MORGNEC ITEMS.

The roads have been splendid for moving but are getting bad now.

Mr. J. R. Byron has moved in our neighborhood on Mr. James Brice's farm.

There has been lots of game killed around here, Mr. Frank Shahan having killed thirty-nine rabbits, is the leader. James McKee has killed sixty-three birds this season.

Mr. Hope Copper our bicycle rider is still improving; he rode from Chestertown to his home a distance of five miles in fourteen minutes, on a forty pound wheel with snow on the ground.

Miss Lizzie Powell has been very busy for two weeks preparing for an entertainment, which is to take place about Jan. 15th.

We are told that James Frank Harris and Frank Robinson are going to spend the winter in Wilmington, Del.

The Christmas entertainment was grand, the programme was as follows:

Opening, singing, (all hail the power of Jesus name) by the choir; recitation by Katie Frazier; singing by four little girls; recitation by Edith Minner; singing by the choir; recitation by Annie Minner. Then old Kris came in, loaded down with goodies, and gave every person in the church a grand present and the folks went home rejoicing, saying, "they wished Christmas came often."

PINEY NECK NOTES.

The recent cold snap has closed navigation so far as oystermen are concerned and it can be truthfully said of them, that they are "resting on their oars."

One of the saddest incidents that has occurred within our midst, was the drowning of Mr. Greet's little daughter and the narrow escape of two others of his children. To the afflicted family we extend our tenderest sympathy.

There are not so many changes here at New Years as at many other places, because nearly every one owns his home. Our village is growing rapidly, within the last three months, four new houses have been built.

Since our last locals appeared in your valuable paper, our community has been blessed with a sweeping revival. Besides many conversions, the church has been wonderfully quickened.

Owing to our revival meetings the Christmas entertainment was postponed until next Wednesday evening Jan. 6th. The various committees are busy concluding their work.

Mr. Wm. Benton, at considerable time and expense, has prepared for his children a Christmas Garden. The plot is a beautiful park with hills, drive ways and suitable scenery. A beautiful mansion, furnished and lighted. A fort defended by soldiers, and among the trees are seen huntsmen and dogs. The motive power is water, which runs a large water wheel, this in turn drives several "merry-go-rounds." It is truly a wonderful piece of mechanism, and is considered a great curosity. C.

Many Thanks

To my Friends and the Public Generally, for their liberal patronage of Christmas Holidays, wishing everyone a Prosperous New Year and a Happy One.

Shooting Match

To be had here on Saturday, Jan. 2, beginning at 2.30 o'clock. It will shoot off Pants, Boots, Shoes, Gloves and Chickens. Everyone is invited to be present. In the evening, beginning at 7.30 o'clock, I will sell

AT AUCTION

the Remainder of My Christmas Stock, among them some Very Fine Presents. They will be sold for cash to the highest bidder, and I am selling my Entire Stock at

VERY LOW FIGURES.

Arbuckle's Coffee, loose	16¼c.
Levering's Coffee, loose	16¼c.
Very Best Loose Coffee	15¼c.
Very Best American Sugar	4⅝c.

Friends give me a call, besides, come to the Shooting. Glass Balls and Dead Marks, both, to shoot at. Again thanking you and wishing you a prosperous New Year, I remain yours for business.

B. S. SUTTON,

BLACKS, MARYLAND.

SPECIAL Announcement!

We Call You to Halt! Stop Where You Are if it is BARGAINS You are Looking for,

A. FRIEDMAN & CO.'S

IS THE PLACE! WE HAVE

This Day REDUCED OUR ENTIRE STOCK of

MEN'S SUITS, BOYS' SUITS,
MEN'S OVERCOATS, BOYS' OVERCOATS,
CHILDREN'S SUITS, CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS,

AND SINGLE PANTS FOR MEN, BOYS AND CHILDREN.

