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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....JAN. 8, 1887.

Letter from Rock Hall.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The usual joyful season for the young has passed away and to the credit of our quiet village be it said that not a drunken person has been seen or heard, although we have a few members of the jug brigade. No pools of hash have been seen that usually follow the use of such a repulsive mixture to the human stomach as raw egg, milk and poison whiskey, which no pig would touch. On Tuesday evening an unusually large temperance meeting was held in the church, it being crowded to its utmost capacity, to listen to an able address from the pastor of Wesley Chapel, followed by one from the Rev. Dr. Bates and others. Notice was given that the temperance union was being organized with Mrs. Satterfield at its head. The ladies are in earnest in the matter and propose that they will not be outdone by any other portion of the county.

The season has not passed without the State reaping some benefit, as we have had several weddings and more in prospect. The next one to follow will be our esteemed young friend, Miss Jennie M., who will no doubt make our sober and worthy young neighbor a happy fellow on the evening of the fifth. In doing so the county will miss an able instructor from the Edesville school. They will at once assume the duties of house-keeping as the groom has taken charge of the farm vacated by Mr. Gemmill, who has taken up his residence in Baltimore, being among the fortunate ones in securing an appointment in the Baltimore custom-house. The bride passed through the Normal school with high honors and has proved a successful teacher.

On Wednesday evening, the church was again filled to overflowing with the young folks who assembled to meet their old friend Santa Claus, who entered the church on time, who with his assistants were loaded with some 900 packages of nice tastes and pretty things, which in passing around were handed to the happy children, all of whom highly enjoyed the treat with many thanks to the giver. Good music added to the pleasure, as Rock Hall has some fine instrumental and vocal amateurs, our friend, J. D. filling the stool. As the conclusion of Santa Claus' trip, a beautiful present in the shape of an artistic cake-basket was presented to the resident pastor, who in a short address thanked his friends for the unexpected evidence of their respect and esteem, which would ever be remembered as an occasion of much satisfaction in thanking his efforts.

Old Santa Claus turned out to be one of our young men, who can present the evidence of a reformed, changed man and for some years has led a christian, moral life and been a member of church. It is the wish of all that others may follow this worthy example, and crush the poisonous viper of the jug brigade.

Our prospective summer boarding-house is still spoken of, and the stage for Tolchester via Edesville is supposed to be a fixed fact, as a fine pair of blacks and a park phaeton will be ready by the time the season opens.

As most of our residents own their homes there has been very few removals. Our worthy colored couple, Robert and Susan Smith have removed from Fidgety lane to their own house built this fall on the new avenue leading to Swan creek. Adjoining them, Thomas Gross, colored, also has built a neat house and has moved into it. Both of them can now say they are masters of all they survey, their rights none can dispute. From slavery they have passed to free holders, which even so humble prompts one to feel like a man and makes him a better citizen. Robert and Susan's four daughters, after being educated at the county public school for colored children, are filling respectable positions in Baltimore to the entire satisfaction of those with whom they are associated.

The early setting in of winter has made it rather hard on those depending upon their canoe for a living, and a number of these reside in and around this village. No oysters bring dull times to the stores. INDEX.

Current Events.

GALENA, Jan. 7, 1887.

MESSRS. EDITORS: — Christmas week in our vicinity was marked by some very interesting Sunday-school celebrations. The Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian each gave their respective schools a generous treat. It is now too late in the day to particularize, except to remark that Galena is likely to produce a first-class elocutionist, if the fair young miss who recited "The Christmas Bells" at the M. E. S. S. entertainment keeps on improving at the present rate in her public recitations.

On Sunday evening last, at Olivet Church, by special request, the pastor repeated a somewhat remarkable sermon (delivered some two months since) entitled "Caleb and Joshua." It was listened to with great interest.

Mr. Chas. Tomkinson, from Lehigh University, is spending his vacation in Galena with his parents. He stood at the head of his class in the recent rigid examination at that school.

The many friends of the Westminster Presbyterian Church will learn with pleasure that a unanimous call has been extended by that church to Rev. Frank Pitnam, of W. Va., and that in all probability he will accept it. This without doubt inaugurates a new era in the prosperity of this and its sister church at Kennedyville, as the latter will heartily unite in the call. Mr. Pitnam is a young man of much natural energy of character and a ready speaker.

Galena welcomes several new residents, who have done wisely in selecting this the second town of the county and renowned for its healthfulness as an abiding place.

With due respect to your respected esteemed and witty correspondent, "Walter," we beg leave to differ with him respecting the alleged short length of time friend Spry will sojourn in this goodly place and occupy his pleasant residence. It's of little use to extol the advantages of any other locality. Galena is the garden spot and the most persuasive of your correspondents cannot coax us away. "They cannot do it, you know," when the matter of inviting localities is the consideration.

