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CHRISTMAS TREATS.

Emmanuel P. E Church, J r. H. B Martin, rector, held their annual Christmas treat Monday evening. Under the efficient direction of Misses Adele France and Isabel Beck, the Sunday School rendered a playlet entitled "A Christmas Joke." Those who took part and the characters represented were as follows: Harriett Webb, Mother Goose; Alice Hynson, Mother Hubbard; Annie Duyer, The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe; Julia Bell, Humpty Dumpty; Gilbert Byron, Georgy Porgy; Eloise Wickes, Wife; Rickard Duyer, Tommy Tucker; Richard Twilley, The Bachelor; Esaher Urie, Polly Flinders; Lloyd Connelly and Gladys Beauchamp, Jack and Gill; Ellen Beck, Mischievious Jack; Elizabeth Wickes, Rock-a-Bye-Baby; Katherine Beck, Miss Muffett; Helen Simpers, Contrary Mary; Mary Simpers, Curly Socks; Mary Beck, Bettie Blue; Mary Jones, Tom The Piper's Son; Helen DeCourse, Boy Blue; Frank Hines, Jr., Simple Simon; William B. Usilton, Jr., Jack Horner; Mary Hynson, Bo-Peep; Simon Westcott, Old Kris.

St. James Sunday school held their treat Tuesday evening. Many other schools held treats last Friday evening.

A novel and interesting affair took place at the treat of Christ Methodist Protestant Sunday School Tuesday evening. Previous to the arrival of Santa Claus each class was asked to furnish a surprise and every class called on by the Superintendent responded in a prompt and cheerful manner causing surprise after surprise and filling the large audience with mirth. The biggest surprise was when the Bible Class presented to the Superintendent a small box containing a gold watch charm, fob and chain, this being followed by little Lida Wheat presenting to the pastor from the primary class another small box with a present enclosed. The surprises follow:

Miss Nettie Russell's class acted a charade entitled a "Basket of fruit" and Misses Anna Smyth and Marghuerita Dodd played a duet. Miss Bessie Satterfield's class acted a charade as did Miss Hope Sappington's. Miss Bessie Wheatley's class gave a piano solo by Miss Elizabeth Russell and Miss Fannie Baker's class a solo by Miss Elsie Whiteley. Mrs. W. J. Vannort's and Mr. Thos. D. Bowers class presented a pretty duet by Mrs. Horace Reed and Mrs. J. H. Thompson, and also a basket of fruit for a sick member of the school. Miss Mayme Thompson's class presented a basket of fruit to a sick member. Mr. R. H. Huey's class was represented by Mr. Lewin Howard in a parody on "Casey at the Bat." Andrew Medders made a speech for Mr. J. F. Wheatley's class and Lambert Ayres for Mr. Ralph Barnett's class. When Mr. William A. Wheatley's class was called Mr. Joseph N. Wheatley bolted up the aisle, across the front, down the side and took his seat amid the laughter of the whole audience. Mrs. Stewart Matthews' class responded with a "speech." Miss Clara Usilton's class responded with an envelope containing a contribution to F. C. Klein, foreign missionary secretary, to help rebuild school destroyed by storm. Miss Maude Duyer's class was represented in a fine recitation by Miss Carmeta Russell. Old Kris was taken by Mr. Joseph Lambert who gave away 298 boxes of candy, bags of nuts and oranges as J. Hydie Thompson called off the lists. The committee comprised Miss Fannie Baker, Miss Kate Deford, Mrs Wm. Robinson, Mrs. Wash. Woodall and Mrs. S. Matthews.

Accidents.—Mr. Conlyon Duyer, secretary of Senator William W. Beck, while loading a revolver with a blank cartridge on New Year's Day accidentaly exploded the pistol and the charge took effect in his hand causing a very painful wound. Dr. H. G. Simpers rendered surgical aid.

Officers Elected.—Washington Camp No. 34, P. O. S. of A., elected the following officers at its regular meeting on Tuesday night:

President—Thomas R. Starr.
Vice-President—Wm. F. Blyman.
Master of Forms—Joseph Duyer.
Recording Secretary—J. Frank Wheatley.
Financial Secretary—J B. McIntire.
Treasurer—Earle A. Barnes.
Conductor—Horace W. Reed.
Inspector—Medford Jones.
Guard—Wm. F. Malin.
Trustees—John C Davis, H W. Reed, John W. Barnes, Thos. R. Starr, Jefferson L. Smyth.

SASSAFRAS NOTES

The pastor of the M. E. Church delivered his Christmas sermon last Sabbath, when he preached on the "Nativity of Christ."

Miss Mary Davis, daughter of Mr. James D. Davis, who is employed in Philadelphia spent Christmas Day with her parents.

