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New Year, 1903.

We wish our readers, and our public in general, a Very Happy, Hearty and a Prosperous

NEW YEAR !

Next week we begin with our

Annual Inventory Clearance Sale,

and you may expect some real bargains in all lines from our Large Bargain Department. Among the special goods will be Underwear, Clothing, Blankets, Lap Robes and all sorts of Winter Supplies.

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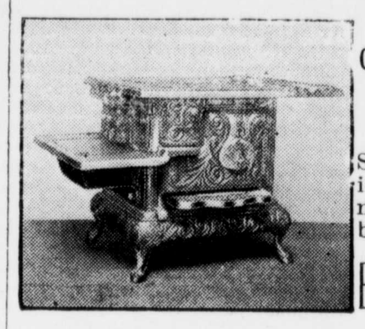
Largest STOVE STORE

On Eastern Shore of Maryland.



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On the Price of Each and Every Stove.

We Sell all Kinds of Stoves.

The Famous FARMER GIRL STOVES are the Largest, Heaviest and Best Cook Stoves on the market. We give the trade the benefit of our carload purchase—

Regardless of any Advances.

Large No 7 Farmer Girl only.....$14.90
Large No. 8 Farner Girl.....$17.90
Jumbo, No. 9 Farmer Girl.....$21.90
The Large No. 80 Farmer Boy.....$13.90

To secure a Farmer Girl Stove at these prices is worth your consideration.

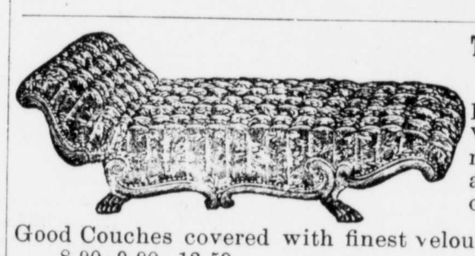
It will pay you to visit Our New FURNITURE STORE,

In Our Annex—The Hall.—The Prices are Right.

Many new and Novel things in Fine

BEDROOM SUITS.

$25.00 Golden Oak Suits, with heavy plate-Glass Mirror.....18.90
Fine Golden Oak Suits, nicely carved, rich finish, Large Mirrors 22.50
Beautiful suits with shaped Mirrors—Rich Carving, only.....25.00
Regular $35.00 Handsome Suits—newest shapes and designs for 29.00



The Ideal SPRING COUCHES.

Fine line Couches and Lounges, patent springs. We offer rich assortments of fine Couches and at special prices in our Annex.

Good Couches covered with finest velour, all colors, $5.50. 7.50, 8.90, 9.90, 12.50.
Fine Large Pantasote covered Couches at.....$12.50
The Lounges at.....$2.98, 3.50, 4.50 to 6.50
Hall Racks—Rich line at Bargain prices.....$7.90, 10.00, 14.90
Wardrobes—Full size Oak, Single and Double.
Cheffoniers—Made of Solid Oak, Plain and Fancy Carvings.
Fancy Stands—All sorts and styles of Fancy Centre Tables.
Pictures—Rich assortments and extra values in all kinds of pictures.

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The Christmas Season of 1902

Finds us ready to ofier you a desirable line of goods at both of our places

STILL POND OR CHESTERTOWN

What would be more appreciated in the way of a gift than an

American Buffalo Robe,

(best value) for $10 00.

Fancy Line of Lap Robes,

From $3 00 to $12 00.

5A Horse and Stable Blanket.

(Large line to select from) at special low bargains for the next 30 days.

Drop-Head Sewing Machine (guaranteed) for.....$13 50

The Best Set Harness in the County for.....$10 00

5/A Imperial
Bias Girth
Horse Blanket

Duck Face; Heavy Striped Lining. Strong, serviceable, long-wearing.

Large Full Size No. 8 Cook Stove for $12.00. Large Full Size No. 9 Cook Stove fo 13.00

These are some of the values we offer you.

Our Line of WOOD, COAL and OIL HEATING STOVES

At our Chestertown Store we have a larger Xmas display, including some novelties in Nickle and Silver Ware, Fancy Cases, etc. A large line of Decorated Lamps and other articles too numerous for us to mention.

Stop in, there and hear the wonderful Talking Machine, it will interest you.

STILL POND AND CHESTERTOWN

THE CANNING AND MERCANTILE CO.

FRUIT GROWERS MEET.

Prizes for the Finest Fruit Came to Kent County Orchardists—Chester River Steamers Carried 350,000 Packages Peaches.