Judge H., of Galena, says of our new postoffice and its arrangements, that it is the most convenient one he has seen in the county. Mr. Parr has sworn in Mr. Eugene Gooding, and also his pretty daughter, Miss Jennie, as assistants. The general opinion seems to be that Mr. Parr will make an accommodating and efficient postmaster when perfectly familiar with the routine of duties. He proposes in a short time to make this a money-order office, which will be a great convenience to our citizens.

Our ice harvest is a splendid one and is being duly garnered. Mr. W. Whitaker has joined the ranks of the ice-housingmen.

Miss Insley has assumed her duties as first assistant in our graded school.

Several more marriages are said to be contemplated soon in our vicinity, but we believe scarcely anything we hear and only half what we see. OBSERVER.

NOTES FROM FAIRLEE.

The Grange Hall—The Inaugural Ball—Poultry Business—Indications of Robbery—Personal.

The Grange Hall, though not completely finished, was opened on Monday evening, 27th ultimo, for a grand Christmas ball, given by the young men of Worton. The reporter's description of the affair in your last issue precludes the necessity of saying more than that the hall was crowded with the beauty, grace and fashion of Kent, and only lacked the presence of your present correspondent to render it perfect, with nothing desirable wanting. Ahem!

As an item of interest it may be mentioned that the establishment of a poultry range has been started in this village; not with any specific view of feeding the rage of the hen-fever, which cries aloud for new varieties and pure blood, but with the intent to supply the increasing demand for eggs. What is not known by the junior member of the company about henhood may be safely set down as not worth knowing. Farmers and others losing sheep, hogs, or other domestic animals, by non-contagious diseases, may find a market for the same at the Fairlee poultry-ranch.

There is reason to suspect that chicken-thieves are about. Several beheaded hens were found on the road on Sunday morning between Greenwood's store and the intersection of the roads in this village. Probably stolen and lost from a wagon or other vehicle. Watch!

Miss Anna Bell, the accomplished teacher of the Urieville school, spent the Christmas vacation with Mrs. Belle Smyth and daughters. Miss S. W. Copper, the late teacher of the school near Worton Chapel, has also been visiting friends in this place. Ever yours, SIMON SHARP.

Letter From Still Pond.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Believing a few items from here might not be uninteresting to the readers of your interesting paper "Observer" will speak again: Christmas was observed here with that quiet decorum consistent with a peace-loving, law-abiding people. Many joyous hearts mingled freely together, expressive of love, friendship and christian fidelity.

Our little town is still growing, winter or summer new buildings are being erected, indicative of progress and enterprize. The building of our new hotel marks the beginning of a series of enterprises destined sooner or later to develop, which should make our beautiful little hamlet one of the first on this shore. Organizing a bank should be the next move—a railroad here, we believe, is in the near future; a commodious knitting factory is among the possibilities, which will afford honorable employment for men, women and children; a creamery is only a question of time, and but a short time. We cannot afford to repose much longer in the background while our sister State (Pennsylvania) is erecting such buildings at almost every cross-road on our border, affording all an opportunity to realize more profit from the sale of milk than can possibly be obtained in the old laborious fashion of churning our own butter, thus lightening the labor of our hard-working much-abused housekeepers. When will men learn wisdom and common-sense and provide their wives with the most approved labor-saving implements to lessen labor? The husband busies himself perhaps during the day overseeing or directing labor, rides to town or visits his neighbor, and at night enjoys sweet repose, while the wife knows but scant cessation from labor and care from early morn till late at night.

We had a very pleasant trip to Wilmington lately, attending a session of the State Grange there. A more determined, sturdy, honest, wide-awake, sensible assembly it has never been our lot to visit; many of the most prominent gentlemen of the State are allied with it and the organization is becoming a power that will be felt in the near future. Politicians beware, the grange is watching you. The organization of the Horticultural Society of this peninsula was completed there. Many prominent gentlemen of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland are active, earnest members, and we opine a grand success. Other sections have been greatly benefitted by such organizations; have derived much instruction of value to fruit growing and market gardening. We need all the light possible on these important industries; we are very much in the dark as to the enemies of plant life—a rich field is open for investigation in this particular. We should learn how to most successfully fight our enemies; our crops of fruit of different species are often ruined for lack of knowledge on this subject. We can help each other. Let us meet together, compare views, give our experience and practice. In counsel there is much wisdom. We should discover some means to eradicate the yellows in peach trees. In these days of reform, invention and discovery nothing seems impossible and the near future may develop some simple cure for the ill. What we need is thorough organization, free interchange of thought, scientific knowledge and better still, much practice and experiment.

