For Early Spring Application!

TRADE MARK

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING BRANDS OF FERTILIZERS:

The leading farmers and canners in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland speak in its highest praise, declaring our goods to be positively the CHEAPEST, the SAFEST, and the BEST in use. Once a trial, always a patron. Wouldn't it be a good idea for you to try our Fertilizers? Many farmers think that all Phosphates are alike, but a Fertilizer apparently the same by analysis on paper may show a vast difference when tested on the soil.

FOR ASPARAGUS.
We have an article that has given more satisfaction as a feeder for this plant than $30.00 goods. We will sell it to you for $16.00 per ton. Send for one of our regular Asparagus circulars, giving you full information concerning it.

FOR OATS.
Use our Special Oat Fertilizer, which has stood the test now for years. It has grown as high as fifty-five and sixty bushels per acre, and many patrons use it year after year.

FOR GRASS.
As a top dressing for Grass our Phosphate has no equal, but it should be applied as early in March as possible. Many of our patrons claim that an application of 200 pounds per acre has made from a third to a half more hay. We have delivered already considerable goods for this purpose. It is cheap and acts well.

FOR POTATOES.
We have been selling the Truckers of Gloucester county, New Jersey, as well as through Delaware and other points, a Special Potato Manure, which has stood the test in competition with Mape's, Yarnell's and Baugh's, in fact, all the high grade goods on the market.

FOR TOMATOES.
We manufacture a Special Tomato Fertilizer that is particularly adapted to this crop. We sold last year nearly 1,000 customer for this crop alone.

FOR CORN.
We have a splendid fertilizer for Corn, which our patrons claim will not fire or burn this crop. The mechanical condition is unsurpassed, and it goes farther than most any fertilizer you ever tried for this purpose. We can sell a special bargain this season on this article.

THEN AS ANOTHER.
Do not forget your PEACH TREES by failing to give them an application of OUR FRUIT GROWER. One patron wrote a few days ago that he received 45 cents more per basket from a buyer for his Elbertos last year that were phosphated with OUR FRUIT GROWER than those which were right alongside of them which were not. He buys again as well as his neighbors. It will cost you less to fertilize this crop per acre than it would to haul manure and put upon it. We recommend sowing broadcast over the ground in the centre of the row, 250 pounds per acre, as early as the ground will permit to plow, then turn it under, and as the sap ascends, along during the spring, and the goods being unusually available, takes it up in the tree, increases the size of the fruit as well as makes new wood.

We will be glad to have you call in person or correspond with us before purchasing your spring supply. If you have not received one of our Pocket Dairies for 1897 kindly drop us a postal and one will be duly forwarded to you, which contains much useful information for farmers and planters. Respectfully,

T. R. HUBBARD & SON,
WILBUR W. HUBBARD,
Manufacturers of Standard Bone Fertilizers, Chestertown, Maryland.

AT FRIEDMAN'S!

Hats, Fancy Shirts and Neckwear

FOR THE SPRING OF 1897 HAS ARRIVED,

and are ready for your inspection. They are of endless variety and the Finest Selection Ever Displayed in town. Come and take a look at them.

Rather Late to Talk Winter Goods

to you, but will make it an object. What is left will be sold at a GREAT SACRIFICE, don't want to carry any over. Every garment is of the style that will prevail next winter. You run no risk. Come early.

Respectfully,

A. FRIEDMAN & CO.,

March 13, 1897. Opposite Stam's Hall.

Spot Cash Quotations.

SATURDAY and TUESDAY, March 13th and 16th.

NOTE:

$1.99 buys one of those Fine Decorated Chamber Sets.
$1.65 buys 10 yards Bleached Sheeting, 10-4 wide.
58 cents buys 10 yards Androscoggin Bleached Muslin.
6¼c. buys 8 and 10c. Dark Dress Ginghams.
3¾c. buys Light Calicoes (Shirting Style.)
20c, buys Basket White Potatoes.
25c. buys 1 Gallon 150 test Oil, 1 Box Matches, 1 Box Lye, 1 Box Coffee Essence, 1 Quire Good Writing Paper and 1 Bar Good Soap.
Try our 16, 18 and 25c. Flat Plug Chewing Tobacco. Have the Best 25c. Tobacco in town.
23c. buys one Large Sack of Flour.
30c. buys one Large Sack Flour, GOOD.
$5.59 buys 1 Barrel of Clifton Flour.
75c. buys 1 Pair of a Lot of $1.25 Shoes, Ladies' Buttoned, Tips Little Defaced.
48c. buys one Pair Men's 60c. Gum Shoes.
31c. buys one Pair of Women's Gum Shoes.

