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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....Oct. 2, 1886.

For Congress:

HON. CHARLES H. GIBSON,

OF TALBOT COUNTY.

HON. CHARLES H. GIBSON will open his congressional campaign in Denton next Tuesday. He will speak in Chestertown Tuesday, Oct. 26.

THE Philadelphia *Times* reports business in that city in a flourishing condition and daily improving. Like reports come from other sections of the country. Not a boom, but a good, steady improvement all around.

COL. BAUGHMAN, the democratic candidate for Congress in the sixth Maryland district, now represented by Mr. McComas, republican, was in Washington on Monday and is represented as expressing himself perfectly satisfied as to the certainty of his election.

BALTIMORE has been considerably exercised recently as to whether Mayor Hodges "took a drink at Bar Harbor." Pity that the country should be left in the dark in respect to so grave a matter. Would it not be the decent thing for the party making the accusation to substantiate it—that is, if any accusation was made.

OF the two primary election plans devised by the Democrats of Queen Anne's to be submitted for choice at the November election we think the "Kent County Plan" decidedly preferable to the "Old Primary Plan" from the fact that the former binds the delegates to the support of the candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the district and prevents gerrymandering in convention. The plan has worked admirably in this county and we cannot see what reasonable objection can be urged against it.

JUDGE FREDERICK STONE, presiding at the circuit court for St. Mary's county, decided last week a case involving the right of the Legislature to fix a dividing line in rivers between counties. The case grew out of an act of the General Assembly requiring St. Mary's and Calvert oystermen to keep to their respective side of the Patuxent river. The judge decided the act to be null and void, and that the fishermen of St. Mary's and Calvert are entitled to the use of the Patuxent in common. The decision is far-reaching in its effect and annuls the act of the last Legislature in regard to Chester river and other waters. The decision is a highly important one to fishermen as well as oystermen.

General News Notes.

The Democrats of New Jersey have nominated Robert Stuart Green for governor.

Hon. Frank H. Hurd has been nominated for Congress in the tenth Ohio district. He is one the foremost men of the country.

Oysters on the tonging grounds in Talbot waters are reported to be in better condition and more plentiful than they were last year.

The building boom in Baltimore continues unabated, as shown from the large number of building permits issued by the Appeal Tax Court.

Joseph Neal, uncle on the maternal side of President Cleveland, died Monday night at his residence in Baltimore at an advanced age. He was a retired bookseller.

It has recently been developed that the late Samuel J. Tilden was largely interested at the time of his death and many years before in the manufacture of patent medicines.

There was a bad railroad accident at Canton, Baltimore, Sunday evening. A number of passengers were injured but none fatally. The accident was caused by the explosion of the boiler of the locomotive, while the train was running.

The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows, in session at Boston last week, voted to remove the headquarters of the order from Baltimore to Columbus, Ohio. The removal causes general regret to the order in Maryland, where it had its American origin.

Col. Samuel Hambleton, one of the best-known among the public men of the State, and a former member of Congress, is quite ill at his residence in Easton. He has been feeble and in failing health for some time, and is now confined to his room and mostly to his bed.

Another severe shock of earthquake visited Charleston Tuesday afternoon, which severely alarmed the citizens, coming as it did on the eve of Wiggins' prediction of a great shock on Wednesday. The shock materially damaged the government building used as a custom house and postoffice.

Rev. John Rodney, D. D., rector emeritus of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Germantown, Pa., died on Tuesday. He was the senior clergyman of the American church in orders, and was also the oldest living alumnus of Princeton College, from which institution he graduated in 1816.

The republican State committee of Delaware met at Dover on Wednesday, and resolved to sustain the action of the party representatives taken last December in declaring against the advisability of placing a State ticket in the field. Hence there will be no republican State convention held nor a party platform adopted.

On the first of October, the special delivery system heretofore in effect at cities and towns having a population of 4,000 and upwards, will be extended to all postoffices. This new law requires every article of mail matter to which a special delivery stamp is affixed to be delivered by the postmaster or a trusted employee, within one mile of the postoffice.

Near Andalusia, Ala., Sunday evening three children, ranging from two to six years old, were found lying near the roots of a fallen tree about which they had been playing. The two younger ones were dead and the eldest was in a dying condition. All had been bitten by a rattlesnake, which had made its den under the roots of the tree.

In the Orphans' Court at Wilmington, Del., on Tuesday, a petition for assignment of dower was presented from one Martha Coughtrey, of England, who claims to be the lawful widow of the late Henry B. Courtney, of the Diamond Match Company, and entitled to a share of his large estate. Mr. Courtney also left a widow and a family in Wilmington.

The prohibition ticket for Congress, in this State is now complete, as follow: First district, Levin S. Melson, Worcester county; second, Peter G. Zouck, Baltimore county; third, David W. Glass, Baltimore city; fourth, Eugene Levering, Baltimore city; fifth, James P. Armstrong, Prince George's county; sixth, Rev. L. A. Mann, Frederick county.

