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Our complete line is here better than ever. For the little folks we have made a great preparation for the season, and with that careful attention that the requirements of the growing foot d full well that the foot in the form especial shapes and fitting—some mere foot covering. "'Tis a feat wear or a new pair.)

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Mourning, and all Bla well, here in Easter a

Winter mourning seems doubly hot hat days roll around. We've scores of l dainty---Hats in the dullest black of corre the French Models which are in greater before shown in this town. Every Hat a own. Such a display was never shown this season.

HARRY F. JEFF

THE LADIES' STO

Opposite Stam's Hall

THE BOND ISSUE.

The election for one member of the Board of Town Commissioners to succeed Mr. Thomas S. Bordley, whose term expires May 1, 1910, will be held on Monday, April 25th. Mr. Merrick Clements, book-keeper in the Chestertown Bank of Maryland, is the only candidate, and there will be no contest in the election. Mr. Clements will make an excellent commissioner we are sure. But there is a matter of the greatest importance to be decided at the election, and one in which the tax-payers of the town are vitally interested, and that is the proposition to bond the town for the sum of $10,000 to provide improvements to the water system and more adequate fire protection. The bill has been published in all the papers, and it is the duty of the tax-payers to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the bill in order that they may vote intelligently in the election.

It will be observed that the bill provides for an increase in the town's tax-rate, provided the revenue of the water works is not sufficient to pay the increased cost of making contemplated improvements, and to pay for the maintenance of the same. It will also be observed that the bill binds the Water Board to spend the $10,000 and make the improvements, if such they can be called, *in strict accordance with the provisions of the report of a special committee of citizens of Chestertown* appointed for the purpose. The tax-payers of the town should study carefully what the provisions of this committee's report mean before voting to spend $10,000 of their money for something which we believe will fail to produce the desired results. Let us see what these provisions mean.

First—It provides for testing the old pool near the home of Hope H. Barroll, Esq., and if it is found fit for service to use its water for drinking purposes. This will cost close to $3,500 to test and repair. The value of this proposition depends entirely upon the character of the testing.

Second—To keep a man at the pump house during the night as well as day. This means a great outlay of money in additional expense. Such a man as would be of any value to the Water Board, would be worth at the very lowest per year $350. Then to maintain a service at night which will be adequate for fire protection would mean an additional coal bill of to say the very lowest $500, and would likely be far in excess of that amount if the coal bill for day service last year was $1,502, and the object of keeping a man at the pump house during the night is to provide fire protection.

Third—The Water Board must provide from its revenue an annual interest on $500 for the payment of the interest of these bonds of $10,000. They are paying now $1,500 a year interest on the previous issue of the $30,000 bonds.

Fourth—The report requires the Water Board to lay thirty additional fire plugs and to take up all three-inch mains in the town and replace them with four and six-inch mains.

We claim that if the Water Board be compelled to carry out the provisions of this report, that the bond issue of $10,000 will not be sufficient to make all necessary improvements, and the additional expense incurred in maintaining these improvements and paying the interest on the bonds will practically bankrupt the Water Board and render a substantial increase in the tax rate absolutely unavoidable. Let us see. The net revenue of the water system last year above all expenses was only $700, which is more imaginary than real. If these improvements are made the extra running expenses will be:

Interest on bonds	$500	
Man at pump house at night	350	lowest estimate
Increased coal bill	500	" "
Total increase in expenses	$1350	

It is not likely that the net revenue of the plant will be any more than it was last year. Deduct $700 from $1350 and you have $650 which the town is required to make good in no other way than by an increase in the tax rate, and there will be no possible chance for the Water Board to create a sinking fund to provide for the payment of one of these bonds every year as they come due. Can the people not see where Mr. Eliason's persistency has led them? To provide for the payment of increased running expenses and the payment of a $1000 bond after a certain date means an increase in the tax rate of from 10 to 15 cents, and the commissioners have no authority in law to raise the rate beyond 50 cents. The town faces an interesting situation.

We also claim that $10,000 will not be sufficient to make the necessary improvements, for to build a new reservoir at the pump house, to replace the old pool, to lay larger mains, and to put a new floor in the reservoir at the college, which by testing has been found to be losing nearly 60,000 gallons of water a day, and costing the town for more coal by reason of the leakage, it will cost nearer $15,000 than it will $10,000, and we claim that after this money is expended there will be no better protection to the town than we now have, because even if we have more water, we shall be compelled to depend upon uncertain pump pressure. Had the Water Board been allowed to use its best judgment there may have been erected an elevated tank or a standpipe system that would have saved the town money in running expenses, and would have given the fire protection which the town so much needs. We make the statement that if it were not for the condition of the reservoir at the college, which is absolutely useless, both for fire purposes and for storage, the town would now and always will have enough water for all purposes. If we could have had the elevated tank we could have had pressure, we could have saved money, and we could have had an abundant supply of water by discarding the worthless reservoir. As it is we are facing a condition forced upon the Water Board, and which will be of no avail except in an increased supply of water. Such improvements are not progressive, they are not adequate, and it is only in the interest of the tax-payers, both of the present and the future, that we make this statement. If the town is compelled to wait for the necessary improvements, it will be the fault of no one but those who insisted upon forcing upon the people the spending of their money for something impractical and impossible so far as the earnings of the Water Board are concerned.

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"Spring Mattings!"
Largest line we ever offered and prices lower.

NEW ARRIVALS.
"Spring Wall Papers"
Choice lot of all new bright Wall Papers. Prices 3½c up.

NEW ARRIVALS
"SPRING FURNITURE."
Selection unequaled in the county and prices lower.

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NEW SPRING STYLES

A beautiful showing in New Dress Fabrics, Wash Goods of all kinds and a selection equal to a city trip. The latest things from the New York markets, and all at Special Low Prices.