You may recollect, Messrs. Editors, that in a former communication I made mention of the fact that the peach growers of the county were invited to meet with our farmers' club at Still Pond, January 8. The time has been postponed till Saturday, Jan. 15, at 2 o'clock P. M. We hope all interested in the workings of the exchange will meet with us. The net proceeds per basket realized by all who sold through the exchange will be given that day and compared with daily net sales by same parties obtained by shipments to other markets on same days, and also the average net sales of the entire crops disposed of as above. Now, upon the result of this investigation, depends in a great measure the future prosperity or continuance of the exchange system here. We hope none will miss this opportunity. Those who have not the net figures in sales of fruit sold in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York or elsewhere can write for same to their commission merchants and come prepared to give us facts and figures. Professor Webb, Messrs. A. N. Brown and J. P. R. Polk are expected to be present and discuss various matters pertaining to the subject of fruit. We will not forget the railroad interest. Some important developments in this direction are expected on that day. The shipment of fruit in cars on barges are among the strong probabilitities in the coming season, if we will pull together as one man. We have more than one string to our bow now; first come, first served.

OBSERVER.

POUGHKEEPSIE.

Correspondence of the Kent News.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Surely procrastination is the devil's holiday with me. I find myself two days behind my allotted time. I attribute it to the fascinations of the metropolis, which prove so luring at this season of the year, and on which I could write an interesting letter. It was our wish to take the "Mary Powell" up the Hudson river, which has been styled the "river of mountains, and the Rhine of America," but the icy hand of winter has stilled the ripple upon its bosom and we were obliged to take the train which hugs its shores. Even to the wearied or hurried traveler this voyage is ever one of pleasure in its unique and constantly varying attractions, its thousand associations—legendary, historical, political and social. Its shores are dotted with thriving towns, villages and cities peopled by the most intelligent, refined and wealthy people in this country, who have sought its fertile banks to dwell in the garden spot of America. West Point, to every lover of his country, is sacred soil. We do not forget that here the booming of cannon and clash of arms echoed from shore to shore. Names identified with American history, which must ever live in the patriotic heart, belong to this battle-ground. Among other places of historical interest and Revolutionary celebrity are Fort Washington, Fort Lee, the old Dutch Church at Tarrytown two hundred years old, where Major Andre was captured; Fort Clinton, Fort Montgomery, Fort Putnam, Beverly House, where Arnold met Andre, and Washington's headquarters at Newburgh, &c. But of all the places on the Hudson for wealth, thrift, intelligence and natural scenery Poughkeepsie, containing twenty-one hundred inhabitants, midway between New York and Albany, justly bears the palm. All are familiar with that saying, "See Naples and die!" as though that were the ne plus ultra of all that is bright and beautiful beneath the sun. We say see Poughkeepsie and live, for it is the centre of such a living, breathing, beauteous panorama that it really gives the idea of a paradize regained from the curse of apostacy. The town rising as it does in graceful slopes from the river blends in delightful proportions, combining the advantages and fascinations of country and city life, is our ideal of a home. Vassar has reared a lasting monument here in a college for the education of women, at an expense of more than a million of dollars. Eastman has founded the largest and most prosperous commercial college in this country; five years ago we were a student in this institution and a visit awakens many pleasant memories of bygone days. Eastman's place, located in the heart of the city and containing twenty-seven acres including lawn and park, cost more than two hundred thousand dollars. There are nineteen churches here, representing every denomination, yet on the Sabbath the shop doors are wide open for traffic, especially rum shops, which, unlike your local option towns in Kent, is not sold under the assumed name of pear cider, &c. Robert Hall says call things by their right names — glass of brandy and water! That's the current but not the appropriate name; ask for a glass of liquid fire and distilled damnation. I saw a man in this place whom I formerly knew to be a prosperous merchant staggering up Washington street. We were told he was a bankrupt and driven to strong drink by his extravagant wife. Then we thought of what Talmage said, "Society is strewn with wrecks of humanity driven upon the rocks by the northeast storm of domestic infelicity." There are tens of thousands of drunkards in this country made such by woman.

PETER POKER.

GROWING RAISINS IN CALIFORNIA.—The production of raisins in California has now attained much importance, thousands of acres in Los Angeles county being devoted to this industry. A letter recently received by a gentleman engaged in business in Maden Lane, whose brother has settled in Orange, Los Angeles county, accompanied by some boxes of excellent raisins grown by him, stated some interesting facts in regard to their culture. They were part of seventy-three boxes, of twenty pounds each, raised this year upon four acres of land, from vines which were simple cuttings only 17 months ago. The same grower obtained five tons of raisins this year from 10 acres of land, which were planted with cuttings four year ago last spring.

According to the estimates of the New York *Commercial Bulletin*, the fire losses in 1886 amounted to $116,600,000, of which $11,200,000 is credited to December, a startling exhibit of destruction for a single twelvemonth.