Senator Camden, of West Virginia, predicts that the legislature to be chosen this fall, which will elect his successor, will have an increased democratic majority. He thinks the prospect is very fair for defeating Mr. Goff, the representative from the first district of West Virginia, whose majority for the present Congress was only about two hundred.

The Ministerial Union of Baltimore is divided on prohibition as a party issue. The Union includes ministers of all the Evangelical denominations in and around the city, and has for its objects the cultivation of more intimate acquaintance and the formation of fraternal feeling among the various church organizations. At Monday's meeting the above question led to a spicy discussion.

As a number of children were on their way to school in the neighborhood of Melrose, Manchester district, Carroll county, one day during the latter part of last week, they were attracted by some bright red berries growing on some bushes near the road. They gathered bunches of them, and some of the younger children ate the berries, which have a slightly sweet taste. Two of the children were made very sick and one of them has since died and the other is not expected to recover. Parents should warn their children to be particular what they eat from bushes.

The third annual county ball a week before the Cecil county fair was held Wednesday night in Mitchell Hall, on the fair grounds. It was a very brilliant and enjoyable affair, even more so than the previous occasions. A large orchestra, under Richie, of Wilmington, furnished the music. The ball this year was given under the management of twenty young men of Elkton, and not as formerly by the managers of the fair. The hall is 260 by 40 feet, and lighted by upwards of 100 gas jets. There is probably no room more suitable for the purpose in the State. Between 300 and 400 persons were present, mostly from Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

A dispatch from Charleston, S. C., Wednesday night, says: When the sun set today and the people of Charleston realized that Wiggins' dreaded day of doom had passed, and that the city was still safe, there was a universal feeling of relief. The shocks of Monday and Tuesday had made hundreds of converts to the Wiggins theory, and when today dawned it was upon a community which half believed it was standing on the verge of another terrible calamity. As a matter of fact, the day passed even without the shock which usually occurs at intervals of twenty-four hours. There is naturally a wide-spread feeling of relief in the community, and with no further disturbances to set her back, Charleston will soon be herself again.

A Bishop Elected.

The adjourned convention of the P. E. Diocese of Easton met at St. Paul's Church, Centreville, on Wednesday for the purpose of electing a successor to the late Rt. Rev. H. C. Lay, bishop of the diocese. On the fifth ballot Rt. Rev. John H. D. Wingfield, missionary bishop of northern California, was elected, he receiving all except four clerical votes cast for Rev. Dr. Fair, of Baltimore. Dr. Wingfield was born at Portsmouth, Va., Sept. 24, 1833, and was elected missionary bishop of California in 1874. Bishop Wingfield is said to resemble Bishop Lay as a thinker, writer, preacher and a man, and is generally regarded as a conservative high-churchman. If he accepts the office his confirmation will rest with the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, which meets next week at Chicago, Ill., instead of a majority of the bishops and the standing committees of the several dioceses, as would be the case if the convention were not about to be held.

The delegates present from Kent were: Ministerial — Revs. Dr. Wall, S. C. Roberts, A. R. Walker and W. Brittain; lay—J. A. Pearce, W. S. Walker and J. C. Wheatley. On the first ballot two of the Kent delegates voted for Dr. Fair and five for Dr. Coit, and when Dr. Wingfield was put in nomination all of the Kent delegates, with possibly one exception, voted for him. There are good reasons for believing that Dr. Wingfield will accept. His election gives great satisfaction to the members of that denomination here. Mr. Walker says he was his second choice of any available man in the whole country. His first choice was Bishop Tuttle, of Utah, recently elected bishop of Missouri. He is a splendid preacher—bold in manner and with a very impressive style of oratory.

Murder in the First Degree.

Paul Reed, colored, was tried before the court at Elkton on Tuesday upon the charge of murdering William Green, alias "Billy, the Joker," at Chesapeake City on the night of March 17, 1886, and adjudged guilty of murder in the first degree. William Green, or "Billy the Joker," as he was familiarly known, lived in a dismantled barge upon the bank of Back creek, near Chesapeake City, and carried on an illicit traffic in whiskey for a living. He lived by himself and was only visited by the lowest class of persons. On the afternoon of March 18 he was found in an insensible condition, while the blood was found oozing from four or five wounds in his head. After he recovered consciousness he said that he knew his assailant and would tell sometime. But he died three days later without revealing his murderer. In the following May George Mannon, a farmer's son, made a partial confession which implicated Paul Reed, colored, and another colored man. Mannon and Reed were promptly arrested, but the third party is still at liberty. The crime was committed for the sake of the money which Green was supposed to have.