$1.90 buys one pair Extra Size Boston or Woonsocket Gum Boots, sizes 9, 10, and 11 left.
$1.25 buys 10 yards Good Bed Tick, holds feathers.
65c. buys 10 yards Good Straw Tick.
Jobs in White Bed Spreads from 58c. each, up to $2.00.
Jobs in Table Linens, Napkins, Towels.
Look at our 23½c. Table Linen.
Granulated Sugar 4½c.
Bridles, Collars, Traces and Lines—Lines 9c., Traces 9½c., Collars 75c.
BLANKETS, COMFORTS, must go.
Blankets for 49c. per Pair.
Best Cotton Crash 3¾c.
1 Pound Black Tea, 1 Pound Washing Soda, 1 box Coffee Essence, all for **25c.**
Coal Oil 9c. Gallon, 3 Gallons for 25c., Saturday and Tuesday.
Molasses per Gallon 12½c.
Men's Good Work Shirts 16⅔c.

Clover, Timothy and Orchard Grass Seeds,

CHEAP FOR CASH.

Seed Oats, 32 Pounds for 25 cents.

Very truly,

R. F. PARKS.

☞Would like to have some NICE TURKEYS, CHICKENS and DUCKS about the 17th or 18th of this month.

County News.

STILL POND MATTERS.

Master Bennett and Miss Nellie Lawton are the guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Krusen.

Mrs. John Parrott and daughter, Miss Rachel, have gone to Baltimore for a three weeks visit.

F. H. Harper & Son contemplate a great enlargement of their store during this season. This will be necessary for the service of their increasing custom.

There will be a meeting of the Official Board of Still Pond Church this (Saturday) morning at 10.30 o'clock, at the parsonage. As this meeting is deeply important a full attendance is desired.

We are told that Mr. Medford Porter will build, in the near future, on a finely situated lot near the town hall. May this be the beginning of a building boom in our town.

Greensboro has asked for our beloved pastor, Rev. E. H. Nelson, and whether he will really leave us or not probably depends largely upon the official board of Still Pond church. Rendered cautious by the present stringency of money affairs and the haphazard financial system of past years, the official members have hesitated, fearing that they were not able, considering the fearful losses by death, to offer Bro. Nelson what would be his elsewhere. But those outside of the church, who realize the situation, have come to the rescue, we understand, and pledged the extra amount as a trifling evidence of their love and appreciation. Therefore, the matter lies with the official board, and we trust they will consider that the dictates of prudence have been fully satisfied and will persuade Rev. E. H. Nelson, if he can be persuaded, to remain with us for another year.

Wm. Medders & Co. have effected a marvelous transformation scene. The whole ground floor of their large building has been thrown into one spacious, handsome, well-lighted salesroom. From the front centre of this room an elegant balustraded staircase leads to the second floor salesroom. The remarkable improvement has to be seen to be appreciated.

Mr. Jon E. Dority has lost his old and faithful family horse, "Ell." He was 24 years old.

Still Pond Hall presented a beautiful spectacle last Thursday evening, when Sassafras Lodge No. 120, K. of P.. held their anniversary banquet. Diagonally across the long room ran the beautiful table, bright with lamps and inviting to epicurean pastimes. About 8.30 o'clock Rev. E. H. Nelson led the way to the banquet and pronounced the blessing. Then, amid the clatter of knives and forks and the sounds of chat and laughter, sweeted with delightful music from the harp of Euler, of Baltimore, the banquet went merrily on. On the bill of fare were:

Turkey, Roast Pig,
Chicken Salad,
Oysters in All Styles,
Cold Slaw, Pickles, Jelly,
Maryland Biscuit.
Coffee.

After full justice, and even more than justice in some cases, had been done to this, the members and their friends indulged in social tete-a-tetes until again led to the table to enjoy ice-cream, cake and choice fruits. Again "mirth and music kept gayest time" until the lateness of the hour warned the prudent "old married people" and the company slowly and reluctantly dispersed. All voted the evening a grand success in every way, and for this the credit was largely due to Chancellor Commander John Parrott, Esq., and his efficient supper committee, consisting of Messrs. Wm. Parr, chairman; Charles W. Hague, A. J. Hackett and J. C. Bowers, assisted by their better halves. The following members and guests were present: Horace Brice and wife, Allie Bowman and wife, Alex. Mair and wife, Frank Young and Miss Brice, James and George Crew, Ervey Robinson, of Betterton; Biddle Hossinger and wife, L. A. Hickman and wife, Harry Davis and wife, Joseph C. Bowers and wife, H. C. Gray and wife, Miss Gray and Mrs. Coppage, of Delaware, friends of H. C. Gray; Rev. E. H. Nelson and wife and Miss Nelson, C.W. Hague and wife, Theo. Jewell and Miss Cora Jewell, Wm. M. Watts and wife, Miss Katie Howard, Mrs. Porter, J. S. Clark and wife, Dr. Urie and Miss D.A. Crossley, Jos. W. Harper and wife, A.J. Hackett and wife, Chas. Toulson and wife, Wm. Parr and wife, Misses Josephine and Sallie Jones, Miss Annie Roeder, Mrs. Sallie Morris, Geo. Rash, R.A. Bowers, Frank Hill, Howard Turner, Wm. Krusen and Miss Nellie Krusen, Wm. Medders, Wm. Clark, John Parrott, Mrs. Alfred Jones, Joseph Howard, Miss Celeste Clark.

The Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county, a statement of whose affairs appear in our columns today, did a very successful business last year. The statement shows new policies issued last year to the amount of $275,000, the largest years work ever done by the company. Probably half of this new work was renewals, but in its effects upon the company was more beneficial than it would have been had all of it been new.

The total income for the year was	$ 14,064 08
Its total expenditures for fire losses and expenses was	9,321 28
Showing a saving to policy holders	$ 4,742 80
It returned also to its policy holders whese policies were cancelled during the year, most of which were reissued	11,788 08
Its assets on hand December 31, 1896, amounted to	65,988 50

Its statements of new insurance shows considerable growth during the past few years:

In 1894 the company issued new insurances amounting to	$ 46,000 00
In 1895	120,000 00
In 1896	275,000 00
In two months of 1897	60,000 00

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Broad Neck Items.

Miss Daisy Hague of near Chestertown, has been visiting friends in the neck.

Mrs. Emma Davis and son, have returned to Baltimore after a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. Jno. Vickers.

Mrs. Samuel Startt has been visiting friends near Lynch's.

Mrs. Ella Kilbourne and Belle Cosden spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kilbourne.

Mrs. Wallis has returned from a pleasant visit to her daughters.

This community is aroused over the assault upon Mrs. Godwin by the negro fiend. It is hoped he will be found and justly dealt with, no punishment can be too great for such a criminal.

A very delightful and enjoyable social was held on Tuesday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Leary's, at their beautiful residence on Lankford bay. Various games were indulged in and all present seemed to have a pleasant time. At a late hour all were invited out to a large dining room where cake, ice-cream and confectionery were served in abundance. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Gale, Mrs. Tessie Gale, Mr. Lemont Thompson, Mr. Wilton Crew, Miss Hettie Haddaway, Ozman Nickers, Maud Thompson, Buelah Taylor, Flora Taylor, Langford Vickers, Jennie and Pricie Stoops, Thomas Fletcher, Capt. Herbert Fletcher and many others.

There were quite a number of fox hunters out on Thursday week last. The ladies and gentlemen went to Quaker Neck where they caught the fox, and on Saturday there were quite a number out again, about 25 in number.

Miss Nannie Wallis has gone to Baltimore where she will spend some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Leary entertained our public school teacher and her scholars on last Thursday evening at their beautiful residence on Lankford Bay. Various games were indulged in and all present seemed to have a pleasant time. Music was rendered in a most beautiful manner. At an early hour all were invited out to a large dining room where cake, ice-cream and confectionery were served in abundance. Those present were: Mettie Haddaway and her scholars, Maud Thompson, Sadie Haddaway, Lida Rollison, Gussie Stoops, Lucy Thompson, Lizzie Stoops, Neale Wallis, Lizzie Saunders, Edna Walker, Louise Glenn, Mary Leary, Mary Maslin, Jos. Stoops, Annie Maslin, Johnny Wallis, Merritt Thompson, Charlie Rollison, Georgie Rollison, John Vickers, Oswald Saunders, Orrie Leary, Rolph Stoops, Burton Warren. A little after 8 o'clock after a very enjoyable evening all bid adieu and left for their homes.

The farmers are busy breaking ground for planting oats. S.

GALENA NOTES.

The Junior O. U. A. M. are about to organize a lodge at this place. On Saturday evening last they had a preliminary meeting, and it is understood that about thirty-three persons signed a paper pledging themselves to join. We understand that the organization is to be completed this Thursday evening. We suppose it is a beneficial association, although we have not heard or seen any of its laws, only that they accept members from 16 to 50 years of age. Rev. Mr. Watkins, of Cecilton, and the Rev. F. Fletcher, of this place, seem to be the moving spirits in the matter.

Rev. Mr. Watkins, of Cecilton, preached the annual missionary sermon in the M. E. Church here on Sunday to a large congregation.

