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Beginning To-Day You Can Name Your Own Price on Cloaks, Etc.

We have a great many Coats and Wraps of this season's make and of the very latest styles, which we must sell at any price to make room for new goods which we are now receiving. Besides allowing you to name your own price, we will offer you a special discount for Cash. What can possibly be nicer for a Christmas Present to your wife or daughter than a nice stylish Coat or Cape. These goods must be sold before Christmas and in order to do so we'll positively sell them at prices to suit you. Low prices prevail on everything in our store just now.

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COMMISSIONERS' APPOINTMENTS.

Road Superintendents and Supervisors and Keeper of Oxford Ferry.

The Board of County Commissioners met on Tuesday and made a number of appointments. Among them were the road supervisors and superintendents and Keeper of Oxford Ferry.

The superintendents are as follows: Easton District—Jos. H. White, St. Michaels District—Perry C. Benson, Trappe District Geo. A. Mullikin, Chapel District N. C. Fitzjarrell.

Thomas L. Wayman was appointed Keeper of Oxford Ferry.

The road supervisors are as follows: Easton District, Charles S. Sharp, William T. Perry, Henry M. Green, Stephen Boulden, John Copper, Geo. W. Kirk, William H. Davis Henry Hindman, Charles H. Turner, Gus. Conrad, H. K. Brenneman, Wm S. Voshell, Alex. McGill, Thomas E. Leaverton, Wm. A. Pratt, James E. Price, Geo. T. Fluharty, S. C. Rittenhouse, Jas. H. Patchett.

St. Michaels District. Murray Williams, Geo. H. Jackson Sr., Philip A. Townsend, J. Wesley Gardner, Chas. S. Blades, R. H. Morris, Thomas W. Jones.

Trappe District. John Frampton, Geo. L. Jenkins, Luther G. Mullikin, Henry B. Ozmon, Brainerd Carroll, Edward C. Streets, Thomas T. Smith Davis Andrew Brinsfield, Geo. W. H. Hardin, Edward B. Streets, Preston B. Spring, Samuel J. Smith, F. F. Rolle, James T. Mullikin.

Chapel District. John T. Trax, J. Ed. Stevens, Geo. B. Taylor, James A. Wilson, John M. Wilson, T. P. Roe, John J. Reese, Lincoln Arnold, Albert W. Samis, Henry Anderson, John L. Sharp, William Flamer, Wm B. Steyens, Darwin W. Chase, Frank K. Anderson, H. K. Brenneman, James W. Hopkins, John O. Wilson, Joshua Sallivan.

THE EASTERN SHORE.

Why Col. Brigham Visited it—What Gov. Stevens Said to Gen. Lafayette.

Col. J. H. Brigham, assistant commissioner of agriculture, during his recent visit to Easton, said, without being asked, that this was his first visit to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Besides having official duties to bring him here this time, he came in pursuance of a resolution he made several years ago. He was making a stage ride through Wyoming and sat on the box with the driver, a talkative jehu. Finding that his passenger had been somewhat of a traveler in his own country, the driver asked Colonel Brigham if he had ever been on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, "where I come from," he said. He had not. "From that time on," said Colonel Brigham. "to the end of the trip he would talk of nothing but the Eastern Shore—the finest part of the world, he claimed. His praises of the Eastern Shore and his benedictions on it were evidently sincere, and I determined then to visit so goodly a land when opportunity offered. And here I am; and I tell you, friends, it was no joke what the stage driver said."—*Baltimore Sun.*

After a hearty Christmas dinner go to Music Hall Christmas night and enjoy a hearty laugh.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company will Issue Clerical Orders for 1898.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that the issue of clerical orders will be continued for 1898 on the same lines as in effect at present.

Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the General Office by December 20, so that orders may be mailed December 31 to clergymen entitled to receive them. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergymen, to be made on blanks furnished by the Company and certified to by one of its agents.

Two Millions a Year.

When people buy, try, and buy again, it means they're satisfied. The people of the United States are now buying Cascarets Candy Cathartic at the rate of two million boxes a year, and it will be three million before New Year's. It means merit proved, that Cascarets are the most delightful bowel regulator for everybody the year round. All druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c a box, cure guaranteed

Valuable to Women.