After Reed's trial he was removed from the court-room and George H. Mannon arraigned. He is the 19-year-old son of Alfred Mannon, who farms the place of Mr. Wm. M. Knight, deputy collector of the port of Baltimore, in the first or Cecilton district, about six miles from Chesapeake City, and had confessed to the State's attorney that he was implicated in the affair. His counsel, Wm. T. Warburton and Albert Constable, chose that he be tried by a jury. The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Delaware State Fair.

Over 5,000 people visited Fairview Park on Tuesday, it being the opening day of the ninth annual exhibition of the Delaware State Fair. The weather, though bright and clear, was dry and hot. All the departments were filled. Promptly at 12.30 o'clock at noon the horses for the three-minute race took their positions, and the sport began. There were six entries, and it required five heats to decide the contest. It was won in the last three heats by John H. Phillips' b. g. Item, of Philadelphia, in 2.35, 2.35, 2.36¾. Seven horses started in the 2.40 race. Jerry Almont, a bay gelding, belonging to C. H. Smith, Haddonfield, N. J., captured first money in three straight heats in 2.34¼, 2.34¾, 2 34¾. The third contest, a mile race, was won by Neil Jarvis in 3.59¾. The 2.30 class was contested for by six flyers, and was won by Cora Bell, belonging to John H. Phillips, in 2.32¾, 2.32, 2.36¾.

The chilly northwesterly winds and threatening storm of Wednesday, the second day, prevented the great crowd from attending the State fair that had been expected. Notwithstanding this, over 6,000 people turned the stile. The 2.50 class, purse $300, was contested for by six flyers, and was won in three straight heats by Lillian, of Lincoln, Delaware. Time, 2.37½, 2.38, 2.36. The race for 3-year-old colts, best two in three, purse $100, had six starters, and was hotly contested by F. Waddy's b. f., Mollie Morrel, of Accomac Court House, Va.; B. H. Smith's b. g., Jerry Almont, of Haddonfield, N. J., and W. E. Floyd's b. g. Clay, of Locustville, Va. Clay was the victor after trotting four heats. Time, 2.36¼, 2.34¼, 1,34¾, 2.34¾. The 2.22 pacing race brought out three starters, and was won by J. A. Wolfe's b. m. Late Rose, of Baltimore, with W. A. Ogden's b. g. Eddie C., of Philadelphia, a close second. Time, 2.27¾, 2.32, 2.38¾.

AN epidemic of hog cholera, it is reported, prevails throughout Northern and Northeastern Virginia. In several localities farmers report the loss of their entire stock of hogs. One man in Spottsylvania county lost forty. A gentleman who has just passed through that and the adjoining county of Hanover says the ground in many neighborhoods is literally covered with bodies of dead hogs, the stench from which is intolerable to dwellers there. Physicians express some fear that this condition of things may breed fever and other diseases among the people. Care is being taken to prevent the use of any pork or bacon suspected of being tainted with the prevailing disease.

THE wife of William C. Foster, who resides on a farm about two miles from Cambridge, shot herself on Tuesday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a gun heavily loaded with ducking shot. Mr. Foster had come into the house suffering from a violent chill and Mrs. Foster hurriedly snatched at an overcoat hanging on the muzzle of her husband's gun in the corner to cover him up. In her hurry the weapon was pulled over, and falling on the steps in the room, was discharged of its deadly load. The entire load entered her left thigh, going upward and backward. The wound is exceedingly dangerous. The family came here about two years ago from Queen Anne's county, where they are well known.—*Cambridge Chronicle.*

SPLITTING TREASURY NOTES.—A new departure in the matter of counterfeiting money was brought to light at the United States sub-treasury in Baltimore a few days ago. A somewhat worn ten-dollar government bill was presented at the cashier's window with a request for change, which was given. The note was sent to Washington as mutilated currency, and was returned with the information that one side of the note was good, but the other side was a well-executed counterfeit of the original. It was found that a genuine ten-dollar bill had been split, the face being separated from the back, a seemingly impossible undertaking. The original face, with a counterfeit back, had been used, and it is quite likely that the genuine back, with a well-executed counterfeit face, had been passed in some other quarter. The portion of the note was worth exactly its proportion of the whole, or, in other words, five dollars. More recently another ten-dollar "front" was presented at the cashier's window, with a similar request for change. The clerk at the window, suspecting the bill, told the man who handed it in to wait a moment until he could consult Dr. Bishop, the sub-treasurer. Dr. Bishop recognized in the note the familiar game, and said it was worth just five dollars. When the clerk returned to the window, however, the man had left without waiting for his change. The sub-treasury, which was out five dollars on the first transaction, was evened up by the second. This system of manipulating paper money is perhaps one of the most dangerous forms of swindling ever attempted. One or more genuine "fronts" mixed with several whole notes would be liable to deceive expert bank tellers. The face bearing undoubted proof of genuineness, very few would be apt to examine the backs of all the notes, unless something in the feel of the paper might arouse suspicion. Then should any one, especially if not so expert as a bank teller, happen to strike the counterfeit side and have his doubts about the notes, a glance at the other side would possibly set at rest all questions. It would seem that the expert manipulators of paper currency will eventually compel the government to rivet together the two sides of its promises to pay.—*Sun.*

MARYLAND CANNED GOODS.—The Baltimore *Sun* says: The report from New York that complaints are being made there of the quality of Maryland canned goods has made the packers here indignant. They say that there may be a few packers who put up inferior fruit and sell it for the best, but that most of the packing houses are reliable, and that the goods which they sell to New York dealers as inferior are afterwards falsely labeled in New York and sold as first-class. They think, too, that the report may be designed to affect the canned goods market so that advantageous sales may be made.

