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THE HUB

THE BUSY CORNER.

ONE PRICE

Baltimore and Light Streets.

OUR

END OF THE..... SEASON PRICE INDUCEMENTS ARE.....

STRONGER THAN EVER!

Never better buying chances than now. Marked reductions in every department. Prices such as Baltimore's shrewdest money spenders are glad to pay—the same opportunity given to our out-of-town patrons.

A Startling Sale of Ladies' Suits and Jackets

At prices that scarcely cover the cost of Cloth and Material..... $10 and $15
$20 TO $40 VALUES.

These garments are fresh from the maker's hands, with the touch of newness on them. Mainly, they are made from the surplus goods which the manufacturers overbought, and, in buying these excess goods, these suits were made up for us in the latest styles, while most of them are made after the new spring models We have graded into two lots, and they go—your choice at **$10 and $15.**

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None are worth less than $20, and you'll find many worth up to $40. Some are beautifully braided and made of the finest cloths and imported Venetians. The Jackets with some of these Suits are handsomely braided and cut in the neatest jaunty styles such as will be worn for spring; also tight-fitting Suits, newest styles, with fly front Jackets, while some are all silk lined.

LADIES' JACKETS WORTH $18.00 $20.00 and $22.00 for..... **$9.00**

We secured a lot of splendid values in this purchase, which we include with our regular stock, and have divided them into two lots. Lot No. 1 includes a handsome collection of Tailor-Made Jackets, beautifully lined with plain and striped silk. Your choice of any garment in this lot for **$9.00.**

$10.00, $12.00 and $15.00 JACKETS FOR..... **$5.00**

Lot 2 gives you choice of that formerly sold for $10, $12 and $15, including choice values secured with our special purchase, and these go, any in the lot, at **$5.00.**

Special Offer of Men's Suits and Ovevcoats

Your Choice of $12 and $15 SUITS and OVERCOATS..... **$8.00**

To freshen up the piles of Suits and Overcoats which have been selling so rapidly at this price, we've added many broken lines from our higher-priced garments, which make these values more interesting than ever. Without a doubt, a grand opportunity to buy the swellest garments you ever saw for a mere trifle.

Men's Finest $20 to $25 Tailor-Made Suits and Overcoats..... **$12.75**

Includes garments no tailor would undertake to equal to order for less than $40. We assert the fact, and substantiate this assertion by giving the greatest values for less money than you can find anywhere. These lines have been freshened up for this sale with more choice values, with perfect fitting, stylish, high-art clothing, thoroughly desirable in every detail.

Do Your Shopping By Mail.

If not convenient for you to visit the city you can save transportation charges by taking advantage of our Mail Order Department. Out of town patrons should write at once for our illustrated Fall and Winter Catalogue, sent **Free** to any address. Address

Box C.,
Mail Order Department The HUB,
BALTIMORE, MD.

WINTER SPORT.

Narrow Escape from Drowning by Boys and Girls.

Fine skating was enjoyed on Chester river Saturday. Mr. James Dunbracco and Frank Duyer each made an ice boat but owing to the lack of wind but little progress was made.

Mr. Ewd. Haskell, a traveling salesman stopping at the Watts House, rigged up a sail and made the trip to Centreville on skates. This novel plan is a favorite on the Ohio river and Mr. H. is an expert in using the sail. The wind "died out on him" at the mouth of Corsica river, and the ice being rough, he took to land and waded through deep snow. He reached Centreville after a three hours struggle!

A number of boys skated to Crumpton Saturday.

Master Tom Dyott and Adelade Howard broke through the ice off Primrose's Point Saturday but were rescued by College boys who were near.

Messrs. Clarence Coleman, Garret Bradley, Ned Westcott and Frank Greenwood skated within a quarter of a mile of Church Hill Saturday. On the return Frank Greenwood, son of Auctioneer Greenwood, and Ned Westcott were left behind by the others. When opposite J. W. Loud's house Frank broke in and Ned went to his rescue but failed at first. He then went ashore, and secured a pole, pushed it out to his chum and saved him. Ned says Frank prayed earnestly, first to the Lord then to "Nick." They went to Mr. Loud's house, where dry clothes were furnished, and the boys afterwards brought to town.

Fifteen men were at work on Eliason's hill under J. S. Vandegrift Wednesday and a number of young people enjoyed the sport at night.

STILL POND!

DR. EMERSON, DENTIST,

will be at "Still Pond," Monday Feb. 20th until Wednesday, the 22, noon, for the practise of his profession. After the above date he will discontinue his visits until June.

EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS.

Office Board of School Commiss'rs,
Chestertown, Md., Feb. 15, 1899.

The Annual Examination of white teachers for the second grade certificates will be held at the Public School building, Chestertown, THURSDAY, March 2nd. The examination will begin promptly at 10 o'clock a. m.

By order, WM. G. SMYTH, Exm'r.

MY CHALLENGE!

To trot any horse in Kent county to a sleigh in the streets of Chestertown, is renewed to come off during the continuance of the sleighing sport, and includes any PACER as well as trotter, against "MARCUS N," for money or fun, three best in five.

1t. JOHN H. CLENDANIEL.

MONEY TO LOAN.

Two Ladies and one Gentleman have placed in my hands a lot of money to loan on mortgage and on gilt edge security, the money can be had at 5 per cent. and on long time if desired.

f11-6m. WILBUR W. HUBBARD.

WANTED!

An Industrious and Capable Single Man to work on farm this year. Must be kind and gentle to stock and horses.

Apply or address,

WM. J. VANNORT,
j28-3t. Chestertown, Md.

WANTED!

Our company are ready to file applications for position in Cotton Mill. Will need 75 Hands; females 12 to 40 years old; boys 12 to 15; a few men will be employed. House rents $2.50 to $4.50 per month.

E. E. GAMBRILL, SUPT.,
UNICORN COTTON MILL,
f2-3t. Millington, Md.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

Having rented the Wm. D. Burchinal cannery I desire to contract for tomatoes; those desiring to contract will please call at the office of T. R. HUBBARD & SON, Chestertown, Maryland.

j21-tf. C. W. BAKER.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the estate in Kent county, Md., of

FRANKLIN T. HOGANS, JR.,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouches thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of August, 1899, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers.

Given under our hands this 7th day February, 1899.

FRANKLIN T. HOGANS,
LAURA M. HOGANS,
Feb. 18—4t. Administrators.

FEBRUARY SELLING.

This is supposed to be a "dull teme" of the year and possibly it is with the old dealers, but the hustlers of Still Pond, "MEDDERS & CO," have inrned it into a "Stock-Taking" and "Stock-Selling" season, and are offering so many bargains that really it has become a busy month. The people know when "Big Values" are being offered and of course look and buy to their interest.

For this very reason Medders & Co.'s adv's are read and their ploce visited.

THE GREAT STORM!

All Previous Records Smashed — Navigation Closed — Railroads Blockaded—Public Roads Banked.

INCIDENTS OF THE GREAT BLIZZARD!

Events that will go down as extraordinary have been crowding upon us the past few weeks each exceeding the other until the great blizzard came with its fury, making a sublime climax.

Saturday, Feb. 4th, was a beautiful day and the community was surprised to awake Sunday morning and find ten inches of snow! At 5 P. M. the flakes again began falling so that Monday morning three inches more had been added to ten of the previous day. Elegant sleighing was enjoyed. Monday night more snow fell, accompanied by hail or rain, making a coating for the snow. Two inches more of snow fell Tuesday night and a strong wind from the northwest prevailed, but owing to the coating of ice it did not drift. On Thursday morning, Feb. 9th, the mercury registered 2° below zero; Friday, 8° below; Saturday, 9° below.

Saturday afternoon, February 11th, 1899, at 5 o'clock, the great blizzard began and continued unceasingly until Monday night at 10 o'clock. The mercury was at 8° above zero during this blizzard and the wind blew a hurricane from the northwest. Tuesday morning dawned clear and warmer; Wednesday the mercury was at 7° below zero; Thursday, 6° above; at noon on Thursday a rain-storm set in and continued until midnight flooding cellars, swelling streams and making a terrible slush. Friday was warm and clear.

MONDAY IN CHESTERTOWN.

Monday was not fit for man nor beast to be out, yet there were some who were compelled to be about. The town seemed to be deserted and but three teams, including Moffett's milk wagon, and several ladies were seen on our streets during the day. Mr. Moffett became stuck in the snow and was compelled to leave his wagon. Several stores were not opened all day while many others had not a single customer. Mr. Jeff. D. Bacchus' coal carts were kept running all day but it was a difficult job to deliver fuel. Scores of persons called at his yard and in pitiful language begged for coal and wood. Officers Frazier and Cooper found a number of suffering families but as soon as they reported them to the proper parties relief was granted. Help can always be obtained for the deserving poor in Chestertown and we take pride in stating the fact.

