor, although it is evident that all the shocks came from a southeasterly direction, and therefore from the sea. There are no signs of a tidal wave as yet.

The population of Charleston in 1880 was 49,984, of whom more than one-third were colored.

Summerville, twenty-two miles from Charleston, was nearly destroyed and many persons hurt.

There were eleven shocks at Columbia, S. C. A large political meeting was being held in the court-house, but it adjourned in a panic. The walls of the court-house were cracked, and one partition badly so. The colored people assembled in the streets praying. People were congregated on the streets and in yards all night, fearing a recurrence of the earthquake. The shock was general throughout the State.

THE SHOCK ELSEWHERE.

The shock lasted about three minutes in Richmond, Va., and men, women and children who had retired jumped from their beds and rushed out of doors. At the penitentiary the shock was probably greater than anywhere else in the city. The convicts became alarmed and beat violently upon the doors of their cells. The shrieks of the men and women were heard for a quarter of a mile. Two prisoners escaped, but were speedily recaptured.

At Charleston, W. Va., chimneys toppled over and people were badly frightened.

At Savannah, Ga., chimneys fell, clocks stopped, and lamps and ornaments were thrown down. The shock was general throughout Georgia.

At Memphis, Tenn., people rushed out of their houses, and many who had retired rushed out of doors without waiting to dress. It was the same all over the city, and many women went into hysterics.

At Raleigh, N. C., the shocks were very severe, beginning at 9.50 and continuing nearly six minutes. Buildings rocked, walls cracked, floors broke loose from their supports, chimneys fell, lamps were overturned. The motion of the earth was very decided. The streets rapidly filled with screaming people.

At Pittsburg the City Hall trembled and swayed. Dishes were thrown from shelves, and clocks stopped.

At Cedar Keys, Fla., the shock was heavy, houses and the earth trembling violently, moving cars on the tracks.

At Cleveland, Ohio, it lasted about one minute. Buildings swayed perceptibly. People left the theatres and ran into streets, and great excitement prevailed.

The shock was not violent at St. Louis, but at several hotels the guests were scared and rushed out.

The shocks were felt at Wilmington, Del., about ten o'clock. People were awakened from their sleep, houses trembled, windows rattled and furniture shook.

No shock was felt at Omaha, Ogden or San Francisco. It was very light at Chicago.

Advices from Boston say no shock was generally felt there. The New England cities, with one or two exceptions, report not having experienced any unusual disturbance.

In New York it occurred at 9.51. It was felt in the operating room of the Western Union building, where the switch board was swayed for a second or so, and in the Associated Press rooms in a higher story of the Western Union building, the undulations were quite startling. There are no reports of damage.

At Indianapolis a portion of the cornice of the Denison Hotel was displaced, falling to the pavement, and the tower of the court-house rocked to such an extent that the fire watchman on duty fled.

At Mobile, Ala., the shock was noticeable in the top floors of houses, making chandeliers swing, and giving the people a distinct sensation of moving from side to side.

In Washington the officials of the signal service bureau report that four distinct shocks were felt. Prof. Capen, the weather prophet, recently predicted that an earthquake would occur about this date. Major Powell, of the geological survey, stationed at Washington, says that there is a line of weakness in the crust of the earth, beginning somewhere south of Raleigh, N. C., and extending in a line along the tidewater part of Richmond, Washington, Baltimore and Troy, N. Y.; that this line of weakness is marked by a displacement. In some places this displacement is a flecture in rocks, in other places a fault, and in the neighborhood of this displacement is found the principal waterfalls which constitute the water power of the Atlantic slope. "It will be interesting," he adds, "to discover the relations of the point of origin of this earthquake to this line of displacement or weakness."

THE COMING FAIR.

Another Day and Unusual Attractions.

The annual exhibition of the Kent Co. Agricultural Association to be held Sept. 21, 22, 23 and 24 bids fair to be the most interesting ever held by the society. The fourth day has been added to give room for a day of special sports. Besides the interesting features named—the running race, the hurdle race and the 2.45 race—other exciting sports will be included, namely, climbing the greased pole, catching the greased pig, sack races, wheelbarrow races, &c., &c.

The buildings and grounds are being put in first-class condition — excellent music has been engaged—special trains will be run on the railroad—the exhibits of stock will be specially fine, and the fruit show will beat the world. The ladies are also all preparing to make Exhibition Hall unusually attractive and the races each day will be more exciting than usual. Make your preparations to attend and don't forget the dates.

