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LOCAL MATTERS.

Gone out of Business.—The policy-holders of the Peninsula Relief Association, a life insurance company with an extensive membership in Kent and other peninsula counties, were notified last week that it is unable to meet its maximum policies of $3,000, and has accepted an offer of the Jeweler's and Tradesmen's Company, of New York, to take up its policies and reinsure its members. Mr. Samuel Pitt worked up the interests of the Mutual Relief in this county about a year ago. It is understood that a majority of the policy holders in this section will not reinsure.

Proposed New Fish Law.—The Maryland Game and Fish Protective Association, is busily at work preparing to work for further legislation as regards fish and game protection in the State. The following is an outline of the proposed Fish Bill, which is submitted for the judgment of those interested in the business and in a position to pass judgment upon its merits and demerits. The Bill will require that all fish landed from nets shall be done so in twelve inches of water, and that all fishes of illegal size shall be returned uninjured to the water. The legal size for fish will be suggested to be as follows: Black bass, twelve inches; rock, eleven inches; taylor, eleven inches; white perch, seven and one-half inches; yellow perch, nine inches; pike, fifteen inches; brook trout, six inches; rainbow trout, eight inches. The association is in favor of prohibiting the use of all sorts of nets, excepting gillnets and seines. It is very doubtful, however, whether this will be pushed.

Levy Court Proceedings.—The board of county commissioners met on Tuesday, Commissioner Hill absent. The account of B. F. J. Sparks, first district, road work $91.90, examined and allowed. W. S. Walker's road account $13, first district, ordered to be paid by order on road fund. Joseph and Annie R. Trew, list of sales of personalty was allowed and deductions and transfer ordered. John T. Bowers, account as door keeper at 3d. district election $3.00 allowed and ordered provided for by levy. Mary A. Caverdale, 3d. district, reinstated on pension list $15. George W. Hart reinstated on pension $10, on 4th district. W. H. and Mary A. Jenkins, col'd, allowed pension of $15 for 1898. Bartus Trew obtained order for $25 for land taken in widening Quaker Neck road. Enterprise Publishing Company obtained an order for $500 for contract printing under Act of Assembly. J. B. Sappington, wife and son, obtained an order for payment by levy for witness fees in 1898. Isaac Freeman obtained order for payment for shells for Chester bridge, $1.05. Capt. Jno. E. Vickers obtained order for payment of $81.50 for shells and pipe. W. T. Brice obtained order for account for road work, levy 1898, of $20.50.

FAIRLEE ITEMS.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT:—The farmers of our neighborhood have taken advantage of the good weather and are about up with their work. Several of them are through plowing their corn ground. We have certainly some up-to-date farmers in our community.

Mr. Samuel Lecompt has moved on the Corey farm and has made himself very comfortable in his new quarters. Mr. Vincent Lee, Mr. Hyson Dill, Mr. Jake Shriley and Mr. James Groves all moved to-day.

A very pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Fanny Godwin last Friday evening by the young folks of our community. Games of various kinds were indulged in until about 10 o'clock, when refreshments were abundantly served, after which the little folks wended their way to their respective homes with light and happy hearts.

Ex-deputy R. A. Smyth is greatly improved at this writing, but is still confined to his bed.

Mr. Frank Crow, while helping to back a wagon under shelter, caught his finger between the bolster and a spoke in the wheel and had it nearly severed at the first joint.

Mr. Robert Calder had a very valuable horse to die last week.

Mr. Joe Shriver, of Galena, spent Sunday with friends in the village.

Miss Laura Greenwood is visiting her cousins, the Misses Carrie and Minnie Smyth.

Miss Florence Nicholson, we are sorry to learn, is quite sick, and it is feared she will have another severe spell like one she had about one year ago.

Mr. James Middleton has been quite a sufferer for about two weeks with a heavy cold; he was unable to talk for a week.

Mr. Clarence Crew, we regret very much to know, is having considerable trouble with his arm. The wound was inflicted one year ago by the accidental discharge of a gun. We hope the trouble may not become serious.

Mr. Wm. Barnes killed a wild goose one day last week. This is the second one killed around here this winter.

The prayer-meeting in our church last Sunday evening was conducted by Bro. John L. Lewis, assisted by our friend, Mr. Frank Willis, a captain in the Salvation Army, was very largely attended and very much enjoyed by all.

Mr. Jerry Miller, we learn, will take the milk route around here after Mr. Hyson Dill leaves us. Mr. Dill has been very faithful in this line and we feel sure the same can be said of our new milk man.

Mr. A. J. Griffin, after a very pleasant visit with friends in our community, has returned to his home.

Little Miss Caddie Kendall is quite sick at this writing.

Extensive preparations are being made for our Christmas entertainments.