A GOOD CITIZEN GONE. — David Jones, Esq., died at his residence on East Neck Island on Friday afternoon of last week of a complication of diseases superinduced by hay fever, in his 67th year. The deceased was a polished gentleman, affable and exceedingly courteous in disposition. He was born and lived all his lifetime in the lower part of this county, and consequently his neighbors and the community generally had ample opportunities to form a correct estimate of his character, and their universal judgment is that he was a gentleman in every sense of that word. He was an accommodating neighbor and kind to and considerate of the poor, and his death in this respect will be keenly felt outside of the family circle. His popularity was proverbial, but he could never be induced to accept any position that would call him away from home, and his public service was confined to a place for several years on the Democratic county central committee. He leaves a widow and but one child — the wife of William Stevens, Esq., one of the judges of the orphans' court —who is made executrix of his will. The funeral took place last Sunday and the vast concourse of persons in attendance attested the high estimation in which the deceased was held. The interment was made at Wesley Chapel, Rev. R. L. Lewis and Rev. Dr. D. W. Bates officiating, and the pall-bearers were Messrs. Thos. A. Strong, Benj. F. Beck, R. Bennett Willson, Alex. Harris, Thos. D. Glenn and Samuel J. Wickes.

A Fearful Whirl!

Mr. Alonzo M. Vandyke, a young man about 29 years of age, son of Mr. Jas. M. Vandyke, employed in Mr. Joseph Turner's steam saw mill and factory in Chestertown, met with a serious accident last Tuesday morning and wonderfully escaped with his life. He was about to use the grindstone for sharpening a tool; this stone is located on the outside of the building and run by a band attachment to a shaft and pulley not over six or eight feet from it. In adjusting the attachment the band flew off and the engineer was signaled to slow up. John Barnes, a colored man, who was employed near by, says Mr. Vandyke stood waiting for the machine to stop; a part of the band formed a loop and flapped around the shaft; before the band-wheel had come to a stand still Alonzo took hold of the loop to replace it when his right hand and arm became entangled and was wrapped around the shaft and pulley, while his whole person was whirled at least three times around the shaft. In this whirl his body was carried through an opening 14x16 inches in diameter, and to look at this and remember Alonzo's large physical structure it seems perfectly wonderful that he was not killed. The opening would seem to be hardly large enough for him to squeeze through with utmost care. The attention of Mr. Joseph Turner, who was just outside the building, was attracted by a cry, and he rushed to the engine-room and reversed the engine. The band was so wound about the young man that it was necessary to cut it to pieces to extricate him. He was taken immediately to his boarding place, Hall's Hotel, and Dr. C. W. Whaland summoned. Dr. Hines was also called in and rendered surgical aid. It was found that the right arm was broken in two places, one above and one below the elbow, and that the right shoulder was considerably injured. There were other bruises and abrasions, but so far as the physicians could determine there was no serious injuries aside from those of the right arm and shoulder. It is believed that he will regain in time the use of his right arm, though the nature of his injuries must render him for a long time disabled. Mr. Jos. Turner was very much distressed at the occurrence, and did all in his power to alleviate the suffering of the injured man. Yesterday morning the young man was reported to be resting easily and not to be suffering from acute pain.

JURORS.— Judge Wickes drew last Saturday the following jurors for the October term of our circuit court, which begins two weeks from next Monday:

5 Joseph Rasin,	1 Rich'd H. Corbaley,
1 Chas. P. Loper,	5 Horace A. Willson,
5 Richard B. Willson,	5 W. Thomas of Wm.,
3 John Gale,	5 John K. Aldridge,
5 James P. Wickes,	4 Enoch N. Roland,
2 J. Frank Wilson,	4 Casper G. Woodall,
1 T. J. McWhorter,	3 James T. Ireland,
3 Geo. R. Beck,	5 Thos. A. Hulme,
2 Philip G. Wilmer,	5 John P. Nicholson,
2 Jos. H. Hossinger,	4 Jas. H. Plummer,
2 Thos. J. Shallcross,	5 Francis A. Wallis,
4 Geo. S. Biddle,	2 Wm. A. Kennedy,
4 N. G. Westcott,	5 S. A. J. Wickes,
2 Daniel U. Dewees,	2 John S. Clayton,
2 Samuel J. Hill,	4 Bartus Trew,
1 Thos. A. Jacobs,	3 Samuel F. Cooper,
3 Richard C. Smyth,	3 Samuel W. Wallis,
1 B. J. McCauley,	5 Stevenson Constable,
5 Thos. J. Vickers,	3 Wm. T. Anderson,
5 Albert Medders,	2 Geo. W. Price,
4 Edward Lusby,	1 David Stewart,
2 William Archibald,	5 Albert L. Corey,
2 David Clements,	1 Thos. H. Horsey,
2 Geo. R. Vansant,	5 James Rankin,

The figures represent the election district. From the first district there are eight; second, twelve; third, seven; fourth, eight; fifth, thirteen.