A TOWN CLOCK.

Shall We Have One On the New Town Hall?

A creditable town hall for Chestertown is assured. The handsome structure on Stam's corner is rapidly approaching completion and the time has arrived when the question of a town clock must be decided. The design of this new building is specially adapted to the purpose—a splendid clock tower being located directly on the corner—and Mr. Stam proposes to give its use to the town for the purpose of a clock if desired. To put a clock in this tower, of the best Seth Thomas make, with an eight hundred or thousand pound bell to strike the hour, will cost not less than one thousand dollars. Such a clock would be a great convenience not only to the citizens of Chestertown but to visitors. The striking of the hours could be heard a long distance, while two faces would clearly express the time by day and illuminated dials at night.

Can we have such an improvement? It would be a reflection to suppose that a community like ours would allow the opportunity to go by default. Individual enterprise will give us the long needed and much talked of town hall. The whole community appreciates the enterprise; at least this is the universal expression of public opinion. An opportunity is now offered to manifest an appreciation in a more substantial way than in *words*. Let us endorse Mr. Stam's undertaking and do a good thing for the town by placing a clock in the ornamented tower of the new building.

HOW IT IS TO BE DONE.

A number of our citizens held a meeting a few evenings since and determined to ask for one hundred names at ten dollars each. This will be the honorary list for the accomplishment of the desired object. Certainly these one hundred will be readily found. The following committee was appointed, namely: Dr. S. Beck, M. deK. Smith, J. W. Bordley, L. K. Stam and W. B. Usilton. They are to receive the names and report the same at a general meeting of all such subscribers to be held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 14. Don't wait to be called upon, but let all who are willing to aid in the matter see some member of the committee and give their names.

Mr. Stam not only furnishes this very desirable place for the proposed clock but guarantees to keep it in running order after being placed in position and the illumination kept up at night.

CHANGES AT THE ALMSHOUSE.—The trustees of our almshouse have decided to make some changes at that institution at the end of the present year, and will separate the management of the farm and the care of the paupers. A new dwelling will be erected on the opposite side of the road from the buildings now standing for the use of the tenant, while the present dwelling will be occupied by the steward. The farm has been rented to Mr. R. F. Shawn, who now lives on the farm of Mrs. M. J. Dodd, near this town. The stewardship of the poor was tendered to Mr. Joshua Copper, the present occupant, but at a meeting of the trustees on Wednesday he declined to accept it. Mr. Copper has been the overseer for nearly thirty-six years, having charge of both the farm and paupers, and thinks as he is now well advanced in the calendar he is entitled to a little rest. He will make his home with his son Jesse, who has rented the Raymond farm near Urieville. Mr. Copper says that when he took charge of the institution in April, 1851, there were but eighteen inmates while now there are sixty-five or sixty-six, and the average is about the latter number. Under his administration the whole premises have undergone a general transformation — waste lands have been reclaimed, new ground cleared up, etc., and from 200 bushels of wheat, 1600 to 1900 is now about the average yield, while the increase in other crops is in nearly the same proportion. The trustees have been fortunate in retaining his service for so many years, as no one perhaps could have rendered more efficient service, and he retires with the best wishes of numerous friends for his future welfare. In this connection it is eminently proper, we think, to say a word in commendation of Mrs. Copper, the motherly matron, who has been unceasing during all these years in her ministrations to the poor unfortunates. They may will be lucky if her successor manifests for them the same tender consideration.

The trustees decided upon the change in the hope, if possible, to reduce the expenses of the institution, of which there has been some complaint. Should the result prove favorable, the separation of the two departments will be hailed with satisfaction by the tax-payers of the county and be permanently continued.

Personal Notes.

Miss Nettie E. Walters, the newly appointed teacher in Chestertown public school to take Miss Downes' place, arrived yesterday and entered upon her duties. She is from Worcester county.

Father Carey, of Easton, has been visiting his friends in Kent the past week. He spent Sunday and Monday at Galena with Father Flynn and on Thursday came to Chestertown and spent several days with Father Scott. He is accompanied by his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker returned on Monday from Danville, New York. Mr. Baker is much improved in health.

Among the Kent countians at Atlantic City this week were the following: L. C. Justis, of Kennedyville; Oldham Massey, Masseys; Richard S. Diehl, Worton; P. A. M. Brooks, wife and child, Urieville; S. T. Wickes, C. G. Woodall, W. B. Usilton, Chestertown. W. M. Slay and wife have been spending several weeks at Congress Hall in the same city.