EAST END.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

Rev. A. D. Melvin, president of the Maryland Conference, preached at the M. P. Church on Sunday evening to a large and appreciative audience. He was also present at the meeting of the quarterly conference on Monday morning.

Mr. Frank E. Pentz, of Baltimore, is visiting his uncle, Rev. Jesse Shreeve.

Mr. Tilghman Shafer and family attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. Shafer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Copenhaver, Baltimore, this week.

Mrs. W. T. Jones and Mr. Robt. Lusby are on the sick list.

Mr. E. B. Pennington, Jr., who left about Sept. first for South Africa, has returned. He visited Cape Town and other points on the coast, but was unable to secure a desirable position, as he had expected.

Dr. J. H. Kelley is now a resident of our village and occupies the residence formerly occupied by Dr. J. K. H. Jacebs.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Bits of News and Gossip Gathered Here, There and Everywhere.

† Mr. William E. Fenhagen, who has been for some time on the farm with Mr. William Hendrix, near Chestertown, has rented a 70-acre farm in St. Mary's county and left on Monday for his new home.

† Messrs. Richard T. Turner, Jr., his son, James Turner, and ex-county commissioner, George W. Rodenhiser, have returned from a ten day's gunning trip to South Carolina. The gentlemen report rather poor sport because of an unusually dry summer and fall which had forced the birds into swamps inaccessible for gunning.

† The removed damage case of Constable John Duyer against Capt. Daniel Hill, George W. Owens and Sam'l Vickers for damages for removal from office, has been removed from Elkton to Harford county.

† Mrs. Wm. D. Shinn on Monday fell from a chair and broke her ankle.

† The Chick Medicine Company are drawing good houses at Stam's Hall. Their entertainments are clean, and though only the nominal charge of five cents is made the show is pronounced as superior to many which charge very much more. Many pronounce it the best show of the kind ever in town.

† Local buyers were offering 25 and 30 cents for corn, as to condition, yesterday.

† Galena creamery paid 80 cents per hundred for milk for December.

† The report that Rev. Frank Fletcher pastor of Galena M. E. Church, had been transferred to New York, is stated to be untrue. Pastor Fletcher, it is announced, will remain at his present charge.

† Miss Disch, a school teacher, was struck and seriously injured by the engine of the Kent county train, at Clayton, on Friday. The young lady attempted to cross the track in front of the moving train. No blame attaches to Engineer Horace Reed.

† Rev. W. P. Compton, of Port Deposit, writes making inquiry as to the whereabouts of the $8000 left him by a recently deceased aunt. We regret to say that both the aunt and fortune are strangers in this vicinity and it is only regretted that no assistance can be given.

† Harry W. Rickey, 1011 McCulloh street, Baltimore, reported to the police on Monday, that some one stole from his room on Saturday night, a complete bicycle suit and other articles. At the same time a bicycle belonging to James W. Chapman, Jr., was taken.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

Miss Lelia Ware, daughter of Rev. A. Ware, Massey's, took part in the annual entertainment given by juniors to freshmen, at the Woman's College, Baltimore, on Friday night. The play presented was "An Unconditional Surrender." Miss Ware is one of the most prominent of the Woman's College students in all literary or other entertainments.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Earle Brodie Polk and Miss Garnet Elma Chelton, on Wednesday, December 22d, at 6 o'clock, in the M. E. Church, Fairmount, Somerset county. Mr. Polk was a graduate of Washington College, class of '94.

Mr. Harry Clay Brown and Miss Bessie Poe Gilpin, were married in Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore, at 7 o'clock yesterday evening. Among those from Kent who witnessed the ceremony were: Mrs. Mary E. Brown, mother of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brown, Miss Anna Brown, Mrs. Wilbur Eliason, Wilbur Eliason, Jr., Eldridge Eliason, Mr. Samuel Merritt, Mrs. T. W. Eliason, Miss Maggie Plummer. Dr. C. P. Gilpin, Wilbur Eliason, Jr. and W. W. Beck were ushers; Lewin W. Wickes was best man.

Gen. Frank A. Bond and William J. Blair, spent several days of last week on a gunning expedition, the guests of Mr. Josiah Massey. Mr. Blair is president of the board of Civil Service Examiners at the Custom House. The gentlemen brought several fine rabbit dogs with them and succeeded in bagging twenty-six rabbits, several birds and two squirrels.

Mr. Otmar Baylor, of Wilmington, has been spending his vacation with his sister, Mrs. Mary Ballance, of North Carolina.

Dr. Grise desires to see all his friends and church people at the sociable Friday evening. An interesting programme has been arranged for the occasion.

Mr. Clarence Scotten and Miss Ida May Redmile, were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Rachel Redmile, near Locust Grove, yesterday evening.

