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Local Notes.

Fire.—The dwelling and store property owned and occupied by Mr. George L. Chrisfield, at Locust Grove, together with the greater part of the contents, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. It is supposed to have caught from a defective flue. The property was insured for $1,000 in the Kent Mutual.

Navigation Open.—As foretold in the NEWS the Emma A. Ford arrived on time Saturday, having encountered heavy ice off Kent Island which prevented her making that landing. Regular trips have been resumed by both the Emma A. and B. S. Ford. The Chester River Steamboat Co's efforts to keep open navigation is appreciated by the public.

Increased Assessment.—The assessors are at work in Kent county and judging from their work the basis for taxation will be very much increased. This is an evidence of thrift and prosperity and is gratifying to the public. Rock Hall and Betterton show the greatest increase. Mr. Walter Francis, of the fifth district, has returned over $16,000 worth of new property and he thinks the total will reach $20,000, while Mr. John Duyer, in Worton, has returned about $15,000 in new assessments from Betterton and elsewhere. Chestertown will also add to the basis.

New Firm.—Mr. John C. Davis has sold an interest in his agricultural implement, fertilizer and feed business to Mr. Walter R. McIntyre, of Galena, formerly of the firm of T. H. McIntyre & Son. The new firm will be known as Davis & McIntyre. In addition to the lines of merchandise heretofore handled by Mr. Davis, they will engage extensively in the wire-fence business, having purchased the stock and good will of Mr. Joseph Guest in that line, and acquired the sole control for this territory of the American Woven wire fence. They will also contract to erect wind-mills, power pumps, etc.

An Unusual Accident.—Mr. John McC. Rochester, of near Church Hill, was the victim of a rather unusual and very painful accident on last Friday. While he was attempting to pull a "wolf" tooth out of the mouth of his driving horse the animal became frenzied by the pain and bit viciously at his hand, biting the second finger of his right hand completely off. The injured finger caused Mr. Rochester extreme pain and the latter took the train on Saturday for Baltimore, where he will have the wound cauterized and treated to prevent blood poisoning.

Old, but Ever True.—Mr. Thomas Vandyke, a well-known farmer of near Kennedyville, came into the NEWS office last week and reported the loss of a fine cow. Says he, "I have looked everywhere for her and now I want to see if the NEWS can find her."

A postal was received from Mr. Vandyke Wednesday as follows: "Take out ad. It found my cow in good hands with Mr. Harry Griffith, Sassafras, fourteen miles from home."

Capt. Penn Jester who advertised 100 loads of wood in the NEWS says one issue was enough to sell it all.

Kindness Rewarded.—A merchant in Chestertown was surprised this week to receive a ten dollar gold piece from a gentleman in Philadelphia who wrote that it was for the little boy who nursed him when he was sick. This incident has a companion in the following:

In 1837 the eminent Kentucky surgeon, Benjamin Winston Dudley, operated successfully, but gratuitously, on a poor boy for stone in the bladder. The lad was deeply impressed by the generosity of the great surgeon, and made a resolve that if ever he became rich the fee should be paid. About two years ago Dr. Osler one of the heirs of Dr. Dudley had a letter from W.G. Saunders of Iowa, stating that he was anxious to make arrangements to pay a long-standing indebtedness, and asked if a fee of $500 would be suitable for the operation of lithotomy performed on him by Dr. Dudley in 1837. Last year the executors of Mr. Saunders wrote that in a codicil of his will directions were given to pay the fee with interest, and they had much pleasure in handing over the sum of $2390.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Mrs. Caroline Bennett, widow of the late Samuel S. Bennett, died at her old home in Edesville Thursday morning after a long illness, aged 58. She leaves two children.

Mr. John V. Kendall, of Kent county, died at the home of his nephew, John Cooper, in Wilmington, Del., on Jan. 14th, aged 79.

MRS. CATHARINE A. WOODALL.

Mrs. Catharine A. Woodall, widow of Wm. W. Woodall, formerly of Kent county, died at the residence of her son, George Woodall, on the Talley farm, near Elkton, Thursday night, aged about 70 years. The family had recently removed from the First district of Cecil. She is survived by a family of four sons and three daughters all grown. They are Walter W., Andrew J., George H., and Miss Ella M., of Elkton; Maxwell F. Woodall and Mrs. Della Clark, of Cecilton; and Mrs. M. Alice DuHamell, of Chestertown. The funeral services were held on Sunday at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Elkton; interment in the adjoining cemetery, Rev. Father Arndt officiating.