Evaporator Contest.

Messrs. Editors: — The following is a report of the committee on result of contest between the Phillips and Williams evaporators at Mr. Norris Barnard's on Sept. 20th, 1886. The test was a challenge from Mr. Phillips and was to be decided on the time occupied and weight and quality of fruit:

We, the undersigned, committee appointed to report the result of a contest between the Phillips and Williams evaporators, report the following in regard to the same; said contest consisted in each party evaporating one hundred baskets of Smock peaches, ten of which were pared. The time at which each party commenced putting fruit into their machines was 12.45 o'clock, on Sept. 20, and the Williams entered their last tray at 4.15 P. M. of same day; Phillips' entered their last tray at 4 o'clock P. M. of same day; Williams' produced first tray of dried fruit at 11 P. M. of 20th. Phillips' 12.15 A. M. of 21st. Phillips' last tray out 7.40 A. M. of 21st; Williams' 4 A. M. Williams produced from his one hundred baskets 394 lbs. unpared and 37¼ lbs of pared fruit. Phillips produced from his one hundred baskets 370½ lbs. unpared and 31½ lbs. of pared fruit. The quality of the two lots of fruit the committee decides is about the same.

Committee, JAS. S. HARRIS,
W. D. PENNINGTON,
HENRY KRUSEN.

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

Letters of administration upon the personal estate of Mary A. Sutton were granted unto John C. Sutton and Richard D. Hynson, and Wm. P. Norris and J. H. Hossinger were appointed to appraise said estate.

H. W. Vickers, adm'r of Sarah A. Hurtt, was authorized to sell the personal property at public sale after giving due legal notice.

The register of wills was directed to notify the heirs of David Jones that will of deceased is in the hands of the orphans' court for safe-keeping, and that as there are no directions on envelope in which it is contained as to by whom it shall be opened, it will be opened by the orphans' court in presence of heirs on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

HAZING A PROFESSOR.—The Easton correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* says that for some time past a feeling of dissatisfaction has existed on the part of some of the cadets and others at the Maryland Military and Naval Academy at Oxford against the associate superintendent, Professor J. M. C. Johnston. It culminated on last Saturday night, when a number of marked cadets entered the professor's room, and while a portion of them held him prostrate on the floor, others, with shears, dexterously removed from his face a luxuriant growth of red whiskers. It is rumored that the professor left for parts unknown early on Sunday morning. The result of the impromptu tonsorial operation has been a demand for the whiskers, and even single strands are at a premium, to be kept as mementoes of the occasion. Col. Burgess, the principal, being absent, it is not known what results will follow.

SCHOOL EXAMINER APPOINTED.—The Board of School Commissioners has appointed Mr. Louis L. Beatty secretary and treasurer to the board and school examiner for the county. The other applicants were Dr. Geo. W. Parvis and Rev. W. E. Thompson. Mr. Beatty is a prominent young resident of the first district and is about thirty-six years of age. He has been principal of the Ingleside school since it was graded, a year or so ago, and taught the school for a number of years previous to that time. He is now serving his second term as county surveyor. Mr. Beatty will enter upon the discharge of his duties on Tuesday.

WHY cannot Queen Anne's have as fine a fair as Kent or Talbot? That is a question that our people should ponder upon during the long winter days and answer in the following spring. "We can."—*Centreville Record.*

No doubt of it. Go ahead, and success to you!

A correspondent has this to say:

"We are informed that base-ball and dogs absorb the conversational powers of Millington's young men and sporting fraternity. Look out for the development of some brilliant intellects in that ancient and highly favored borough!"

THE TOWN CLOCK.

The prospect for the town clock is encouraging, though there are many persons in Chestertown who ought to give encouragement to this enterprise that have as yet failed to do so. If the undertaking is not successful the reflection and discredit will not be upon the generous few who have manifested their enterprise. No one can reasonably doubt the utility of this town clock movement or the propriety of such an endorsement of Mr. Stam's enterprise, and therefore we must conclude the many who have failed to signify a disposition to help have not fully considered the matter. The following are the names of those who have subscribed ten dollars each:

LIST OF NAMES.