Miss Minnie Maslin, daughter of Mr. J. Carvil Maslin, and Dr. Wm. S. Gardner, of Baltimore, will be married at Bond M. E. Church, Dec. 29th at 11.30 A. M. The bridal party will then drive to Price's station and take the train for a tour North. No cards in the county, but the many friends of Miss Maslin are cordially invited to be present at the marriage ceremony.

FROM MILLINGTON.

Mr. E. W. Spear, our enterprising miller, who is ever alert to the advantages of new and improved machinery, is remodeling the interior of his mill and is changing from the old-time bolting cloth and reels to the oscillating system. This machinery, which he purchased of Messrs. Griscom & McFeely, Philadelphia, consists of a receiving separator, Eureka horizontal smutter and scourer, new bran dusters and the oscillating system, which all modern built mills are using. Three competent millwrights of Harrisburg, Pa., are doing the remodeling. Mr. Spear is also having a great deal of carpentering work done in the interior of his mill, new floors, etc., which is under the supervision of Mr. B. M. Hazell, mechanic and machinist. Mr. Spear will begin operations with his new machinery next Monday, and says he will make a better flour but as cheap. He runs his mill by steam and water, and day and night when necessary.

The W. C. T. U. of Millington met at their usual meeting place on Monday evening, Dec. 13, with a full attendance.

Mr. W. F. Collins and bride returned home last Wednesday evening, and on Thursday evening the boys gave them a serenade at their future home on Cypress street.

Mrs. Charles Harris is very ill at her home on Cypress street.

Mrs. Harriet Moffett is confined to her bed, suffering an attack of rheumatism.

Miss Hynson, of Chestertown, Md., has been visiting Miss Helen Rasin.

Miss Nannie Comegys is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. George Staggers and bride, of Wilmington, Del., spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lee. Mrs. Staggers is a niece of Mr. Lee and formerly lived in this town.

Mr. J. P. Ahern spent Monday in Philadelphia.

The prize hog of this vicinity, belonging to Mr. J. E. Higman, was killed last Wednesday and weighed 677 pounds. Some persons guessed upon its weight as much as nearly eight hundred pounds. It measured 27 inches across its shoulders, but was not very long.

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OBITUARY.

Mr. William H. Stewart and Mrs. Mary E. Clendaniel Dead.

WILLIAM H. STEWART.

In the death of William H. Stewart the county loses one of its most representative citizens and a gentleman who commanded to an unusual degree the respect and confidence of the entire people. Mr. Stewart had been a sufferer from heart trouble for some time and about six weeks ago went to Baltimore for treatment, but returned recently and gradually became worse until death came to the sufferer's relief at 5.30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. He was originally from Delaware and came to Kent county as a young man. White Hall, the fine farm on which he spent the last thirty years of his life, is one of the finest properties in the county. As an agriculturist he was careful and energetic, and was always ready to adopt any aggressive innovation. Mr. Stewart was a successful cropper, an extensive and intelligent orchardist, and no man in the county had a more beautiful herd of fine Holstein cattle. It was as a citizen, husband and father that the traits of character of this Christian man shown with most beauty. The writer had an opportunity to know something of the private life and character of W. H. Stewart. As considerate and gentle as a woman in his home, when a test of manly, vigorous honor presented itself he was as unyielding as the rugged oak. No circumstance ever forced him to become unmindful of others, and those who knew him best most admired and loved the man. He would have been 60 years of age this month.

A wife, Miss Sarah E. Murphy before marriage, and five children survive him, namely: David B., president of the Stewart Fruit Company, Baltimore; Hyland P., a prominent member of the Baltimore bar; William H., with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; Miss Ethel L., and Miss Anne R. Stewart, State organizer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 10.30 o'clock yesterday morning, Rev. Kent M. Bull, pastor of Worton Presbyterian Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. A. Vance, pastor of Maryland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, and Dr. J. L. Mills, pastor of St. James' M. P. Church. Interment was made in Chester cemetery. The bearers were: Robert G. Nicholson, William Morris, Thomas A. Jacobs, H. B. Stewart, Wm. J. Vannort and David Stewart.

MARY E. CLENDANIEL.

Mrs. Mary E. Clendaniel, wife of the late John Clendaniel, died at her home near Kennedyville, at 6.20 o'clock yesterday morning, of a complication of heart and other troubles. Mrs. Clendaniel would have been sixty-one years of age on the 24th of the present month. For several months past the deceased has suffered with some heart affection, but not until Monday afternoon was she taken alarmingly ill. The deceased died on the farm where she had lived for thirty years past. Since the death of her husband about one year ago, her son, Howard Clendaniel, has carried on the farm, and her daughters, Emma and Mary, lived at home with their mother. The deceased was for years a devoted member of the old Chesterville M. E. Church, but of recent years has attended church at Kennedyville. Three sons and five daughters survive her, namely: Miss Lizzie, Mrs. Clara Rollison, Miss Emma, Mrs. Thomas F. Hurlock, Miss Mamie, John H., William M. and Howard Clendaniel. All live in Kent except Mrs. Hurlock, who lives at State Roads, Del., and all were at their mother's bedside at the time of death except Mrs. Rollison. Funeral will take place at her late residence at 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, interment in Chester cemetery.