Miss Mary Fennimore's song, "Good Night" has been accepted and published by Wm. H Sustead, of New York city. Mr. Sustead, when speaking of the song to a reporter of the New York Herald, said: "It is one of the finest productions of its kind that has been placed on the market for years, I handle no songs that will not bring credit to its author and publisher. The following notes of the song have been noticed: "One of the most promising songs of the season."—N. Y. Clipper. "Superior to any song of the kind ever published in N. Y."—N. Y. Sun. "Mary Fennimore has achieved a triumph in "Good Night"—The Brooklyn Times.

STILL POND LOCALS.

Mrs. Jervis, who has been quite sick, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Lou Jewell, of Betterton, is visiting Mrs. Thomas Bradley.

Wm. Pratt succeeded in killing a large wild goose last Wednesday.

Mrs. Phillips, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Robinson.

Mrs. F. C. Anderson, who suffered a paralytic stroke last Wednesday night, is much improved at this writing.

Quite a number of friends and relatives of Mr. C. W. Harris attended his wedding last Wednesday in Baltimore.

Mrs. George Harper, of New York, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs Wm Medders, returned home last Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Crowding, Jr., our mail carrier, has been laid up with the measles this week and Mr. Lester Coleman is substituting.

Among those on the sick list are Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bonwill, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Crew, Carl Morris, E. F. Crowding and J. B. Crowding, Sr.

The ice has been piled up around Harris' wharf all this year, and the heavy weight of same and the Susquehanna ice continually rushing in seriously damaged the structure.

Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Beauchamp entertained the official board of the M. E. Church last Wednesday afternoon at the parsonage. Refreshments, consisting of ice-cream and cake, were served.

The attractions of Still Pond are so great for a certain young man of Betterton that he has obtained a position here, and is thus enabled to spend many evenings with friends without having to drive so far.

A young man of our neighborhood conceived the idea that he would like to keep bachelor's hall for a while, so he started out this year by so doing; but he hardly stood it a week before he was back to the boarding house again.

Our hotel, conducted by Mrs. William Parr, is in a flourishing condition, as many as ten or twenty boarders stopping there every day, besides the permanent boarders. Mrs. Parr knows how to set a good table and all the traveling men seem to know it, as they say they drive many miles out of their way sometimes so as to be able to get a good square meal when they get here, which they always do.

Mrs. Harry Redmile was the recipient of a very handsome prize, given by the Great Western Cereal Co., for the one obtaining the word "Mothers," a letter of which is found in each package of Mothers Oats. The prize was a tea set, consisting of 56 pieces. The dishes will be displayed in the large show window of F. H. Harper & Son's store, so that his many customers can see that such a fine prize is worth trying for.

Mr. John Bennett, who recently purchased the creamery here, will take charge of same next Monday, Feb. 2nd. It is hoped by all that some of the old patrons who have left will return, so as the large supply of milk which this creamery formerly received may again be obtained. Farmers, patronize home industry whenever you have the opportunity to do so. We feel sure that the creamery has now a very efficient management.

The snow we had last Saturday, together with the recent rains, have made walking terrible in our town, some of the streets being hardly passable on foot. It is a great pity that a thriving town of this size has to put up with such miserable traveling when we could be incorporated and have a nice pavement all over town. We hope some of our citizens will try to push this. Let us all wake up to this very much needed improvement. One thing we can boast of, and that is one of the finest electric light plants anywhere to be found, and it gives us first-class service

Mrs. Wm. G. Rasin held a box social at her home near here last Thursday evening, Jan. 29th. On account of the terrible condition of the roads, a good many were compelled to stay away; but nevertheless a large crowd was present and the boxes sold well. Among the enjoyable features was a recitation by Mrs. Elias Othoson, of Kennedyville, and solo by Mrs. S. H. Pippin. The boxes brought from 35 cents to $3.20. Games of different kinds were heartily indulged in by the yonng folks, while the older ones listened to music which had been prepared for the occasion. Quite a large sum was realized, which was raised for the Missionary Anniversary to be held in the church here some time in February, the time being about the second Sunday. We will give you full particulars of same later.

MR. N. T. MEGINNISS RESIGNS.

Mr. Nathaniel T. Meginniss, secretary of the Consolidated Gas Company, has resigned, Mr. Charles T. Powers, of Lincoln, Neb., but formerly of Richmond, Va., being appointed successor. The change will be made next Monday.

