We Want to See Everbody Have a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Let all be remembered with presents. It will help to brighten the whole year. We have been doing your thinking for you, and have them all selected, in fact a

Store Full of Happiness

for both young and old, and it is to be dealt out

On Such Generous Terms !

that a dollar's purchasing power will surprise you. It is the Largest Stock we ever purchased, the greatest variety, the best assortment.

Candies, Nuts,
Foreign Fruits,
Toys, Glassware,
Chinaware, Chairs,
Sleds, Wagons,
And Ornaments to Beautify the Home !

Handsome Presents of Many Kinds

Give us an opportunity to quote you prices, when you have the goods right under your eye and can determine their value.

Yours, for Business,

F. H. HARPER & SON,

STILL POND, MD.

County News.

GALENA LOCALS.

Right Rev. Bishop Curtis, of Wilmington, preached in the Catholic Church on Sunday morning last to a large congregation. His subject was "The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary." The large congregation present, among whom were many Protestants, who paid the strictest attention to every word the Bishop uttered. The Bishop preached again in the evening and confirmed a class of seven. The congregation was small on account of the stormy night.

Miss Kate Scott died here on Tuesday last after a lingering illness of several months, aged about 80 years, interment in the M. E. Church yard.

Ella Wood, daughter of W. T. Wood, of this place, died on Wednesday, aged about 7 years. Her death was rather sudden. Interment in Galena cemetery on Friday.

There is considerable talk about the recount of the vote of Nov. 5th. Many think the recount will not amount to much, and think it best to let it go as returned by the judges. While there may be some slight changes, it is thought that there would not be sufficient to change the result as made by the return judges.

The stores are making quite a display for the Xmas trade.

Mr. H. Hicks has moved into the late Mr. Horsey's store.

The Messrs. Pippin are about finishing the Peacock building. They expect to get through next week. P.

Piney Neck Locals.

Your correspondent is being overstocked with letters from little ones for Santa Claus, with the distinct understanding that if "I write for the papers" to be sure and include their letters. So we take advantage of your valuable paper to inform Old Kris to carefully file away all letters from Piney Neck, and do not fail to answer them Christmas night.

Everybody here is becoming enthused over the approaching holiday. We are having concerts, rehearsals, meetings, choir practice, etc. We venture the assertion, that in proportion to the number, no part of Kent is more animated.

There are to be several marriages in the near future, but we are not allowed to give names or dates.

It affords us pleasure to know that the facts justify us in speaking in complimentary terms of our public school. Misses Bettie Wallis and Clara Vandyke our teachers are doing good work. They are thorough and untiring in their efforts. They are assiduously preparing for a school entertainment. It will be given in the M. E. Church, (as no other room could accommodate them) on Thursday evening Dec. 19th at 7.30 o'clock. The proceeds for a laudable purpose. We had hoped that they would purchase a flag. What a beautiful sight to see floating over every school house, "The red, white and blue!" This is an effectual way to teach patriotism.

Mrs. Hetty Crosby has sold the personal property on her farm where she now resides, and will make her future home in Baltimore.

Rev. J. D. Rigg, of Chester, Pa., has been visiting friends at the M. E. Parsonage.

Many of our best young men are joining the Junior Order American Mechanics. Its teachings are patriotic, pure and wholesome. We wish it great success.

Items from Black's.

Persons who do not know better, might suppose Black's station to be a very dull place as we very seldom see any account given of it in your most estimable paper, the NEWS. But people should not be too quick at forming conclusions. Come and see for yourself how busy we all are. The farmers keep the agents busy from morning to night weighing and loading grain. Sometimes there are in sight six to eight wagons, some going from, others coming to the station. Cars are scarce and in great demand. There are also large quantities of live stock and dressed pork shipped on the Thursday afternoon freight. Then another thing that draws the people is the new store kept by our enterprising young merchant, Mr. B. S. Sutton. His reasonable prices is a big item to those who complain of the hard times. We see that he has recently laid in a fresh supply of Christmas goods.

The farmers are finishing up their fall work. There are few if any who have not killed hogs. One of our most able farmers had the misfortune to lose nearly all of his fattening hogs from the cholera. So far we have not heard of any further spread of the dread disease. FRIEND.

Profitable Farming.—Mr. W. S. Forwood, of Bel Air, recently sold a group of steers to Mr. H. C. Lawder, of Havre de Grace. A record kept of one, about the poorest of the lot when bought, shows the following results:

Weight when bought one year	828 lbs.
Weight when sold	1,490 "
Cost price @ 3.15	$36 05
Selling price @ 4 25	63 53
Profit	$37 48

The steer was never stabled and was fed no grain until about September first.

FAIRLEE NOTES.

Sadly we chronicle the death of Mr. Jones, father of Mr. H. P. Jones, near here. Mr. Jones was here on a visit to his son and other relatives, having left his home in Dublin, N. H. about a month ago. About two weeks ago he contracted a severe cold, which seriously involved his lungs and the congestion of these organs was the immediate cause of his death. He was a *noble man*, and one who gained many warm friends in this community, having visited us in prior years. His remains started under the care of tender relatives, for his former home in N. H. where the funeral will take place from his cherished home in Dublin.

The farmers are about through with their work and Christmas seems "to be getting in their bones." The children are thinking and dreaming of "Kris."

The Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Kent County is booming. The Fairlee Surveyor wrote six surveys on last Monday and Tuesday for heavy amounts, and 3 or 4 the week prior.

The village goat that belonged to Master Robt. Lewis, and afforded so much fun for the Fairlee boys, has been traded off for a hog. Good for Bob.

Eighteen well-known animals, usually called rats, were killed under a pile of sawed wood, on Mr. L. J. Keyser's yard, last Monday. Truly a rodent slaughter.

