'XMAS THOUGHTS.

WE THINK FOR YOU and offer some very valuable suggestions. There is scarcely anyone of you but who want to offer some little tribute of friendship this 'Xmas, and the first thought that you find yourself halting at is—WHAT SHALL I GIVE? Of course you want your offering to be something that will be most appreciated and there is nothing better than to give some article of usefulness. We believe that we are in a position to supply your wants, having made large preparations for the HOLIDAY TRADE. Our different departments are now filled. Our lines of

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Boys' Long Pants Suits.
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All of which will make articles of worth to give, and such ones that will meet the high appreciation of your friends. You are invited to look through our large and carefully selected line of goods.

Very truly,

J. D. LUCAS,
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OPPOSITE STAM'S HALL.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

A Budget of Newsy Items from the Bayside Town.

Maxwell Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F., has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: N. G., Adam R. Fogwell; U. G., Darius Scott; Sec., J. W. Boyer; Fin. Sec., Milton Maslin; Chaplain, D. K. Ayres; Trustees, J. D. Ayres, J. O. Harrison, Chas. S. Porter, Geo. Davis, D. K. Ayres. Pepresentatives to Grand Lodge, Jos. R. Ryan and George Davis.

Mr. F. M. Satterfield moved into his new store room and will be glad to see his friends and public generally.

A phantom party was the novel attraction at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Durding on Tuesday eve.

Wesley Chapel M. P. Church and Rock Hall M. E. Church will hold their annual Christmas entertainments on Monday eve, Dec. 26.

A bugeye ran into the light outside of Rock Hall harbor last Saturday knocking the lamp from its position and breaking it, the keeper, Capt. Ayres, says.

The storms, blizzards and ice king have cast a gloom of no small proportion over our section. While the oyster season, from the beginning, has been very unpropitious yet fond anticipations were held that the coming Christmas festivities would be equal to former anniversaries, but now it appears that many festive boards must be very much curtailed. Of the 88 working days of the oyster season to this date, Dec. 14, but 59 whole and parts of days have been made by our oystermen owing to blustry weather. Quite a number of our oyster buyers have been tied up in the city with their vessels loaded for about two weeks trying to bring the packers to terms as to prices. It is a case of the survival of the longest winded with chances favoring the packers.

Last Sunday being a bright, pleasanit day divine services at the churches were largely attended, and while the services were of the usual nature, yet they seemed unusually interesting, because of the successive Sundays of inclement weather when but few could attend.

Capt. Thos. Sewell while working his way through the ice off Hunting Point on Sunday found the large brass lamp that was knocked from its position at the entaance of the harbor the evening before by the bugeye Bedsworth running into the structure: about a gallon of oil was in the lamp.

A case of destitution came to the knowledge of the Odd Fellows last week and notwithstanding the family never had any claims upon the order, the membership rallied to the rescue in a most substantial manner supplying provisions for immediate wants and still have in hand a surplus with which to further aid. Thus they work from year to year for the amelioration of humanity.

Our friend J. B. Schwatka, Esq., has moved from the Colyer homestead on Allen's Lane to Alexville, occupying the house vacated by Mr. Jno. Elburn, who has moved to the Boyer homestead on Green Lane. Mr. Boyer is now living at the home of his daughter, Mrs. McKivitt. Mrs. Carter has moved from the Swart property, near Grey's Inn, to the place vacated by Mr. Schwatka.

Capt. J. P. Hatcherson has moved into his new house on the Porter farm.

Mr. John N. Collier, who has suffered for a score of years with an abscess on his right leg, is now much worse and is compelled to use crutches.

Capt. Taylor, of the Gratitude, is having considerable inconvenience of late owing to the low tides causing him to go around the bar instead of using the cutoff, on his daily trips to Balto.

Mrs. S. M. Crosby, of near Rock Hall, has accepted the agency of Trumbnll White's history of our war with Spain for Cuba's freedom. It is a most excellent book and Mrs. Crosby impresses this fact upon her hearers.