At the Chestertown Public School there were seven boys and three girls present—Hannah Bell, Edith Harley and Lilly Greenwood—out of a total of over 250. Profs. Smith, Wilson and Miss Gooding were present. There were thirteen scholars present in the big room Tuesday.

A BUSY SCENE TUESDAY.

Tuesday dawned clear as a bell and the streets were alive with snow shovellers. A more beautiful scene could not be found anywhere and it doubtless will live in the memories of the people for years. Snow was everywhere and lay three feet on a level while in many places it was piled sixteen feet high! The frozen river was a sheet of whiteness and looked as barren as Pike's Peak.

Mr. J. B. Burchinal was compelled to call help before he could get out of his home, the snow having banked against his front door.

W. W. Beck's horse was imprisoned by a big drift reaching to the loft door.

Dr. W. F. Hines' river yard was a scene worth witnessing. Many yards are full to overflowing, one of our doctors offering to pay rent for a yard so that he might relieve his own.

There were fortunately no urgent calls for physicians. Dr. Whaland endeavored to reach a patient in Quaker Neck but gave it up. Drs. Hines and Catlin also started into the country but returned without accomplishing their mission.

Mr. Thomas Toulson, of near town, had the first sleigh down town and his horse plundered through the snow up to his body. Next came Mr. Wilbur Eliason preceded by a pair of mules to a sleigh. He says the roads were terrible and that he experienced several upsets. Mr. S. F. Smith was out with his sleigh early, delivering goods.

Messrs. Ray Bowers, G. S. Biddle, Joe. Massey, Jr., and Eugene Gooding came in on horseback about 10 o'clock and reported the snow in many places as high as the NEWS office.

Soon after noon Messrs. W. T. Nicholson, Harry Willis, George Hendrickson, Wm. Clough, Earle Nicholson, Claude Blackiston, Lewin Skirven and several others arrived on horseback and reported the roads impassable for teams.

Mr. Walter Morris arrived about 11 o'clock with 65 gallons of milk, having been five hours getting through! He was proceded by Mr. Marcus Ascher and four men on horse-back. He was unable to get to town Monday nor to obtain cans and to see milk standing in wash-tubs, boilers, etc., was a curiosity. At the college Mr. Morris broke the shaft of his sleigh and was compelled to carry the milk in cans on his back a la Mexico.

POMONA DELEGATION ARRIVES.

Fifteen horsemen from Hadaway's store arrived at Pomona Tuesday afternoon, and the following morning Mr. John C. Davis, Presiding Elder Corkran, Samuel Brown and Abe Hudson in sleighs, preceeded by fifteen horse backers under Rev. Mr. Vandyke, broke the track to Chestertown arriving here 3 hours afterwards. Messrs. Robt. Joiner, Thos. Maslin and others broke the way out from Riverside through Wilkins' lane.

FIRST NEWS FROM FAIRLEE.

At 3.30 P. M. Wednesday the first team from Fairlee arrived and delivered the NEWS' Fairlee letter. It was a six horse sleigh, driven by Mr. Walter Sparks. Besides the driver, School Examiner Wm. G. Smyth, John F. Rice, S. C. Lecompt, Arthur Ramage, Charlton Kid and Birdie Crouch were in the party. They were six hours getting to town and many times were compelled to dig the horses out of the snow drifts that nearly covered them!

ROCK HALL MAIL ARRIVES!

Mr. Jack Scoone, the faithful mail carrier between Rock Hall and Chestertown, arrived here Thursday afternoon at 2.45. He came in a two-horse sleigh accompanied by Mr. Hamilton, of Georgetown, Md., having left Rock Hall at 7.15. Capt. Scoone says he would not make another such trip for $25. At times he was up on a mountain of snow, then down in a ravine, in the fields, across yards, etc. From Edesville to Rees' corner he found Judge Burgess, Walter Sutton, Robert Jewell, James Greenwood and others digging out the road. George Conner broke the way from Dr. Wilson's to Price's mill, but from the mill to Lankford no road was opened, and from Lankford to Brice's mill a tough time was experienced. He did not go to Pomona. When he arrived here he was covered with icicles and remained until this morning.

NOTES AND INCIDENTS,

The young lady students of Washington College had an opportunity Monday to display their cooking ability. The cooks failed to arrive, and under the leadership of Mrs. J. S. W. Jones, the young ladies prepared an excellent meal and enjoyed it more than usual.

