The Kent News

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FARM SOLD.—Mr. Wm. T. Loller has purchased the Mann farm near the Strawboard mill for $1200. Mr. L. will make that his future home.

THE schooner Remittance loaded with lumber was sunk off Annapolis last Saturday. The crew managed to get off safely and the boat was raised Monday.

BIG SALES.—The sale of Mr. J. W. Boggs on the Janvier farm last Monday was a grand success. A large crowd was present and everything sold well. Fat hogs and shoats sold for 7@7½ cts; cows from $30 to $50, one pair mules $230

Mr. Howard C. Grey near Kennedyville had a big sale Thursday. A crowd was in attendance and the property sold well. The horses were in elegant condition and ranged from $65 to $135. Hogs brought 7½ cents per pound live.

THE Chestertown Y's held a social meeting at the home of Miss Tillie Reiche. Quite a large number attended and a general good time was had. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental music, a recitation by Mr. Holloway—Rum; a recitation by Miss May Matthews—The Last Hymn; also games and afterward refreshments. They now have parlor meetings every Wednesday evening instead of twice a week as formally. The next meeting will be at the home of Miss Morgan Beaston.

ANOTHER GRAND CONCERT.—The readers of the NEWS no doubt recall with pleasure the grand success that accompanied the "Promenade Concert" in Stam's Hall by the Dorcas Society last winter, and will receive with equal pleasure the announcement that another concert is proposed. This entertainment is under the management of Mrs. James A. Pearce and other members of the Dorcas Society, and promises to be even better than the last. It is expected to serve a sumptuous supper, after which those remained at home from the World's Fair may have the satisfaction of seeing a part of it reproduced. It will be a grand affair and all who can attend should do so as the object is to raise funds for relieving the distress of the poor.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds for the transfer of property have been recorded with the clerk of the circuit court recently:

Thomas Walker Eliason and wife to Wilbur Eliason, deed of assurance. Wilbur Eliason and wife to T. W. Eliason. Jr., deed of assurance. Marion deK. Smith and wife to George Dilhofer, lot of land in Chestertown; consideration $600. Wm. R. Cochran to Annie M. Cochran, farm on Public road leading from Chestertown to Chesterville containing 242¼ acres; consideration $6000. Thomas A. Hulme, farm on public road leading from Fairlee to Battershell Hill, deeded to his wife of 300 acres; consideration $7,500. J. A. Pearce, trustee, to Joseph A. Wickes, farm in Quaker Neck, containing 195¼ acres; consideration $4,303·77. Samuel Comegys, late sheriff, to Wm. G. Russell. lot of land on road leading from Hanesville to I. U. Church; consideration $10.50. W. G. Russell to J. E. Morris, 4 acres of land on road from I. U. Church; consideration $150. Elizabeth A. Clendaniel and others, to Mary E. Clendaniel, lot of land in Morgan Creek Neck; consideration $150. John W. Corey and wife to Frisk N. Ward, lot land in the village of Fairlee, containing 1 acre; consideration $150. Sarah A. Armstrong, one-half interest in farm near Chesterville called "Mann's Field" and containing 117 acres; consideration $5 and other considerations. Thos. Numbers and wife to Fred C. Numbers, lot in Millington for $250. Richard D. Hynson, attorney, to Susan E. Sutton, farm in the second district adjoining lands of late Wm. Welch and others and containing 383 acres; consideration, $15,087. Thos D. France and wife to James T. DeCorse, the farm known as the "Kent Land" or "Samuel E. Baker Home Farm," containing 280 acres; $5 and other considerations. James T. DeCorse and wife to Emma P. France, the "Melton's Point Farm" in Quaker Neck containing 193 acres, also wood lot and tenement houses on road from Bond Church to wharf near G. M. Hadaway's store; $5 and other considerations. Bennet Neal Willson to Paul A. Willson, lot of land in fifth district adjoining Richard B. Willson for $100. Isaac Cork and Isaac Sampson to county school commissioners, lot of land near Still Pond; $1; and other considerations. Charles S. York and wife to Harry L. Boyd, lot of land on mill Street adjoining H. L. Boyd's, for $225.

LARGE BEANS.—Judge Burgess, of Edesville, brought to the NEWS office Tuesday a curiosity in the way of lima beans grown by his brother, Mr. Wm. Burgess. The bean pods were over twelve inches long and contained fourteen beans each. Mr. B. was unable to *secure* but one bean and grew from it at least fifty to seventy-five!