JOHN W. CROUCH.

John W. Crouch, an aged and well-known farmer, died at his home near Worton Station, on Monday, aged 73 years and 3 days. Mr. Crouch had for some time been a sufferer with consumption, and the end was not unexpected. He leaves a wife and five children, namely: Sallie B. Barnes, Ruth McIntire, Carrie Shandley, James and Charles Crouch. Services were held at his late home on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Dr. J. B. Merritt officiating; interment at Union. The bearers were: Webster Lynch, William Lynch, John W. Barnes, J. B. McIntyre, Charles Crouch and James Crouch.

GEORGE H. CLARK.

Mr. George H. Clark died at his home in Laurel last Thursday, aged 41 years. The deceased was a former resident of this county. He conducted a store at Still Pond for a number of years, removing to Laurel several years ago. He leaves a widow and two children.

REV. R. SCOTT NORRIS.

Rev. R. Scott Norris, a former pastor of Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, died at his home in Baltimore last week.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY.

The Town Has an Opportunity to Secure Electric Lighting Upon Favorable Conditions.

Mr. J. King Wright, a nephew of Frank L. Wright, of Smyrna, Del., who for many years has operated and run the Electric Light Plant of that town, and who has been deeply interested in it, has been in Chestertown this week in company with Messrs. A. H. Tracy and Miles A. Hoffman, both of Philadelphia, who are interested in establishing an Electric Light Plant in Chestertown. These gentlemen are willing to furnish the necessary capital to erect a Plant and to furnish light to the people of the community, if they are assured of a reasonable support. Unlike other people who have visited the community, they do not make it a condition that the Town Commissioners shall give so much money for lighting, but they hope and believe after the people see the benefit and advantage of electric lighting, the town authorities will then subscribe at reasonable rates for the lighting of the streets. They are endeavoring to secure the necessary authority from the town commissioners, authorizing them to use the streets of the town for the purpose of erecting their poles, etc., to carry the lights to various houses which will become subscribers. This is all they ask of the town, and if a site be furnished them by the community, they will at once begin operations to erect their plant. It is needless to say that the citizens of Chestertown are a unit in favor of any such contemplated measure. We believe it is the only town on the shore that has ever had an opportunity afforded it to secure an Electric Light Plant without the citizens furnishing a large part of the capital stock. Our town commissioners should rise to the emergency immediately, pass the necessary ordinance, and give these gentlemen every reasonable privilege for the erection of poles, etc. It is also to be hoped the merchants and householders of the town will extend to them every possible inducement to proceed with their contemplated enterprise. If the community will give them a lot facing on the river, free of cost, they will immediately begin operation as soon as the ordinance is passed. They wish a site of 100 feet by about 40 or 50, and their demand is certainly a reasonable one, which we trust the public spirited citizens of our community will immediately, if possible, comply with.

BRILLIANT ENTERTAINMENT

The King's Daughters Achieve a Splendid Success in their Combination Program.

The entertainment given by the Chestertown Circle of King's Daughters in Stam's Hall on Friday evening, was a brilliant success socially and financially. A peep into the supper room was a pleasant introduction to the varied program of the occasion. The upper hall was profusely decorated with berried holly, and gay colored bunting caught in graceful festoons in every direction. The tables were artistically set, were ornamented with holly and pretty urns of vines and plants, and the entire room was brilliantly lighted with an array of beautiful lamps such as are rarely seen grouped in a supper room. The scene was extremely picturesque and inviting. The supper was just what the ladies had promised that it should be—"a Christmas supper," and consisted of turkey, ham, salads, oysters and the full retinue which has shed glory and renown upon the time-honored Eastern Shore Christmas feast. A unique feature was the presentation to each guest at supper of a tiny Christmas stocking containing perhaps a whistle, a peanut and candy, a flat iron, a Kris Kringle, or some other trifle, with an appropriate quotation. Then, too, there were stockings containing bran and a switch. This feature created no small degree of fun during the feast.

The tables were presided over by the King's Daughters and ladies who assisted them, about thirty in number, and all dressed in white.