Especially valuable to women is Browns' Iron Bitters. Backache vanishes, headache disappears, strength takes the place of weakness, and the glow of health readily comes to the pallid cheek when this wonderful remedy is taken. For sickly children or overworked men it has no equal. No home should be without this famous remedy. **Browns' Iron Bitters** is sold by all dealers.

AN EVENING OF PLEASURE.

The Cadets of the M. N. A. and Friends Have a Royal Good Time.

Last Tuesday evening Mrs. Dr. E. R. Trippe of Easton gave an elaborate dance and supper to the Cadets of the Academy and to many other invited guests. The affair was a brilliant success, as every one that knows Mrs. Trippe might have expected.

Among those present were: The Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Baldwin, Mrs. Edith Gillingham, Miss Clara Blake, Miss Nannie Robinson, Miss Maggie Robinson, Miss Jessica Kerr, Miss Pauline Adams, Miss Pauline Bartlet Miss Elizabeth Wright, Miss Fannie Hollyday, Miss Nannie Hambleton, Miss Amy Hambleton, Miss Ira Trippe Miss Ethel Gray, Miss Neva Parlett, Miss Helen Wrightson, Miss Mary Caulk, Miss Ethel Aldridge, Miss Sue Denny, Miss Rosebud Ingraham; Thomas M. Bartlett, George L. Bartlett, Phil. K. Wright, A. F. Haddaway, Wilmer Adams, James A Stewart, Henry Trippe; Cadets Allen, Scantling, Brown, Green. Punchard, Davenport, Tilghman, Henry, Ingraham, Trippe and Shannahan, and Professors Hardcastle, Goldsborough Hill, Edgar Shreve and Bishop of the Nautical Academy.

Personally Conducted Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Personally-Conducted Tourist System of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is the highest perfection yet attained in railway travel; it affords all the comforts and conveniences of modern railway equipment, and at the same time eliminates all anxiety and annoyance inseparably connected with individual travel.

For the season of '97 and '98 it has arranged for the following tours:—

California.—Four tours, leaving New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg January 8, January 27, February 16, and March 19. With the exception of the first party going and the last returning, all of these parties will travel by the "Golden Gate Special" between New York and California, stopping at intersecting points *en route.*

Florida.—Four tours to Jacksonville will leave New York and Philadelphia January 25, February 8 and 22, and March 8. The first three admit of a sojourn of two weeks in the "Flowery State." Tickets for the fourth tour will be good to return by regular trains until May 31, 1898.

Tickets for the above tours will be sold from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

For detailed itineraries, giving rates and full information, address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia.

Lovers of High Class Instrumental Music

should not fail to hear Miss Helen Beatrice Reed in harp solos Christmas night at Music Hall. Seats at Hayward's.

The people of the Grangers Fire Insurance Company can feel confident in the management of its officers, as the success of the past year and the past 22 years shows the wisdom of this plan. While the expenses of other companies are increasing, they have been able to pay all losses during 1897 with an assessment of 2½ per cent. on Premium notes or about two dollars per $1000, insured.

"Fine Grade" Nursery Stock.

The famous lot of peach, apple, pear and plum trees, asparagus roots and strawberry plants, at the Harrison Nurseries, Berlin Md., have just been officially declared "first grade

Easton National Bank of Md.

DECEMBER 24, 1897.

January 1st being a legal holiday, this bank will be closed on that day. Bills maturing on the 1st prox. must be paid on the 31st of December. R. THOMAS,
S. & L. Cashier

Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

DECEMBER 24, 1897.

January 1st being a legal holiday, this bank will be closed on that day. Bills maturing on the 1st prox. must be paid on the 31st of December. F. C. GOLDSBOROUGH,
S. & L. Cashier.

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY, ACTIVE gentleman or ladies to travel for responsible, estabiabished house in Maryland. Montly $65.00 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. R Chicago. 12-25-t6-25

HEADQUARTERS FOR TOYS AND HOLIDAY GOODS.



The present of a book is a compliment to the recipient's literary tastes. There is no better way of remembering your friends. Books are standing counsellors, always at hand, always disinterested and ever ready to repeat their lesson.