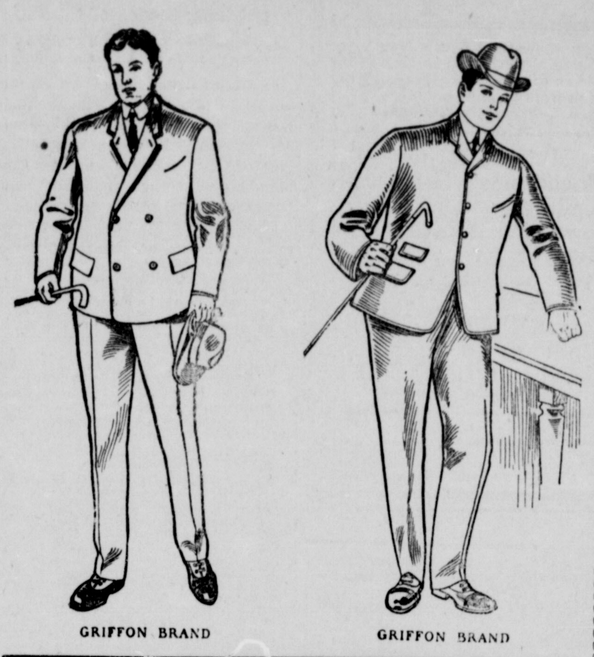
Mr. Meginniss' resignation was offered several weeks ago and acted upon Monday at a meeting of the managers.

The retiring secretary has been identified with the gas company since its infancy and is thoroughly conversant with the details of its business. He devised the present system of accounting in use by the company, the method having been selected from among several laid before a committee appointed by Capt. J. W. Hall, the former president, to arrange for the purpose.

Mr. Meginniss was born in Kent county where he has many warm friends and early in life graduated from Washington College. For two years he was deputy in the court clerk's office of Kent county under Jesse K. Hines. He then became connected with the Bank of Commerce, working up to the position of paying teller. In 1878 he was appointed paying teller of the Consumers' Mutual Gas Light Company, then at 8 South street. Two years later, when that company consolidated with the People's and the Gas Light Company of Baltimore, he was retained as paying teller. Shortly afterward, when the Equitable and Chesapeake companies were taken into the combination, he was promoted to assistant secretary. In 1892, at the death of Mr. L. R. Smoot, Mr. Meginniss was appointed secretary. He said that although he had several business offers under consideration he would take a much needed rest.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

MOODY & LUSBY.



Once, Twice, Three Times!

Going, Going, Gone.

THIS IS NOT AN AUCTION SALE exactly, BUT simply a repitition of our usual custom.

A Semi=Annual

Clearance Sale.

The object is to clear our tables of all remaining **Winter Suits and Overcoats** We begin this well-known cut-price sale SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH, if you come early you will find a good assortment. Respectfully,

Moody & Lusby,

OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE.

EDESVILLE NOTES.

Quite a number of people were disappointed last Tuesday, when they arrived at the Rock Hall wharf and found that no boat would stop there that day.

Every one seems satisfied with the milder weather, which we are having at present. It works in harmony with the coal-bin.

Mr. Joel Walbert is busy working on the old brick building at Rees' Corner. He has to work very carefully in order to save as many bricks as possible.

It does not look as if the community up the county were at all selfish with their "measles," for they have reached Piney Neck and Rock Hall also.

Miss Mary Engell has been on the sick list with an attack of the measles.

The milder weather has been very acceptable to our school children during the week, while they have been taking their examinations. Cold hands, cold feet, frozen ink and examinations do not work well together.

Miss May Sutton is visiting relatives on East Neck Island.

The following officers have been eleced in Wesley Chapel Sunday School: Supt., Milton Maslin; asst., Marion T. Miller; lady asst., Miss Sallie Maslin; sect'y, Miss Jennie Atkinson; treasurer Elwood Burgess; librarian, Miss Mamie Wickes; organist, Miss Pansy Cosden; assistant, Misses Edith Blackiston and Mamie Boyer; sup't primary class, Miss Ida Wood.

THE time to think about ordering your phosphate is at hand. In another column of the NEWS Wilbur W. Hubbard, the hustling Chestertown manufacturer, offers his various brands to the public. Hubbard's fertilizers have been on the market 53 seasons and experience has shown that they are exactly as represented.

SASSAFRAS NOTES.

Mrs. Sarah Caulk, daughter of the late Jacob and Sarah Caulk, died on Saturday morning at the residence of her sister, Mrs. E. Staats, of Middletown, aged eighty-two years, and buried on Tuesday afternoon at Rehoboth M P. Cemetery, Sassafras. She formerly and all her life lived near Sassafras and was one of the old land marks of the place. She was an aunt of W. E. Staats, near town and Mrs. James Davis.

There were some very big dinners given during last week. Mr. and Mrs. John Tarbutton, entertained largely at their home near Sassafras. At their hospitable home also, Miss Mollie Othoson and brother Mr. T. Othoson, near town gave an elaborate luncheon to a number of guests.

Our public school was closed on last Thursday on account of no coal. Mr. Harry Griffith generously comes to their aid as he always does, and sent in a two horse wagon load of elegant cut wood, so next day school duties were resumed.

Mr. R. Ballett, of below Baltimore is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Staats near town.

Mr. Robert S. Griffith, of Pittsburg, is being entertained by his sister, Mrs. W. E. Staats near town.