Everything is reduced, and we will assure you Big Bargains in the above lines. We have had a good trade this Fall and Winter, and we will offer you

Some Special Inducements

in our remaining stock. For $10.00 we will sell you a good Dress Overcoat and Suit, which is of Wonderful Value. For $5 we will sell you a good Boy's Overcoat and Suit. You had better get one while they last. All our Fine Overcoats will be sold at a like reduction. Hats, Caps Neckwear, Underwear, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Mufflers, Umbrellas, all grades, all these things will make a beautiful present, and we will save you fully 20 per cent. on them. Come early to avoid the rush. Respectfully,

A. FRIEDMAN & CO.,

Opposite Stam's Hall. Chestertown, Maryland.

GALENA NOTES.

There were services in the Catholic and Episcopal churches here on Christmas day. At the Catholic church early mass at 7.30 o'clock and at 11 o'clock. The altar was elaborately decorated with potted plants and evergreens. Father Hughes, at the 11 o'clock mass, preached an excellent sermon on the birth of Christ.

Service at the Episcopal Church at 8.30 A. M.; sermon by the rector suitable to the day; the church was plainly decorated, not as elaborate as in former times.

The M. E. Church Sunday-school had Christmas services and a Christmas tree in the chapel, on Wednesday evening, 30th. The Sunday-school children had quite a feast of good things from the tree.

Nearly all who have ice-houses have them filled with a good quality of ice about four inches thick.

There was a quiet wedding at the home of Mr. J. D. Boyd on Wednesday evening, 30th inst. Miss Gertie was united in marriage with Mr. Andrew Vansant, Rev. Mr. Fletcher officiating. The bride received some handsome presents.

Mr. R. C. Morgan leaves our neighborhood for Rees' Corner. We are sorry to lose so good a citizen.

W. T. Stradley moves from Mr. Parr's house to W. A. Hyland's house.

Mr. Tarbutton, of Church Hill, moved to Galena recently.

Mr. Simpler moves from Mrs. Camp's house to one of Capt Woodall's.

Mr. Geo. Haley goes on the Taylor farm of Mr. H. J. Gray.

FAIRLEE NOTES.

Campanology and horn-blowing is truly the order of the day. Just to behold the boys—"Young America's"—ringing bells and blowing horns makes one wish that instead of so many bells that we had the privilege of removing the one in the Buddhist Monastery near Canton, China, the largest bell in the world. It is 18 feet high and 45 feet in circumference, and is of solid bronze. It was made about 1400, and is said to have cost the lives of eight men, who were killed during the process of casting. Yes, some of us would much rather hear the sound from this weighty Campani formed bronzed metal, but if we had it would not like the boys to meet the fate of the 8 men above referred to.

Christmas day came and is gone. Very quietly observed around our town. The merchants did a very brisk business up to Christmas day and are very buoyant in spirit. Those among us fortunate enough to have loving parents living went to the paternal home to partake of the noonday meal around the happy festive board.

Easter Sunday comes on April 18th this year. How sad one feels when he thinks of the suffering of the "World's Redeemer," Jesus, our Saviour, during the time intervening between Christmas and Easter in the ages of the past, preceding His death and resurrection.

Salem Sunday-school held its annual Christmas anniversary on last Thursday evening to a well filled house. The entertainment was simply elegant and reflected credit upon all taking part. Supt. Staats was in his element, and in his earnest efforts to make the treat a success excelled himself.

March 7th is the first Sunday in Lent.

Some children around are suffering with sore throats, stiff necks, and with some the paroted glands seem involved. Have they the mumps?

Prof. L. J. Smyth, wife and little daughter Anna, spent the festive season with friends and relatives in Kent, and last Sunday with sisters and brothers in our town.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Todd and daughter, Miss Nellie Chantilly, spent Christmas with relatives in Galena.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staats and son, Master Wilbert, spent the joyous festival "at home" with their parents in Middletown, Del., leaving Fairlee Christmas eve in the morning.

We hear that Prof. Watts' school, near Melitota, will give an entertainment in the near future in the town hall, here in our village.

Col. T. B. Bordley is a very great sufferer with rheumatism in his shoulders.

J. B. Merritt, D. D., is always up with the times in his services. He has responsive Scriptural readings in his morning service, and they are very impressive and effective for good.

