MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS '97 finds us right upon the household of what promises to be a very busy Holiday Season. We have made extensive preparations to meet evey single demand upon our rapidly growing business. All the broken sizes in MEN'S and BOYS' SUITS and OVERCOATS have been filled in, and we can offer you now a wider selection of

MEN and BOYS'

CLOTHING

than you will find this side of the City. Our Store is full of things bought, most of them, when goods were at the lowest point. Hard to say how much higger prices are going tobe; but every wide-a-wake man knows that prices will certainly not be any lower. A host of wise buyers have already seen the wisdom of taking advantage of the many opportunities we offer.

We are not offering any Toys, but things of more appropriateness and worth, that when you make a purchase from us you are spending your money judiciously. What would be more appreciated gift to offer your friend than one of Our High Quality, Well Fitting, Suits or Overcoats? Or less expensive,

Soft or Stiff Hat,
Plush Cap, Silk Muffler,
Macintosh, Umbrella,
Trunk, Traveling Bag,

or a Pair of KID or MOCHA GLOVES, with Elastic Silk Lining. Our Prices are very pleasing to fair judges. We respectfully invite you to come see us, and look through our line of goods for the holidays. We exchange anything after the holidays which is bought of us and the sizes are not correct.

We are, yours to serve,

FRIEDMAN & CO.,

Opposite Stam's Hall. Establishers of Low Prices.

ROCK HALL ITEMS.

This community has not escaped the gunning accidents as was hoped. On Saturday Thomas and Henry Colyer, sons of Capt. Thomas Colyer, while out hunting for rabbits the former was shot by his brother Henry, who in his aim at a rabbit did not notice Thomas, who was in range. The charge took effect in the left leg, 24 shot entering the limb and one in the hand. While the wound is not very serious, yet it is quite painful. As a result of the accident Henry has sold his gun and retired from the sporting business.

The wedding of Mr. Chas. Wood and Miss Carrie Coleman is announced for Christmas week.

Oystermen here and in Chester river are much incensed at Capt. Frazier's incompetency to protect the oyster bars of the river. While lying near the "Spencer farm" on the Island last Wednesday dredgers were illegally working in the river and Capt. Stevens, of the Smith, could not resist the temptation to go on Frazier's beat and arrest the bugeye Pat Prendergast, of Baltimore.

There seems to be much complaint by the local crew in consequence of not receiving their salaries promptly, perhaps this accounts for their non performance of duty.

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FAIRLEE NOTES.

Printers are very fortunate in not making any more typographical errors than they do when we consider the size of type and the number of letters used in only a short composition. These errors, though, sometimes cause serious trouble. Some years ago a political meeting was announced by a Philadelphia paper, and that a well known leader would address "the masses" at National Hall. The letter "m" was dropped and not many attended the meeting. Last winter in one communication, which stated that a gentleman with his family came from Virginia, brought a team and landed at Chestertown on Saturday night; he at once drove out beyond Fairlee and located. The "r" in brought was missed and the sentence read thus: *Bought* a team, etc. The omlssion of a comma was the cause of a suit for libel brought against a Westeru paper by a patent medicine man. A testimonial to the worth of his compound was put in the paper, and read thus: "I now find myself completely cured, after being brought to the very gates of death by having taken only five bottles of your medicine." The comma was not used after the word "death."

Christmas is approaching. Our young people are beginning "to feel it in their bones," and the merchants are busy.

Our Sabbath school, Bro. J. C. Staats, superintendent, will hold its annual Christmas treat during Christmas week. The school is in a flourishing condition.

Commissioner Fletcher has been in our neighborhood examining the roads and bridges.

Mr. Thomas Willis, Rees' Corner, is engaged in dehorning cattle, and is always ready to go for that purpose when called by the farmers.

This has been a very busy season with the carpenters of our village.

Mr. Sparks, the "house mover," is moving some buildings at the county almshouse. While thus engaged an employe accidentally struck him on the ankle with a piece of the track, which disabled him for several days.

Ex-deputy Sheriff R. A. Smyth is gradually improving, but is still confined to his bed.

Mrs. Harry Parr, of Harper's Ferry, and children, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Todd, Chantilly.

Mr. H. W. Vickers, Chestertown, is having one of his dwellings in this village repaired.

Miss Laura Greenwood, Rock Hall, is visiting friends in our village.

Last Saturday being a pretty day, a number of ladies from around visited Baltimore, taking the Emma Giles from Tolchester.

Mr. Wm. Barnes killed a wild goose last week in Mr. Harry C. Willis' wheat field. They are flying all around.

Sorry to note that so many slang expressions are in use. A *well bred* person will take care not to use slang words and expressions. There never has been a time, at least in late years, when there has not been some two or three vulgarisms in vogue among all the uncultured of the country. Sometimes these phrases have been caught up from some popular song or farce; sometimes, we believe, they have had their origin where the lowest of the low assemble.