The Tolchester Company had landed at Tolchester on Saturday last, the Indian Building from the World's Fair grounds. It is what is known in India as a Bungalow, and will be one of the curiosities of '94 at Tolchester.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Senator W. T. Hepbron, R. D. Hynson, Esq., and Mr. John Brice were in Washington last Tuesday and had an interview with Senator Gorman. Senator Gibson and Congressman Brattan both were absent on account of sickness.

W. M. Slay, our State's Attorney, was in Baltimore this week as counsel for our county almshouse trustees, looking after the trial of a case in which the proceeds of sale of wheat is involved.

Mrs. L. M. Corey was elected lady steward of the Maryland State Grange at its annual meeting in Baltimore this week.

Ex-Governor Biggs, of Delaware, is reported quite ill.

Mr. James W. Chapman has been quite sick for a week past and is yet confined to his house.

Dr. J. B. Merritt and wife, of Easton, have been spending a short while in Kent and were in town last Tuesday.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Mary A. Woodall to Mr. David B. Kendall, on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 P. M. at Union M. E. Church, Queen Anne's.

The town commissioners have shown their desire to assist the merchants in their efforts to break up thieving by appointing Mr. George Dill, night watchman. We now have "three policemen, brave; take care, look out!"

Mr. Frank Fowler, assistant express messenger, has removed from Mill street to Kent street.

Mr. Joshua Davis, son of B. F. Davis, of Crumpton, is visiting friends in Baltimore and elsewhere. He expects to spend the Christmas there.

Among the names prominently mentioned for the Grand Prelate of the Grand Lodge of Maryland is that of Mr. Joseph R. Ryan, of Rock Hall. He is a Knight of high standing and is well worthy the high honor. He is fully capable of filling the position and should receive the hearty support of all, but especially the Eastern Shore Lodges.

Wm. T. Mallalieu, son of Mr. Samuel Mallalieu, of Millington, left last Tuesday morning to accept a position in Plainfield, New Jersey.

Mr. J. B. Sappington was in town this week. He says that he will remove his family to Chestertown after Christmas and expects to occupy the dwelling and store room adjoining T. Waters Russell's home. He and his estimable family will be welcomed back to their old home.

Miss Ida Wedi, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. J. S. Vandegrift on Cross st.

Mr. Ray Bowers removed to the Wickes farm this week, Mr. Wm. Jewell removing to the farm vacated by Mr. B.

Mr. Wm. R. Pippin has been prevented from working this week on account of an injured hand. He was trying to manage a frightened horse and had his finger hurt. Mr. Pippin is putting the finishing touches on Mr. Ruth's store room at Galena.

At the meeting of the Social Science Conference of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, held on Wednesday last, Mr. Thomas D. Bowers read a paper on municipal sanitation; "Andover Home" in New York was described by Mr. James W. Chapman, Jr.

BROPHY DIES!

The Verdict of the Coroner's Jury—The Ante Mortem Statement.

John Brophy, who was shot by J. J. Spear at Massey's last Wednesday week, died at 7.45 Sunday evening at the residence of J. P. Pierce near Massey's. A full account of the prisoner's statement was given in the NEWS last week. State's attorney Slay visited Brophy last Saturday and secured a full statement of the affair. He was perfectly conscious and was clear in all his statements. He said he knew that he was going to die and wanted to tell the truth. After rehearsing the trouble on the farm with Watson Spear, said he, "I was in Mr. Malsberger store when Jack Spear came in and said to me "I suppose you have state warranted Watson" and I replied that I had, and Jack cursed me and struck me, I warded the blow off with my right arm, but fell against the counter knocking the scales over. I casually picked up a weight and Jack said if I didn't put it down he would shoot and upon my refusal to put it down he shot me."

Coroner R. K. Pippin held an inquest over the body of the deceased at J. H. Pierce's home Monday. The jury was composed of the following gentlemen: C. P. Loper, foreman, J. Thos. Pennington, Thos. A. Meredith, Wm. A. Hyland, W. T. Hicks, W. R. Miller, A. B. Kelley, J. C. Moore, R. W. Comegys, F. S. Bottomly, Sam'l Mallalieu.