At eight o'clock the musical program was delightfully introduced by a piano-duet by Mrs. Paul Turner, of Baltimore, and Miss Hurtt, whose skill and beauty of execution as a pianist is recognized by many of the most eminent musicians in the State. Miss Hurtt also rendered a solo, which was truly a musical treat and highly appreciated. Miss Busteed, of Centreville, had scarcely uttered the first note of her soprano solo, Tit for Tat, before she had the great responsive heart of the big audience captured. The dainty sentiment of the piece exactly suited the sweet soprano voice of the singer, and when the last note died away there was no escaping an encore. Fortunate in her first selection Miss Busteed was, if possible, even more so in her response to the demands of her enthusiastic admirers. "Robin Adair," by Mrs. Turner, Miss Busteed, Mr. W. W. Chapman and Mr. Thomas W. Perkins, was one of the delightful musical treats of the occasion, and was given a most enthusiastic encore. The full, sweet contralto of Mrs. Turner, the fascinating soprano of Miss Busteed, and the fine bass of Mr. Chapman together with the sympathetic tenor of Mr. Perkins formed a combination of harmony and beauty which appealed directly to the musical taste of their auditors, and the quartette was a brilliant success. A piano solo, a capriccioso, by Miss Hurtt, was a production such as is rarely if ever heard in Chestertown. The piece is classic in beauty and extremely difficult of execution and none but a master hand could have given so charming a rendition. The talented pianist was never more happy in her selection for a Chestertown audience. But it is impossible to particularize, it must suffice to say that Miss Hurtt, who arranged the entire musical program, was most fortunate in having the co-operation and assistance of so polished and talented vocalists as Mrs. Turner, Miss Busteed, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Perkins.

It is "but a step from the sublime to the ridiculous" was clearly shown, when, with the sounds of classic music still pervading the hall like sweet memories of the past, the curtain rose and Mr. Wm. F. Russell, as Mrs. Jarley, introduced amid flounce and flurry her "celebrated wax figgers." It is putting it mildly to say that Mr. Russell was a success,—he was a roaring success, as nearly a perfect Mrs. Jarley as is now found weeping the departed owners of wax work shows. His make-up was grotesque and his local hits were even finer. "But let that pass," in the immortal words of the immortal exhibitor. Dr. C. P. Gilpin, as Little Jack Horner "died a doin of a mouse" which he accidentally drew from his Christmas pie, instead of a plum. Mrs. George Brice and Miss Blanche Constable, as the Two-Headed Girl, gave unmistakable evidence of what one woman might do who was so unfortunate as to have two heads and but one body to keep two tongues going, of course she would die and could only exist in wax or perishable marble. Miss Busteed as Topsy, as black as any Georgia negro ever dared be, sang "A New Bully in Town" and ran down with the capacious entrance to her musical factory wide open. Prof. E. J. Clarke, as Shakespeare, finely represented what "The Immortal bard" might be expected to do and be could he at this late day grind out sonnets to order for a quaint old show woman. Miss Caroline Stewart was an inimitable Patti, from whose renown Mrs. Jarley declared the world-renowned classic Patti-cake, Patti-cake, Bakers man had sprung. As the beautiful Patti, draped in Greek robes and looking every whit a queen of song, sang, Topsy, in a clear resonant voice started up with her song, "A New Bully in Town."

There had been a catch in the works and she had not run down. Maid of Athens, Miss Josephine Wickes, holding a large red heart which Mr. Henry Deaver was endeavoring to regain possession of, was one of the strikingly beautiful figures. Miss Wickes was handsomely dressed in the ever-graceful costume of classic Greece, while Mr. Deaver was a fine representative of the hero of Byron's beautiful poem. But among the unqualified successes of the occasion Mr. Hynson Rogers, as Simple Simon, stands at the head. His make-up was ideal and his execution of the part simply perfect. Mrs. C. C. Hopper, as the Gypsy fortune teller, was a picturesque "figger"—"but let that pass." "The Giggler," Miss Marie Westcott, was one of the most dainty and charming of all the grand display. Miss Westcott's impersonation was that or a rose laughing in ecstatic joy. Miss Maggie Plummer was an heroic representative of Joan of Arc, and with sword raised in air, as jauntily rode her charger across the stage as did ever the original Maid of Orleans. Miss Plummer fairly brought the house down with laughter. Miss Nannie Brice, as Mrs. W. X. Y. Z. Winslow vigorously dosing a crying babe, was an unqualified success, while little Miss Eloise Ringgold, who imitated the cries of the child, was simply perfection. Messrs. George Brice and Thomas W. Perkins, as Babes in the Woods, hungrily feasted from two nursing bottles, and in their long night robes were in every sense of the word "babes." Miss Annie Brice as Mrs. Jack Spratt, and Mr. Earle Simpers as the lean, hungry Mr. Spratt, literally licked the platter clean to musical accompaniment. It were difficult to describe Mr. E. F. Perkins, Jr., as the "Deceased Mr. Jarley." A gentleman in the audience put it in this way: "It's a simple outrage to keep that poor fellow out of his coffin." The character was perfectly taken, and then came the grand finale when all the "figgers" were wound up and ran at the same time.