Our pastor, Dr. J. B. Merritt, in his sermon on last Sunday morning stated that while visiting his daughter in Baltimore a few weeks ago, on Sunday morning he said to her: "I want to go to the most elite church in the city." We went. The singing was superb; it was operatic, and the preaching was most elegant. Then the Dr. advised distinctness of utterance in singing, "for," said he, "the professional singing of the present day is to me as too-tee, too-tee, too-tee! I like the old-time singing and religion, and I said to my daughter, 'where can we go to attend a Salvation Army meeting this afternoon?'"

A delightful surprise was tendered Miss Fannie Godwin near the village on Friday evening, Dec. 10, by her school mates. Games of various kinds were indulged in until about ten o'clock when refreshments were abundantly served and to which every one did ample justice. The games were again resumed until 11 o'clock after which we wended our way to our respective homes feeling much benefited after our evening's delightful pleasure.

Some of the ladies present were: Miss Anna Simms, Maggie Jacquette and sister, Eugie Dill, Ada Crouch, Kate Nicholson, Hattie Lewis, Stella Leaverton, and others. Some of the gentlemen in attendance were: Robert Lewis, John Nicholson, Mahlom Lee, George Lee, Jack Calder, Herbert Crew, LeRoy Jacquette, John Jacquette, John Hudson, Edgar Rice, Poodle Gardner.

Another great event of the season was the surprise party given to Miss Eugie Dill at the home of Miss Hattie Lewis, last evening by her friends. The evening was spent in playing games of various kind. Music and singing was indulged in, Misses Alice Kendall and Fannie Godwin presiding at the organ. Recitations also by several. Refreshments were served in abundance.

PARTICIPANT.

Ready for Christmas. — Mrs. S. A. Hurlock has returned from the city with a big line of Xmas goods which she offers at low prices. She and her folks are no longer quarantined but up and "at it." She invites everybody to her auction sale next Monday evening, Dec. 20th, at 7 o'clock.

MILLINGTON NEWS.

Wedding cards announce another wedding in our town. Mrs. Mollie Cacy announces the wedding of her daughter, Miss Marie Osborne Cacy, to Mr. Richard Feddeman, on Wednesday, Dec. 29, in Holy Cross Church, Millington, 2 P. M. The bride elect is a sister of Mrs. Collins, who was married ten days ago, while the groom-elect is a partner to Mr. Collins. Feddeman & Collins are well-known in this section while the Misses Cacy are two of Kent's finest daughters.

Mr. W. F. Collins and wife were given a serenade at their home on Cypress street last week.

Mr. Geo. Staggers and wife, of Wilmington, Del., have been in our town on their honeymoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Lee.

Messrs. Stevens & Moffitt are buying all the poultry they can get and giving the highest market price.

The churches are preparing for Christmas.

Mr. J. J. Morris is said to have one of the best decorated store rooms in town.

We learned yesterday that Mr. Geo. Ireland had been succeeded as postmaster at Massey by Mr. Willis, a Republican. Mr. Ireland has been there for many years and made one of the most obliging officers in the county.

The Massey creamery paid 82 cents last month. The largest patrons are Stonewall Johnson, Isaac Gibbs, Thos. Roe and others.

Several of the citizens of Massey got into an altercation a few days ago over misbehavior in church. One man was knocked sprawling while the other bears a bruise on his face. If Bro. Conway can't keep order in church he should get a constable to attend church and keep his eye open for the violators.

A number of our citizens were badly fooled Wednesday night. Woodward Walls, of near Sudlersville, had issued cards to his wedding with Miss Rigby, whose mother was opposed to the union, for Wednesday night in Sudlersville church. It was learned on Tuesday that the affair was to be interrupted, so the bride stole off to a friend, where she remained over night, and on Wednesday the couple drove to the parsonage and were married. The folks who went over at night were disappointed.

Mr. W. Scotten will remove to Mrs. Mollie Cacy's house, Mrs. C. going with Mrs. Mallalieu.

Mr. Charles Rolph purchased all of Mr. Biggs' corn this week, about 6,000 bushels, paying 28½ cents for it.

J. E. Higman's hog weighed 677 lbs.

STILL POND NOTES.

Our village has surely been on the move. Mr. H. C. Gray has moved his meat market from its former site, now the property of Dr. J. W. Urie, to a new location, beside Mr. Thompson's shoe shop. Dr. Urie has also had his barn transferred from its former position on Mr. Coleman's lot to the rear of his own lot across the way.

The sound of the builder's hammer, that sure indication of activity and growth, is again heard in our town. Messrs. Bowers and Schofield are erecting a neat cottage for Mr. Medford Porter, on Creamery avenue.

The news of the death of Mr. Geo. H. Clark, formerly of Still Pond, more recently of Laurel, Md., reached this community through the Balto. papers.

Still Pond council, No. 182, Jr. O. U. A. M., is in a flourishing and favorable condition. Several new members have recently been initiated, and others are expected. The Oriental degree was conferred upon two brothers on last Monday night.

The Epworth League service last Sunday evening was conducted by J. W. Harper, Esq.

There are rumors of another wedding in which Still Pond will be represented in the near future.