Letter from Edesville.

Business Reflections—Internal Improvements Which Do Not Benefit Us—Railroad or Telephone?—Personals—Entertainment—Wedding in Church—Politics, &c.

DEAR NEWS:—In village association it is desirable that all intercourse both of pleasure and business shall be agreeable and beneficial. At present so far as one can judge there is that kindly feeling existing with us. Business is not brisk but from the quantity of goods that is daily (until the freeze) being brought in by our merchants it is fair to presume we have no cause to complain when compared with other communities. All navigation is closed. We are forced to ride 12 miles to get to a railroad station in order to get anywhere, notwithstanding the fact that more than fourteen years ago our people subscribed and have paid the sum of $10,000 with interest, which money has been spent in the Kent county railroad. Not one word have I to say with regard to the present management, but practically and financially it is no manner of benefit to us. Our sister, Queen Anne's county on the one side, and Poole's Island on the other, can reach station at Chestertown quite as conveniently as we during the winter and summer seasons of the year. The freighting facilities in this vicinity are rapidly improving. I propose to be loyal, but if there is no prospect from Baltimore capitalists for extension of the road, may a New York sharper or some one else seize the opportunity to gain advantage over Baltimore railroad officials. Of course the proposed railroad is all fiction; we do not give car to such gossips any more, but we do want to exist in some shape, so it is hoped there is public spirit enough to send the telephone wire down, thus granting us the privilege of talking with our friends at the county seat and elsewhere during snowdrifts, etc. Our corn and other commodities are by virtue of the early winter weather locked up; so much for so much, still we need transportation facilities. Our people are good natured but must live; would it be out of place that you advocated something looking toward the interest of the farmers and those with whom they have to deal, in connection with what I have written?

Miss Eva Gresham and Miss Belle Coleman, the Misses Minnie and Edith Stevens, and two Miss Sappingtons, daughters of the late B. F. Sappington left here Thursday to take the afternoon train at Chestertown, the two former going to the Normal School, Baltimore, the remainder to Western Maryland College.

Can report no change by residents since the opening of the new year in the village. Please call your Chesterville friend's attention.

The Methodist Protestant Sunday-school held their annual Christmas entertainment in the town hall Thursday evening, Dec. 30. The occasion proved to be equal to former ones. The programme consisted of Sunday-school songs, dialogues, declamations, address by the pastor, scioptican views, etc. A pleasant evening to all and to the children especially, all of whom received presents. The school through the pastor presented the superintendent with a handsome cake, for which he expressed thanks and appreciation.

Miss Virginia L. Miller, daughter of W. M. Miller, Esq., near Rock Hall, and Mr. Walter H. Hadaway were married Wednesday last at Wesley Chapel, at 7½ P. M. Mr. James M. Wood and Miss Nellie H. Sappington preceded the happy couple to the chancel, while the sweet strains of the wedding march pealed forth from the church organ operated by Prof. Wm. B. Jadefind. The pastor, Rev. R. L. Lewis, stepping forward and by the beautiful ceremony of the church joined them in holy wedlock. A large company witnessed the ceremony. They left at once for Rees' Corner, their future residence, where was spread a handsome and sumptuous supper. The presents were various, unique and costly. Besides the names of friends and relatives exhibited we saw that of Hope H. Barroll, Esq., a fellow townsman.

Mrs. Wm. Stevens is slowly recovering from her recent and continued illness though still confined to the house.

Those who nightly gather at the stores are already discussing political possibilities—in fact have candidates in the field. Pshaw! a dozen styles are yet to be given on the slate and the friends had better go slow. OBSERVER.

A Novel Christmas Celebration.

BETTERTON, December 28, 1886.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Two smart young boys celebrated Christmas here today in a manner mysterious to themselves. Jamie Turner and Louis Barnard began the day's sport in high glee and glorious expectations. After romping and feasting in the house in first-class style they repaired to the open-air for a frolic, perpetrating many gymnastic exercises and feats dwelling on the marvelous; finally, tiring of such a tame manner of celebrating Christmas, they resolved on a more exciting and hazardous method. A whole pack of firecrackers were unearthed from one of their pockets, each lighting a match and applying them at the same time, to render the explosion of the whole pack instantaneous and, while bending over the treacherous explosive, a report sounding to them something like an earthquake sent them sprawling on the ground. Gathering themselves up and eying each other in profound astonishment, each concluded that the other—in their dazed condition—was black; but when reason fully returned they realized that they were the same two boys as before the explosion and glad they were alive. Feeling that the weather had changed into summer heat they made tracks for the water trough at the barn and, after ablution in the icy liquid, viewed each other again, when lo and behold! the eyebrows had disappeared and streaks of black and red were the predominant hues of their countenances. These two young hopefuls then made for the house the back way and sought calm and repose in young Turner's chamber and after scanning their features critically in the glass, collecting their scattered senses, the pain meanwhile becoming more and more severe, young Turner concluded it would be gallant to apprize his mother of the catastrophe. The young Barnard concluded it best for him to perform this duty, and in a few minutes the maternal personage appeared upon the scene. The reader can guess the rest. The doctor pronounced their recovery certain. Young Barnard was sent home next day, his entire person enveloped in wraps, and both are doing well; still a little sad, but very nice little, quiet boys so far.