A DETAILED REPORT.

The fifth annual meeting of the Maryland Horticultural Society met in Baltimore on Thursday of last week. Kent county orchardists attended and prizes were liberally awarded for the excellence of their fruit exhibits.

The large hall resembled a section of a county fair. On a long table extending the length of one side was a striking exhibit of apples, large and small, white, rosyred and other hues. On another table were products of the ground—turnips, cabbages, potatoes, corn and other things familiar to the eyes of the visitors and of size and quality calculated to swell the hearts of the growers with pride.

Prof. A. L. Quintance, of the Maryland Experimental Station, provided an exhibit that attracted general attention. In large glass cases were arranged specimens of the various entomological enemies of fruit trees and samples of pernicious fungous growths, together with leaves and branches of trees that had been attacked.

PRESIDENT EMORY'S ADDRESS.

The afternoon session began at 2 o'clock, with President Robert S. Emory, of Chestertown, in the chair. In his annual address Captain Emory pointed out the importance of eternal vigilance in fighting the San Jose scale. He asserted that Maryland enjoys peculiar advantages for fruit and vegetable growing. Too many orchards, he said, are planted and left practically to themselves. The successful grower of today must be inteiligent and something of a scientist and etomologist. Fruit growing in this State has developed from a mere side line to an industry of great commercial importance. He showed the importance of orchard cultivation and explained the treatment required for different soils and advised the liberal use of fertilizers to secure paying results. He explained the great advantage of cover crops for orchards and how they bear an important relation to soil fertility. Crimson clover he highly recommended as a cover crop, as it furnishes both humus and nitrogen to the soil. He recommended training peach trees by a method of pruning that would enable all the fruit to be picked from the trees without ladders or steps. Spraying fruit trees has become absolutely necessary, he said. The thinning of fruit on the trees in the future will be more generally followed by growers of choice quality fruit. Intensive fruit culture is what Maryland fruit growers must come to, the president said, in conclusion.

PEACHES.

Mr. A. L. Towson, representing the Western Maryland peach section, read an essay on "Peaches in Western Maryland." He showed that the present acreage of peach orchards in Western Maryland is probably less than one-forth what it was eight years ago. The main reason for this is "yellows." He explained his method of cultivation with and without cover crops. Cultivation continues until the latter part of July. Cultivation has influence on the size of fruit. He recommended crimson clover for securing needed humus in the soil Pruning should be of the low-headed methods, with only three or four limbs to constitute the head. Spraying is strictly necessary.

The discussion which followed showed that the soil of Western Maryland was so different from that of the other sections that radical differences in methods is required.

"Peaches on the Eastern Shore", was discussed by Mr. James S. Harris, who explained the different characters of soils of the Eastern Shore. He gave an interesting history of the peach-growing in the past, and told of some of the immense peach trees of the Eastern Shore

Capt. R. S. Emory coincided with everything Mr. Harris said. He showed the importance of getting trees in fine thrifty condition. Small trees kept low down are better for fruit-picking, spraying and for proper pruning. He plants peach trees 15 feet apart. He considered it a serious mistake to plant immense numbers of one variety, on account of the impossibility of securing enough labor when picking time arrives. He showed the importance of spraying for San Jose scale at seasonable times.

Mr. John Bell, special committee on "stoned fruits" reported that the Chester River Steamboat Company during the past season, carried 350,000 packages of peaches. The Sassafras River Line carried not more than 20,000 packages from its landings on the Sassafras river, Betterton, Gales, Buck Neck and Tolchester. The Ericsson line scarcely carried 100 baskets to Baltimore, all of the peaches by that route going to Philadelphia.

PRIZES FOR KENT.

Mr. John Bell won second premium on extent of apple display, having 21 varieties on exhibit. The first prize went to George Balderson, of Colora, Cecil county, whose exhibit had 62 varieties. Captain Emory secured first premium on pears with a collection of 11 varieties. Capt. Emory also captured first prize on his fine chestnuts exhibited. Mr. John Bell was awarded first prize on his York Imperial apples, and second prize on his Winesaps. Mr. James S. Harris secured second premium on his Lankford apples, the first premium being carried off by Mr. Charles Crowding.

There were exhibited 226 plates of apples, 40 of pears, 9 of peaches and 4 of crab apples.