Mr. —— Pepper, who was in the employ of Mr. James D. Davis last year, has moved to Warwick.

Miss Nellie Jones, who has been in Wilmington for some time, has returned home.

Mr. J. P. Rosin, of Wilmington, spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosin.

Mr. Carroll Everett, of Massey, and Miss Ella Brown, of Golts, were married on December 18th at the M. E. parsonage in Sassafras by Rev. W. W. White.

Mr. Elwood Morris, who last year resided near Cecilton, has moved to Sassafras.

The pasotr of the M. E. Church, Rev. W. W. White, will preach on next Sabbath (to-morrow) as follows: Delaneys, 10.30 a. m; Golts, 2.30 p. m.; Sassafras, 7 p. m.

To all our readers we wish a happy New Year.

CASH RESERVE AND SAFETY

In banking science the LEGAL RESERVE (actual cash immediately available as required by law) is very properly considered the BULWARK OF SAFETY.

One of Chestertown's banks last week published a comparative statement showing the LEGAL RESERVES of "three of Chestertown's banks," as follows:

	Deposits.	15 Per Cent.	Reserve Held.	Per Ct.
Third National	$668,397.18	$100,229.57	$124,079.44	over 18½
Chestertown Bank	41,3947.13	62,092.10	38,868.74	9½
Savings Bank	356,097.42	53,414.61	10,627.97	3

The figures above are accepted as published, while as a matter of fact we are unable to verify the reserve of the first named bank from its sworn statement, there being a discrepancy which would indicate a percentage of about 17 per cent. instead of 18½ per cent.

It will be noticed that THE PEOPLES BANK is not included in the comparison. At once the question arises, why? Perhaps the reason is obvious. And perhaps the reason becomes all the more conspicuous because of the omission. Anyhow, the sworn statement of The Peoples Bank, of the same date as the others above noted, and upon the same basis of comparison, shows:

The People's Bank—

Deposits.	15 Per Cent.	Reserve Held.	Per Ct.
$154,681.84	$23,202.29	$28,498.02	18.4

Under the Maryland Law, which requires that 15 per cent. of all deposits *subject to check* shall be kept as LEGAL RESERVE, The People's Bank statement shows:

Deposits Subject to Check.	15 Per Cent.	Reserve Held.	Per Ct.
$51,383.72	$7,707.55	$28,498.02	55½

or NEARLY FOUR TIMES amount required by law.

After reading the above exhibit let depositors and prospective depositors decide which is the SAFEST Bank. The Peoples Bank "cannot make as much money for its stockholders by adopting the policy of keeping on hand such a large RESERVE, but we KNOW it is better banking."

Respectfully,

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ROAR OF THE ARCTIC.

Sullen Thunder of the Gales and the "Voices of the Ice."

Most of us cherish the idea that in the far reaches of the Arctic circle there prevails an everlasting deathlike stillness. But those who have spent much time in the far north assure us that that region is far from being silent, although so little life is manifest for the greater part of the year.

On polar seas the ice, though thick and solid as granite, is hardly ever still. There are tides in the arctic, and these lift and lower the huge icefields, causing them to give out all manner of noises. Even as late as November the pack will wake up without warning and pile itself in huge heaps with indescribable crashings, groanings and roarings. Peary speaks of the "rabid roar" of the "tumbling chaos of ice blocks." His Esikimos were terribly frightened and set up weird howlings. The dogs whined and barked, and altogether the noise was terrific. Every arctic explorer has given similar accounts.

The movements of the ice—the gradual crowding and pressing, bending and pushing, the breaking of the masses of snow lying at the "ice foot"—have given rise to the expression of explorers, "The voices of the ice." It may be that one will hear a low singing, splashing or grumbling, alternating with various other sounds, cracking and snapping. These sound irregularly from a great distance, like a confusion of human voices, the racket of a railway train or the skurrying of a sledging party. Then, again, the noises are such as to cause the explorer to fancy he hears the steps and voices of various species of animals.

Spring is the noisiest time in the polar seas. McClure of the Investigator compared the breaking up of the ice at that season to heavy thunder or the sound of great guns. Another writer likened the sound of the breaking ice floe to that produced by a volcanic eruption.

Moreover, the air in the arctic regions is seldom absolutely still. Gales are frequent. The winter winds, according to Peary, blow with almost unimaginable fury. On one occasion in the cabins of the Roosevelt the sound resembled that of some gigantic power plant, everything vibrating to the pulsation of the machinery. The whole atmosphere was filled with the deep, sullen roar of the wind, and so thick was the cloud of snow picked up and swept forward on the wings of the gale that powerful lamps were invisible ten feet away.