BRUTUS.

BALTIMORE MARKET.—The Baltimore papers of yesterday quote as follows:

WHEAT—Longberry 98c.@99c.; Fultz, 96c.@97c. for fair to good. CORN—White, prime, 48@50; yellow, 47@49. OATS—38.

READY!

To meet the wants of the thousands that desire to purchase their own and their Boys' Outfits from us. Positively the largest variety, the handsomest Novelties, and the best made and finished Clothing ever offered to discerning Purchasers. Elegant Cut, Perfect Fit, and general superiority, are acknowledged Characteristics of our Suits, Trousers and Overcoats.

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—AND—

SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

Those who need School Books and the necessary articles for school children in going to school, can be supplied

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aug28. DRUGGIST.

LARGE stock of Dry Goods just opened at J. H. SIMPERS'.

Comptroller Turner's Report.

The annual report of Mr. J. Frank Turner, comptroller of the State treasury, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1886, makes a satisfactory exhibit of the State finances. It shows that notwithstanding the business depression the State revenue has about equaled the average during the past nine years. The estimated balance for the fiscal year 1887 will, he thinks, be ample to maintain the sinking funds and leave enough besides "to insure the treasury officers against embarrassment in providing the means necessary for an efficient administration of the public affairs of our State." The sinking fund investments amount to $1,725,299.18, and notwithstanding the heavy drain of legislative expenses and appropriations the sinking funds have been maintained in their integrity. The disbursements for the oyster fund amounted to $106,600.62, while the receipts were $51,057.74. The revenue under the new oyster law, it is stated, will not be sufficient to maintain the present service by at least $20,000 a year. The comptroller expresses the opinion that after the dredging season is over the board of public work will devise some plan "by which the expenditures of the fiscal year 1887 shall be kept within the current revenues from this source." The total State debt is shown to be $10,960,535.56, to offset which are paying securities held by the State amounting to $4,946,375.88, and which the comptroller says would yield, if sold, a handsome premium—a million and a quarter of dollars being, in his opinion, not too large an estimate. Deducting them at their face value the net debt would be $6,014,159.68. The comptroller speaks with satisfaction of the success of the scheme for refunding maturing obligations at a lower rate of interest, which, when consummated, is expected to save in interest over $54,000 per annum, and makes the gratifying statement that the State's credit has been benefited and its securities placed "among those which are most sought for." The total reduction of the debt in the past three years is stated to be $1,271,731.89, or an average of $423,910.63 a year. To extinguish the debt tax of 8½ cents the comptroller thinks it will be necessary only to maintain the present revenues five years longer, with the same economy and conservatism on the part of the Legislature as at the past two sessions. The comptroller, however, thinks the debt tax might be reduced gradually, and that the next Legislature can probably take off one and one-half cents. The unremunerative assets amount to the sum of $28,126,034.06, of which $25,371,966.53 is on account of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal. With reference to the latter the comptroller expresses the opinion that "something heroic must be done." He also calls attention to the tax on the treasury imposed by the tobacco inspection system, and renews his suggestion that the State treasury be relieved "from every tax growing out of the inspection of tobacco."

Death does Not Discriminate.

Death has indeed been remarkably busy in the work of cutting down the great men of the United States. We doubt whether there has ever been so much mortality in the same period of time among eminent public men as there has been during the past twenty months. In that time one-half of the men who have been conspicuously brought forward as candidates for the Presidential office during the past ten or twelve years have passed away. The list includes:

Ulysses S. Grant,
Frederick T. Frelinghuysen,
Thomas A. Hendricks,
Samuel J. Tilden,
George B. McClellan,
Winfield S. Hancock,
Horatio Seymour,
David Davis,
B. Gratz Brown,
Charles Francis Adams,
Chester A. Arthur,
John A. Logan.

In the past year twenty-seven persons were killed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at grade-crossings in Philadelphia, and eleven were killed by the Reading Railroad Company, making thirty-eight for the two. In 1885 the number killed was fifty-two, making a total of ninety for the two years.

The question whether lawyers can object to the selection of persons to be drawn for jury service has been raised at Cumberland, Md.

OUR SPECIALTIES!