There were but two witnesses to the shooting, Messrs. A. H. Malsberger and Joshua Gallaway. Mr. Malsberger testified to Spear having first charged Brophy with ingratitude and words ensued which resulted in Spear knocking Brophy into the scales. Brophy held a weight in his hand but did not attempt to throw. When he picked up the weight Spear shot. Gallaway stated that he was in the door when the shooting occured. Brophy picked up the weight and Spear told him if he raised it he would shoot, whereupon Brophy raising the weight said "well, you'll have to shoot" and Spear fired. The other witnesses were Carroll Clark, James Rowen, Jas. W. Webber, Drs. E. G. Clark, N. Comegys. Clark and Webber testified to having been in the store when Spear came in but seeing him draw a revolver, went out. Clark saw Spear before he went in the store looking for Brophy and carrying a revolver which he saw him transfer from one pocket to another. James Rowen testified to having seen Spear before the shooting and advised him to compromise the matter, but Spear refused saying that he was going to settle with him. The doctors testified that the pistol ball had caused Brophy's death, but after diligent search they were unable to find the ball. The verdict of the jury was that Brophy came to his death from a pistol ball shot by John J. Spear at Masseys, December 5, 1893.

Notes of the Affair.

Mr. John J. Spear, the man charged with the crime, is in jail and when he heard of Brophy's death was very much affected. He has had quite a number of visitors since the affair.

The intelligence of the awful affair was not broken to Mrs. Spear until Sunday when Rev. Mr. Ware performed the sad duty. She is quite sick.

The funeral of the deceased was held Tuesday, Father Connelly, of Galena, officiating, interment being made in Laudbson's Catholic Cemetery.

We learn on good authority that on nomination day Mr. Spear saved the life of Brophy by interfering in a fight that occurred.

Brophy was an industrious man and had quite a number of friends in the first district. Every thing that could be done for his comfort was attended to and the room in which he died was large and well fitted up.

THE window smasher made his appearance in Centreville Tuesday night breaking into S. C. Allen's store and taking several boxes of cigars therefrom.

Recent Improvements.

One of the most substantial improvements to the resident portion of Water street is now nearing completion by R. K. Pippin & Son, contractors. Mr. J. K. Aldridge's pretty home on Chester river has been remodeled and thoroughly overhauled, and presents a pretty appearance on the exterior, and the interior will be equal to the finest. The parlor is finished with oriel windows panelled as high up as the windows with an elliptic arch: inside panelled shutters hung with real bronze hinges and fastenings. The other four windows have recess pannels trimmed with plinth block and carved head blocks with the latest yankee moulded architraves. The floors are double. A handsome white ebonized cabinet mantel with tiled face and hearth will adorn the parlor while all the windows are plate glass ⅝ of an inch thick. The painting is being done by Messrs. F. H. Howard & Bro. the parlor is being painted pure white with gold trimming. It is magnificent—cheerful in appearance and tasty finish. The hall, wide and roomy, is finished in oak with carved head blocks, plinth block with hard wood floors with real bronze hardwood to doors and windows. The stairway is of oak, East Lake, with foot rail, pannelled string finished in panel with turned mouldings, posts carved in Grecian style with box carriage for steps finished in cabinet style. The stairway continues to the garret. The dining room is finished with cabinet mantel with tile face and hearth, carved head block, plate glass windows, plate glass doors opening on veranda, hard wood floors, grained oak with a cabinet china closet. The parlor chamber is finished with oriel bay window, inside pannelled shutters hung with real bronze hinges, cabinet oak mantel with mirrored glass tiled face and hearth, hard wood floors laid as parlor. The dining chamber is finished with cabinet mantle mirrored with tiled face and hearth.

The dwelling has been coated from top to bottom and all the inside finishing was done after the plastering. The basement has been thoroughly overhauled and remodeled, back porch improved and back building thoroughly overhauled and painted. The exterior has been rough coated and marked off in granite blocks. The fence in front has been torn away, the grass plot graded and a granite curb placed along the front. A brass rail embellishes the front steps while the bay window is finished with carved flowered panels and brackets.

H. H. Barroll, Esq., expects to be in his new Law office on Court street next week. It is one of the handsomest offices on the Shore and is a credit to the young contractor, Mr. Alli· Culp, son of Mr. W. S. Culp. The main office, 17x18½ feet, is entered through a vestibule with a tiled floor. An open grate and highly ornamented slate mantel adds very much to the comfort and beauty of the room. The furniture of the office is the best and latest styles, and Mr. H. Deaver, secretary, is proud of his new desk and fixtures also. The private office, 15x16ft., contains stationary book cases, letter files, etc., and is well lighted. A large sliding door connects the front room and toilet rooms are also conveniences of the office, while the ceiling is 15ft. high. The front is pressed brick with granite trimmings and embellished with artistic taste. Three large French cylinder glass windows adorn the front on one of which is the following in bold letters: "Hope H. Barroll, counselor at Law." The windows will be protected by heavy wire screens.