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross and Mrs. Therza Shallcross entertained last week Miss Nellie Shallcross, of near Locust Grove.

Our enterprising young miller Mr. Louis Dreka, Sr., is running his mill day and night and is making a very fine grade of flour and plenty of it.

Rev. I. M. Mitchell has been invited to return as pastor of Seaford Methodist Episcopal circuit for another year.

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Another Week of Low Prices!

Come Out And GET SOME of THESE MANY BARGAINS.

5c Unbleached Muslin, good quality and fine..... 3c

5c and 6c Light Shirting Prints. Nearly 2000 yards in all the neat patterns. These are the best quality Shirting Prints only..... 3¾c

A Large lot Men's Shirts and Drawers to close—some worth 50c, 75c and $1.00, choice of entire lot at the bargain price of only 39c

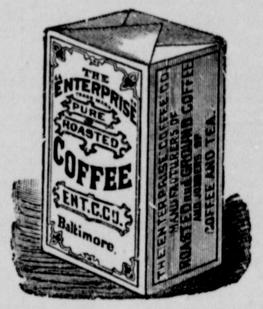
HOSE.

Lot of Children's Fine 25c. Black Hose, Best Quality only..... 16

Children's 15c Black Hose.... 10

Lot Ladies' Vests and Pants in White and Silver Gray, worth 50c and more, choice of entire lot, only..... 29c

Enterprise Roasted Coffee.



Enterprise Fresh Roasted Coffee for..... 9c

White Goods Only 7½c

The best 12½c and 15c Fine quality White Goods in the small checks, stripes and plaids—you have a choice and selection of over 2000 yards for only..... 7½c

White MADRAS & LINENS 12½c

The rich 20c and 25c White Mercerized Striped Madras, and beautiful new style of White Goods in all the new effects. Large selection, only..... 12½c

Window Curtains 16c.

The all Linen Curtains sells at 25c, 30c each, all colors complete, only..... 16c

Dress Ginghams 7½c.

Beautiful 10-cent DRESS GINGHAMS, Spring Styles, only..... 7½c

15c for 25c, 35c Books, cloth binding, large assortment.....15c
3¾c for Good 8c Plaid Dress Outings, special value.....3¾c
5c for Good Apron Ginghams, all checks.....5c
3¾c for the Best 6c Light Shirting Calicoes.....3¾c
12½c for Heavy 18c Feather Bed Ticking.....12½c
5c for 10c Bleached Flannelette, special.....5c
6¾c for 10c Short Length Bleached Muslins.....6¾c
5c for 8c Heavy Clean Unbleached Muslin.....5c
8½c for 12½c Fine Dress Flannelettes, choice.....8½c
3¾c for Good Dark Dress Calicoes.....3¾c

10c for BARKERS Horse and Cattle Powders, pkge, 10c
9c for ENTERPRISE Fresh Roasted Coffee, per lb., 9c

10c Ivory Starch, large box.....4½c
5c Ivory Starch, package, only.....2½c
Best Coffee Essence, box.....1c
1 Dozen Boxes Best Matches—1200 matches in all, for only.....6c
Large 20c Scissors, only.....10c
4c Card Hooks and Eyes, two dozen.....1c
10c Box Good Hair Pins, only.....5c
5c Aluminum Thimbles, only.....2c
5c Papers Best Pins, only.....3½c
5c Safety Pins, per dozen, for.....2c
5c Writing Tablets.....3c
Good Heavy White 8c Envelopes, pkge.....3c

Riding Saddles.

Full line of High-Grade Saddles and at Special Low Prices.

3.90, 4.90, 6.50 to 8.00.

Get Bargains in Horse Blankets and Robes.

For only 88c.

Children's Best $1.25 and $1.38 Shoes for school or for dress. Made of Fine Dongola stock, also Box Calf in lace or button. Every size from 6 to 2, choice of lot for only..... 88c

BOYS' GOOD SCHOOL SHOES, made good and strong—worth $1 50, all sizes and you get the choice of them for only..... 98c

For only 98c.

Ladies' Shoes of every kind and style and size. The Fine Dongola, the Medium Weight Box Calf, the Heavy Kangaroo, all of which are worth from $1.25, $1.50 to $1.75, and you get the choice of entire lot for only 98c. The Shoes are made in lace and button, and are certainly a bargain at the give-away price 98c

Men's Pants AT LOW PRICES

SPECIAL $2.00 MEN'S PANTS, only..... 1.39
EXTRA GOOD $2.25 AND $2.50 PANTS, only..... 1.69
BOYS' KNEE SUITS, NEAR HALF PRICE..... 1.19
MEN'S GOOD SUITS MARKED DOWN TO..... 3.98

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