We saw three boys none of whom was over 12 years of age prowling around various lots and fields with guns shooting at birds and indeed at almost anything that came in sight, in the most reckless manner regardless of their close proximity to other children and to cattle. Is it any wonder that accidents so frequently happen from the use of fire arms? Talk about a curfew law, we need other laws as well to regulate the actions of youth in carrying guns.

Mr. Chas. Watts, formerly with P. T. McFeely, has obtained a position as clerk in Miller Bros.' store, Rock Hall. Charlie makes a good one.

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A CARD!

MR. WARREN C. HURLOCK,

of Chestertown, has accepted a position at the "HUB", a Popular House in Baltimore, for Ladies' and Gent's Clothing and Furnishing Goods, and will make it to the interest of his friends to call and see him. n19-tf.

CLIFF CITY NEWS.

A Number of Removals—Buying Oysters—Accidents—New Home, etc.

Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, probably the oldest resident of Kent county, met with a serious accident on Friday evening. She was sitting in front of the fireplace, in which was a good fire, and in stooping over to pick something from the floor she lost her balance and fell with her back to the hearth. In an instant her clothes caught fire. Her cries called Mr. Thomas from the next room, where fortunately he was, and he soon tore the burning clothes from her and dragged her to a place of safety. She was not seriously burned, but received several severe gashes on her forehead, one about two inches long, cut to the bone; one eye was entirely closed, and badly cut. Mr. Thomas summoned some of his neighbors, who got the aged lady in bed and dressed the wounds. Mrs. Thomas will be 97 years old in February next, and bears up remarkably well for a person of her age. Her right knee is injured and bruised. At first it was thought it was out of place. One hand and wrist are badly bruised. The shock to her nervous system was great, and it is remarkable that she was able to stand it.

As the year nears its close the removals begin to increase. We mention a number here. Bedford Titter moves to the old home farm of the late Comegys Brown; Philip Dickerson moves to the place he traded with his brother up by Philips creek; John Dickerson moves into his new house on Philips creek; Robert Kirby moves into J. P. Decorse house; J. Henry Porter moves on his 12-acre place heretofore occupied by Kirby; W. F. Woodmender takes Porter's farm on Lankford's Bay; Frank Morris moves on the Hill farm occupied by Woodmender.

Mr. W. R. Shriver met with a painful accident Saturday while helping Bedford Titter to move. He was lifting a barrel of meat when it fell catching his fingers and badly lacerating three of them. Dr. Dodd dressed the wound and he is now getting better.

Prof. C. T. Stratton has under construction a large house for himself that will be a credit to our "city". It is being erected by Neal Dow Garcelon, of New Jersey, who came there in a sloop. He says he is traveling for his health and only wants enough work to keep him. He is a native of Maine and is a relative of the noted temperance advocate Neal Dow.

The article in the NEWS in reference to the gold mines in Cripple Creek was read with special interest here because the owner, W. S. Stratton, of the Independence mine, is a relative of our "Mayor." We hope our esteemed fellow citizen will inherit his wealth. He is said to be earning $10,000 per month!

W. R. Shriver is buying oysters for Frank Hittle & co., and Bedford Titter is buying for J. T. McNaney. They have been paying 70 and 75 cents per bushel for Chester river oysters. At one shipment these buyers sent forty barrels of oysters to Baltimore.

Eugene Neal returned from Baltimore this week after a business venture which did not prove successful.

Number 3,305.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

—OF—

The Chestertown National Bank

at Chestertown, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business, Dec. 1st, 1898.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts		$168,304 74
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		338 66
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		15,000 00
Stocks, securities, etc		25,875 00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures		6,500 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve Agents)		2,532 19
Due from approved reserve agents		15,904 89
Checks and other cash items		1,064 87
Notes of other National Banks		1,750 00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents		264 49
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, NAMELY:		
Specie	$10,445 00	
Legal-tender notes	1,575 00	12,020 00
TOTAL		$249,554 84

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	60,000 00
Surplus fund	12,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	13,211 66
Due to other National Banks	4,022 03
Due to State Banks and Bankers	5 49
Individual deposits subject to check	150,300 06
Bills Payable	10,000 00
Liabilities other than those stated	15 60
TOTAL	$249,554 84

State of Maryland, County of Kent, ss:

I, HARRY RICKEY, cashier of the abovenamed bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRY RICKEY, CASHIER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of December, 1898.

