NEW YEAR 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

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

From $3.50 to $15.00.

Are all filled in, and await you in all their attractiveness.

Boys' Long Pants Suits.
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Sweaters.
Suspenders,
Complete Line of Gloves.

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,
SUCCESSOR TO
FRIEDMAN & CO.
OPPOSITE STAM'S HALL.

GALENA ITEMS.

There was a sudden death at Georgetown on Saturday morning last. Mr. John Allen Biggs, rumor says has been in the habit of taking something to relieve pains, and suffering intensely, it is thought he took a little too much. The deceased was buried at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church on Monday.

Father McManus had two services at his church on Xmas day. The congregation, while fairly good, was not as large as if there had been but the one service. The music and singing was enjoyed by all. A new feature was introduced in the choir, a cornet and violin, Master A. McCauley and Miss Mc Cauley performers, accompanying the organ. Father McManus made an address to his congregation which was listened to very attentively and he gave them something to think of during the next week. His regular sermon he did not preach as the congregation was not as large as he wished and he expects to preach it in the near future.

There were services in the M. E. and Episcopal churches on Sunday last and congregations were good and the ministers of each preached excellent sermons suitable to Xmas.

There are several sick in the neighborhood with grip.

The roads in some places near here have been very bad but are now drying up some and if the weather continues cold and dry we will soon have good roads again.

Our Commissioner, Mr. Todd, is paying strict attention to the roads and bridges that there may be no accident.

We are sensibly aware of the licensing of a saloon in Fredericktown for there is more drunkenness here now than has been here for some time. We think if the Sassafras bridge was made a toll bridge now it would pay well.

James W, Mulford was married to Miss Thornly at the home of the bride on Wednesday evening 28th by Rev. A. P. Prettyman.

LOST!

On Sunday night, between the M. E. Church and R. F. Parks' store, a GOLD BREASTPIN SET WITH PEARLS. Reward if returned to KENT NEWS Office. 1t.

MUSIC! MUSIC!

The undersigned wishes to inform the public that she is studying music again, and will give instrumental instruction to any who wish it, on either piano or organ at her home in Still Pond on reasonable terms.
d10—3t.* IDA M. CROWDING.

FOR SALE OR RENT:

HOUSE at Head Still Pond Creek, with six or seven Acres of Land.
Apply to W. H. BOWERS.
Dec. 3, 1898—3t.

FOR RENT for 1899.

A Most Desirable Residence on Washington avenue, for Rent for 1899. This is a New and Comfortable Dwelling, with Bath Room and Hot and Cold Water. For terms, &c., apply to
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A NICE SIX ROOM HOUSE with Meat House, Wood and Coal House, a good well of Water, and a good Garden. Every thing in good repair. Possession given Jan. 1st, 1898. Apply to WM. PARR,
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FOR RENT:

THE DWELLING on Cannon St. belonging to Mr. Chas. E. Roland. It is in complete order and has water in the kitchen. Possession given at once or Jan. 1, next.
Apply to GEORGE Z. ROLAND,
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FOR RENT:

A DWELLING and STABLE separate or together, at Lynch's, on moderate terms. Apply to
JULIA A. HOSSINGER,
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HOUSE FOR RENT FOR 1899.

My TWO-STORY HOUSE at Quaker Neck Wharf. It has two rooms and hall on the first floor, three rooms on the second, with good attic; also Carriage House, Stable and Garden. Well of good water in yard.
R. S. EMORY,
d10—tf. Chestertown, Md.

I WISH to inform the public that I have rented the recently remodeled and handsomely equipped Chestertown hotel, known as the ARMSTRONG HOUSE, formerly conducted by Messrs. Armstrong & Sparks, on East Cross Street. The entire house is heated by steam; closets and other conveniences in building. The rooms are all prettily papered and nicely furnished. The Table will be furnished with the best the market affords, with special attention to preparation and service, so that the traveling public need not fear that the splendid standard set by the former proprietors of the house will not be kept up. The entire management will be under the immediate supervision of myself and wife.

A POOL TABLE will be conducted in a spacious parlor, and I will also have a RAW BOX, in order that the traveling public may at any and all times secure the world renowned Chesapeake Oyster served in the most approved style. In short, the hotel will be one of the most up-to-date houses on the Peninsula, and will be conducted with an eye single to the comfort and convenience of my guests and the traveling public.