A very handsome office or business house has recently been completed by Mr. Milton Baker, contractor, for Mr. Thomas Stockton Wickes. The building is three story 13 ft. front and 64 ft. deep. The first story has a 11 foot ceiling, 2nd floor ten foot and third floor eight foot ceiling, the floors connected by an elegant continued rail stairway. The lower room is entirely wainscoated, ceiling and sides, and finished in delicate colors that look like frescoeing. The whole of the front is of double plate French glass. The front is adorned with a neatly painted monogram W. & B. The building is of the very best material that could be procured and the floors are double both above and below. This new and handsome edifice is on the site of a small story and a-half frame store-room that formerly belonged to Levi Fiddis and occupied successively by Andrew Fiddis, Mrs. Caleb, Chas. E. Roland, A. Russell, and Chas. S. Smith.

EDESVILLE LETTER.

As the oyster question seems to be worrying the whole people of the State (especially B. Howard Haman), and the Navy is short of funds to carry on the good work of protecting the bars, and some think the Legislature will be asked to make an appropriation to meet the deficiency, and nearly the whole Western Shore are opposed to such appropriations to keep the Navy going in protecting the *natural* beds of oysters, we would like to make a suggestion that we think would relieve the minds of the Western Shore tax payers. We propose that a tax of one cent per bushel be charged on all oysters brought to the markets of Baltimore, Annapolis, Cambridge, Oxford, Crisfield and Chesapeake City, or any other place where packing or shipping is carried on. This will bring a revenue more than sufficient to support the Navy in every particular, and have a snug sum to lay aside each year to rebuild the same, and the oystermen won't feel it at all. In reference to license we would suggest that the tongmen pay a license of one dollar only, and the dredger pay one dollar per ton, as there would have to be a license or something to keep off non-residents. Some will say that this will take from Kent and other tidewater counties a good sum from the school fund, but we had better lose it than lose the oyster bars.

We heard an oysterman tell a tough yarn a few days ago, he said he was on a dredge boat stealing oysters in Chester river (before Captain Hyland was put in command), and after they had got a load started for Baltimore; from some cause the main boom jibed and knocked him overboard. After he had walked round on the bottom of the river for three days he had become quite anxious about his boat coming back from Baltimore for him, but as he was about to give up he espied a dredge; he ran to get in it, but found it did not belong to his boat, but in a few minutes he saw another dredge let down, recognized, it jumped in it and was soon on deck all right, except a little damp. When asked if he did not get hungry, he replied "no, I had my knife along and ate oysters."

We have heard of some talk concerning the terms of our county commissioners. We believe it is pretty well settled here that the present board should go out next fall and an entire new board elected, and to be paid a salary of $500 per year, and that the clerk to the Commissioners salary be put at $600, and the clerk to be at his desk from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. daily. A petition is being signed by the tax payers of this district to erect an iron bridge at Connelly's Mill, where the road crosses near the dam. This will be a much needed improvement.

The Chester River Steamboat Co. are erecting a fine house at Rock Hall wharf for their agent, Mr. H. R. Strong. Mr. Jeff Davis Ayers is doing the work.

Messrs. Thos. Casey and Alfred Walbert, now working at Cramp's Shipyard, Phil., will be home with their families during the Holidays.

Old Kris, we are told, will make very *short* visits around here this xmas.

T. H. S.

Letter from "Old Kris."

KRISVILLE, Dec. 15, 1893.

MR. FRED. G. USILTON,

Dear Sir:—Enclosed you will find a letter addressed to the little folks, which I desire you to publish. I have received all the letters you have sent me and quite a number of others, and as it is impossible for me to answer each one and knowing that all the little ones read your paper I take this method of replying to them. With best wishes to the NEWS, I remain,

Yours very truly,

KRIS KRINGLE.

The following is the letter that was enclosed:

KRISVILLE, Dec. 15, 1893.