J. W. Kerr, of Denton, was elected president of the association, with Hon. James H. Baker as vice-president from Kent.

Those who attended the sessions from this county were: Hon. James H. Baker, Capt. R. S. Emory, James S. Harris, Edward W. Emory, Purnell Jump, Carson W. Harris, John Bell, B. F. Rash.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

The regular evening for the meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Kennedyville being stormy, it was held Dec. 17 in the M. P. church, immediately after the marriage of two of its members, Mr Edgar R. Pennington and Miss Dora Loller. With Mrs. Annie Redmile at the organ the meeting opened with singing "Blest be the tie that binds," after which the audience, led by the president, repeated the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Thomas Redmile gave the scripture reading, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary. After some other business transactions, recitations were given by Earl Godwin and Pauline Copper, the president read extracts from "White Ribbon Herald," a duet by Clara Rawley and Flora Johnson, a most excellent reading by Mrs. M. J. H. Othoson, "The Rumseller's Mansion." Rev. K. M. Bull, of the Presbyterian Church, then gave us one of his excellent talks on the severity of the liquor and tobacco habits that are threatening to ruin this nation as did the sins of old prove the ruin of Belshazzar, and Rome and other countries of the past. He spoke of being in one of our great cities at 12 o'clock at night, right in its business centre, just where rents are highest and property most valuable; the great number of saloons and tobacco houses were still open when all other business places had closed for the night, and he thought it a shame that so many men would spend their money in these when it ought to be used for the comfort of their families.

The drink bill of the nation amounts annually to nine hundred million dollars, and seven hundred and eighty million dollars are spent annually in the trials of crime committed through the influence of this evil, and the principal part of this enormous sum is paid by the sober, hard-working men of the nation. "Would it not be better," he asked, "to suppress the business entirely?" Missionaries, ministers and all other right-thinking people agree that it is the worst foe with which they have to contend and the worst enemy of the home. "What we sow that shall we reap," and this nation is surely sowing the seed of it's downfall. The tobacco habit leads to the drink habit, both go together and the one leads to the other. But the W. C. T. U. is trying to save the boys, and this is a step in the right direction. He earnestly appealed to the young men present to abstain from the use of both, that being the only safe path to temperance. After a few remarks by the president, the meeting closed with singing "Rescue the Perishing" and benediction.

WORTON ITEMS.

Miss Dot Sunfield, daughter of Rev. Mr. Sunfield, former pastor of Worton M. E. Courch, is the guest of Misses Mabray and Ethel Rash.

Mr. Bruce Crew, of Philadelphia, is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, near here.

Miss Etta Matthews, of Dover Academy, is also at home for the holiday.

Mrs. Archer Hepbron and two sons, Karr and James, are at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Merrit, in the village.

Misses Clara Staats and Nan Matthews are at their homes near here for the Chistmas holidays.

Mr. Hugh Wallis met with a very painful accident last Saturday. While cutting wood, the ax slipped, striking him on the instep of his foot, cutting its way through the gum boot which he was wearing, and made a very ugly gash. Although disabled and very painful, it is hoped that nothing more serious will result.

Miss Mary Wallis, of Baltimore, a popular trained nurse and well known here, spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wallis, near hear.

Miss Hallie Crew, of Baltimore, is at home for the Christmas holidays with her mother, and other relatives near here.

Mr. John C. LeCompt was kicked very badly last week near his heart, breaking two ribs and otherwise hurting him internally. He is very ill and weak from the effects, and great fears are held for his recovery.

Miss Rachael Bacon, who has been visiting relatives in Philadelphia, returned home Wednesday night.

MADGE.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

Bayard Jones is spending the Xmas holidays in Chestertown.

Jeff Beltz and John F. Ernest, Jr., were in Wilmington on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Davis visited her sister, Miss Helen, at Millington, the early part of the week.

Irving Spry and Louis Dreka, Jr., spent Sunday with William Spry and family, near Galena.

Benjamin Boyles and two sons, Harry and Arthur, spent from Friday until Monday with relatives in Philadelphia.

James D. Davis, Jr., of Wilmington, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, James D. Davis and wife.

In loving Remembrance of Walter Register, who died December 14th:

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,
Peace in his grave so low,
Thou no more shall join our number,
Thou no more our songs shall know,
Yet again we hope to greet thee,
When the day of life is fled,
And in Heaven we hope to meet him,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

BY HIS SISTER HETTIE.

A glass or two of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and gentle in their action. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist Chestertown, Md.

CECILTON NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. DuShane spent Xmas with their daughter, Mrs. Harry C. Price, of Still Pond.