Soliciting a continuance of the liberal patronage heretofore accorded to the old proprietors, I am very truly,
d17. WILLIAM R. PIPPIN.

FOR SALE:

20 PURE FEKIN DUCKS. Also, Pure Light Brahma and Golden Wyandotte CHICKENS. Order at once and improve your stock. Orders now booked for EGGS. Price $1.50 per 15 Eggs. A pure Cock or pure Drake will improve your common stock.
J. C. SUTTON,
nov26-tf. Blacks, Md.

Give to your child
A gift that will pay.
Let it be a young heifer, or
Ewe on 'Xmas Day.
So come along now,

Every one who
Xpects to be supplied.
Christmas is on you, for we
Have either desired.
And we also will buy
Neither ducks, horses nor dogs;
Give us the fat stock,
Either sheep, cattle or hogs.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

A Budget of Newsy Items from the Bay side Town.

Christmas of 1898 has come and gone and Rock Hall has had its share of the benefit which this occasion brings. The merchants say that their trade was dull on account of the oystermen having so much bad weather.

Rock Hall M. E. and Wesley Chapel M. P. Churches held their annual Xmas entertainments on Monday, Dec. 26. Both churches were filled.

This community was greatly shocked on Saturday night last on hearing of the sudden death of Mrs. Walter Kendall, wife of Walter Kendall a farmer living near Swan Creek school house. Mrs. Kendall was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Glenn, Piney Neck.

Mr. Elwood Burgess, son of Judge Burgess, of Edesville, is home for the holidays. Elwood is taking a business course at Strayer's business college, of Baltimore.

Miss Amy Hogg, of Baltimore, spent Christmas with Miss Mary Hersch.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Leary in honor of their daughter, Miss Anna, who is home for the holidays from the Normal School. Among those present we noticed the following: Misses Julia Middleton, Clara Middleton, Nettie Hersch and many others.

Rock Hall Council, No. 149, Jr. O. U. A. M. is one of the most prosperous councils on the Eastern Shore of Md. This is the end of its third year and it now has 163 members on its rolls and is worth over $1000. It pays $250 death benefits and an average of $3 per week sick benefits. On Monday evening Dec. 26, they elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Councilor, Chas. S. Porter; vice councilor, H. C. West; rec. sec., Chas. N. Satterfield; astt. rec. sec., Andrew J. Stevens; fin. sec., Geo. E. Coleman; treas., Jas. E. Blackiston; conductor, Edw. H. Apsley; warden, W. H. Winchester; inside sentinel, A. L. Warner; outside sentinel, C. R. Webb; trustees, V. M. Kendal, Harry C. Webb, T. Benj. Durding; chaplain, J.A.Smith; representative to State Council for two years, Chas. N. Satterfield; alternate, Chas. R. Webb; representative to sick and death benefit association which meets in Denton, Md., Feb. 22, 1899, Virgil W. Kendall; alternate, Elwood P. Kendall.

Miss Clara Middleton is home from the Normal School for the holidays.

Rock Hall Council Daughters of America, a ladies' auxiliary to the Jr. O. U. A. M., on Tuesday evening last elected the following officers for 6 months; Councilor, Geo. T. Urie; asso., Bessie Satterfield; vice councilor, W. H. Winchester; asso., Lizzie Boyer; conductor, Samuel T. Coleman; warden, Susie Whaiand; inside sentinel, Lena Proctor; outside sentinel, Ella Satterfield.

Moving is now the order of the day and a good many of our people are now engaged in that business.

Several people are sick with bad colds and some with the "Grippe," but no serious cases have as yet been reported. Mr. Bliss Somers had a light touch of the pneumonia but is out again.

Miss Nannie Taylor, who has been in Chestertown for several weeks, is now at the parental home enjoying the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Wm. F. Gale and Miss Martha C. Sewell were married at the M. E. parsonage on Thursday evening, Dec. 29. Reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Parties have been held at several homes the past week. On Tuesday night two were held in Swan Creek, one at the home of Mr. Hyson Dill and the other at the home of Jas. E. Newcomb. Two in Rock Hall on the same night, at the homes of Mrs. M. K. Maslin and Mr. Edw. Proctor.