On high ground, such as that of inner Greenland, the wind is never still. Nansen tells of the constant hiss of the breeze laden with tiny bits of ice, which flowed along knee high like a shining white river glittering in the pale arctic sunlight.

Nor is there lack of sounds caused by animal life. In the arctic may often be heard the baying of wolves and the barking of seal, while in the summer the harsh cry of sea birds echoes along the faces of the cliffs.—Harper's Weekly.

Formation of Worlds.

There are two hypotheses in reference to the condition of the matter of the universe at the moment when science begins its discussion of the formation of the worlds. Both these agree that the matter was in a nebulous condition. As Professor Young says: "This does not assume that matter was created in a nebulous condition. As the egg may be taken as the starting point for the life history of the animal, so the nebula may be taken as the starting point for the life history of the planetary sistem." On one theory the nebula was in the form of a heated gas; on the other, it was a cloud of cold meteoric dust. This latter many astronomers think is more likely to be true.—Scientific American.

Clever Feat.

The girl was talking to the ex-college man.

"And what are you going to do now that you have completed your education?" she asked.

"Oh, I think I'll live on my income," he answered airly.

"I am disappointed in you. Live on your income, indeed! Why don't you do some great deed to show the world how clever you are?"

"My dear young woman, if I succeed in living on my income it will be the cleverest deed any man ever accomplished."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He Got on Deck.

A sailor who had landed after a long voyage, and having been paid off, called a cab, threw his luggage inside and jumped on top himself.

"Beg pardon, sir," said the astonished cabman, "but you should get inside and put your boxes on top."

"Steer the craft ahead, jarvey. Passengers always go on deck and luggage in the hold," was the reply from the top.—London Tit-Bits.

MILLINGTON ITEMS.

Mr. Solomon Pippin, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent the past two weeks with his aunt, Miss Fannie Hurtt.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Asbury M. E. Church met on Thursday evening of last week in the church. The Society was visited by Mrs. Sweet, of Wilmington, Del., the superintendent of the Deaconess Home, who gave quite an interesting talk. After the meeting was adjourned a social time was enjoyed by all present. The society will meet at the parsonage on Thursday evening, Jan. 16th, 1913.

Mrs. Lewis Price and family, of near Lynch, were guests several days last week of friends in town.

Miss Sophie Deckler, of Wilmington, Del., spent the week-end with her cousin, Miss Anna Radnor.

Miss Lizzie Mabrey, of Washington, D. C., spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mabrey, of near town.

Mr. Kennard Bailey left on Thursday for Goldey College, Wilmington, Del., after spending about two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey.

Miss Mildred Clarke was the guest of her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Clarke, of Middletown, Del., a few days last week.

Mrs. Mary A. Hibbard returned home last Sunday after spending about three months in West Chester, Pa.

Mrs. John E. Woodall and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, spent this week with relatives in Dover, Del.

Miss Anna Radnor entertained at cards at her home on Tuesday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Jessie Birnbach, of Massey.

Those on the sick list this week were: Mr. John Wood, Mrs. John Moore, Mrs. Thomas Harris, Miss Marian Lockerman, Mr Paul Jacobs and Miss Essie Moore.

Mr. George Newnam, who has been quite sick for several weeks, we are glad to say is able to be out again.

Mr. Frank Culley moved this year to Mr. C. B. Dudley's farm; Mr. Alphonso Pearson, of South Millington, moved to the farm vacated by Mr. Culley; Mr. Charles Jones took the house vacated by Mr. Pearson and Mr. N. F. Hobbs took the house vacated by Mr. Jones. Mr. Linday Smith, of near town, moved into the Rasin house, vacated by Mr. F. S. Bottomley; Mr. Lloyd Dill, of lower Kent, took Mr. Smith's farm; Mr. Sam'l Merchant moved to the Feddeman farm, near Chesterville, vacated by Mrs. Ada Vansant, and Mr. Russ, of Smyrna, took the house vacated by Mr. Merchant. Mr. George Gordon, of near town moved to his new home near Unicorn Mills, and Mr. John Dixon moved from the Stonewall Johnson farm to the farm vacated by Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Harold Britton is spending a couple of weeks with relatives in Wilmington, Del., and Camden, N. J.

Mrs. Mary Osborne Cacy died at the residence of her son-in-law, R. E. Feddeman, Millington, Md., on Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 1912, after a short illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Cacy was one of Millington's oldest and most worthy residents. She was beloved by all that knew her and was one of the most active members of her church, the Chapel of the Holy Cross. She is survived by three children—Mrs. W. F. Collins, Mrs. R. E. Feddeman, or Millington, and W. E. Cacy, of Dumont, N. J.; also a sister, Miss Julia Cacy, and a brother, Mr. C. O. Cacy, of Millington, and six grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Chapel of the Holy Cross Friday morning, Jan. 31st, at 11 o'clock; interment at "The Homestead," near Massey. Dev. C. R. Birnbach officiated and J. L. Smith was the undertaker.