Misses Mary and Laura Clark, of Western Maryland College, are home for the holidays.

Miss Rena Price is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Foster, of Chester, Pa.

Miss Arietta Cruikshank, of Goldey College, is visiting her parents, near town.

Mr. Robert Reilley has returned from Philadelphia.

Mr. A. M. Strickland, of Elkton, visited relatives in town on Monday.

Miss Hettie Jacobs, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. B. Davis.

Messrs. J. E. Ferguson and A. Woodall Jones, of Chestertown, spent Xmas with their parents.

Miss Mollie R. McCoy is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs James P. McCoy.

Miss Elsie Bond is visiting her sister, Mrs. Alexander Wilson, at "Greenfield."

Miss Hilda Emerson is entertaining her cousin, Miss Mary Ferris, of Towns end.

Miss Cora Price and Mrs. Mamie Baker spent Wednesday in Still Pond.

Dr. E. A. Rickards, of Philadelphia, spent Xmas with Miss M. E. Rickards.

Oldham W. Davis spent Thursday with his parents.

Misses Nellie Price, of Peabody Institute, and Mary Pennington, of Goldey College, are at home for the holidays.

The congregation of St. Stephen's P. E. Church, gave their rector, Rev. W. A. Coale, a donation on Tuesday evening last. Mr. Coale was presented with a purse containing quite a neat sum, and Mrs. Coale was presented with a very handsome tailor-made suit.

GALENA NEWS.

A valuable mare belonging to Mr. F. P. Cochran, near Galena, was so seriously gored by an ox on Tuesday that it was necessary to kill her to put an end to her suffering. She was three years old and by Happy Russell.

A horse belonging to S. G. Caldwell, of Galena, had its leg broken by stepping in a hole while being ridden by a colored boy, and had to be killed.

Rev. S. P. Shipman, of Galena, had a very narrow escape from what might have been a very serious accident while in Baltimore on Monday night. While attempting to cross a street, just as he got in the middle of the track a car came along, which so confused him that he could not get out of the way, yet with great presence of mind he threw himself on the fender of the car, and sustained but slight bruises about the body.

Mr. James Scotten, of near Locust Grove, and Miss Rhoda Melford, of Galena, were quietly married at the residence of the bride by Rev. S. P. Shipman, on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Joseph Dixon is very ill with typhoid-pneumonia, at the residence of her husband, in Galena.

Capt. George Tarbutton, of the steamer Sassafras, is spending the Christmas holidays with his family in Galena.

Mr. Daniel Steel, of Galena, is spending the holidays with Mr. Enoch Pleasanton, at Chestertown.

Mrs. West, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. Henry Parr.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY TO MEET AT NEWARK.

The annual meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural society to be held at Newark, Del., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 6, 7 and 8, 1903, promises to be one of the most interesting the society has ever held. The topics selected to be discussed are practical and the speakers are gentlemen who are thoroughly competent in every way to handle the subjects assigned to them. Horticulture has obtained such a commercial prominence upon the Peninsula that all classes of citizens are attracted by its progress and importance. The Horticultural Society is comprised of men engaged in this pursuit and who are doing much to advance its interests. The society is now in its 17th year and the fact that it has been one of the most potent factors in the horticultural advancement, commends it to the respect of many of the best citizens who now attend its annual session as interested spectators, and often participate in the proceedings. The members extend a hearty welcome to these gentlemen and solicit their presence at all the meetings. But above all, persons engaged in horticultural pursuits should attend the sessions. The knowledge gained is of great value and the wide-awake fruit growers will not miss such an opportunity to benefit himself. All fruit growers ought to feel it incumbent upon them to attend and aid in such manner as they may, the still greater advancement of their cause.

Hon. James Willson, the Secretary of Agriculture, is expected to be present and address the society. Other features aside from the regular program will add to the pleasure of the meeting and a fine exhibit of fruit will be made.

Ample provision for the entertainment of all who will attend will be made by the hotels and the people of Newark.

The ticket agents of the B. C. & A and the Queen Anne Railroads, have been instructed to sell tickets to connecting points at excursion rates, and the Pennsylvania, the N. Y. P. & N. and the B. & O. railroads have all issued card orders for excursion tickets, which can be had by addressing the secretary, Wesley Webb, Dover, Delaware.

Let fruit growers especially lay other matters aside and take these three days for recreation and gathering information that will be of value to them in the future.

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