CHARLES M. LUCAS, N. P.

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AN AGED CITIZEN DEAD.

Mrs. Jessop, Aged 92, Expires at Her Sister's Home in Baltimore.

In the NEWS last week was announced the serious illness of Mrs. Celeno Jessop and it becomes our duty to-day to record her sad demise. Mrs. Jessop had been accustomed to spend her summers in Kent at the home of her son, George H., and her winters in Pennsylvania with her daughter. Accordingly she left Kent a few weeks ago, but upon arriving at her sister's home, Miss Geraldine Vickers, 623 W. Lafayette ave., Baltimore, she was taken ill and died Monday morning. She was 92 years of age and a native of Baltimore, being a widow of the late Charles Jessop. who died at his home in Broad Neck in 1861. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. L. D. McClintock, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. C. V. Newman, of Chestertown, and two more devoted children cannot be found. They have been faithful to the last and there was not a wish of the deceased but what was granted as far as possible by these two devoted daughters. The deceased was remarkably active and her skilful handiwork with the needle was a marvel to all who saw her fancy work, while her penmanship and beauty of expression in her letters were perfectly lovely. Her character was strong and her influence for good was powerful. Like a ripened shock of wheat she has been gathered into the Master's garner and now rejoices with those who have gone before.

The remains were brought to Quaker Neck and carried to her old home, interment at St. Paul's on Wednesday. The bearers were George and James L. Beck, and Benjamin F. Beck, James H. Gale, Wm. B. Wilmer, Page Gale. Revs. McClintock and Vandyke officiated, J. N. Dodd, undertaker.

SASSAFRAS NEWS.

The revival is still going on in the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Frank Sylvester and two children have returned home.

The house occupied by Laura Hally, colored, was slightly damaged by fire last Monday.

Mr. Joseph Guest and Mr. Jas. Chilcut, of Chestertown, are here repairing property owned by Mrs. Guest.

The ice harvest is on. Mr. Harry Griffith and others are rapidly filling their ice-houses with 4½ in. ice from Dreka's mill pond.

The lovers of the sport have been enjoying the skating ever since last Sat.

The hotel and a store at Warwick, 3 miles from here, was recently robbed.

A Magnificent Stock of Christmas Goods

For dainty Christmas presents our stock of beautiful goods offers rare opportunities to holiday shoppers. Dainty articles in bric-a-brac. gems in silver, pictures, the finest works by standard authors.

THE MOST ARTISTIC!
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL!
THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT!
THE LOWEST PRICES!

BOOKS,
STATIONERY,
ARTISTIC POTTERYWARE,
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Come in, you will be surprised.

Stam Drug Co.,
Chestertown, Md.

A PLETHORA OF JACK RABBITS.

Solid Trainloads of Them on Western Railways.

From the Topeka Capital.

Solid train loads of jack rabbits will be a novelty in the traffic of Western railroads during the coming winter. The trains will be made up entirely of refrigerator cars, each of which will contain 6,000 jack rabbits, thoroughly frozen before belng loaded for shipment. The freight charges from Idaho to the Mississippi River will be 6 cents each, or $360 for the car, which is considered a very high tariff, even for refrigerator-car service but as the jacks will bring $1.25 to $1.50 per dozen it is said there will be a good margin for both shippers and commission men.

The extraordinary rush of this meat is due to the fact that the State of Idaho is now overrun by countless numbers of jack rabbits, which are multiplying so rapidly that the total destruction of crops in that section is threatened. In the hope of affording some relief the State Legislature passed a law offering a bounty of 2 cents on each jack rabbit scalp brought in, and the result is that the obnoxious bunnies are being slaughtered in great numbers. A prominent merchant of Pocatello conceived the idea of encouraging the extermination of the pests and shipping the carcasses to Eastern game dealers to be sold. He has concluded arrangements with a St. Louis man for disposing of the game.

