Kent News.

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Christmas, 1897 !

NOW is the Winter of Our Discontent Made Glorious by the near Approach of the Happy Christmas Tide. Hard Times Prevail. We cannot Help it. Therefore we want Our Money to Go as Far as Possible. What Shall We Do? Where shall We Go? Listen to me a moment, I have a little secret I will tell you. Lend me your ear I will whisper, but, You Can Speak it in tones of Thunder.

STAM'S DRUG STORE

Is the Place, on the Corner, under the Clock Tower, Where Soon the Bells Will Ring Out the Last moments of 1897 and Ring in Joyously the Glad New Year 1898. I want you to come to me, my Stock is the Largest, Prettiest and Cheapest in Price of any Store in Chestertown. I bought my goods in your Interest to save you money and I KNOW I CAN DO IT.

ALPHA !

Books ! Books ! Books !

For all ages, tastes and conditions. For the Student; for the man of leisure moments; for the laughing child; for the little innocent in the cradle; for the merry hearted maiden; for the bashful youth and the aged whose hold on time is like the closing century.

Toys, A Large Assortment, not commmon things that brake before you get them home, but good well made Toys that you will jump at when you learn the price.

Lamps---All Prices !

Whose Brilliancy will equal the Glorious Orb of Day.

PAPER IN BOXES ! --- Unsurpassed in Quality and Beauty.

Albums ! Large Handsome Ones from 75c up. To hold pictures of early friends and of those whose hands beckon to us from the other shore.

China ! Vases, Urns, Rose Jars, Plates, Berry Bowls, Ice-Cream Sets, Imported from Foreign Lands and that bear the designs and artistic coloring of artists beyond the sea.

Perfumes :

The Finest in This or any other Land.
THE IMPRISONED ROSE
THE MODEST VIOLET
Our Friend, THE WOODBINE
The Fragrant APPLE BLOSSOM
THE SKY BLUE LILAC
The DAINTY HELIOTROPE
SWEET LILY of the VALLEY.

Whose Breath is Like an Angel's Whisper, Full of Sweetness and Good Cheer.

☞ We will say no more we will leave you to come find the rest.

Now For Omega.

We have a comfortable store to invite you in. Sweet music for your entertainment. Genial Clerks to wait on you and show you around, and lastly I want to shake hands with you, to speak a word of welcome and to wish you and all who are dear to you a Merry and Happy Christmas and the coming New Year full of happiness and prosperity.

Yours, with deepest feeling,

COLIN F. STAM,

DRUGGIST . . . CHESTERTOWN, MD.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT :

GALENA PUBLIC SCHOOL will give an Entertainment in the School Room NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING, at 7 o'clock. Admission 20 cents. 1t.

Grand Supper !

The ladies of St. Dennis' Catholic Church, Galena, Md., will give a

Grand Supper in Odd Fellow's Hall,

—ON THE—

Evenings of Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 1

In connection with the Supper several Novel Attractions will be presented to entertain the public. Tickets, 25 cents.

d18-2t. MILES J. McMANUS, PASTOR.

ENGAGE your Turkey or Goose and Old Country Hams for Christmas. First-class Chocolate 25c pound all next week.

WESTCOTT & DODD,
d18. Crystal Palace Front.

CO. COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

Applications for the position of BRIDGE-KEEPER of Sassafras River Draw Bridge for 1898 will be received at the office of the County Commissioners of Kent County until TUESDAY, 21st inst., 2 o'clock P. M. Applicants to name LOWEST BID for said position. Right to accept or reject all bids reserved.

By order of Board,
1t. T. WATERS RUSSELL, CLERK.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN to the STOCKHOLDERS of the CHESTERTOWN NATIONAL BANK, that their regular ANNUAL MEETING for the election of SEVEN DIRECTORS for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House in Chestertown, TUESDAY, January 11, 1898, at 11 o'clock.

HARRY RICKEY,
d11-3t. CASHIER.

SAVE MONEY !

Subscribe for The Morning Herald, Baltimore, daily, and the Ladies Home Journal, both for 1 year to one address for only $3.80. The American, Baltimore, daily, can be substituted for the Herald, if preferred, at same price. Address J. W. RUSSELL,
d11-3t. Chestertown, Md.