Indeed we are very sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Charles Beck, brother of Mrs. Lewis C. Ayres, Swan Creek, who succumbed to typhoid fever after several relapses.

Miss Ethel Ward has been right sick this week.

Mr. John Bell is still working earnestly in the interest of the Heptasophs to establish a conclave among us.

WEST END.

MOODY & LUSBY commence this week their great reduction sales of suits and overcoats. The inference to be drawn is this—they sell goods very close in the heighth of season and a further reduction means clothing at manufacturer's prices in order to make room for spring stock. Go see them early and you will not be disappointed either in selection or bargain.

THE biggest edible oysters in the world are found in Australia. They measure sometimes more than a foot across the shell.

Chesterville Items.

Our merchants are well pleased with their Christmas business, considering the hard times.

The Sunday School of the M. E. Church South, held its annual Christmas entertainment on Sunday morning. Mr. J. Wesley Jarman admirably performed the roll of Old Kriss, and dispensed the good things to the little folks. All went away happy.

Farmers began filling their ice-houses this week with good three inch ice, but the rain on Wednesday stopped the work.

Misses Jennie Davis, Ida Weeks and Dora Loller are visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Ethel Loller, of Buck Neck, has been visiting friends in this neighborhood.

Miss Ethel Soloway, Misses Arsula and Daisy Moffett, spent the week at their paternal homes and return to their schools on Monday.

Miss Laura Jones and Mr. Jas. Willis are visiting the former's brother, Mr. Thomas Jones.

Mr. Eddie Stevens is visiting his uncle in Queen Anne's, Mr. John Stevens.

Miss Bessie Cooper is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. Bennett, near Melitota.

Mrs. Stella Jarman spent some days with Miss Benson, of Millington.

Miss Lulu Boggs has returned home after a lengthy visit to Smyrna, Newark and other points.

Miss Annie Foxwell is visiting the Miss Conners, in Wilmington. She was honored with a grand ball on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, of Wilmington, spent Christmas under the parental roof in Chesterville. Mrs. S. was formerly Miss Ella King, and was heartily welcomed here, as it was her first visit for years.

Mrs. Wooters is visiting her daughter Mrs. A. H. Johnson, near Sassafras.

Messrs. David Clements, Frank Jarrell and Miss Eva Cooper are home from their respective schools for the holidays.

Mr. Thos. Jones was taken seriously ill on Tuesday night. Dr. Jacobs was sent for and the patient is improving.

The house of Mrs. Schwatka, situated about one mile from this place near the Forest and tenanted by Mr. Hiram Woollyhand, was destroyed by fire last Sunday afternoon, while the family were absent. The prompt action of the neighbors saved the furniture. Mrs. S. resides in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. B. F. Davis lost a fine young horse by lock-jaw last Sunday. It was valued at $175, and its loss was mourned with tears.

Mr. Josh W. Davis and sister, Jennie, spent Christmas with friends in Port Deposit and Baltimore.

Mr. W. S. Dill, one of Chesterville's merchants found hidden among some bannanas he recently bought, that tropical insect a Tarantula. The poisonous reptile soon died from our cold climate and perhaps a want of proper diet.

Rev. Wm. Sedwick in his sermon last Sabbath, narrated the circumstances leading to, and attendant on the Saviour's birth, and in conclu-ion, earnestly exhorted his listeners to embrace the countless blessings—the priceless gifts, which that sublimest of all moral tragedies—the crucifixion alone made avertable and accessible.

"Democrat" Answers "Tax-Payer."

Messrs. Editors Kent News:—Your correspondent, signing himself "Tax-Payer," in your last issue, is evidently a partizan of stricter type even than he charges against "the promoters of recent damage suits." He is so anxious about the future of the Republican party, and especially the continuity of the present majority in the county commissioner board, that he jumps at conclusions unwarranted by facts. He says the court, the jury and the prosecuting lawyers in these cases were all Democrats, and intimates that it was simply a political contest between these on the one side and two Republican lawyers—Messrs. Westcott and Urie—as representatives of the commissioners, on the other side; he would have the reader believe that politics alone was the animus from beginning to end.