Judge J. A. Wickes,	Thomas S. Wickes,
Dr. S. Beck,	W. J. McFeely & Sons,
Hope H. Barroll,	George Warfield,
James A. Pearce,	Wilbur Eliason,
T. R. Hubbard & Son,	John D. Urie,
Marion deK. Smith,	Samuel Vannort,
John W. Hines,	Chas. H. Moore,
Joel R. Clements,	Mrs. A. M. Hurtt,
Dr. T. H. Cooper,	Thomas A. Hulme,
W. N. E. Wickes,	Arthur M. Brown,
H. W. Vickers,	James H. Baker,
J. H. Plummer,	M. T. Goslee,
Wm. B. Usilton,	Wm. D. Burchinal,
Willard Melvin,	James W. Chapman,
Wm. S. Walker,	James W. Lambert,
Louis K. Stam,	Frank H. Harper,
Casper G. Woodall,	Robert S. Emory,
T. W. Eliason, Jr.,	Chas. S. York,
J. H. Simpers,	C. T. Westcott,
R. G. Nicholson,	B. F. Fleming,
Chas. H. Baker,	H. C. Brown,
Josias Ringgold,	C. M. Lucas.

A number of these subscribers it will be seen are from the country. They are especially deserving of commendation for the disposition to help push forward a good enterprise. Another meeting will be held this (Saturday) evening at the court-house at 8 o'clock, when it is hoped full information will be given, and other subscriptions received. It is important that the matter shall be brought to a final conclusion at once. Subscriptions in less sums than $10 will now be received as many feel themselves unable to contribute that amount, yet are anxious to give something. We hope next week to be able to give a full list of all subscriptions and announce the success of the enterprise.

The Gunning Season.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN OUR LOCAL LAW.

The new game law for Kent county passed at the last session of the Legislature provides that—"it shall not be lawful for any person or persons in Kent county to shoot, kill or catch, or in any way entrap any partridge or quail in said county between the 24th day of December and the 1st day of November in each year; nor any woodcock between the 1st day of February and the 4th day of July in each and every year; nor any rabbits between the 24th day of December and the 1st day of November in each and every year."

Non-residents of the county are required to procure a license from the clerk of the circuit court, for which the sum of $4 is charged, and no person is allowed to sell or ship game outside of the county without a license to do so.

Any person found trespassing upon lands whose occupants or owners have advertised against trespassers may be arrested by any officer and be fined the sum of five dollars, and sent to jail for failure to pay.

Just here it may not be out of place to offer a word of caution to sportsmen. A great many farmers object to gunners going upon their lands to hunt; they have been annoyed and injured by such trespass, and beside that they count the sporting privileges of their farms as of value to themselves, just as their fruit and their grain, poultry or stock, are their own, and no one has a right to disturb them in the enjoyment of the one any more than in the other. A number have already published notices cautioning gunners from trespassing upon them, and those who disregard such notice do it at their peril. The law is ample and stringent for the protection of farmers against careless and reckless sportsmen. Gunners will only be on the safe side by obtaining permission from the owners or occupants of lands to hunt thereon.

A PROFITABLE PEACH ORCHARD. — Poole's Island had a fine crop of peaches this season. The Smock from this farm has been going to Baltimore the past week and brought from $1 to $1.50 per basket. The owner of the island, it is said, will realize about $25,000 from his fruit this year. He was equally fortunate last season, so that in two years this farm has cleared for its owner fully fifty thousand dollars. Poole's Island is in the Chesapeake bay, a little below Worton Creek, and contains about 230 acres of arable lands. It was sold by R. Hynson, Esq., as trustee in 1871 to Messrs. Geo. A. Merritt and Morris H. Keene, of Baltimore, for $14,000, but it has since changed hands a number of times and now belongs to a Baltimore stock dealer. This owner has struck the most profitable product for the island as its soil and location is specially adapted to fruit. It is one of the few large orchards which has proven very profitable this season.

A NEW STEAMBOAT. — The Tolchester Steamboat Company has contracted with William E. Woodall & Co., Baltimore, to build for them a large side-wheel steamboat of the composite type, with five water-tight compartments and fitted out in first-class style in every particular. The new boat will be a three-decker and licensed to carry from 1,500 to 2,000 persons. The machinery and boiler contract has been awarded to Messrs. Charles Reeder & Sons, which will be of the most improved kind. The company appreciates Baltimore mechanics' work and distributes its money among them. The steamer is to be ready for service in the early part of next spring, so that the public can look for a fine and comfortable steamer next year for excursionists.

PERSONAL NOTES.—Miss Bettie C. Davis, an accomplished music teacher, and graduate of a Fredericksburg, Va., school, has located in Chestertown and may be seen at Mrs. Melvin's on Front street.

W. N. E. Wickes, Esq., has been confined to his home for some days by serious indisposition, but is now much better.

Mr. Thos. Massey, whose long illness was reported in our last issue, has suffered very much this week and is reported unimproved.