WANTED for the year 1898 :

A GOOD, RELIABLE WOMAN for Housekeeper, middle aged preferred, without children.

W. A. HENDRICKS,
d11-3t. Chestertown, Md.

FOR RENT :

The DWELLING on Queen St., owned by Rev. C. S. York. It is a good, large house, in perfect repair, and the terms will be made very reasonable.

Apply to JACOB F. THOMPSON,
d11-3t.* Chestertown, Md.

FOR RENT for year 1898 :

The STOREROOM at the corner of High and Princess streets, Chestertown, now occupied by Mr. F. J. Link.

Apply to T. W. ELIASON,
d4-tf. Chestertown, Md.

FOR RENT :

A DWELLING in Kennedyville, Md., for the year 1898. Apply to

GEO. W. ROEDER,
Cor Camden and Charles sts., Balto.
or TILGHMAN SHAFER, AGT.,
d4-3t. Kennedyville, Md.

TO RENT :

A STORE-HOUSE in Lynch's.

MRS. JULIA A. HOSSENGER,
•d4-3t. Lynch's, Md.

FOR RENT :

THREE (3) BRICK HOUSES, on High Street, Chestertown. Modern improvements. Water in house. Rents Low.

Apply to WM. J. VANNORT,
d4-2t.* Chestertown, Md.

HOTEL FOR RENT :

Known as the "Frame Hotel," in the town of Millington, tenanted by William H. Scotten at present. Possession given January 1st, 1898. Apply to

ALEX. MAXWELL,
n20-tf. Merrett House, Wilmington, Del

SMALL FARM for Sale.

SITUATED IN QUAKER NECK, near Pomona.

Apply to C. W. C. JOHNSON, AGT.

FURNITURE !

We are opening New Furniture every week, in suits, which are selling from $5.00 up. Come and see what cheap Oak Suits we can give you for a little money. Our $18.50 SUIT is like what others ask you $25.00 for. In SIDEBOARDS we have some BEAUTIES. Prices run from $2.50 up. In CHAIRS we have them as low as 25c. apiece, and ROCKERS never were known to be so cheap. Come and look at our goods and we know you will be surprised at the low prices.

PERCY T. McFEELY
Opposite Voshell Ho,use

SMALL FARM FOR SALE :

SITUATE in the Sixth Election District of Kent county, Md., on west side of public road leading from St. Paul's Church to Edesville, adjoining lauds of Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Houston and others, containing about **120 ACRES OF LAND**; about 75 Acres tilable, convenient to mill, churches and school; about 1 mile from Edesville, and about 4 miles from Tolchester. Improvements consist of a TWO-STORY DWELLING with 6 rooms and entry, TWO STORY STABLE with 4 stalls, feed passage; Meat House, Chicken House, &c. Pump of water near Kitchen door.

Also Half Interest in Corn Crop: 2 Horses, 2 Mares, one with spring colt by her side; 2 Good Milch Cows, Small Wagon, &c., will be sold with farm. Possession given January 1, 1898. For terms of sale, &c., apply at

d11-tf. KENT NEWS OFFICE.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURES !

MIRRORS ! and many other things Useful and Ornamental

For Christmas Presents !

At PERCY T. McFEELY'S.

TEN PAGES TO-DAY

Sales Next Week.

Monday, Dec. 20—Mrs. Davis on Sanders farm in Cherry Lane, near Chesterville.
Tuesday, Dec. 21—G. F. Clark on Gale farm, near Lynch's Station.
Wednesday, Dec. 22—Ex-Sheriff J. P. Hatcherson, on Huntingfield, near Rock Hall.
Thursday, Dec. 23—Mrs. Wilamina Crouch, near Worton Station.

PERSONAL.—*Look at Your DATE!*—Every subscriber can tell date to which he has paid by looking at the figures following his name on the paper direction. If the figures are Jan. 1, '97 it means that you owe for the present year; if the figures are April '96, it means you owe nearly two years, and if you will send $2 we will credit you with two years up to April '98. This is the plain arithmetic of this subscription account—dates beginning with every month of the year.

