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Banquet Lamps, Hall Lamps, Library Lamps, Night Lamps, Tea Sets, Chamber Sets, Lemonade Sets, After Dinner Tea Sets, Cups and Saucers, Souvenir Cups and Saucers, Shaving Mugs, Vases, Ornaments and everything to complete this line.

Fine Plush, Mohair and Fur Robes. Young men they are beauties, remember we are going to have sleighing this winter and this is a great help towards getting a lady to go with you.

If you want anything in the Celluloid Line, Glove Cases, Dressing Cases, Jewelry Cases, Necktie Cases, Handkerchief Cases, Fancy Photo Frames, Albums, Clocks or anything in this line. Come we have it.

Silk Mufflers and Handkerchiefs of all sizes and kinds. Chancel Stand and Table Covers, Towels, Napkins, Bed Spreads, Blankets and Colognes in various shapes and sizes.

Toys! Toys! Toys!

Children come and see us. If you can't come alone, ask Mamma and Pappa to come with you and just see what OLD KRIS has at Miller Bro.'s Hobby Horses, Sleds, Sleighs, Bicycles, Baby Carriages for the dolls; Dolls, Oh My! Piles and Heaps of them, Boats, Noah's Arks, Tops, Wagons, Pistols, Guns, Wood Saws and Horses, please don't ask us to name more as we have anything from a Jews-harp to an Elephant.

We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends for so largely attending our opening. Friends we are here to serve you in any way we possibly can; don't be backward in asking a favor If there is anything you want not in our line and we can get it, we will gladly do so. Truly you made us feel good by turning out last Wednesday, but pardon us for calling your attention again to our line of TOYS which were not in then, but now here in large numbers. Come and see them. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas. We are yours truly,

MILLER BROS.

ROCK HALL, Md.

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Christmas Toys,

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Raisins, very finest	4⅜c.
Seedless Raisins, best	4½c.
Cocoanuts, very best	4⅜c.
Currants, cleaned	8½c.
New Citron, only	13½c.
Candy from	4 to 35c.
Nuts, all kinds, from	8½c. up to 12c.

Come and take a chance on Race Track. Guess at number of seed in a Pumpkin, the one guessing the nearest to the number gets the track. Something nice and amusing. My

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sold at very bottom prices. I am going to sell as low as anyone or else give my goods away.

Coffee, Arbuckle's, Levering's	17¾c.
Sugar	4⅝c.
Best Canned Corn	6¾c.
Best Canned Tomatoes	6¾c.
2 Bars Best Washing Soap,	4⅜c.
Apples by the Barrel	$1.40.

My store is packed and must be sold. Friends look to your advantage and call on me before buying. Yours for business.

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LOOK AT MY SAMPLES.
I HAVE A FINE LOT.
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WILLIAM U. SCOON.
n14-tf. Rock Hall.

MEETING OF FARMERS.

Planting Apple Orchards—How to Treat Rose Cuttings—Analyzing Fertilizer, etc.

The Farmers' Club held its regular meeting on Thursday at the residence of Mr. E. B. Pennington. There was a full attendance and the interest manifested was most encouraging to the members. The fact that very many young people were there has encouraged me to "hope again." I had "sorter dropped away" and failed to report several of the meetings because I had been led to believe that my dreams were about to be realized, but I overstepped myself. Thinking he was a silver man I became a strong Bryanite and that settled it. I was a fool of course, I can see it plain enough now, but I want to say right here that the next time I get left it wont be on account of politics.

Owing to late arrivals, the club was not called to order until the afternoon, the morning being given to an informal discussion of such topics as were uppermost in the minds of the elders, and to some extremely nice talk (almost in a whisper) by one of the young men. After partaking of an excellent dinner the club was called to order by the president. As the secretary had been absent from the previous meeting, minutes were dispensed with. The host then made a short address of welcome, after which questions were declared in order.

The first was from a lady who wanted to know how to treat rose cuttings that she had rooted in sand. She was advised to let them remain in the sand until spring and then plant them out.

The next was, When is the best time to tip berry plants? It was thought that at the time the tips hardened, say last of September, was the best time, although it was stated that it could also be done in June.