The Atlantic City papers reported the following arrivals at one of the hotels there: Mrs. B. Crillen, Chestertown; Lowin O. Gustin, Kennedyville. Mr. L. C. Justis did the registering and intended one name for his own and the other for the junior of the NEWS.

The Somerset *Marylander* reports "Mr. Wm. S. Walker, of Kent county, who is well known in Somerset county where he once resided, on a visit to the family of his brother-in-law, Dr. W. H. Gale, of Princess Anne."

Rev. Geo. E. Wood, of Crumpton, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McWhorter, of Millington, have been sojourning at Ocean Grove.

Dr. Guion, daughter Fettie and son Benjamin, of New Berne, N. C., are guests of Mrs. Chas. T. Westcott, in Chestertown.

Miss M. J. Clements, of Chesterville, returned from a visit to friends in New Jersey last Tuesday and has since been visiting in Sudlersville.

Dr. C. P. Gilpin returned from his vacation on Monday, having divided the time between a sojourn at Ocean City and visiting relatives and friends in various localities.

Miss Dora Hodgkin, who has recently recovered from a severe illness, is visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. George J. Griffin, a native of this county, and for a number of years connected with the police department of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Mary A. Hall, in Chestertown. He is a fine specimen of physical manhood and no doubt a terror to evil doers.

The official board of the M. E. Church at Millington has granted the pastor, R. K. Stephenson, a leave of absence for three weeks. He will take a trip to Minnesota.

MARRIED.—The M. P. Church of this town, Rev. T. O. Crouse, pastor, was the scene of a very pretty wedding last Wednesday evening, the contracting parties being Mr. Wm. B. Price, of Queen Anne's county, and Miss E. Ava Downes, of Chestertown. The bride wore a handsome white satin dress with veil, and the groom was dressed in the conventional black. The ushers were Joseph L. Downes, of Baltimore, J. Medford Price, Wm. J. Price, Jr., and Olin Bryan; Mrs. Grumley, of Washington, presided at the organ. After the ceremony the couple repaired to their future residence at "Believe" on Wye Island.—*Centreville Observer.*

Mr. Joseph L. Downes, of the firm of Downes & Jennings, Hanover street, was married in Baltimore Wednesday night to Miss Effie A. Chase, daughter of Mr. Charles F. Chase, of the firm of Hemingway & Chase. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. S. Hipkins, in Holy Comforter P. E. Church, Pratt and Chester streets. Rev. Mr. Taylor assisted. The groom and bride went to the altar preceded by the ushers, six in number. A number of wedding marches were rendered during the ceremony. The bride was arrayed in faille Francais lace overdress, ornamented with pearls. A reception followed at the residence of the bride's parents, 369 East Pratt street, after which the couple left on the Norfolk steamer for a tour South.—*Sun.*

Brief Locals.

What are you going to exhibit at the Fair?

The public schools of this county began their fall session on Wednesday with fair attendance.

The advertisement of the Delaware State Fair, to begin at Dover on the 27th instant, appears in our columns today.

J. D. Urie, Esq., as attorney, offered the town property of Mrs. J. C. Slaughter at public sale last Tuesday, but for want of a satisfactory bid withdrew it.

Chester Wilmer, an old colored man known to almost everybody in Chestertown, died at the almshouse last week. He had been an inmate only a few days.

Mr. P. H. Gears will accept our thanks for a small basket of fine peaches of the Poland Seedling variety. Mr. G. says he pulled 54 of this variety which filled an ordinary peach basket.

The case of Rudolph Benawsky against John Jankoskey, of Rock Hall, for $42.95, was heard before Justice Wheatley on Thursday. M. deK. Smith apperred for plaintiff and R. D. Hynson for defendant. Not yet decided.

Sheriff Hatcherson sold on Tuesday a one-seventh interest in the "Bungy" or "Oakland" farm, near Edesville, to Messrs. Nichols, Shepard & Co., of Michigan, and Messrs. Wooldridge, Travers & Co., Baltimore, for $450 cash.

Jervis Hynson, colored, an employe on the railroad, was thrown from a hand-car near Chestertown station on Thursday afternoon and badly bruised about the left hip. He was brought to his home in town and Drs. Whaland and Catlin rendered surgical aid.