Some of these dates are several years back, simply from neglect. We feel sure that none of these subscribers, who are in arrears, wish it thus to remain and therefore call their attention to it.

We seldom do this through the columns of our paper, and only now because of the great necessity of squaring up.

Our terms are so low—only $1 per annum—that we cannot be expected to wait a year or two for it. "A hint to the wise is sufficient."

YESTERDAY'S Baltimore papers quoted steamer wheat 92¼; No. 2 red 97¼. Corn, to grade, sold at 32⅝ for white, yellow or mixed.

The Local grain buyers paid 30c. for No. 2 corn yesterday in Chestertown; 28 cents for steamer.

House Sold.—Mr. R. T. Turner, Jr., as trustee, sold last Saturday the small house and lot on the road between Coleman's to Barnard's wharf, to Grant Pearson for $179.

A Big Oyster.—Mr. J. Polk Decorse brought to the NEWS office Thursday a Chester river oyster caught by Mr. Hayes Austin, of Cliff City, that measured ten inches long and four wide! The oyster was fat and solid. Let's hear from Rock Hall.

Judge Pearce Presides.—The December term of the Circuit Court for Cecil county convened Monday morning with Chief Judge James Alfred Pearce and Associate Judges Wm. R. Martin and Frederick Stump on the bench. The Cecil News thus speaks of the "appearance" of the new bench: "Our Judges have taken the county by storm. They make a splendid appearance that is more than sustained by their courtesy and their eminent qualifications. On every side favorable comments are heard."

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

Mrs. Wm. Shinn, on Mr. J. W. Lambert's farm, near Urieville, met with a painful accident last Monday. She was standing on a chair to reach something when she fell and broke her ankle. Dr. W. Frank Hines was called and treated the patient successfully.

S. Todd, Esq., our genial president of the board of county commissioners, made a very narrow escape with his life on Wednesday of last week. He was on top of a load of fodder, assisting in throwing it off, when the wagon-standard broke, throwing him off and directly in front of the wagon wheels and under the horse's feet! Fortunately the animals did not move, or it would have been almost certain death. As it was, the commissioner escaped with a few bruises on the face and person.

While returning from the Rock Hall church the other evening, Mr. E. F. Buckmyer met with quite a severe accident in being thrown from his wheel, which rendered him unconscious for several minutes. It also inflicted several ugly looking wounds on his face, but at the present writing he is considerably improved.

JUMPED BAIL !

Deputy Sheriff Gill arrested George W. Twedell, of Queen Anne's, last Monday night, charged by James Elias, of Quaker Neck, with the larceny of a set of patent oyster rakes and lot of boat fixtures. He was taken before Justice Ben Wilkins, who held him in $150 bail for his appearance Tuesday afternoon. At the hour for the hearing Twedell was non est, and our Deputy Sheriff telegraphed to Sheriff Vansant at Centreville to rearrest him. Why this was not done is explained by the following local in the Centreville Observer of Thursday:

OFF FOR KLONDIKE!—Mr. George W. Twedell, of Queenstown, left on Tuesday for the Klondike gold fields. He will first go to Florida, and return in about thirty days to Norfolk where he is to go aboard a ship bound for the gold diggings. It seems like a long route by ship around Cape Horn and then up the Pacific coast to Alaska, but perhaps the length of the trip will give him time to wish several times he was in Queenstown, and in that particular it may be of advantage to him.

ELECTRIC LIGHT AT LAST !

THIS GREAT IMPROVEMENT FOR CHESTERTOWN ASSURED.

Open-Handed Offer of a Philadelphia Company Accepted !

After many futile efforts and a "world of talk" in years past—and even within the present year—concerning the establishment of a system of electric lighting for Chestertown, we are glad to be able to say that now there is a good prospect for such an enterprise.

Parties from Philadelphia were here this week and spent several days canvassing the subject among the citizens. They were so much encouraged with the outlook that they determined to enter this field. They, therefore, made application to the board of Town Commissioners for the necessary privileges, as follows:

To the Honorable the Board of Town Commissioners of Chestertown—Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, are willing to furnish the capital and establish an Electric Light Plant in Chestertown if we meet with proper encouragement from the people. We do not ask any subscription to the stock, but would like, if possible, to have a site furnished to us by the people of Chestertown, free, on water front. If this be done, we will furnish all necessary capital and proceed to erect an electric light plant in this town capable of furnishing light for the entire community at a reasonable and moderate cost.