DEAR LITTLE FOLKS—Your sweet little letters have all been received and your wishes will be granted as far as it is possible. Some of you, however, ask for more than I can bring, but I will do the best I can. Did you know that I had my long hair cut off and my beard trimmed? This is how it happened. Soon after last Christmas I went into Mr. Vandegrift's barber shop to have my hair *trimmed*, and lo and behold, when I looked in the glass he had *clipped* me! I asked him why he did it and he replied, "to get even with you for not bringing me what I wanted!" Now, don't you think that was mean? But my hair has grown long again and I shall not go there any more. My trip to your homes two years ago in my balloon was a grand success and if the weather is not too windy I think we will come this year in that manner. I tried a tandem bicycle last year but we all fell off and were delayed very much. For the past year my little son, Rudolph, has been at work on drums, guns and horns, and Irma, now a big girl, has made some beautiful dolls' dresses. Adolphus, my oldest boy, has now charge of Cecil, and has his hands full to visit all the good boys and girls there. My wife still takes great interest in making beautiful dolls for good little girls. She is sick at this writing but hopes to be well in a few days. I have made some building blocks, small pianos, etc., which are now in my pack ready to start for your homes. My peach crop was a good one, but the prices were very low and I realized but little while wheat and corn are very low, but I cannot complain. Gracious Providence has been very kind to us and on next Sunday night week we will make our annual visit. Wishing all the little folks and big folks, too, a happy Christmas, I remain, yours,

OLD KRIS.

Letters to "Old Kris."

The following are a few additional letters received at the NEWS office from some of our juvenile friends anxious to catch the ear of his majesty Old Kris. He will get them, of course, and sends us a reply in this issue:

ROCK HALL, Dec. 14, '93.

Dear Old Santa—

Wont you try to get to Ma's house and bring me some nuts and a doll with eyes that shut and a pretty little rocking chair like Tommie ———'s got last Christmas? And some candy and a shawl for Ma. Just do, please. Josie.

CHESTERTOWN, KENT CO., MD., Dec. 5, 1893.

Dear Old Santa Claus

As Christmas time is drawing near I would write to you and ask you for a few things knowing that times are hard and I will not ask for much. If you think asking for a little trunk and a doll with hair on its head and goes to sleep and some candy and nuts and oranges if you pleas from one of your little children.

R. M. C.

Mr. Fred Usilton pleas send this to old santa claus for me.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., Dec. 1893.

Dear Old Kris

Please bring a string of slay bells and train of cars

SIMON WICKES WESTCOTT.

MILLINGTON, Dec. 12.

Mister Santy Claws—

Please bring me a knife and a whip. JIMMIE———.

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Dear Old Santa Claus.

Please bring me a tricycle a box of writing paper some candy and nuts and orange ADDIE HURLOCK.

Mr. Fred Usilton please send this to old Santa Claus.

Dear Old Santa Claus

Please bring me some blocks and a little block wagon and some candy and nuts and a orange.

EVA HURLOCK.

Please send this to Old Santa Claus Mr. Fred Usilton.

The Best Piano,

The Stieff Piano, without exception, is we think the most popular ever used in Chestertown. There are more of them in Kent than of any other first class make. We are glad to hear of its great success at the World's Fair. A note just at hand from Mr. Chas. M. Stieff to the KENT NEWS says: We secured one of the highest awards at the World's Fair, both a medal and diploma, and an excellent report. Our instruments have been before the public for over fifty years. We were awarded the first premium at the Centennial, 1876; Paris, 1878; Massachusetts Charitable & Mechanical Assn., 1881; The Atlantic Cotton Exposition, 1881; New Orleans Exposition, 1884-1885 and now the World's Fair. Our factory is one of the best equipped in the United States.

MR. R. A. BRICE, Philadelphia, has issued his very interesting 16th annual Christmas circular letter, relating to poultry dressing for market, giving his opinion as to prices, what the market wants, &c. This is his introduction—

Christmas holidays near,
To all people bring good cheer,
Rich and poor alike will pay.
For a turkey Christmas Day,
Kill them fat, and Dress them nice,
And send them here to R. A. BRICE.