The densest fog (its duration considered) for years hung over our land and water on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week, making it exceedingly difficult and dangerous for the boatmen to navigate their craft. We thought that 'international alliance' spoken of between Uncle Sam and John Bull had taken place and dear old 'Lonnon' had transferred her fog bank to our 'Land of the free and the home of the brave.' The oystermen, however, were undaunted and plied their vocation from early morn till late in the evening going from three to eight miles from land in search of the luscious bivalve. The buyers, with their vessels, lying at the entrance of the cutoff, made it less difficult for the tongers on their return by a continuous tooting of their horns and Capt. C. R. Kerr made it comparatively easy for the men on their way to harbor from the buy boats by taking a position on the shore and blowing a horn at regular intervals, for which the Rock Hall and Huntingfield oystermen are profoundly grateful. Every day last week was utilized by the oystermen and as a result the mercantile business boomed, and very much of the gloom hovering about us for weeks was dispelled, a merry Christmas was enjoyed; good cheer and plenty prevailed in all the usual festivities.

The Christmas entertainment of the M. E. Sunday School was not one whit behind former occasions. Prof. Greenwood and his faithful corps of workers together with the scholars and patrons of the school deserve great praise for the success manifested.

Capt. G. T. Sewell, who conducted a boarding house in South Rock Hall, seems to have been swindled by some of his recent boarders. He says that while the NEWS exposes the nursery men fraud these boarding house frauds should also be exposed.

Capt. J. P. Hatcherson is having many of the peach trees on his farm removed, believing that grain will pay better than fruit in the future.

The cut-off channel appears to be filling up rapidly, especially at a point near the knoll where a sand bar is forming. During every hard wind tons of sand roll in the channel. This is very much deplored.

Mr. Davis, who had his oyster tongs stolen from his canoe last week, has recovered a part of them. They were found lying on the bottom of the creek, the handles being sawed off. No clue has yet been found as to who the perpetrator was.

The eclipse of the moon was a very interesting sight to many of our citizens on Tuesday night.

FAIRLEE NOTES.

In a very few hours 1898 will be numbered with the past; reminding us that time is rapidly flying. Are we making the use of it as we should?

"There's no time to waste in sighing,
While the years are rolling on;
Time is flying, souls are dying,
While the years are rolling on."

Master Geo. Lee, son of Mr. Vincent Lee, was gunning on last Monday on the shore of Fairlee Creek, on the farm where his father resides. He climbed a bank and reached down after his gun, drawing it to him muzzle foremost. The load was discharged, striking him just above the elbow and passed under his shoulder. A very severe flesh wound on the arm was sustained from which George has suffered considerably.

Christmas was merrily observed in our village.

Dogs made an attack on Mr. Wm. G. Smyth's flock of sheep last week and succeeded in killing one; and a few days ago they raided Mr. Joseph Leaverton's flock.

"La Grippe is prevailing. On the sick list, we name, members of Mr. James Bramble's family, same of Mr. Perry W. Hague, Messrs. F. H. Ward, W. W. Price, W. G. Skirven, George E. Noland and many others.

Mrs. S. C. Corey has been quite ill but is very much better at this writing.

The Christmas celebration by the Sunday school of our village church was a rare treat. Supt. Mrs. L. J. Legg and assistant, W. B. Barnes, are earnest Sunday school workers and success attests their labors. Our pastor, Bro. Vandyke, was present and made a very appropriate impromptu address and enthused life into the evening's entertainment.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. George W. Bramble entertained her Sunday school class in a royal manner, which was duly appreciated by her pupils.

Tis Christmas Eve, a fond mother of five dear little children, is busily engaged making preparations for the following joyous morn. The little ones gather around her in high anticipation, the father leaves home in the morning for Baltimore to make suitable Christmas purchases to gladden the life of mother and children. But, in the very "midst of life we are in death." That fond mother, Mrs. Walter Kendall, "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," as it were, was in death's cold embrace. It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, she had just sent to the boat to meet Mr. Kendall and before his arrival "death had claimed her for its own." Dr. Thos. B. Wilson was hastily summoned but before he arrived she was dead. A blood vessel was found ruptured between the ankle and the bottom of the foot. Very much blood was lost to which her death may be attributed.