We desire to secure from your honorable body the privilege of using the street of the town for the purpose of erecting the necessary electric light poles in order to carry lights to the different stores, dwellings, residences, &c., of the town.

Will you please pass the necessary ordinance granting us permission for this purpose, and we will immediately take steps to erect such plant as may be necessary for the purpose of lighting the town by electricity.

Yours respectfully,
J. KING WRIGHT,
A. H. TRACY,
MILES A. HOFFMAN,
Who propose to incorporate the Chestertown Electric Light Company of Kent county, Maryland.

The board of commissioners held a special meeting on Thursday evening, and, after a full consideration of the above proposition, passed an order incorporating the following answer, which has been forwarded to the gentlemen named:

Messrs. J. King Wright, A. H. Tracy and Miles A. Hoffman—Gentlemen: The Commissioners of Chestertown have received and considered your proposition to furnish the capital and erect an Electric Light Plant in Chestertown, and will draft and pass an ordinance giving you, or a company organized by you, the privilege of erecting poles in the streets for the purpose of supplying electric light to the citizens of the town.

The commissioners do not own any site or lots on the water front, but will grant you the use of a site for your plant, if suitable for your purposes, out High street, beyond the railroad.

As soon as the ordinance is drawn and passed we will send you a copy.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES T. WESTCOTT,
E. W. F. SIMPERS,
CHARLES L. DODD,
Commissioners of Chestertown.

This answer of the town authorities, it will be seen, is in full compliance with the request of the projectors of the enterprise, so that we may expect in a very few days to see the commencement of the work to erect buildings necessary to running dynamos, &c. The only possible hindrance to this may be the difficulty in securing a suitable location for the plant. The company is specially desirous of a site on the river front, to give facilities for freighting coal, &c., and they hope the citizens will give them substantial aid in this direction. They promise the location of not only a first-class electric plant in the town, but to supply this splendid light to our people at very reasonable rates, and, though there is no condition for town support, they hope to make it so greatly to the interest of the corporation as to get electric street lighting substituted for the present miserable apologies for lamps.

Messrs. J. King Wright and Atlee H. Tracy are enterprising young Philadelphians, who have had a thorough training in the electric schools and some practical experience in operating plants. They expect to locate in Chestertown, and have personal charge of the works. Mr. Miles Atlee Hoffman, the other member of the company, is a young Philadelphia capitalist, who "understands a good thing when he sees it," and is much pleased with the possibilities of safe and profitable investment in this enterprise.

Failed.—The Peninsula Relief Association has failed. It had an extensive membership in Kent and in other counties. Mr. Samuel Pitt represented the company here a year ago.

Personal Mention.

Miss Sadie Morris returned Tuesday from a protracted visit to friends in Philadelphia, Camden and elsewhere.

Mr. Arthur M. Brown has concluded, after a short stay in Baltimore, to return to his native home, near town.

Miss Mary Anthony, of New York, is visiting her parents on High street.

Mr. Wm. E. Fenhagen will remove from the farm tenanted by Mr. Hendrix, near town, and go to St. Mary's.

Dr. Hall, of Washington College, has some fine specimens of his handiwork in Moody & Lusby's window. The scene is a pair of partridges in a stubble field while a gunner kneels close by.

Messrs. Carle and Jack Westcott will appear in Baltimore next Wednesday night with the Princeton Glee and Banjo Club on their annual tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace W. Reed, on last Thursday were the recipients of a handsome clock, presented by the members of Chester League, of which organization Mr. Reed is a member.

Mr. Wm. S. Culp has returned from a pleasant visit at the home of his son, Mr. Harvey Culp, in Philadelphia.

Miss Ollie Hill has returned from a very pleasant visit to New York and elsewhere.

Mrs. Hill is visiting her son in Chester, Pa.

Messrs. Josiah Lusby and John Brice were both able to sit up yesterday, Mr. Thos. W. Wickes is able to be out.