The Courts.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met on Tuesday with a full board present. C. S. Hurlock, county treasurer presented report for November; R. K. Pippin, coroner, returned inquisition on the body of John Brophy, shot by J. J. Spear, which was accepted and cost ordered provided for by levy in 1894; also inquisition on the body of Edward Williamson, colored, drowned at Chestertown which was accepted and legal costs ordered provided for by levy. Mr. Rodenhiser paid into the hands of the board 50 cents for old boards sold from Fairlee bridge. The following accounts were examined approved and ordered to be provided by funds provided; J. A. Donahoe, supervisor, for four-fifths contract price for road work, $88.51; J. E. Mulford, for shells, $3.60; J. C. Briscoe, shells, $2.52; Thos. Nickerson, shells $1.89; S. F. Cooper hauling shells, etc., $38; T. J. Joiner, material and papering in jail $15; W. O. B. Knight, digging graves at Almshouse, $6; W. B. Usilton & Son for advertising delinquent tax-payers property for sale, $67.50; J. A. Russell, team and self delivering message to J. A. Groves, of the condition of Chester bridge, $1.00. The following accounts were examined and approved or allowed, and ordered to be provided for by levy in 1894; Edward Bradley, special road work, $9.33; Gill & McGuire, balance of contract price for filling in causeway at Morgan's Creek, $65.08; S. Merrit Wilkins rebate on taxes paid on real estate, $117.99; Bartus J. Wilkins, J. P., fees in excess of fines reported, $20.90; Walter Francis, constable, fees in State cases, $37.25; J. Frank Wheatley, election and return clerk, $8; W. W. Kendall, election clerk for per diem, $4; upon application and recommendation for pension for Edwin Johnson, colored, an allowance of $10 was ordered provided for by levy; Samuel G. Turbit obtained an order for pension for 1894, of $20.

ORPHANS' COURT—full board present and routine business transacted.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

A Plot to Steal Oysters By Dredgers—Hog Killing—Arrests, etc.

A number of dredgers paid Capt. Hyland a visit some weeks ago while in Love Point Hole during a wind storm, and they boldly informed him of their purpose to divide themselves into gangs for the purpose of working Swan Point and Chester River. They stated as a reason that the oysters on their own bars were becoming so scarce that they must work on other grounds or quit the business. Their intentions was to work Swan Point, while Hyland attended a gang in the river and vice versa. On Wednesday afternoon quite a number of them left the Kent Island shore, where they had been working all day, and sailed up above Swan Point, which gave the appearance of trouble for Hyland that night, but if such was their intention they were foiled, for the Steamer Governor McLane came up about night and laid by all night about Swan Point, and continued to patrol the beat for several days and nights, while Capt. Hyland was at Annapolis having a Hotchkiss gun placed on the schooner. This is another new feature of the police management. Heretofore, when the regular boat was compelled to be absent, we were left without protection. Surely, too much praise cannot be given for such efficient service to the interests of our oystermen. This has been a very trying season to the tongers of this neighborhood, physically, owing to the low prices and scarcity of good oysters. In the early part of the season they were compelled to work very hard, early and late, in all kinds of weather that it was possible to work, and during the three months past, consequently many are complaining of various ailments. Some have been compelled to stop tonging and seek other employments, and others, the writer included, *must* stop and look for other employment less laborious and of less exposure.

All the pork raisers of the neighborhood have butchered. A goodly number had very fancy weights, among whom was Mr. Abe Cacy, whose pen of four hogs weighed about 1,540 pounds. Some days ago a commercial traveler was at Mr. Cacy's and wagered a very fine grade of cigars with Mr. John Hersch, that Mr. Cacy's hogs would weigh 1,550 pounds. The result showed him to be a very close guesser. But the pen of hogs to cap the climax, was that of L's. They were of the celebrated breed of Orchard Rangers of B., about nine months old. A few weeks ago they showed signs of vigorous thrift, and Mr. L. was about to continue them over for another year, but all at once they took a downward grade, when L. concluded that he would kill them, which he did on Wednesday last. L. is of very light weight, but with comparative ease he threw both over his shoulder and carried them to the smoke-house. The net weight of the two, so Mr. L. says, was about 50 pounds! L.'s porkers must not be taken as a fair sample of B.'s heard of swine, as several other parties purchased from him last year and have found the results perfectly satisfactory.

Mr. John Dickinson finds great difficulty in getting a supply of water from his well for his farm purposes, a thing never before experienced by him. The rapid building up of the Maslin property near him, and the numerous wells sunk, he thinks, have cut into the main stream leading to his well and caused the deficit. Mr. George Davis has experienced the difficulty, but he has now sunk an iron pump, and has no further trouble in getting a full supply of good water.

Capt. Hyland in his rounds among the tongers on Swan Point bar on Monday afternoon, came across a colored man oystering without a license. He was taken before Squire Wilkens, who imposed a fine of $20 and costs. It seems that the young man had procured a certificate for a license early in September, and the license was bought by the mail carrier, but for some reason the colored fellow refused to take it.