The steamer Emma A. Ford, of the Chester river line, broke one of her paddle-wheels on Monday afternoon off Locust Point. She was towed back to the city and her passengers landed. The propeller Essex took the Ford's place until the damage was repaired.

The drouth, which was becoming serious in this section, was broken on Monday afternoon and night by a copious rain, which appears to have been quite general. It came too late however to do corn much good, but will be of great advantage to late potatoes. It was also a great relief to dust-covered and sweltering humanity.

Michael Ford, aged about 40 years, boss stevedore on the steamer Mentor, plying between Barnard's wharf and Perryville, met his death on the Susquehanna bridge of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad last Sunday morning. Ford had been to Havre de Grace and was returning to the steamer, which was at the railroad company's wharf. Meeting the train bound south on the Perryville side, he attempted to get out of the way and fell between the ties, striking on the rip-raps below, killing him instantly. His body was found in the afternoon.

Mr. John C. Briscoe, who works in Judge Hyland's machine shops at Galena, made a narrow escape with his life one day last week. The belts caught his shirt on the right side a few inches below the arm-pit and the garment was torn completely from his body. The judge says if the shirt had not possessed the *benefit* of age "John C." would have "gone up." As it was, he escaped with a bad scare and a slight injury to the right arm.

The Deering Binder Company has presented Judge Hyland with an excursion ticket for himself and wife to Chicago and return. Mr. Hyland is the agent for the company in this county, and the ticket was promised on condition that he would sell a certain number of binders this season. The judge says he exceeded the stipulated number by more than one-half.

Wm. H. Pennington, of Galena, has sent to the Baltimore *Sun* specimens of big tomatoes which the Eastern Shore raises. The samples include one cluster of five tomatoes which weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces.

Dr. T. H. Cooper recently made a present to Mr. Frank Wilkins of a thoroughbred Llewellyn setter pup. The dog was obtained through a celebrated dog fancier in Wilmington, and has a pedigree one hundred years long. He counts his ancestors back through more than twenty generations.

The officers of registration will sit next week from Tuesday to Saturday inclusive at the places advertised in this issue. We cannot too strongly urge upon all persons who are not registered and those who have removed from the district or county in which they voted last year to give this matter prompt attention.

Dr. Lee, who, under the direction of Governor Lloyd, is examining into the condition of the insane at the various almshouses in the State, visited our almshouse for that purpose Tuesday evening. He reported to Mr. Copper that he found a colored girl there who would kill somebody if she was not watched. There are seven or eight of these unfortunates at our almshouse, who should, if possible, be removed to other quarters.

Mr. Edward Plotts, manager of the Gem Piano and Organ Co., of Washington, N. J., assisted by Major Wroth, George W. Hynson and Professor Pierson, sold 122 organs in Kent county. The Gem ranks with the very best in the trade and Mr. Plotts intends to make 122 more homes happy before leaving us. We sincerely hope he will do so.

The attendance at Doris' show here on Monday was not large, estimated at about 1,000 in the afternoon and 600 at night. The busy peach season no doubt kept many away. The show gave pretty general satisfaction.

PEACHES.—The peach market has been very discouraging to growers this week. Prices have ruled very low. The city markets are all flat and at the railroad stations the same condition is found. In Baltimore Smock sold yesterday at from 20c. to 70c. per box and other varieties were little better. The season will close much sooner than was anticipated and the prices realized will not average as much as last year.

THE FAIR PRIVILEGES—ENCOURAGING SALES.—The privileges of the Kent County Fair were sold on Monday as follows: Dining and lunch to Fred. Gemmill, Edesville, for $43.50; oyster stand to Alex. Carson, of Dover, $75; ice-cream, cakes and confectionery to W. F. Murr & Co., of Baltimore, $50; cigars, tobacco and soft drinks to same, $88.50; peanut stand to same, $52; feed pen to B. T. Wilkins, Lankford, $21. These prices are the best ever before realized and indicate bright prospects for the coming Fair. Three of these privileges, which now bring $168, were purchased last year by W. Perkins for $90.

DROWNED IN CHESTER RIVER.—Perry Harris, colored, aged about 35 years, son of the late Henry Harris, of this town, and the cook on the schooner Bonita, belonging to Mr. Jos. Turner, fell overboard from the schooner at Deep Point on Friday of last week and was drowned. Harris, after preparing dinner, went to sleep and fell overboard. Capt. Brice heard the splash and rushed to the deck and threw Harris an oar, but he did not make any attempt to catch it. The body was found Sunday afternoon on Mr. James Bramble's shore, not far from where the drowning occurred, and brought to the home of his mother in Chestertown and buried Monday morning. Coroner Bordley deemed it unnecessary to hold an inquest. Harris was formerly a waiter at the Voshell House, and was well known in this community.