Mr. David B. Ford, as the now historic Halbert Hedward, filled every requirement of the difficult role. Mr. Ford's fun is as natural as nature herself, and he fairly bubbled over as he moved around among the splendid collection of his patron saints on Friday evening. C. C. Hopper was an attendant.

READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Elaborate Arrangements for the Season by Some of the Transcript's Advertisers.

By far one of the most conspicuous and beautiful exhibits of holiday goods is to be found at the "Glass Front" of Westcott & Dodd. Resplendent in its new coat of paint put on by Messrs. Frank Howard, Samuel Crouch, William Fowler and Glenn Howard, Messrs. Westcott & Dodd have one of the most spacious and beautiful stores in the county and it is stocked from floor to ceiling with attractive presents for the season. Their large windows have been seen and admired by hundreds of persons since being arranged for the Christmas tide. Every department is full, so full indeed, that it would be useless for us to enumerate, so go and see for yourself.

M. A. Toulson has disclosed the secret beauty of his superb stock by a formal "opening," and it would possibly be a waste of time to refer in detail to his beautiful line of everything and more, too, for Christmas gifts. Bric a brac, celluloid goods, books, booklets, illustrated poems, in short, gifts chaste, beautiful and unique for the thousands. If you want to pass this stock without an inspection it would be safer to pass on the opposite side of the street, for to see is to inspect; you can't help it.

The Misses Reed have a full and beautiful stock. Of course, they have dainty, charming goods for all seasons of the year, but it is to their line of pretty articles peculiarly suitable for gift-making at the Christmas time that they now call especial attention. Silk goods, muffers, scarfs, gloves, perfumes, and one of the most beautiful displays of dolls ever seen in Chestertown. A peep into their "doll-dom" would delight the heart of any child, so no mother should deprive the little ones of this rare pleasure.

Ah! Jacob F. Thompson says that he has met the every want of the every-day buyer. To keep warm and keep fed he declares to be the two most important duties of life, and he has prepared to take his part in the pleasant duty. Raisins, citron, currants, apples, oranges, in short, fruits of all kinds, together with nuts and everything necessary to prepare the Christmas table for the Christmas feast.

Bergen! why, Bergen is the presiding genius, he claims, of an "art emporium." Art! of course, none but an artist in his peculiar line can so well cater to the demands of an ever-growing and ever-exacting patronage such as Bergen has. His stock is not only a marvel of completeness but his prices, so he says, are eye-openers for cheapness. It is worth a visit just to look at his splendid lines of goods, every item of which would make a charming gift.

J. K. Aldridge & Co. have a wealth of fine goods from which to select, unsurpassed in the county. The practical and beautiful are harmoniously combined in their immense stock. Mr. Aldridge himself would scarcely undertake to enumerate the articles in his spacious store room suitable for a choice Christmas gift. Go and see what he has. It will pay you handsomely and delight both the eye and the pocket.

Messrs. Moody & Lusby have made their store one of the most attractive places in town, and long ago threw their banner to the breeze wishing all a "Merry Christmas." Moody claims that Christmas is the great practical festival of the year—a time when a neat, warm suit, a pair of gloves, a beautiful silk muffler, or any one of the thousand splendid articles in his magnificent stock would send a thrill of practical, life-giving pleasure to the heart of any one. There is only a shade of difference between the splendid holiday stock at this great emporium and that of other seasons, so largely are they always stocked with fine goods.

What has become of Sides? Why, the truth of the matter is everybody knows that Sides the Jeweler has one of the most superb lines of beautiful goods ever shown in Chestertown. Silver and gold are here found wrought into mystic beauty. Visions of loviness never before dreamed of peep out from marvelously carved articles of beauty, with precious stones adding to the supreme value of numberless gifts suitable for love-offerings. Drop in at Sides' and he will show you that he "still lives."

R. F. Parks comes forward as a printer's ink champion, and declares that his great stock of fine goods has only been enlarged. He has kept the people advised of his splendid goods all through the year by an advertisement in the TRANSCRIPT. But the natural modesty of the merchant shall not prevent a fuller reference to his fine assortment of seasonable goods. He has exhausted the market in providing beautiful and appropriate goods at appropriate prices for the people. To fail to inspect his goods is to prove direlect of a personal duty to one's self.

Mrs. S. A. Hurlock has also prepared for the demands of the holiday season by placing in stock a full line of appropriate goods. A combination of usefulness and beauty characterizes the gifts which will be found loading the counters and shelves of this store. Ready-made suits, ladies' goods and dainty articles are conspicuous, not by their absence, but by their abundance. Prices are also an attractive feature of Mrs. Hurlock's store, for every article is "marked down to bed rock."