On Tuesday Capt. Hyland tried the merits of his new gun at a target in the bay. Several good line shots were made but they were too high for the mark. The results, however, were satisfactory. Should they ever be compelled to let go at the enemy, Mate Hynson feels assured that the enemy will pick "em up." The crew looks quite navyfied in their natty suits of white, which they have donned since their return from the "Ancient City." Mr. T. Romie Strong anticipates taking a cruise with Capt. Hyland over the oyster bars. This is a good idea, as it will give him considerable knowledge as to oyster legislation in the Legislature. R.

THE Chestertown club is willing to meet "Old Sport" in Chestertown Thursday next and arrange a day for a fox hunt for a supper.

"AUNT" SALLIE ANDERSON, a familiar colored citizen, of Chestertown, died at her home Saturday, aged about 60.

DIED.

In Wilmington, Dec. 7th, 1893, of Pneumonia, ALICE M. youngest child of David and Annie R. Adkinson, aged, 1 year, 11 months and 8 days.

In Chestertown, Oct. 29, 1893, ISAAC W. MATTHEWS in his 48th year.

I miss thee from our home dear husband,
I miss thee from thy place
A shadow o'er my life is cast,
I miss the sunshine of thy face
I miss thy kind and willing hand,
Thy fond and earnest care
My home is dark without thee
I miss thee everywhere. WIFE.

A GREAT MANY CHILDREN—have been cured of scrofula and other skin diseases—as well as thousands of grown people, by taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Every disorder that can be reached through the blood, yields to its purifying qualities. Besides, it builds up *wholesome flesh* and strength; not merely *fat* like Cod liver oils. A scrofulous condition of the blood invites Catarrh, Bronchitis and Consumption. We're all exposed to the germs of consumption, grip, or malaria—yet only the weak ones suffer. When you're weak, tired out, and debilitated, or when pimples and blotches appear—heed the warning in time. The "Discovery" sets all the organs into healthy action—especially the liver, for that's the point of entrance for these germs, then if the blood is pure, they'll be thrown off. There's no risk. If it fails to benefit or cure in all cases of impure blood or inactive liver, your money is returned.

The key to the situation—if you suffer from Catarrh, you'll find in Dr. Sage's Remedy. No matter how bad your case may be, the proprietors of the medicine promise to pay $500 if they can't cure you. You're cured, or you're paid.

At Hymen's Altar.

The Methodist Episcopal Church at Galena was filled to repletion on Thursday evening last to witness the marriage of Robert A. Shallcross, of Locust Grove, to Miss Lena Ruth, of Galena. The church was elaborately decorated for the occasion. The ushers were Messrs. F. H. Ruth and Charles H. Warren. At quarter past eight the bride, leaning on the arm of the groom, advanced up the aisle preceded by the ushers while the organist, Miss Lena Ireland, played a pretty wedding march. At the altar the bridal party were met by the officiating clergyman, Rev. E. H. Nelson, who, in a very impressive manner, made them husband and wife. At the request of the pastor the congregation remained seated until the bridal party had departed, consequently it did not give the public an opportunity for congratulations. A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, where a few of the relatives of the family assembled. The NEWS extends congratulations.

Reduced Rates for the Holidays.

In pursuance of its liberal policy, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company announces that excursion tickets will be sold between all stations on its lines east of the Ohio River during the Christmas and New Year holidays at reduced rates. The tickets will be sold for all trains Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and January 1, and will be valid for the return journey on all trains until January 3 inclusive.

Baltimore City Market.

The following quotations are from the Baltimore papers of yesterday:

Wheat, Longberry	65c.@67c
" Fultz	64c.@65c
Corn, White	40c.@43c
" Yellow	40c.@44c
Oats	33c.@35c
Butter	23c.@25c
Eggs	21c.@22c

CHRIST METH. PROT. CHURCH. REV. DR. F. T. TAGG, editor of the "Methodist Protestant" will preach at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Y. P. S. C. E. Tuesday and Friday 7½ P. M. Prayer Service Thursday 7½ P. M. "The Dark River that has no Bridge." Sunday School, 2½ P. M.

WORTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—REV. A. E. KEIGWIN, Pastor. Sunday-school at 9.30 A. M., MR. W. E. BECK, superintendent. Preaching 7.30 P. M. The pastor will preach a special sermon. There will be no service on the 24th.