MARRIED.

At the M. E. Parsonage, Chestertown, August 25, 1886, by Rev. John D. Kemp, JOSEPH A. LUCAS and MATILDA ADKINSON, both of this county.

At the M. P. Church, in Centreville, by Rev. T. O. Crouse, on Wednesday, August 25, 1886, WILLIAM B. PRICE, of Queen Anne's county, and Miss E. AVA DOWNES, of Chestertown.

In Baltimore, on Wednesday last, at Holy Comforter P. E. Church, by Rev. F. S. Hipkins, JOSEPH L. DOWNES to EFFIE A. CHASE, both of that city.

DIED.

Suddenly, of apoplexy, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. J. Kendall, in Queen Anne's county, near Chestertown, on the evening of Friday, August 27th, 1886, Mrs. CATHARINE KNOTTS, in the 66th year of her age.

In the lower district, Sept. 2, 1886, JOHN CHARLES, infant son of John L. and Rose E. Deputy.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—The rector of this church having returned from his vacation, divine service, with Holy Eucharist, will be held in the church (Providence permitting) on Sunday, Sept. 5, at 11 A. M. 1t.

NOTICE.—My customers are earnestly requested to call and settle at once.
aug28-3t. LOUIS K. STAM.

FESTIVAL! FESTIVAL!

The Ladies of Lynch's M. P. Church will hold their annual FESTIVAL on the evenings of the 9th, 10th and 11th of Sept. Supper will be served each evening, commencing at 6 o'clock. The Pomona Trombones will be in attendance on the evening of the 10th to discourse music.
a28-3t. By order of COMMITTEE.

R. J. BAKER & Co's FERTILIZERS:

ANALYSIS of PURE FINE GROUND RAW BONE.....5 to 6 per cent. Ammonia. 47 to 52 per cent. Bone Phosphate.
Pure Dissolved Raw Bone 3 to 3½ per ct. Ammo. 32 to 36 per cent. Bone Phosphate.
Dissolved South Carolina Rock 12 to 15 per cent. Phosphoric Acid.

The reason why Acker's Blood Elixir is warranted, is because it is the best Blood Preparation known. It will positively cure all Blood Diseases, purifies the whole system, and thoroughly builds up the constitution. Remember, we guarantee it.
C. P. STAM, Druggist.

LOST—A SMALL PEARL, in gold setting—the head of a Scarf Pin. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at the KENT NEWS OFFICE. sep4-3t.

HOME WANTED—For MAN, WIFE and two children; both able to work and willing. The woman is an extra milkmaid. Can be seen at the Almshouse. 1t.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to me for MEAT are requested to settle their accounts at once. Those who do not comply with this request by the 15th of September, instant, may expect to find their accounts in other hands for collection. WM. A. BRICE,
sep4-2t. Chestertown.

FESTIVAL---SUPPER!

Fish, Oysters and other Delicacies of the season at WALTON CHAPEL,
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Sept. 15, 16,
Supper 50 cents; children half price.
sep4-2t.*

AT PRIVATE SALE:

TEN ACRES OF LAND, HOUSE and Out-Buildings, all new, near Still Pond. Apply to JAS. M. SEVERSON.
sep4-3t.

STRAYED or STOLEN.

On Wednesday night, Aug. 25th, a SOREL HORSE, with white face and a scar across the left shoulder, about 12 years old and 14½ hands high. Any information as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received or rewarded. ROBERT MOFFETT.
sep43t.* Lankford, Md.

A New Drug Store at Worton Station, Md.

The undersigned has opened a NEW DRUG STORE at Worton Station, and having had over eight years' experience in the business is fully prepared to do all business in that line. Physicians' prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours of the day or night. Will also keep on hand a full stock of Pure Drugs and Patent Medicines. Authorized reference: Dr. W. S. Maxwell, Still Pond, Md.; Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs, Kennedyville, Md.; Dr. J. Horton Kelley, Locust Grove, Md. E. E. HUDSON, DRUGGIST.
Sept. 4-tf. Worton Station, Md.

NOTICE.—ALL PERSONS indebted to the estate of the late JAMES KENDALL will please settle immediately.
A. M. KENDALL, EXEC'R.