Rev. E. E. White a former pastor at Millington was buried Tuesday, having died a few days previous.

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Chestertown, Md.

LOCAL NOTES

A. J. Toulson killed three wild geese last week weighing 7, 12, and 14 pounds each.

The Chestertown Amusement Company has been formed with a capital of $10,000. The directors the first year will be L. B. Russell, Thomas W. Perkins, A. Parks Rasin, Claude F. Parks and M. Wilbur Thomas. Stam's Hall has been bought and will be greatly improved.

The big granary on the Electric Light Wharf will be torn away and used to make two dwellings. Mr. Charles Johnson, "Mayor" of the wharf, has the contract. Mr. Johnson is now employed in tearing down the "plant" at the foot of Kent street.

Lost in the heavy fog, the steamer Manna-Hatta, of the New York and Baltimore Transportation Company, ran into the steamer Emma Giles, of the Tolchester Steamboat Company, while trying to reach dock Thursday mornmorning. The three decks of the latter were crushed in and a hole was made in the hull. The Manna-Hatta was practically undamaged.

There was little excitement on either boat. Only engineers were aboard the Emma Giles, which was tied up. They were below and hurried on deck at once. The members of the crew of the Manna-Hatta were at their posts.

As soon as the extent of the injuries to the Emma Giles were realized Chief Engineer Gale Hudson and the other members of the crew aboard went into the hold to stop up any holds below the water line. With oakum they "chinked" up several seams below the water line that were strained and stopped the flow of water into the hull.

Captain W. C. Eliason says the damage to the Emma Giles is between $500 and $1,000.

Inability to secure sufficient straw has caused the American Strawboard Company to close their large plant at Chestertown for the present. The mill has been closed for several weeks. This is one of Chestertown's chief industries and its closing down is a severe hardship to its employes. About seventy workmen are employed there. There has been a shortage of straw in Kent and Queen Anne's counties for several years. This, and the fact that farmers had rather use their straw to improve their lands than to sell to the Strawboard Company, are said to be the reasons why the mill runs so irregular. The price paid is $4 per load.

While cutting chocolate for Christmas cake one of Chestertown's ladies broke the point of a knife off in it, and for a time it looked as if several cakes of the hard candy were going to waste. She secured a magnet, however, and soon found the bit of steel.

The Kent Land Co. completed on Saturday last the sale of the E. T. Graham farm near Fairlee heretofore mentioned in the News to Mr. A. P. Foreman and wife, Martha M. Foreman. This farm contains 100 acres and the price is said to have been about $4,000.

Marion T. Miller, the Rock Hall merchant, has a big offer in the News this week. He has big bargains caused by stock-taking.

W. H. Waddell, who has been occupying the store on the corner of High and Princes streets, closed out by selling the remainder of his stock at public auction Saturday night. Mr. Waddell will retire from the mercantile business for the present. Chas. E. Kirby has rented the store-room and for the present will manage two stores finally confining his business to the corner.

R. C. Smyth, at Fairlee, has a lemon tree with two big lemons that weigh over a pound.

The School Board has named Miss Edith Harley as teacher in the Chestertown High School in place of Miss Ahern who is temporarily absent and Miss Louisa Urie will fill Miss Harley's place.

The Imperial Hotel opened Wednesday with everything fresh and clean and will give special attention to the transient trade. Mr. James Bolton, a well-known gentleman, will assist in the office.

F. H. Russell has purchased of Mr. F. G. Usilton the 85 foot lot on Front street adjoining the Burchinal house. It is likely to be improved in the spring.

The calendars this year are scarce but beautiful. W. S. & A. M. Culp send out another fine Washington picture; J. D. Bacchus has a variety of good subjects; Kent County Savings Bank sends out a forest scene of grandeur; A. Cohen shows good taste in his horse, pretty girl and fruit; Jas. G. Beck, Jos. N. Wheatley & Co., also send out serviceable calendars.

The Centerville Observer estimated that holiday whisky for Centreville alone cost nearly $4,000. Huge whiskey packages arrived every night. My, my, what topers!

Graham & Clements say they have received the tickets for the 1913 prize contest and will announce the list of prizes next week.

In another column it is notic that Joseph H. Wheatley having purchased J. Waters Russell's interest in the iasurance firm of Jos. N. Wheatley & Co will hereafter personally conduct the business.

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