Now, Messrs. Editors, accept our very best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year. WEST END.

Death of ex-Gov. Cochran.

Ex-Governor John P. Cochran died at his home near Middletown Tuesday morning. He has been suffering for some time from pneumonia and has been in failing health since he had a severe fall on the icy pavements in front of Middletown postoffice last month.

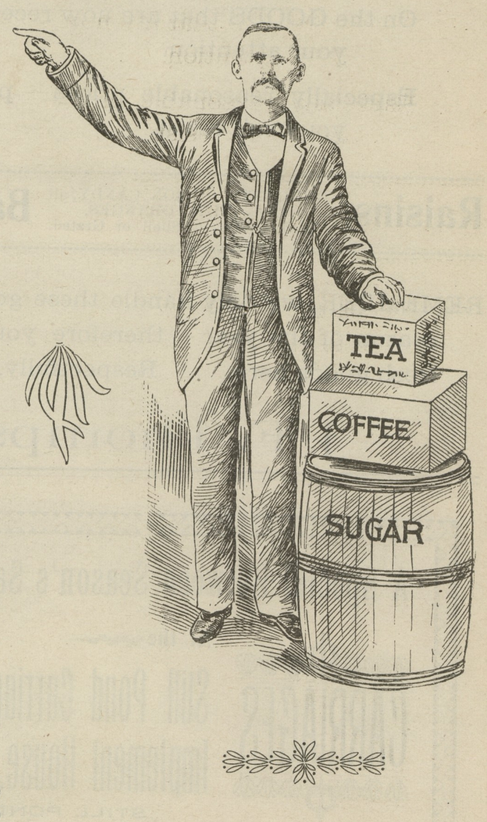
Ex-Governor Cochran was born in Appoquinimink hundred, on February 7, 1809. His ancestors were Scotch-Irish, and first settled in Maryland, but latter removed to Delaware. Mr. Cochran was reared on a farm, and from his seventeenth to his twenty-sixth year, was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He then returned to the farm and became one of the largest land owner and most successful farmers in the state.

Mr. Cochran was always an ardent Democrat and a party leader. At the Democratic state convention of 1874 Mr. Cochran was nominated for governor, and was elected by a majority of 1,229 over Dr. Isaac Jump. While governor he opposed the giving of state aid to railroad projects. He also appointed the late Joseph P. Comegys to be chief justice. After his retirement from office the ex-governor lived quietly on his farm near Middletown.

Mr. Cochran was twice married. Five children and his second wife survive him. The children are Charles, William R. and Julian Cochran, Mrs. T. H. Gilpin and Mrs. Eliza Green. The estate left by the deceased is estimated to be $300,000, of which $100,000 is in bonds and mortgages, and the remainder being 4,000 acres of improved farm land.

Sheriff Bedford Roe, of this county, is a tenant on one of Gov. Cochran's farms, Wm. T. Jones, another, Howard and John H. Clendaniel each occupying another near Kennedyville.

THANKS TO YOU ALL!



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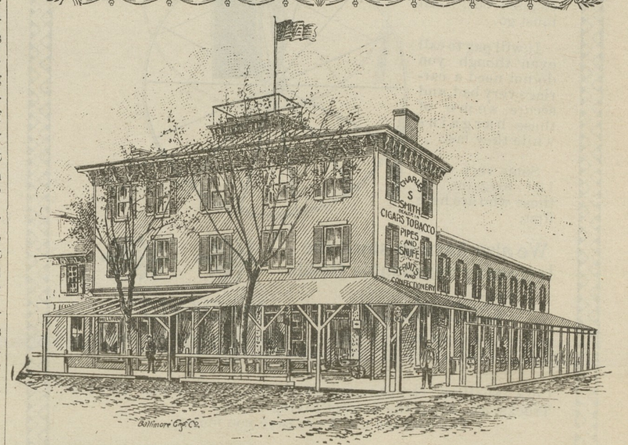

yours respectfully,

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Keep your eye on this space for Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1899

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