Percy T. McFeely has outdone all previous efforts in catering to the demands of the public. In furniture he has any article which could possibly be needed in a splendidly furnished home, from beautiful pictures to adorn the walls down to pretty mats and rugs to cover the floors. To see, will be to be delighted with his elaborate and beautiful stock of goods. If you think you don't care to purchase, go and be delighted by an examination of his splendid goods.

Colin F. Stam's stock needs no reference. To say that it is of exquisite beauty and vast in extent is simply the same old story. To say that he has broken all previous records might be considered an exaggeration, so we would simply advise a visit of inspection to his store. Mr. Stam is no longer an amateur, he is an artist in the purchase of rare and beautiful goods for his enormous patronage. Literature, art, usefulness and ornamentation are all drawn upon for the benefit of the people.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MADE EASY.—When visiting Baltimore you can save much time by going direct to OEHM'S ACME HALL, the mammoth clothiers and outfitters, Baltimore and Charles streets, where you will find the largest assortment of holiday gifts ever spread beneath one roof. They have ample facilities for handling the vast crowds that throng the great store, and the bundles of out-of-town visitors are especially looked after, thus saving you of all worry.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

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What Some of His Little Friends Would Like to Have When he Comes.

PINEY NECK, MD., DEC. 8, 1897.

Dear Santa Claus:—It will soon be time for you to come again so I will let you know what I want. I want a doll bed and doll carriage and a doll cradle and a little table, and some candy and nuts and apples and bananas and oranges. Please bring Miss Clara a ring and Miss Bettie a silk handkerchief. Now I will close, hoping you will visit us soon.

Your little friend,
MAMIE CROUCH.

Dear Old Santa:—It is very near Christmas, so I write to tell you what I would like to have. I would like to have a doll baby and a doll carriage and a doll cradle and a little table, and some candy and nuts and apples and bananas and oranges. Please bring Miss Clara a gold pen and Miss Bettie a silk handkerchief. Now I will close, hoping you will visit us soon. Your little friend,
TENA BECK.

Dear Santa Claus:—It will soon be time for you to visit us again, so I will write and tell you what I would like you to bring me. Doll baby, baby carriage and a cradle, pair mittens, and some nuts, candy, oranges, bananas and apples. Please bring Miss Clara a silk handkerchief and Miss Bettie a gold pin. I will close, hoping you will come to see us soon. Your little friend,
SADIE BECK.

MELITOTA, MD., DEC. 13th, 1897.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a doll carriage. Mamma says I don't want any, but indeed I do. I want a horn and a package of shooting crackers, and a pistol and caps. I want an orange. I want a piano. I want a package of tarpeters. This is all I can think of.

Yours truly,
MARY E. RASIN.

PINEY NECK, MD., DEC. 8., 1897.

Dear Santa Claus:—It is very near Christmas so I write and tell you what I would love to have. Express wagon, a gum ball, and a cap and a pair mittens and some candy and nuts, oranges, bananas and apples. I will close now hoping you will visit us soon.

Your Little Friend,
COLUMBUS BECK.

FROM ROCK HALL.

The fine spring-like weather of last week proved a godsend to this community. This fine weather was predicted by the "sage" of Huntingfield Point, Capt. J. B. Boyer, who about the first of the month stated that on the 8th a period of good weather would set in. Little attention was paid to his prediction, but one gentleman thought to himself, "I will note this for curiosity sake." Now the question—whence came his knowledge? He is a great observer of the moon's changes, the Ember Days, and from these it is supposed he gets in his prognostications. Prices along all lines, except the luscious bivalve, were materially strengthened. The oyster prices scaled away down, both in the city and on the bars, but since the windy weather the present week a rise in price has taken effect.

It is reported that Mrs Hero Kelley, of the Island, while under medical treatment, came near losing her life last Wednesday by accidentally taking an overdose of very strong medicine. By prompt action in summoning aid for the sufferer we are glad to state that she is now out of danger and convalescent.

Mrs. James E. Blackiston, who has been quite ill for some time past, is at this writing much improved.

Mr. James Boyer and Mr. Sam'l Joiner are still on the disabled list, each being a great sufferer from rheumatism. Mr. L. J. Whaland, another rheumatic sufferer, is out again, but is still in (as he explains it) a jammed condition.

The happiest man to be seen in South Rock Hall these days is Mr. Thomas Franklin Davis. He has been presented with a bouncing baby girl, and the best of all is mother and daughter are doing well. Congratulations are coming in thick and fast.

Mr. John W. Fogwell, long a resident of this place, has secured a position in a saw mill near Worton. We learn that one of his sons has also obtained a position in the same. Each are to receive good salaries and steady employment. Mr. F. will shortly move his family to the neighborhood of the saw mill.