Rev. Father Hughes has regular lenten services in the Catholic Church, as has also Rev. Mr. Edson in the Episcopal Church. The services at both the churches are fairly well attended.

Mr. Horn, a student at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, is visiting Father Hughes at the clergy house.

Farmers are busy preparing for spring work and several are plowing. All are complaining of the low price of corn, and do not think the advent of McKinleyism and that talked of confidence is making the times any better yet.

We noticed when in Chestertown early this week the so-called improvements in the court house green by a Republican levy court. If the destruction of those grand old trees is an improvement to the appearance of the place, good Lord deliver us from such an idea of improvement! While the court house and green belong as much to the people of the county as to the townspeople, we wonder why the latter allowed the destruction of these grand old trees. I know of some places in which if such a thing happened the parties to the destruction would meet with dire consequences, for not for a generation or two will they be able to have the green look like it has been. I have often heard it said we had the grandest court house green on the shore. Now it is despoiled of its beauty. VISITOR.

Sassafras School Averages.

The following are the averages of the scholars of Sassafras Public School receiving 80 per cent and above at the February examinations:

SEVENTH GRADE.
Irving Spry....93.9 | Bayard Jones....91.3
SIXTH GRADE.
Fannie Griffith....95.3 | Louie Dreka.... 89.5
Bradford Johnson..94
SECOND FIFTH GRADE.
Eva George....93.4 | Stella Davis....85.4
Carrie Wiltbank...94.4 | Alice Dreka....92
FIRST FIFTH GRADE.
Bertha Wallace...84 | Jerome Kennedy..89
FOURTH GRADE.
Erastus Nickerson92 | Harry George....87
James Thomly....89.7 | Owens Griffith....84
THIRD GRADE.
Nellie Kennedy...93.5 | Willie Shallcross..92
Willie Beasten....93.3 | Nora Hickman....83
SECOND GRADE.
Mary Beasten.....97.4 | Minnie Hickman..88
Teresa Dreka.....94.8 | Willie May.....87
FIRST GRADE.
Fannie Johnson...97 | Wright Wiltbank..88.2
Eddie Stradley... 90 | Lydia George....87
Tomie Hickman...88.7 | Hartley Wiltbank.80.3
Harry Tarbutton..89

WHITTIER C. COPPER, teacher.

Come to Town!

M. E. CONFERENCE HERE!

BILL OF FARE

AT SMITH'S!

"Choose Ye Brother What Ye Shall Eat!"

Sugar Cured Hams,
Sliced Breakfast Bacon,
Smoked Sausage,
Tarbell's Cheese,
Sliced or Chipped Beef, served from a Proper Chipper.

California Peaches,
Evaporated Apples,
California Prunes,
New London Layer Raisins,
Currants, Citron, &c.

Shreded Cocoanut and Oranges, what a fine dessert they make, Ambrosia.

Mason's Soda, Oyster and Water Crackers,
Fruit Crackers for Tea.
Shreded Whole Wheat for Dyspeptics,
Vienna Bread.

SPECIAL: — Vienna Pastry is unsurpassed, and if you want any call early and leave your order.

Chocolate and Cocoas,
Moca and Java Coffee,
Enterprise and Levering's Coffee,
Tea, we guarantee it the finest in town.

If you don't drink either, then drink POSTUM - CEREAL, a substitute for Coffee. Sick People's Beverage.

Salt Mackerel,
Salt Shad,
Soused Mackerel,
Lobster and Salmon.

NEW TOMATOES,
APPLES, CRANBERRIES,
CELERY, CABBAGE,
WHITE and SWEET POTATOES,
ORANGES, LEMONS, BANANAS,
MIXED NUTS.

Not GREEN PEAS, but French Peas, equal to green.
PLUMB BUDDING,
WINSLOW'S CORN, world renown;
TOMATOES, equal to home pack.

VERY SPECIAL:
All of HEINZ'S PICKLES sold 25 per cent. off during conference week.

Cox or Nelson's GELATINE, 15c box.
Essence Lemon, Vanilla,
Granulated, Cut Loaf, Brown and Pulverized Sugars.

Stop that coughing! Go to Smith's and get a few Lime Drops or Horhound Drops, possibly a box of Smith Brothers' Cough Drops, or a few Lemon Drops.

Brother, If you want a Good Smoke or a Food Piece CHEWING TOBACCO, call at Smith's.

Read Smith's advertisement in the Conference Daily Paper. Don't go home unless you take baby or wife a present. Smith has the souvenir you want, and it is useful and ornamental.

FINALLY:—TOOTH PICKS, 5 cents a box.

Respectfully,

CHARLES S. SMITH,

Chestertown's Only Cash Merchant.

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