WE expect and have prepared for a large trade this winter, and think we will not be disappointed. People have gone without many things they needed for the last year, and goods are down so cheap now, and times are getting somewhat better, that we are satisfied we will have a lively trade.

Our Stock

was carefully selected, bought at the very lowest cash prices, and we are

SELLING at SUCH LOW FIGURES

that you will be pleasantly surprised when you find what excellent bargains we can and will sell you. Don't keep back, or stand on the order of your coming, but come and see what your money will do for you out of our stock.

OUR STOCK OF

HOLIDAY GOODS

is just FIRST-CLASS in every particular, and if you will give us a call we know we can please you.

WROTH & ALDRIDGE,

Dec. 25, 1886. Chestertown.

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June 5, 1886. Melitota.

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WE will sell you a barrel of Gambrill's, or Wm. Lea & Son, Co.'s Flour, a sack of Salt, a barrel of Lime, &c., for less for the cash than you can buy it in the city.

WE will sell you a good, solid Plow Shoe at $1, $1 25 and the Best Plow Shoe at $1 40 a pair, also a pair of Gent's Sewed Bals., (a good dress shoe,) for $1 35 such as is sold at $1 50. A Gent's Calf, Buttoned or Lace Shoe at $2 50, such as is sold for $3 00 and a pair of Ladies' Kid Front, Glove Kid Tip, Worked Buttonhole, a splendid article and warranted sound for $1 75.

LIME, LIME, LIME.—Hair and W. W. Brushes, a large stock and for sale in quantities. We aim to keep a little of everything and by buying our goods close for the cash, and discounting all our bills we are enabled to sell very cheap.

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Yours obediently, &c.,

WM. C. A. THOMPSON,

Sept. 19, 1885. Up Town.

E. W. F. SIMPERS,

Opposite Stam's Hall

OUR SPECIALTY:

Choice Family Groceries

ALWAYS A NICE FRESH STOCK

All kinds of standard Canned Goods, a nice stock of Package Goods, only a few things we have room to mention. Plum Pudding, Fruit Cake, Graham Wafers, Oat Meal, Leggett's Oat Flakes, Leggett's Wheaten Grits, Hominy, Grits, Coraline, Gelatine, Cocoa, Chocolate, Corn Starch, Chowchow, Pickles, Cheese, Boston Baked Beans, Raisins, Currants, Citron, Spices, Powdered Sugar, Lamps and Lamp Goods. Glassware, Plain and Fancy Crockery, Lea & Sons Co.'s Flour, all grades.

Full Stock of Domestic Dry Goods

AND NOTIONS.

All of our stock was bought at CASH prices. Come and see us, it will pay you.

E. W. F. SIMPERS,

Dec. 11, 1886. Chestertown.

PROCLAMATION!

WHEREAS, the 25th day of December is celebrated throughout the World as CHRISTMAS, and, whereas, it is usual, customary and befitting, that all Nations throughout the world should join in the celebration and good cheer reigning that day, and, whereas, it is a day specially set apart for making Presents, now therefore, I, LOUIS K. STAM, Merchant, of Chestertown, Md., knowing of this custom, and wishing to please and accommodate my customers, have made extensive preparations for above-named celebration, and am prepared to furnish many Useful and Desirable PRESENTS for both old and young, consisting of Rattan, Reed and Carpet Chairs, Plain Rockers, Beautiful Lamps, Pictures, Wall Pockets, &c., Children's Sleds, Wagons, Shoo Fly's, Tables, and many other articles too numerous to mention. I have also received a full line of FURNITURE, consisting of Suits, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Lounges, Extension Tables, &c., &c., and I furthermore proclaim that these goods will be sold LOW and you will wrong yourself if you do not call to see them, next door to STAM'S HALL.

LOUIS K. STAM.

CHESTERTOWN, Dec. 18, 1886.

HOLIDAY OPENING

—OF—

FANCY GOODS

Silverware,

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IN OUR NEW STORE, UNDER TOWN HALL. PRICES LOW.

COLIN F. STAM,

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Holiday Goods.

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SUITABLE FOR ALL. FINE ASSORTMENT.

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WANTED!

WHEAT and CORN

DAILY.

I am always prepared to pay the highest market price for any amount of GRAIN that can be offered in Kent county.

E. T. COMEGYS,

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Agent for The WM. LEA & SONS CO.,

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Grain Wanted!

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Agent for L. J. COX & CO., Balto. Md.

HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID for **GRAIN** at all times. Give us a call before selling. oc23-tf.

Straw Wanted!

HAVING leased the CHESTERTOWN STRAWBOARD MILL, I am ready to buy all the STRAW that Farmers may wish to dispose of. Will clean up all the Straw from the stackyards sold me, rejecting only rotten straw, on the basis of 2240 pounds per ton for dry straw; only asking those wishing to sell to take a little extra pains in Stacking and not put the chaff with their Straw.