The next was, in planting a small apple orchard for family use, what varieties would you select, what distance apart would you plant and with what would you intersperse them until they matured? After some discussion it was thought that two trees of each variety would be most desirable and the following varieties were selected: Yellow Transparent, Red Astrachan, Summer Pippin, Folly Water, Lankford, Paragon or Stamens and Wine Sap. It was thought that planting in rows 35 feet apart, with the fall and winter varieties 40 feet apart in the row, would be about right, and if the ground was suitable it was thought that peaches were the best thing to plant in between, although plums of the Abundance variety were also recommended.

The next question caused more smiles than McKinley's election, and the reference is caused by the affinity of the two in regard to the interest of the farmer. The question was, Have any of the members of this club had any fertilizers purchased by them analyzed by agricultural chemists? If so, what was the result? After some close cross-questioning by the president, one member acknowledged that he had made an effort in that line, but according to his account, the result was not altogether satisfactory. In the first place, he had to tell from whom he purchased the article and also tell the chemist just what he wanted the chemist to tell him, *i. e.* what the fertilizer was composed of and after waiting about two months, he received word from the chemist that his analysis was about right. He thought that the farmer would have to purchase his fertilizers about June in order to get an analysis in time to seed his wheat.

The next question was, is the free delivery of the mail desirable and practical in the country? That it was desirable, everyone admitted, and that by some such plan as that adopted in one of the California counties, it was practical, was advocated by several of the most practical men present. The plan referred to is known as the ten block system and I guess is familiar to your readers. I do not exactly understand it myself, but I guess it's the same as the blocks of five that we used to read about, only larger.

The next question was, could cranberries be profitably raised in this county? It was concluded that at the present price of the berries they could not be made to pay, as it would probably cost three or four hundred dollars per acre to prepare the ground for them.

The next was, what is there for farmers as the result of Prof. Nobbie's recent discoveries and experiments with bacteria. Nobbie is the German chemist who has succeeded in furnishing plants with the necessary bacteria to insure their growth, and some very interesting information was obtained from the discussion, but unless the farmer reaches that higher education recommended by that dear old western bishop during the campaign, I fear he will not be able to avail himself of the formulas of the learned German.

The next was more like home. Some one wanted to know if scorched wheat or corn was good feed for chickens. It was recommended if used sparingly or fed only once a day.

The next was, is it wise to remunerate with money work done about the home by minor children? After discussion, the balance of opinion seemed to be that it should only be done for special work, otherwise the child would soon come to the conclusion that he ought not to do anything unless he was paid for it.

The next was, what will prevent roses from blighting? This was not answered, but spraying with ammoniacal mixture was advised as an experiment.

The next question was, what position should the United States assume in regard to Cuba? Everybody took a shy at this and the opinion was unanimous that we did not want to fight Spain, and that our policy should be hands off. As the time for adjournment had arrived, the regular question was postponed till some future time, and as the Farmers' Institute and the meeting of the Horticultural Society were near at hand, the next meeting of the club was set for the last Thursday in January, at the residence of Mr. J. S. Harris. The question for discussion will be: What advantage is to be gained from the Farmers' Institute? The club then adjourned.

ANNIE ROONEY.

Betterton Items.

We are having winter weather just at present. The snow and hail together made it very disagreeable Tuesday night.

The Ericsson Line steamer missed making her landing Tuesday night, on account of wind.

Some of our young men bag a goose or two occasionally.

The birth-day party, held at Mr. Jos. Crew's, given by the Christian Endeavor Society, was well attended, and those who were there enjoyed themselves so well, were sorry when the time came for them to leave.

Mr. John H. Crew, "Old Squire," butchered four hogs, weighing 450, 483, 505, 506 lbs. respectfully, total 1944 lbs. He generally raises the largest hogs in the county, and we still think he has the lead.

Miss Lillie Trott has returned home after a visit of two weeks in Baltimore.

Mr. Joe Owens spent several days in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. Greenwood made a trip to Baltimore, to purchase stock for his new store.

Mrs. Harrison made a flying trip to Baltimore last Monday.

The boys are making preparations for a serenade.

Come down and try your luck. Any one purchasing 50cts. worth of goods at Crew & Owens cash store, will be entitled to a guess, at how many seeds there are in a pumpkin. The one guessing nearest to the number of seeds, will receive a good gold filled watch.

The Betterton Sunday school are preparing to give a Christmas entertainment. We wish them much success.

TRUTH.

Chesterville Items.