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on Good Farms in Kent County.
JOHN D. URIE,
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Christmas Gifts!

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we still have a full assortment of sizes, kinds and prices, from the cheapest to the highest. Stove Hods and Coal Sieves, Stove Boards and other articles, too numerous to mention,

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Adjoining Old Bank.
Dec. 16, 1893.

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ON THE SHORE, AND PRICES VERY LOW.
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We have the largest and latest styles in HATS for Ladies, Misses and Children, Trimmed and Untrimmed. A large assortment to select from. Do not forget to give us a call before buying elsewhere. We guarantee prices.
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ALL KINDS
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LARGEST STOCK! LOWEST PRICES!
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Stam's Hall!

Away! hard times!
Away! dull care!
Sweet Christmas Bells
Are in the air!

The above lines awaken us to the fact that the HAPPY CHRISTMAS TIME IS NEAR AT HAND!

We all want to do something to make each other happy; the exchange of gifts and tokens of remembrance at this season, makes the world young, though Christmas is very old, yet it is ever young, like the Phoenix of the ancient Egyptians.

The different stores around the town are very beautiful with their many varied goods, which tell us the season is here, and we must purchase the little gifts for our households.

In looking over my stock, which is now complete and ready for public inspection, I see many useful and beautiful articles; to attempt to enumerate would be useless. I can give only a synopsis. For the children, old Santa Claus has been especially thoughtful. There are games, toys, books, dolls, "a window full." Stop and look as you go by, they are holding out their arms to you, can you refuse? That little girl of yours wants one. She whispered to me she did.

Foot-balls for the boys, also interesting games to keep them home winter evenings, and books of travel, and good stories to cultivate their minds and teach them how to be true men—which are sadly needed in these days.

Now! we come to something tender
Presents for Sweethearts!
They are SO NICE and SO PLEASANT TO GIVE!

EVERYONE has a SWEET-HEART, you know, but don't tell anybody. I will tell you what I have for your best girl: Perfumes, the choicest odors; handkerchief and glove boxes, dressing cases, writing tablets, albums, gold pens, so dainty, and the dear old poets which all the girls love, these are in handsome bin dings and very low in price. If you can't be suited out of all these, well, y ou haven't got a girl.

Friendly gifts, such as beautiful ceramic ware from the old countries. I have a passion for china, haven't you? Come in and see what I have. I am looking at a few special pieces which I want you to see. They are gems, Rudolstadt, Carlsbad, Limoges and old Vienna. These articles of Ceramic Ware have come from abroad, because, as a nation we are not yet old enough to produce such art, but at the same time we are Americans and have many beautiful goods of home production.

We must also remember our wives, for they never forget us. I have something for them that you will admire and they will be very happy to receive, Lamps, hall and banquet, with silk shades; ice cream and salad sets and many dainty pieces for home adornment, You must see all these things to make your selection, so come early and we can suit you.

COLIN F. STAM,
Dec. 16, 1893. DRUGGIST, STAM'S HALL.

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Pins, full count, 1 to 3 cents per paper; Best Needles, 1 cent per paper; Spool Silk, 3 cents; Darning Needles 5 for 1 cent; Carpet Tacks, dozen papers, 9 cents; 25 Good Envelopes, 3 cents; 120 Sheets Note Paper, 8 cents; 5 Slate Pencils, 1 cent; Shoe Strings, 2 cents per dozen; School Slates, 2 to 8 cents; Lamp Wickes, 5 for 1 cent; Watch Keys, 1 cent; Shirt Buttons, 12 dozen, 3 cents; Bone Collar Buttons, 4 cents per dozen; Safety Pins, 2 cents per dozen; 2,500 yards of Lace, 1 to 15 cents per yard; 2,000 yards of Ribbon, 6 cents per yard, worth 15; 400 Dozen Dress Buttons, 1 to 5 cents; Best Calico, 5 and 6 cents per yard; LARGE LINE OF BLANKETS, all kinds, from 75 cents up; 90 Dozen Men's and Boys' Suspenders, 7 to 49 cents; 20 Dozen Ladies' Corsets, 23 to 46 cents; P. N. Corsets, 95 cents; 50 Dozen Children's Black Hose, 8 cents; Men's Extra Heavy Hose, 6 cents; Gent's Fine Hose, 10 to 25 cents; Extra Good Spool Cotton, 2 cents; Raleigh Thread, 3 cents; Hair Pins, 12 cents per lb.; P