Mr. W. S. Walker, a delegate from the diocese of Easton to the P. E. General Convention which meets at Chicago next Wednesday, will leave here on Monday for that city. The convention will probably be in session three or four weeks.

At the Maryland State Undertakers' Association, held in Baltimore on Wednesday, Mr. J. N. Dodd, of Chestertown, was elected a delegate to represent the association in the national convention, which meets at Cleveland, O., Oct. 6.

Sales to Take Place.

Tuesday, October 5 — M. deK. Smith, Esq., will sell an interest in a valuable farm in the 3d election district.

Tuesday, October 5 — John D. Urie, Esq., as trustee, house and lot in Still Pond Neck.

Tuesday, October 5 — Mrs. Sarah E. Graves will offer a valuable little farm.

Wednesday, October 6—Mr. M. Dillhofer will sell personal property.

Tuesday, October 19—W. M. Slay, Esq., will sell desirable town property.

A REMARKABLE PEAR ORCHARD.—Mr. Samuel T. Earle is now engaged in winding up a remarkable crop of pears on his home farm, Melfield, Corsica Neck. His Bartlett pear orchard contained originally twenty acres of land, but from loss of trees and other causes, he has now only fifteen acres in bearing. From these trees Mr. Earle has picked and shipped this season four thousand, five hundred and twelve (4,512) bushel boxes. These were culled and shipped in three lots, as "extras," "primes" and "culls," the latter being the most inferior fruit. Mr. Earle has kept an accurate account of every shipment, and finds that out of the entire lot only eight hundred boxes were "culls," or inferior fruit. The pears were unusually large, fair and smooth. The average price they brought in Baltimore was $1.10 per box for "extras" and "primes," and sixty cents for "culls." Mr. Earle has been working during the past week on his crop of Duchess pears, shipping them in five gallon peach baskets, and has already shipped over one thousand baskets. The Duchess orchard is in its third year of bearing and contains eight acres of land. This fruit brought on an average sixty cents per basket, so that the entire crop on twenty-three acres of land, one-third of which is in young trees and consequently not fully matured as bearers, has thus far brought about $5,200. These estimates are not guessed, but are taken from Mr. Earle's shipping list, which he has accurately kept during the entire season, and from the weekly accounts of sale of his commission merchants, Messrs. Dudley & Carpenter, Baltimore. Formerly Melfield was a noted peach farm, being almost entirely down in fruit, and Messrs. Samuel T. Earle & Son conducted extensive canning operations there. Several years ago, however, Mr. Earle cut down his peach orchards and devoted his attention to his fifteen acres of pear trees, which have rarely failed in bearing and are the source of a handsome income every season.—*Centreville Record.*

The building boom in Baltimore continues unabated.

Special delivery stamps are now sold at the Chestertown postoffice.

Brief Locals.

A Milford man claims to have cleared five hundred dollars in five days evaporating peaches at Chestertown this season.

The ladies of Wesley Chapel advertise a festival for the evenings of Oct. 13 and 14. It will no doubt be a delightful affair.

"Green Mountain Boy" and "Edwin A," two celebrated trotters, are advertised to be sold at public auction at Elkton next Thursday.

Don't forget the festival at Bond Chapel Oct. 13 and 14. You will be sure to enjoy it if you attend. Keep the dates in mind.

The Morgnec postoffice recently established in Morgan's Creek Neck, this county, has been discontinued. "If so soon done for, what was it begun for?"

Messrs. Hynson and Pearce, trustees, have sold that part of "Hopewell" tenanted by Mr. James B. Jacquet, containing 282 acres, to Mr. Joseph Peterson for $9,700.

Presiding Elder France announces the following quarterly conference appointments for Kent: Chestertown, October 1, 3; Still Pond, 2, 3; Rock Hall, 9, 10; Pomona, 10, 11.

On and after Monday next the morning train will leave Chestertown at 6.25 A. M. and the afternoon train will be run on Thursdays only. For particulars see new time tables.

Quarterly meeting at the M. E. Church, Chestertown, tomorrow. Love-feast at 9.30 A. M., preaching at 10.30 A. M. by the pastor and at 7.30 P. M. by Rev. J. France, P. E.

Rev. S. C. Roberts, rector of the P. E. Church, Chestertown, took up a collection for the Charleston sufferers last Sunday. The congregation contributed the liberal sum of $55.85. Certainly a commendable act.

Go to the Elkton Fair next week. It is a big thing in every way. Grand displays and exciting races. The steamer Trumpeter will make excursions Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. See advertisement in another column.

Within the last eight months Mr. William B. Price, of Still Pond, has lost four head of horses, all of them young and valuable except one. The last to die was his trotting mare Dolly, nine years old, a fine and valuable animal.

Lankford postoffice is minus a postmaster. Mr Noland resigned and no one else has as yet consented to take the office. Until such an official is found the mail for that office will be distributed from the Chestertown office. Wanted—a Postmaster.