Mr. James Brice is my authorised agent to buy.

June 12-y. WILBUR ELIASON.

NEW FALL STYLES in Prints and Sateens at J. H. SIMPERS'.

DON'T YOU BUY

B 4 U C

THE FINE ASSORTMENT OF

New Year Goods

now being received and opened at

H. A. SPARKS'

consisting in part of

Fancy Goods and Novelties and Hammered and Polished Brass, Gilt, Bronze, Plush Goods, Dressing Cases, Odor Stands, Albums, Shaving Sets, Satchels, Toilet Sets, Vases, Cups and Saucers, Mugs, &c.

In Toys we shall not have as large a stock perhaps as some others but will try and show you a nice assortment and at lowest prices.

In our Confectionery and Fruit department we claim to take the lead and have one of the best stocks to be found in the county, they will speak for themselves and prices will please you.

Don't forget our Lamps. We have them at lower prices than ever. We will sell a nice Hanging Lamp for $2.50. Stand Lamps, Hall Lamps and every other kind of Lamp.

Fine Groceries, Canned Goods, English Pickles, Chow-Chow, Sauces, Jellies.

Triple-Plated Ware very cheap. Clocks, Clocks, Clocks, price them before buying.

These are a few of the many goods to be found in our stock. We have many other goods which space will not allow us to mention. Give us a call.

H. A. SPARKS.

Dec. 4, 1886. opposite Court House.

Goods for New Year!

WE take pleasure in announcing to the public that we have just received, fresh from the city a large and well-selected stock of

CITRON, DATES, FIGS,

PRUNES, RAISINS, CURRANTS,

ORANGES, LEMONS, NUTS.

Also, one of the finest selections of

FRUITS AND CANDIES

for the Holidays that can be found in Chestertown. We also keep constantly on hand Sugar, Coffee, Teas, Spices, Flour, Meal, Meat, Lard, Canned Goods, Tobacco, Cigars, Snuff, Pipes, &c.

Also, Hosiery for Men, Women and Children's wear, all of which will be sold for the very lowest price. Give us a call.

Yours respectfully,

J. B. McINTIRE,

d4-3m. opposite M. E. Church.

P. S.—Country Produce taken in exchange for goods. J. B. M.

C. M. LUCAS

Has just received a Large and Beautiful Stock of

Holiday Goods!

—CONSISTING OF—

THE LATEST DESIGNS IN JEWELRY,

LADIES' GOLD WATCHES,

GENTS' GOLD WATCHES, &c.

Young gentlemen contemplating matrimony will do well to give him a call, as he makes a specialty of Wedding Rings. His stock of ROGERS' Silverware contains many articles, both useful and ornamental, and suitable for Holiday and Wedding Presents. He cordially invites all to give him a call before going to the city. d4.

New Year Goods!

We have the largest and finest line of

Pocket and Table Cutlery

ever seen in Kent County. Our Stock of SCISSORS, SHEARS and Razors is complete. Call and see.

at J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.'S.

—OUR—

TIN TOILET and CHAMBER SETS

ARE VERY PRETTY,

and in many cases suitable Presents,

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

YOU OUGHT TO SEE AT

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.'S

Hardware Store, the line of both

HEATING and COOKING STOVES,

it embraces numerous styles, sizes and qualities. Their prices are as LOW as can be given by any dealer, and they take pleasure in showing their stock.

STOVES! STOVES!

STOVES!

OUR STOCK OF HEATING STOVES, COOKING STOVES and RANGES IS COMPLETE.

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

Dec. 18, 1886.

FREIGHTING!

The subscriber has secured a FIRST-CLASS VESSEL and is prepared to do ALL KINDS of Freighting on the most reasonable terms. He will also give the HIGHEST MARKET PRICE for good, dry grain. Also, grain received in granary and receipt given for same.

JAMES SHUSTER,

Nov. 20-tf. BUCK NECK.

General Freighting.

WE beg leave to inform our friends, patrons and the public that we have procured the Schooner, ANNA E. ADAMS, and are now prepared to do a General Freighting business from Chestertown and the tributaries of Chester river. With strict attention to business we hope to merit patronage.

JAMES H. THOMPSON,

n13-7t. AGENT.

MANSION HOUSE.

N. E. Corner St. Paul and Fayette sts.,

BALTIMORE, - MARYLAND.

I. ALBERTSON, PROPRIETOR.

ROOMS FIRST CLASS with GOOD SUBSTANTIAL BOARD.

$1.50 PER DAY.

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STOVE SEASON.