Our community deeply regret the death of our school teacher Miss Josephine Harris, who departed this life last Monday morning at half past two o'clock at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. Fletcher Melvin. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris of Morgnec, and taught this school three years and three months, the school was closed the afternoon of the funeral, also Kennedyville and Urieville where she had formally taught. The funeral services was conducted by Rev. Jessie Shreeve Wednesday afternoon at the M. P. Church, Kennedyville, at two o'clock and interred in the M. P. cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. M. L. Davies, Wm. Hague, Elias Othison, L. J. Usilton, John Hurlock and Wm. Hurlock, Jr. Her funeral was largely attended.

Messrs. Britten and Moffet were the undertakers at Miss Harris funeral. She died with pneumonia and typhoid fever And was sick eight days.

Miss Bessie Cooper came near having a serious accident last Friday week. She was going home with her sister Mrs. James Bennett, of Melitota, while going down Perkins Hill the king bolt broke throwing Miss Bessie and her little nephew out under the wheels. While no bones were broken she was very muchfrightened and bruised.

Miss Florence Gale, an accomplished young lady of Lankford, has been appointed to take the school which has been vacated by the death of Miss Harris, instead of Miss Nickerson as stated in our last week's letter.

Miss May Jones spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Lillie Redmile near Kennedyville.

Miss Bessie Cooper is visiting her sister Mrs. Dr. Schawtzka of Baltimore.

Miss Dora Loller spent Sunday with her parents near Crumpton.

Miss Marion Pennington is visiting friends in Calvert county Md.

Miss Katie Stevens is visiting the Misses Hessner's in Kennedyville.

Mr. George Jones spent Friday and Saturday in Chesapeake City with his cousin James Willis.

Mr. Lusby Loller, of Queen Anne's, spent several days with his cousin, Dr. S. B. Pearson.

Messrs. Wm. Lusby, Robt. L. Pearson and Robt. Lusby spent Tuesday in Chestertown.

We are glad to note that our sick are all getting better.

We had a fall of snow six inches deep on the level Tuesday night.

Mr. Charles G. Garey has been spending some time with his aunt, Mrs. J. W. Mann, in Newark, Del.

Mr. Walter R. King will occupy the farm of Mr. Willard S. Dill near Templeville, Queen Anne's county. Mr. Fletcher Walls who has been several years a faithful employee of Mr. W. E. Jarrell, at his saw mill, will also engage in farming near Marydel. Mr. John R. Howell will occupy Mr. John Stephens' house in this village and Mr. Willie Moffett, brother of Mrs. Wm. Garrett, has rented the Startt property. Willie seems to be a hustler. Mr. Walter M. Spry will move on the farm of Rev. Mr. Prettyman, near Galena. Mr. Chas. H. B. Spry, of near Millington, has rented the farm of Mrs. Armstrong, of Galena, situated near here and at present occupied by Mr. James I. Dobson. Charley will be cordially welcomed, for he is a first rate fellow.

Mrs. Edward S. Batton spent several weeks in Baltimore, on a visit to her relatives.

Rev. Mr. Sedwick spoke last Sunday with a fervent pathos on the beauties of the 103rd Psalm.

Merry sleigh bells are now jingling in the "icy air of night" but to those of us whose days have long passed their zenith, there is more enjoyment by a glowing fire.

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MAKING ABOUT 24 HOURS!

Yes, We Are Working Day and Night, 5 hours rest is all we can take. People from Caroline and Queen Anne's Counties are found with us. Another bill of Toys, Fruits, &c., shipped to Boston.

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Chocolate, per pound	24c.
New Raisins, per lb.	6c.
New Currants, per lb	6c.
Mince Meat, per lb. 6, 10 and	12c.
Candy, mixed Chocolate Drops, Caramels, Bon-Bon &c.	10c. lb. / 3 for 25
Apples per peck	15c.
Apples by the Barrel	$1.19

While They Last.

Buckwheat, 11 lbs for 25c. 100 lbs and Bag — $2.00

Strictly Pure. Best Reference.

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American Granulated Sugar	4½c.
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Special all for NEXT WEEK.

Celery, CIDER and Cranberries.

FLOUR 30c. Sack and a Bottle Yeast Powder Free WITH EACH and EVERY BAG. FLOUR BY THE BARREL, $4.35

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