CHRISTMAS EASY

CHRISTMAS

WHY We Say Easy Is This: Because the purchasing quality of a dollar is greater at Chestertown's Only Cash Merchant than at other places and the reasons are numerous. You all know it and its folly for me to fill the KENT NEWS up with the WHY'S. But he has the right goods and the right prices.

California Raisins, 5c lb.
Citron, the best. 13c lb.
Seeded Raisins, 10c lb.
American Granulated Sugar 5c lb. in 10 lb lot.
Chocolate, the best, 25c lb.
The above is positive proof for the above right goods and right prices.

Doll Carriages for 25c to $5.00.
Dolls, positively unbreakable, 75c.
Doll, Kid Body, with hair sleeper, 25c.
Dressed Dolls from 10c to $3.50.
Velocipedes, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00.
Sleighs from 25c to $1.00.
These goods were all bought last Sept. for the discount sake. Prices right.

Music! Music!

We have bought the entire stock of the EISENBRANDT MUSICAL CO, Baltimore, Md.
Accordion that sold for $5.00, we sell for $2.50.
Accordion that sold for $4.00, we sell for $2.00.
Accordion that sold for $2.50, we sell for $1.25.
Pianos from 25c to $5.00.
Autoharp, 7 bar, $5.00.
Autoharp, 5 bar, $4.00.
Autoharp, 3 bar, $1.60 to $3.00.
Magic Lanterns, $1.25, $2.50, $3.50.
Drums from 10c to $1.50.
Boats, Doll Chairs and a thousand other articles. Simply a store full of Toys and good things.

Here's a Save--Iron Wagons.

These we guarantee to last for season after season, $1, $1.50, $2,00.
The rain, snow, sun or wind don't have any bad effect on them.
Jumbo Wood Express Wagon, iron axle, seat on body, $1.00.
Could not get enough last year to supply the trade.

Christmas Tree Ornaments.

For 1c each, 10c doz.
See OUR Electric Decorated Tree in Window. Glass Balls all colored, Paper Ornaments, Tinsel, or any thing else you want to trim a tree.

Souvenir Department

Gold Band Goblets and Tumblers 10c each.
Blue and gilt Vases 10c.
A hundred different pieces to select from.
Cup and Saucer 10 to 50c.
Novelty Cream Pitcher 5c to 25c.

For the Inner Parts.

Home Made Mince Meat, 10c lb.
Heintz Mince Meat, 12c.
Chester Mince Meat 6c. lb.
Our Best Mince Meat, 4 lb Tin Bucket, all for 50c.

Chocolate! Chocolate!

Chocolate, the best, 25c lb. 2 cakes to the lb.
This is an independent and strictly pure chocolate and the goods are right, also the prices.
Cocoanut in shell 5 to 8c.
Loose Shreaded 20c lb.
Cox Gellatin 15c box.
Coleman's English Mustard 15c. ¼lb. can.
4x Pulverized, Brown and Cut Loaf Sugars.
Nuts, all Mixed, 13c lb, 2 lbs for 25c.
Ladies come to Chestertown for your Christmas Goods. Come early and see OUR goods and prices. They are right. Weather is good, come early as you can. Don't put it off and off.

Oh! Here is Our Fort! Candy!

Candy, the sweet, we got the right goods and right prices. Our 10c Candy will be great. Our exhibition next Wednesday. See it. The goods are good, the price right. We hall have as usual Clarke & Jones best goods on sale by the box. We will sell 500 boxes of Our Celebrated 10c Box Candy. See it.
25c Buys Fine Chocolate Asst. and Asst. Bon Bon Boxes,
50c will be our price on Lowneys best goods. 5 lb lots $2.25.
Besides our candy we will havd a stock Bananas, Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Grapes, Fige, Dates, Prunes, California Peaches, &c.

Only a Line on Tobacco!

All during this week, commencing Monday, 12, almost give Schnapps Tobacco away. Price, Tags off 33c.

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