Gen. Frank A. Bond, of Annapolis, and Wm. J. Blair, Esq., president of the Civil Service Examining Board of the Baltimore Custom House, have been enjoying a season of gunning sport in Kent. They were guests of Mr. Josiah Massey, near Chestertown, and succeeded in bagging 27 rabbits, 2 birds and 2 squirrels.

The late Wm. H. Stewart had his life insured in the Penn Mutual for $5,000, which will no doubt be promptly paid.

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Hines has returned to her home in Baltimore after a two months' visit to Mrs. John N. Dodd.

At Hymen's Altar.

Marriage licenses were issued the past few days to Harry B. Faulkner and Maggie B. Sylvester; Harry Hill and Bessie E. Orrell.

Miss Minnie Maslin, daughter of Mr. J. Carvil Maslin, of Quaker Neck, and Dr. Wm. S. Gardner, of Baltimore, will be married at Bond M. E. Church, Dec. 29th at 11 A. M. The bridal party will then drive to Price's station and take the train for a tour North. No cards in the county, but the many friends of Miss Maslin are cordially invited to be present at the marriage ceremony.

At the home of the bride's mother, near Locust Grove, Dec. 15th 1897, by Rev. E. H. Nelson, Clarence Scotten and Miss Ida May Redmile, both of Kent.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Earle Brodie Polk and Miss Garnet Elma Chelton, on Wednesday, Dec. 22d, at 6 o'clock in the M. E. Church, Fairmount, Somerset county. Mr. Polk was a graduate of Washington College, class of '94.

Mr. Tilghman Shafer and family attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. Shafer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Copinhaver, in Baltimore this week.

Miss Elizabeth Poe Gilpin, daughter of Mrs. Alfred G. Gilpin, and Mr. Harry C. Brown, formerly of Chestertown but now of Fort Worth, Texas, were married last Wednesday night at Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, Park avenue and Monument street. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. Arthur Chilton Powell. The bride entered the church with her brother, Dr. J. Elliott Gilpin, of Johns Hopkins University, by whom she was given away. She wore a gown of ivory satin, trimmed with duchesse lace. A tulle veil, fastened in place with orange blossoms, enveloped her form. At the sanctuary steps she was met by the groom and his best man, Mr. L. W. Wickes, of Chestertown. Preceding the bride and her brother up the aisle was the maid of honor, Miss Mattie S. Pleasants, of Va., who was gowned in white mousseline de sole over white taffeta, and the following ushers: Mr. H. Gordon Gilpin, a brother of the bride, Wilbur Eliason, Jr., Mr. Wm. W. Beck and Dr. Chas. H. Gilpin, of Chestertown, and Mr. Irvin King and Mr. Henry H. Wiegand, of Balt. Pretty Miss Rebecca Eliason and Master Herbert Stabler held the ribbons. A reception followed at the home of Mrs. Gilpin, 341 Dolphin street, after which the couple left for their home at Fort Worth, Texas. Among those present from Kent were Mrs. Mary E. Brown, mother of the groom; Hiram M. Brown and wife, Misses Anna Brown, Beck Wickes, Maggie Plummer, Mrs. Wilbur Eliason and sons, Wilbur and Eldridge, Mrs. T. W. Eliason, Mr. S. Merritt and others.

On Tuesday last, 14th inst., Mrs. M. Louisa Layman, mother of Mr. H. C. layman, formerly of this county, attained her 80th birthday. She still enjoys excellent health, retains all her mental faculties fully, and is as active as many women forty years younger. Mrs. L.'s home is with her son, in Baltimore, and the above occasion was quietly celebrated at his residence on North Carey street. A birthday cake with the dates 1817, 1897 in iced figures on top, adorned the table, while some nice and substantial presents were received from children, grand-children and friends. Quite a number of congratulatory letters were received from distant relatives, one of which related that the writer had just returned from a call on a lady *one hundred and four years of age*; that the venerable lady was bright and active; was fond of society, and was then about to depart for Atlantic City. This intelligence led Mrs. L. to remark, "Why, I'm not so old, after all, am I?"

FRIEDMAN & Co. advertise in this issue the very best Christmas presents that could be made. And their prices are reasonable and as low as the lowest.

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