Mr. William G. Hindes is expecting to secure a position as night watchman on one of the piers of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic R. R. Co., in Baltimore, in the near future. Three fortunate men these, to get out of the uncertain oystering business.

Rumor has it that two weddings are booked for the near future in the southern section of our village, the prospective brides and grooms being residents of that section. Who are they? Well, we prefer waiting to answer that question until we write up the happy events when they take place.

The Odd Fellows here elected their officers for the ensuing term at their last meeting, as follows: S. B. Colver, N. G.; Jeff. D. Ayres, V. G.; J. W. Boyer, recording secretary; T. J. Rich, chaplain; M. L. Maslin, financial secretary; B. H Coburn, treasurer; W. R. Larrimore, representative to grand lodge.

A move is on foot to have the Junior Order American Mechanics, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and perhaps the Daughters of America, attend divine worship at the M. E. Church on the 26th instant, when Pastors Outten and McCaslin will endeavor to do the "poor sinners" good by preaching unto them.

Church Directory

CHURCH NOTICE.—The pastor will preach in the Sassafras M. P. Church on next Sunday evening, December 19th, a sermon especially intended for the new converts who have recently been received into the church. Let them all come. W. W. WHITE, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Everybody welcome—seats free. Services next Sunday and next week are as follows:

Preaching by the Pastor, Dr. C. A. Grise at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.

Class meetings—Sunday morning at 9, Monday and Wednesday nights at 7.30.

Weekly prayer meeting Friday night.

Sunday School at 2 P. M.

Epworth League service at 6.45 next Sunday evening.

This is a cordial invitation to you to go to any or all of these services, and take your friends.

C. A. GRISE, Pastor.

ST. PAUL'S AND L. U.—The afternoon hours of service in these churches is changed from 3.30 to 3 o'clock. Sunday 17th St. Paul's 3 P. M and L. U. 10.30 A. M. CHRIS T. DENROCHE.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Worton: Rev. K. M. Bull, pastor—Sunday School at 9.30 A. M. Song service and preaching at 7.30 P. M.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Kennedyville: Rev. K. M. Bull, pastor—Sunday School at 2 P. M. Preaching at 3.15 P. M.

What are the People Talking About Now?

Well, the Most Talked of Thing is WESTCOTT & DOOD'S Big GLASS FRONT and Store Full of

Christmas Bargains.

Some of the things you ought to try now that you are killing hogs, and sausage doesn't go so good without FIRST CASS BUCK WHEAT. Well, from what sales you have heard about we will not take up our valuable space and time with it. Everybody concedes it to be the best.

Flannels, Flannelettes, Vicugna Cloths, Teasel Downs

Finest line of Handkerchiefs, Hosiery and Underwear.

Raisins, Currants, Citron, Prunes, Pickles in all styles, Mince Meat, Sage, Pepper, Saltpetre and Salt.

We have a full stock of

Cattle, Horse & Poultry Powders

and there is nothing better for hogs.

We are the Leaders in the Finest Table Linens, Napkins and Damasks of all styles, Stand Covers.

Our Extensive improvements has enabled us to greatly add to our stock of

Shoes and Boots.

Our Cigars and Tobacco will satisfy any one that wishes a first-class smoke or chew.

Biggest Job in Blankets, Comforts and Horse Blankets. The Finest Lap Robes in town.

WANTED.—Fifty Turkeys and Thirty Geese for Christmas.

WESTCOTT & DODD.

XMAS GREETING!

A Merry One

to all our many patrons! We want you to be with us during the holidays—we are making preparation for you.

MOTHERS!—Do you want comfort at home? Then don't neglect to go to PARKS'. Look at his big line of New Carpetings, in Rag, Jute and Ingrain in two and three-ply. The price is in your favor, ranging from 22½c. per yard up.

LOOK, TOO.

Also, at his Ladies' and Misses'

Coats and Plush Capes!

At greatly marked-down prices. Must reduce stock on same, and we mean to slaughter them from now on.

OIL CLOTH, Floor and Table.

Floor Oil Cloths from 4-4 to 8-4. Table in 5-4 and 6-4 from 15c. per yard up. Also Chinelle Table and Stand Covers 4-4 to 8-4. Also Lace by the yard for Curtains.

Underwear!

For Young and Old. Ladies' Vests from 16 cents each up to $1.00 each. Children's Vests from 10c. up. Handkerchiefs upon Handkerchiefs—Presents looked for. Cotton, Linen and Silk, Hemstitched and Plain. Colored Bordered and White. Silk Mufflers for ladies and gents in variety.

TOWELS AND NAPKINS,

All the time sought for.

Plain White and Colored Bordered. Linen and Cotton Towels from 5c. to 75c. each.

Table Linen, Bleached and Unbleached. Also Red Damask from 25c. per yard up. Look at our 55c., 75c and $1.00 pure Linen—Damask things of beauty.