Our stores are making unusually attractive displays of Christmas goods, and are receiving custom from far and near.

Still Pond Sunday School will hold a Christmas entertainment on Monday evening, Dec. 27th, in the church. Attractive music is being prepared and the usual Christmas presents will be distributed.

The friends of the late W. H. Stewart were grieved to learn of his death, and several from our community attended the funeral Wednesday.

Mr. Frank Price will occupy the farm of his father, near Still Pond, next year. Mr. Moore having removed from it.

Mr. Albert Jervis also changes, going to the property which Mr. B. F. Rash has tenanted some years. SPERO.

Levy Court Proceedings. — The board of county commissioners met on Tuesday, Commissioner Hill absent. The account of B. F. J. Sparks, first District, road work $91.90, examined and allowed. W. S. Walker's road account $13, first district, ordered to be paid by order on road fund. Joseph and Annie R. Trew, list of sales of personalty was allowed and deductions and transfer ordered. John T. Bowers, account as door keeper at 3d. district election $3.00 allowed and ordered provided for by levy. Mary A. Coverdale, 3rd. district, reinstated on pension list $15. Geo. W. Hart reinstated on pension $10, on 4th district. W. H. and Mary A. Jenkins, colored, allowed pension of $15 for 1898. Bartus Trew obtained order for $25 for land taken in widening Quaker Neck road. Enterprise Publishing Company obtained order for $500 for contract printing under Act of Assembly. J. B. Sappington, wife and son, obtained an order for payment by levy for witness fees in 1898. Isaac Freeman obtained for payment for shells for Chester bridge, $1.05. Capt. Jno. E. Vickers obtained order for payment of $81.50 for shells and pipe. W. T. Brice obtained order for account for road work, levy 1898, of $20.50.

DON'T fail to attend the supper at Odd Fellows hall, Galena, Dec. 30, 31, by the ladies of St. Dennis Catholic Church.

COME ON! COME ON!

COME TO

CHARLES S. SMITH'S

FOR YOUR

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

WE'VE GOT 'UM, YOU WANT 'UM!

TOYS!

Dolls, Doll Houses, Doll Shoes,
Doll Stockings, Carriages, Trunks,
Hends to Fit Any Body,
Express Wagons, Shoo Flies,
School or Writing Desk 50c. to $3.50,
Velocipedes, Sleds, 25c. Carts,
Tree Ornaments, Glass Balls,
Accordeons, Pianos,
Firecrackers, 2 packs for 5c.
Stereoptican Views, 5c. each, 6 for 25c.
1 Dozen for 40 Cents
Magic Lanterns from 50c. to $3.75.

Games, all styles, from 5 cents to 50 cents. **Firecrackers** that go loud. **Air Rifles** that hit the Bull's Eye.

Pocket Knives from 5 cents to $2.50.
Genuine Iron Cook Stove 10 cents to $2.50.
Bedsteads and Furniture,

Play Dishes, Regular Size Cups and Saucers. Here is the place to match up Broken Sets at less than Regular Price.

SPECIAL

As a Special our **10c. CANDY** will consist of Cream Almonds, Bon Bons, C. Marshmellows, Cream Peanuts, Chocolate and other French Mixtures. Get a pound of LOWNEY'S CHOCOLATE, 50 cents a pound. Candies from 5 cents up.

Special Prices to School Teachers on Box Candy for Scholars.

FRUITS! FRUITS!

Yes, Raisins are still going, 5 cents pound up. Other Fruits in proportion. Mixed Nuts? Oh, yes, 10 cents at Smith. No old ones at any price. Bananas, Oranges, Lemons, Cranberries, Apples, &c.

A 7½ lb. Box of FIGS for 75 cents.

NONE DISPUTE IT!

All acknowledge that the Cash Merchant's CHOCOLATE leads all, Best Baking 14 cents. OUR MINCEMEAT 5, 10 and 12 cents. Pulverized, Brown, Granulated and Cut Loaf Sugar, Essence of Lemon and Vanilla.

Enterprise Coffee	9c	pound
Granulated Sugar in any Quantity	5c	"
Prunes	5c	"
Raisins	5c	"
Flour per Barrel, A No. 1	$4.89	
Coal Oil, by Barrel,	8c	gallon.

And we take the empty barrel back and pay you 70 cents, therefore the Coal Oil costs you net less than 6¾ cents.

Finally We Say:—Our plan to do business is the same today as ever. We misrepresent nothing. Ours is the only store counting your change to you four times before you get it, thereby avoiding mistakes. Today we are ready to wait on you. Seven Clerks, One Cashier and One Floor Walker adorn our Christmas Palace from 6 A. M. to 10 P. M. Come to our store early and often, pick out what you want, they cost no more. Take advantage of good weather and come while the sun shines. Get first pick. Come today.

Mr. Jas. W. Crouch guessed the baby's name. It was Ruth. He got a fine carriage also

Respectfully,

CHAS. S. SMITH,

(MANAGER OF KRIS KINGLE'S PALACE STORE,)

CHESTERTOWN'S ONLY CASH MERCHANT.

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