We have not taken the pen to defend either court or jury, but must say in passing that "Tax-Payer didn't measure his words very carefully or he would not so recklessly reflect upon the highest court known to our people, and the juries, if we remember correctly, were panels of our best citizens, and composed of members of both political parties. It is a reflection also upon the distinguished attorneys who brought these suits to say that they were prompted by political motives. This is a misstatement too patent to carry any weight whatever.

The truth of the matter is, some of our Republican county officials are blundering, and the result is the heavy costs in damage suits. Why didn't our immaculate board keep these cases out of court? "Tax-Payer" says *he* has always found "by experience" the commissioners to be fair, &c. Probably he has. He admits his partizanship, and no doubt knows the profits of road mending. But when it comes to dealing with Democrats the *tones* of the board are sometimes tuned to a harsher key.

But the humor of the communication is in the closing part, in which he refers to Democrats as "place seekers." This road-mender, or official dependent defender of the commissioners to call any one a "place-seeker," is enough to make a cow laugh! Again he speaks of "the people's repudiation" at the last county election. Just think of it! The PEOPLE of Kent repudiating the Democratic party! Let's see what sort of repudiation this was, and if I misstate the facts, Messrs. Editors, I want you to correct me, as I would not do even the Republicans an injustice. The Democratic ticket at that election received 2136 votes, and the Republican ticket received 2160 votes. In this latter was certainly nine-tenths (no doubt even more, but will say nine-tenths) of the 1750 colored voters, as they went as a flock of sheep, in one drove, according to the dictum of their bosses. Thus we have at the last county election for the Democratic ticket say 2100 white votes, for the Republican ticket 585 white votes, which shows a majority of 1515 of the white voters of the county in favor of the Democratic county government. This is the sort of repudiation we had. That solid black vote on the Republican side is rather the reflection of the bosses' will than an intelligent popular discrimination. Yet we are told that is the "people's repudiation!" Holy Moses! deliver us from such an interpreter as this self-styled "Tax-Payer." DEMOCRAT.

LAST WEEK WE THANKED U

Again We THANK You for Our Tremendous Christmas Sales!

Our Bargain Sheet for 1897 will be as variegated and financially beneficial to you as ever. We study to draw people by people's prices.

STILL:

Country Lard marked down to 7c. lb., 3 for 20c.	
Granulated Sugar, any quantity you want	4½c. lb.
Rolled Oats	6c. package.
Clothes Pins, all you want	1c. doz.
Apples by the basket	25c.
Coal Oil in 5 Gallon Lots	9c. gal.
Corn Starch, all day Wednesday,	5c. package.
Excellent Cigars, 50 in a box	49c. a box.
Good Apples	15c a peck.
Fine Family Flour	435 bbl.
American Granulated Sugar in any quantity	4½c.

Apples 25 cents a basket.

An unexpected quantity of Fine Creamery Butter sold at 23c. lb., 2 lbs. for 45c. Don't pay 25c. This is a saving of 10 per cent. to you.

All Size Lamp Chimneys - 5 Cents.

BARGAINS ALL OVER THE STORE.

ANOTHER STUNNER!

Rolled Oats all Next Thursdy and Friday

2 LBS. FOR 5 CENTS.

TRUE BLUE YEAST POWDER.

5cents a bottle, 7 bottles for 25 cents.

Guaranteed as good as any Yeast Powder.

A Warning, Take Notice:

Every one wanting a SHOO-FLY ROCKING HORSE can come to Smith's for one month to come and get them at COST. We mean to get the money for them and buy something else.

Yes, we sell Oleine Soap	25c. for 11 bars.
Above All Soap, we believe it as good as Babbitt's,	7 bars for 25 cents.
All Toilet Soap, 2 bars for	5c.
Prunes and Peaches	5c. lb.
Can Corn, Can Tomatoes, Can Peaches	5c. can.
Buckwheat, 11 lbs. for	25c.

1000 other Bargains too numerous to mention.

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