N. B.—All the Wheelwright Bills, before the decease of James Kendall, were placed in the hands of CAPT. A. L. COREY for collection, and they must be paid to said Capt. Corey by the 20th of September, 1886, otherwise the law may be rigidly enforced.
sep4-3t. A. M. KENDALL, EXEC'R.

FOR RENT for 1887:

STORE and DWELLING on High Street, occupied by S. W. Rawleigh, also the Store and Dwelling adjoining same, occupied by D. P. Jones. Apply to HOPE H. BARROLL,
aug28-3t. Attorney-at-law.

AT PRIVATE SALE:

My place in Piney Neck, now occupied by me, 3 miles from Edesville. The DWELLING is a two-story frame in good condition; 35 Acres of Land with an orchard of 800 Peach Trees. A beautiful location directly on the water. WM. A. CROUCH,
aug28-3t. EDESVILLE.

FOR RENT for 1887:

FOUR DWELLINGS, one Store Room, and a Wheelwright Shop, at Lankford, Kent County. Also, ONE PAIR GOOD MULES for sale cheap. Apply to GEORGE BECK,
aug21-3t.* Lankford.

HOUSES FOR SALE:

TWO HOUSES on Kent Street, and ONE HOUSE on Cannon Street, below Mill st. These houses will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Apply to C. W. C. JOHNSON,
aug14-tf. CHESTERTOWN.

STEWARD WANTED FOR ALMSHOUSE

THE TRUSTEES of the Kent County Almshouse desire to procure a competent man to take charge of the inmates, with a wife competent to weigh out and give medicine. Applications must be signed by three responsible taxpayers as a recommendation. They desire persons who propose to make application to think over the matter before they send in their names, as there are about sixty inmates requiring attention. Application must be made by October 5, 1886, and directed to me at Chestertown.
WM. FORD,
sep4-5t. One of the Trustees.

Notice to Builders.

SEALED PROPOSALS to furnish all Material and

Erect a TENANT HOUSE

ON THE

ALMSHOUSE FARM

in a plain, substantial and workmanlike manner will be received by WM. FORD, Chestertown Postoffice, one of the trustees of the poor, authorized to receive the same

Until THURSDAY Next,

at 10 o'clock A. M., of the following dimensions:

Front Building to be 38x16 ft. with 18 ft. corner posts. Back Building 16x20 ft., 16 ft. corner posts, square pitch roof of No. 1 Cypress Shingles, sawed, with Cellar under back building, with brick walls 6 ft. high and 9 inches thick laid in best cement, with 2 flues and 1 chimney. Full specifications of said building may be seen by calling upon the undersigned. The trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids.
WILLIAM FORD,
1t. One of the Trustees.

Report of the Condition

OF THE

CHESTERTOWN NATIONAL BANK,

ATCHESTERTOWN, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business August 27, 1886.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$162,892.36
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Due from approved reserve agents	151,838.60
Due from other National Banks	115,105.75
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	4,000.00
Current expenses and taxes paid	544.33
Premiums paid	1,437.50
Checks and other cash items	.50
Bills of other Banks	11,835.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	184.93
Specie	28,877.10
Legal tender notes	9,768.00
TOTAL	$498,984.07

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$50,000.00
Surplus fund	1,300.00
Undivided profits	5,378.56
Individual deposits subject to check	430,246.01
Certified Checks	2,065.95
Due to other National Banks	8,992.85
Due to State Banks and bankers	1,000.70
TOTAL	$498,984.07

State of Maryland, County of Kent, ss:

I, JOSEPH PETERSON, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JOSEPH PETERSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of September, 1886.
CHARLES ESTES, N. P.

Correct—Attest:
N. G. WESTCOTT,
RICHARD HYNSON,
GEO. B. WESTCOTT,
1t. Directors.

GLASS FRUIT JARS!

Mason's Porcelain Lined, also the Gem Jars. Glass Top and Tin Top Jelly Glasses. Stone Jars, all sizes. Canning Sugar—all at lowest prices.
at J. H. SIMPERS'.

BY addressing LORD & POLK Co., No. 119 S. Del. Ave., Phila., *Hundreds* of testimonials can be furnished, showing the *Wonderful* results obtained by the use of "Diamond State Fertilizers on wheat. a21-2t.

THE KENT FAIR.

4 Days Instead of 3!

A 2.45 RACE!

RUNNING RACE!

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