We have an assortment of holiday Books from which can be selected a single volume or a set suitable for all minds, and all ages. We have them neatly bound and well printed, but inexpensive. Others beautifully gotten up, splendidly illustrated and printed, but yet low in price. It would be well to make a selection now.

ROBSON BROS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Easton, at Easton, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business, Dec. 15, 1897.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$128,999 96
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		291 59
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		18,750 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		1,300 00
Stocks, securities, etc		559 98
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures		5,363 84
Other real estate and mortgages owned		7,800 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		1,363 38
Due from State Banks and bankers		32 00
Due from approved reserve agents		18,504 16
Checks and other cash items		1,685 51
Notes of other National Banks		300 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		126 82
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$15,589 35	
Legal-tender notes	1,490 00	16,879 35
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)		843 50
Total		$202,500 09

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 75,000 00
Surplus fund	12,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,683 35
National Bank notes outstanding	14,970 00
Due to other National Banks	1,175 18
Due to State Banks and bankers	142 42
Dividends Unpaid	35 00
Individual deposits subject to check	95,496 14
Total	$202,500 09

STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF TALBOT, SS:

I, F.C.Goldsborough, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. C. GOLDSBOROUGH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 1897.

GEO. E. S. LOVEDAY, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

NATHANIEL TUTHILL,
JNO. MASON,
W. P. CHAFFINCH,
Directors.

Stock Holders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Farmers Packing Company will be held on Monday, January 10th, 1898.
12-18-4t. L. S. FLECKENSTEIN.

Stock Holders' Meeting.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the Easton Gas and Electric Light Co. will be held at the W. P. B. & L. Association on

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1898,

at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Managers.
12-18-4t CHAS. T. WRIGHTSON, Sect.

Easton National Bank of Maryland.

December 16th, 1897.

This bank will be closed on Christmas day. Bills maturing on that day must be paid on the 24th inst. R. THOMAS, Cashier.
S. L. C.

Farmers & Merchants National Bank,

December 16th, 1897.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF

The Easton National Bank of Maryland, a Easton, in the State of Maryland, at the clos of business, Dec. 15, 1897.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$635,983 45
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		387 19
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		3,500 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		12,000 00
Other real estate and mortgages owned		5,160 88
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		10,421 23
Due from State Banks and Bankers		514 90
Due from approved reserve agents		63,550 70
Checks and other cash items		25 00
Notes of other National Banks		535 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		308 29
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$34,363 70	
Legal-tender notes	540 00	34,903 70
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)		2,250 00
Total		$819 540 34

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$200,000 00
Surplus fund	150,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	15,342 81
National Bank notes outstanding	42,650 00
Due to other National Banks	36,986 69
Due to State Banks and bankers	1,113 62
Dividends unpaid	19 92
Individual deposits subject to check	378,867 86
Demand certificates of deposit	380 10
Certified Checks	179 34
Total	$819,540 34

STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF TALBOT, SS:

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

R. THOMAS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December, 1897.

HARRY G. COUNCELL, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest.

EDMD. L. F. HARDCASTLE,
WM. H. ADKINS.
CHARLES C. NICKERSON,
Directors.

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The following Tacoma dealers in supplies for the Klondike and Alaska trade are Stockholders in the Company and will inform you regarding the reliability of its officers: Monty and Gunn, Groceries; A. F. Hoska, Harness Co.; Morris Gross Co., Dry Goods Clothing; W. G. Rowland, Outfitter; Hugo Felitz, Tents; Tacoma Hardware Co. 10-30-1y

Easton National Bank of Maryland,

DECEMBER 8, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the President and Directors of this Bank have this day declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT. less taxes, deducted therefrom, paid by the Bank, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives on or after this date.

R. THOMAS, Cashier.

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EASTON, MD., Dec. 6.

Notice is hereby given to the Stockh of this institution that an election will place at the Banking House on TUES JANUARY 11, 1898, between the hou 10 M. and 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose ing directors to serve for the ensuing

Please Take Notice.

At the same meeting a resolution will be offered to reduce the Capital Stock Farmers and Merchants National Ban 75,000 to $50,000

$12-11-te F. C. GOLDSBOROUGH, Cashie

Easton National Bank of Maryland.

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12-11-t1-8 R. THOMAS, Cashier.