All Wool Dress Suitings
Fine All Wool Dress Suitings in all the new weaves, including
Fine Wool Challies
New Panama Suitings
Lustre Mohairs
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In all the new Spring colors and the very best values and styles on the market, price 50c

New White Goods
Beautiful Spring showing.
Rich Poplins
Fine Batiste
Sheer Flaxons
Fancy Stripe Lawns
Neat Check Lawns
Everything this season is neat and sheer and pretty and cool looking. You will do well to see this new and large stock.

Prices Drop on Muslin
A break in the markets last week affords these prices on standard goods.

Hill Muslin at 9c
Yard wide, fine bleached and in much favor on account of its soft finish. Price 9c yd.

Fruit of Loom at 10c
Yard wide, bleached and an old stand by. Price 10c.

Lonsdale Cambric at 12½c
Yard wide and the best standard Cambric on the market. Price 12½c

Short Length Muslin at 7½c
All sorts of Muslin in these new remnants, running 2 to 6 yards Price 7½c.

New Kilkenny Cloth
The new Kilkenny Cloth, a fine, sheer, but weighty white fabric, and quite popular for all sorts of dresses; looks exactly like white linen, worth 15c to 18c yd.; our price 12½c.

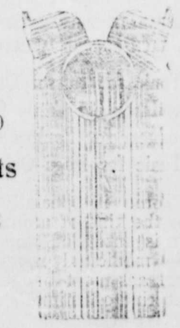
New Percales
The best Manchester Percales, all soft finish and the best fabrics on the market. Large selection, all 12½c.

New Ginghams
Bates and A. F. C. New Dress Ginghams all bright and fresh, in both fancy and plain colors; large assortment and at same price, 12½c.

Short Lengths, 9c
A large lot of the best Ginghams and Percales, in short lengths, regular 12½c goods; new spring assortment, all choice 9c.

Big Shirt Sale!
Over 500 Shirts purchased in order to make this deal for our people.

$1.00 Shirts 69c

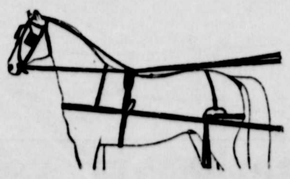


$1.25 Shirts 69c

Men's Best $1.00 and $1.25 Dress Shirts, cut full and of very best quality, all sizes and all styles and the largest lot of good Shirts we ever offered. Take your choice for 69c.

You gentlemen who like good Shirts can now be suited at the beginning of the season, and the price 69c is about one-half the worth.

Big Harness Deal
$16.00 Harness, $13.50.



The $16.00 Kay Saddle Harness, very neat and pretty, and made of fine stock leather, now on sale at $13.50.

Next Wednesday Sale
—ON—
AGATE BERLIN KETTLES
FOR 9 CENTS.

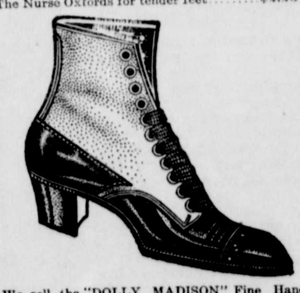
On next Wednesday we place on sale a lot of 6-quart Agate Berlin Kettles. All seamless.

Only one to a customer. Price 9 cents.

OUR NEW SHOE DEPARTMENT
"We Sell Shoes of Known Quality."
Largest Complete Line of Good Shoes. Best Values Money Can Buy.

For Ladies.

THE "DOLLY MADISON" Fine Welt Oxford Ties $2.50, $3.00
THE STRAP AND LOW-CUT OXFORD TIES at ..... $1.75 to $2.50
Patent Leather, Gun Metal and Russet. Large Line. Pretty new styles.
The Nurse Oxfords for tender feet $2.25



We sell the "DOLLY MADISON" Fine Hand Welt Shoes for Ladies in all the new shapes and widths. A fine shoe, a stylish shoe; price $3.00, $3.50.
The "High Standard Shoes" for Ladies. A fine custom shoe—wears well, fits well and looks well; price $2.50
The Nurse Shoe for tender feet—a real comfort and satisfaction to any lady; special ..... $2.25.
Our Special Line of Ladies Good Shoes at $1.75, $1.50, $1.39.

For Men.

The "PRIZE BLUE" Fine Welt Oxford Ties at $3.50
Russet, Gun Metal and Patent Leather.
The Wear-Well Oxfords, Russet, Gun Metal and Patent Leather, good selection, snappy goods, at $2.50

"THE ROYAL BLUE"—we sell the Selz "Royal Blue" Shoes for Men. The best shoe known for wear and comfort, Vici and Box Calf "Foot-Form Shoes." One price to everybody $3.50 net
The Men's Wear-Well Shoes are without equal at ..... $2.00 and $2.50
THE NEW COMFORT WORK SHOES for Men, at ..... $1.98 and $2.50

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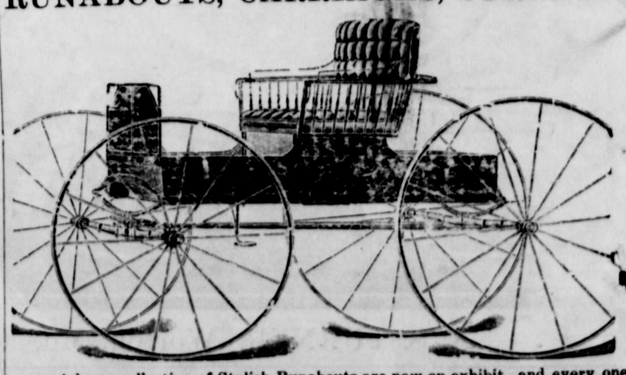

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