A COMPLETE LINE OF COOK STOVES AND RANGES, HEATING STOVES AND DOUBLE HEATERS. ALSO,

FIREPLACE HEATERS

of the best makes—all warranted to give satisfaction. Call and examine our goods and prices.

WM. A. WHEATLEY,

(below the Bank,) Chestertown.

October 9, 1886.

WM. A. WHEATLEY,

Below the Bank.

FRESH GOODS in my line!

Tinware, Hardware, Woodenware, &c., &c., &c.,

AT LOWEST PRICES!

Call and get prices, and see if you can't do as well at my store even as in the city.

June 12, 1886.

Guns! Guns!

A full line of Muzzle and Breech-Loading SHOT GUNS, Implement Sets, Gunning Coats, Gun Covers, Shot, Powder, Shells, Wads, &c., for sale

oc9. by W. A. WHEATLEY.

THE DAVIS SWING CHURN.

Call and see it at

a3. W. A. WHEATLEY'S.

JAS. E. WEER & BRO.

AGENTS FOR

MARSEILLES ADAMS

HAND AND POWER

CORN SHELLERS,

SIX SIZES.

FEED GRINDERS

AND CELEBRATED

WIND MILLS!

Particular attention is called to our WIND MILLS, unsurpassed for utility and durability self-governing, plain or geared. Estimates for Mills, Towers, Tanks and Piping carefully furnished.

Wood and Iron PUMPS

any size and to suit any well.

Also, Seasonable Goods, like—

HARD COAL, all sizes,

ENGINE COAL,

LIME, FENCE WIRE,

&c., &c., &c.

TRY US.

JAS. E. WEER & BRO.

KENNEDYVILLE, MD.,

Agents for the County.

Telephone call 24. Oct. 16.

THE COURT STREET

Harness Factory

—MANAGED BY—

JOHN F. HOWARD

is better prepared to furnish everything and anything in any quantity than ever before. There is no need of going to the city to buy Harness when you can buy them at $8 and up. We shall make a specialty of CHEAP HARNESS this season. We also keep up our stock of Hand-Made Harness. We can suit you in Price and in quality. Give us a call and don't forget that this is the place where you can buy every part of Harness that you may want, from a Hame Strap up.

COLLARS, BUGGY HARNESS, ROBES, BRIDLES, DOUBLE HARNESS, LAP DUSTERS, BLANKETS, HARNESS, HARNESS, WAGON HARNESS, BLANKETS, BITS, RIDING SADDLES, WHIPS, LADIES RIDING SADDLES, HORSE BOOTS, HARNESS OIL, COMBS, TRACE TRACES, TRACK HARNESS, BACK BANDS, PLOW LINES, BRUSHES, and many other things not mentioned at

JOHN F. HOWARD'S

mh20. New Harness Store on Court.

Attractive Goods.

Jewel Cases,

Plush Boxes,

Albums, Bronzes,

VASES—Silesian, Faience, Chantilly, Russian Terra Cotta, Terra Romano, finished in a high order of art, and handsomer than any goods ever before displayed in Chestertown. We can sell you these goods at lower prices than you can get them for in the city.

Dec. 18. COLIN F. STAM.

J. S. MacDONALD,

MANUFACTURER AND DEALER

—IN—

FINE JEWELRY!

WATCHES,

SILVERWARE,

&c, &c.,

No. 4 North Charles Street, 4 doors north of Baltimore Street,

BALTIMORE, MD.

COAL! COAL!

TO ALL CONCERNED!

We would be pleased to call your attention to the fact that we are this season buying direct from first hands and at first cost which will enable us to sell at low figures. The buying community will find it to their interest to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. Will be receiving monthly until further notice.

Respectfully,

jn4. J. D. BACCHUS.

A Bargain!

SIXTY PAIRS LADIES' WORKED BUTTON-HOLE, PEBBLE, GOAT, BUTTON BOOTS, AT $2.

Actual value $2.50.

a6. at R. F. PARKS'.

R. F. PARKS

DEALER IN

DRY GOODS & NOTIONS

BOOTS AND SHOES!

CARPETS AND OILCLOTHS!

QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE, &c.

THIS ONE REQUEST NOTE

EXAMINE OUR STOCK!

GET OUR PRICES!

COMPARE VALUES!

BEFORE YOU PURCHASE.

If in search of

BOOTS, SHOES AND SLIPPERS!

nowhere can you find better value or lower prices for the money. Our assortment too, is large, embracing all of such goods as the average purchaser wants.

NOTE A FEW OF OUR PRICES:

Men's Shoes from $1 per pair up to $6, Men's Boots from $1 75 per pair up to $4, $5, $6 50. Ladies', Misses' and Children's at all prices.

Try our hand-made goods! Our Men's $4 Kip Boot, warranted to wear and give satisfaction. For every defective pair you can get a new pair without charge.