Standing near a carriage and stepping backward a step or so Mr. J. P. Nicholson accidentally fell backward over the shafts and hurt his back badly. He is not yet fully recovered.

A drummer (rhetorically speaking a commercial traveler) came into our P. O. Tuesday, stating that he had traveled from Galena, and had to travel nine miles more to Rock Hall, to find a public house. And in that distance he couldn't find a thing to eat or drink. Rev. J. B. was in the office at the time, and made the remark, to his highness, the drummer, that he ought not to have found any difficulty in finding something to drink as there are quite a lot of streams and creeks around. Yes, but that would be imposing on Providence, said the traveler. Then there was a lengthy discussion, and out the Drummer went in search of a public house and something to drink, and not creek or rivulet water either.

Various games are being participated in during the long evenings by our young people and they afford a pleasing pastime. The game of "Observation" is a very popular one.

The little ones in Mr. F. H. Ward's family have been quite sick this week.

Capt. Geo. W. Bramble wears a leather coat. A novel and warm wrap.

The dwelling on the farm tenanted by Mr. George Hudson, Worton Point, is being painted by our village painter, Mr. Herman Klein.

Early in the week it was reported that Rev. Mr. Galloway would hold a gospel service in Salem this Saturday evening, coming here from Mobray's, in Quaker Neck. I hardly credit the report, though it may be so. WEST END.

Sassafras Items.

Mr. Wm. Staats visited Chestertown on Tuesday.

Mr. George Kennedy and family have been seriously ill the past week.

Messrs. Wm. Staats and Alexander T. Laws attended the large sale of L. C. Justice on last Wednesday.

Mrs. Augustus Dreka was taken seriously ill on last Sunday night. We are pleased to state she is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dreka's little ones have been quite sick for the past week with heavy colds. We are pleased to state they are getting well again. We have missed their bright faces on our streets of late.

Mrs. Al. Foreacre is visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Frederick Vansant, who has been at the Woman's Hospital in Baltimore, returned home on Tuesday very much benifited by the treatment there.

The display of Christmas goods in our town is very large.

The thermometer registered 24° Wednesday morning, and 23° Thursday. A slight fall of snow could be seen on last Monday morning. It has been quite cold here all the week.

There has been quite a small attendance at the public school here for the past two weeks. Some days only four scholars, now nine. All the little ones have been quite sick suffering from the whooping cough and scarlatina. All are now improving.

The cold weather here has made ice heavy enough for the boys to skate.

Mr. Joseph Biggs, who lives on the "Ginn Farm" near Sassafras, met with a very sad and most distressing loss on Saturday morning. About 1 o'clock his stable and horses were entirely consumed by fire. He had 10 horses in the stable and one pair of mules. Boulden, the man who works for Mr. Biggs, had been from home and about 7 o'clock returned and put his horse in the stable. Everything was then all right. His son, Archie's horse is missing and the supposition is that some one stole the horse and set fire to the stable. Mr. Biggs has the sympathy of the entire community. He has always been a very industrious, hard working man. All the farmers turned out this week and hauled his corn to the wharf for him. Even Mr. Davis, of Cecilton among the number. A. T. L.

Who'd 'er Thought It?

ACTUALLY I HAVE REPRODUCED THE

Ferris Wheel !

IN MY WINDOW.

Free for all! Everybody Should See It!

AS USUAL

CHARLES S. SMITH Leads !

I claim and can show the GREATEST PACKED and JAMMED STORE on the Shore, and you bet I'll Clean 'er out.

PRICES WILL DO IT:

Five Tons Granulated Sugar	5c.
21 Pounds for $1.00. This is a Special Offer.	
One Ton Rasins	5c.
Quarter Ton Currants	5c.
Eighth Ton Citron	15c.
Half Ton English Walnuts	10c.
Half Ton Almonds	15c.
Half Ton Mixed Nuts	10c.
Just here the quantity we sell pays us.	
CANDY, well we are all surrounded by the Sweet Article.	
A One Pound Tin Bucket and Top, Candy and all	10c.
Take your choice, Drops, Broken or French Mixture.	
The sales on our 3-Brass-Hoop Bucket filled with Eine Mixed Nuts	99c.
Simply immense.	
A Fine Chocolate Drop	20c.
A few Conserved Cherries	39c.
Best Conserved Fruit	50c.
Think of it, a BAG of BUCKWHEAT	38c.
NEW IDEA, GO IT NOW:	
A Tin Bucket with Top, 5 Pounds Best Mince Meat	60c.
Try one, A No. 1 Fine.	
Same, in 2½ pounds	34c.

TODAY, (SATURDAY,) and the balance of this month, to any purchaser of 1 Pound of Coffee, ¼ Pound of Tea and 1 Pound of Butter I will present FREE OF CHARGE, ONE INDIVIDUAL BUTTER DISH.

Toys, Toys.

Drums, Dolls, Carriages, Horns,
Fifes, Wagons (the best $1.00), Borroes,
Velocipedes, Musical Instruments,
And a Gross of other Toys, mostly 5 and 10 cents.

COME AND SEE US! Come early! Come while the weather is good! Come while you can! Come with money! Come, and we will send you away recoicing.

FIREWORKS IN ABUNDANCE ! !

WANTED:—Eggs 18c. Cash, in Trade 20c.

REMEMBER THE CASH BUYER AND SELLER!

CHARLES S. SMITH,

Chestertown, Maryland.

TO THE LITTLE FOLKS:—OLD MR. and MRS. KRISS will arrive by train on MONDAY, December 23. Come to town and see them. Preents distributed free to all.

FLAG ON TOP OF BUILDING.

LOOK FOR IT! ON THE CORNER!

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