Rev. Jacob Todd, D. D., a popular lecturer of Wilmington, Del., is advertised to deliver his "Jaunting Through Ireland," in Still Pond, Oct. 12. It will not only be an intellectual treat but will be full of rich humor and pure sentiment. Go and hear it.

Mr. Edward B. Jones has sold his "Pippin Farm," near Chestertown, to Mr. Josias Ringgold, of this town for $10,500. Mr. Jones purchased this farm from Mr. Ringgold two years ago for $11,500 and has greatly improved it. It contains about 165 acres.

Mr. Louis K. Stam has laid in a supply of wall papers of beautiful design and claims to be able to sell as cheap as city establishments. He has also in his employ a first-class New York paper hanger. Those having work to do in this line will find it to their interest to call on him.

Next Monday and Tuesday afford the last opportunity to get registered that will be given this year and those who neglect it will lose their votes. The places and hours of sitting will be found in the notice of the registers published elsewhere in this issue. Let no one fail to register.

The sale at the county almshouse last Wednesday was well attended and the stock brought fair prices. Cows sold from $30 to $36 per head and seven horses averaged $115. The implements sold low. The total sales footed up $1,470. Some of the implements were reserved for use of the almshouse.

More pears and larger ones! Since our last issue Mr. J. Lewin Crew, of Worton, has left at our office ten monster pears of the Duchess variety, the largest of which weighed 27½ ounces. Mr. H. L. Crew, of Still Pond, has also sent in two of the same variety, the largest of which weighed 24 ounces.

Special service will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Chestertown, commencing tomorrow at 10½ A. M., called "Devotion of the Forty Hours." Distinguished clergymen will be present, including Rev. B. J. Keiley, of Wilmington. The latter is a brother of Hon. Anthony Keiley, ex-minister to Russia.

Tuesday was the hottest day for the time of year since the corresponding period five years ago, when a similar warm wave had possession of this part of the country. It cooled off, however, during the night and the weather since has been seasonable. To have the thermometer at ninety near the close of September is so unusual an occurrence that in 1881, as now, the fact occasioned newspaper and general comment.

The old residence of the late Miss Caroline Thompson on Princess street is being thoroughly repaired. Mr. Wm. S. Carroll, the contractor, found little outside of a good frame to go upon, but under his skillful hand the old building is being transformed into a most comfortable dwelling, and the beautiful grounds surrounding makes it a very desirable place to live. It is to be occupied by Mrs. Rose.

The oyster business has been greatly interfered with by the warm weather. They were a drug in the Baltimore market last Tuesday morning, selling as low as 15 and 20 cts. per bushel. Our tongers and carriers were greatly discouraged by such prices and some of them refused to sell. Their only remedy was to bring them back and bed them. The oysters on Swan point bar and in Chester river are reported in better condition than at this time last year. The cooler weather will improve prices.

Chestertown people could not tell what had happened last Sunday evening when they found their hydrants would give no water. Mr. Clements, of Clements & York, lessees, was as much surprised at his hydrant as anyone else. Investigation showed that some party unknown had procured a key and turned on a water-plug near the river and had let out into the river the six hundred thousand gallons of water that was stored in the upper reservoir. The engine pumps were started early Monday morning, and there was plenty of water before noon.

Father Scott's colt was most too much for him last Saturday morning. The blooded young animal was being driven to a deacon from by the minister in company with Mr. Green, and coming down college hill became unmanageable and ran. The dearborn was upset and the occupants thrown into the road but were unhurt. Coming in town at full speed the team ran into Mr. Frank Wilkins' carriage and broke a shaft of the latter. Not much damage was done to the runaway team.

On last Sabbath Rev. E. C. Macnichol, pastor of the M. E. Church at Still Pond, announced from the pulpit of the church that if any of his people desired to contribute to the relief of the Charleston sufferers he would be glad to act as their treasurer and forward the same, without taking a public collection. Since then these private contributions have amounted to the handsome sum of thirty-five dollars and the returns are not yet complete. We think such generous *private* giving as this merits commendation.

Wm. Cooper, the driver of Dexter, a young animal hurt in the races at the fair grounds, requests us to say that the injury was not so bad as then supposed. He was not stiffed, but simply strained one of the cords of his leg and is all right now.

Miss M. Beasten says she can beat Mr. Culp's sunflower. In her flower yard she raised one which measured 17 inches in diameter and 52 in circumference.

DIED.

At his residence on East Neck Island, Friday afternoon, Sept. 24, 1886, DAVID JONES, Esq., in the 67th year of his age. [Easton papers please copy.]

Near Chestertown, Sept. 28, 1886, NATHAN CARTER, at an advanced age.

FOR SALE:

One good bay HORSE, 11 years old, perfectly safe, will work anywhere; 1 COLT, 3 years old and well-broken; 3 JERSEY COWS, now giving milk, on a credit of ten months with appro