Among the teachers snow-bound in Chestertown were Misses Grace Whaland, Maude Bramble, Amye Russell, Sadie Burgess, Mary Thomas, Lizzie Fowler, Laura Thomas, Mary Burchinal, Messrs. Whittier C. Copper, Wm. N. Sheerwood and others. They hope to be at their schools Monday.

Messrs. George Cosden and William Greenwood, of Edesville, came to Chestertown Sunday for the purpose of going to Baltimore to attend the $10,000 damage suit against the Tolchester Company, and have been here all the week. They received orders to remain at the hotel until the train got through.

Messrs. Lofland and Roland Bros. were enabled to replenish their beef supply Wednesday from Mr. Walter Skirven's farm.

The regular meeting of the Chester Loan Association was not held Monday night, this being the only instance in its history, since 1874. The Orphans' Court and County Commissioners also failed to have a meeting. The former court had not missed a session since 1888. Mr. George W. Hatcherson was the only commissioner present Tuesday.

Mr. J. F. Newcomb was engaged Tuesday and Wednesday with four horses and a cart breaking his way out from his home.

Mr. A. S. Turner, of Worton Station, telegraphed to Chestertown Tuesday that the village was without coal. A track was cleared Wednesday.

The paper mill closed down Wednesday having but little coal and no straw.

Birds, frozen stiff, have been found in yards and sportsmen say it will surely kill the game.

The NEWS reporter in his travels this week visited Kirby's floral gardens. Here we found a blooming paradise. We stepped from winter into summer, from the snow banks into flowers, and not a single flower was lost. Mr. Kirby was kept incessantly at work removing snow and keeping up the fires.

Mrs. Catharine Twilley, Misses Nettie Gooding, Fannie Stuart, Mrs. Robert Kimble and hosts of others lost their flowers from freezing.

Operator Wm. M. Culp remained at his post until late Monday night and says his walk home was the worst in his experience. He was in snow banks up to his waist at times and floundered about in the snow like a struggling horse.

Fannell's branch was frozen over and much difficulty experienced in crossing.

Prof. W. C. Copper visited his parents near Baker's woods Tuesday and when near the Carville farm his horse was so completely buried that he had to borrow a shovel and dig him out.

Forty paper mill mules and a big wagon helped to break the track in Chestertown through the kindness of Supt. Quantz and Mr. Jas. Brice. Messrs. Simpler and Coleman had charge of the mules.

Captains Brice and Pfeffer have their boats in Chestertown harbor.

We heard of a cat that slept several nights on top of a stove! The stove had a fire in it too.

Not a single pound of butter was to be had in Chestertown Thursday morning. Eggs sold for 30 cents per dozen.

Eliason's lumber yard is so filled with snow that it looks as if it would be weeks before a wagon can get in there.

Mr. Vandyke left T. E. W. Crew's Wednesday morning and arrived at Victor Hendrickson's after five hours hard work. He was on horseback and says he never experienced such a trip.

Capt. J. H. Thompson, who is 85 yrs. old, says he never saw such a storm as this one.

Doc. Wm. Cooper was out Tuesday and Wednesday with harrow and roller breaking a track to Melitota. He says he was the first farmer this year to use a harrow!

The young ladies of Chestertown gave Messrs. C. L. Dodd, D. A. Bacchus, H. Rickey. Dr. C. P. Gilpin and others a thorough "ducking" in the snow banks Wednesday morning.

The last mail received in Chestertown was on Saturday evening from Price's Station. Mr. Armstrong started out on Tuesday but got no further than Hynson's track.

Eight men on horses reached Melitota early Tuesday morning!

It is said that the whiskey supply in Chestertown is running low. Wouldn't it be a good thing for the "topers" to get sober for once!

A farmer in the NEWS office Wednesday said "you haven't any snow in town. Come to see me and you'll see some."

One colored man applied for lodging at the jail on Wednesday. He was hungry and without fuel.

Tandem teams are fashionable.

Mr. Wm. E. Deford was the first man at Brice's mill Tuesday.

Undertaker John N. Dodd was compelled to go to Brice's mill Sunday and from there to Meginniss' to bury the son of Jas. Coleman.

Mr. Wilber Eliason is of the opinion that the cold snap of 1873 was the worst ever known here. He was at New Haven, Conn., at the time where the register showed 27° below zero.

The NEWS correspondent "Particeps," from Worton, Mr. E. P. Janvier, said at the time that such weather was never before known.

In January 1879, the thermometer stood at 2° below zero.

The noted winters of 1856-57 is recalled by many citizens. The mercury stood at 6° below zero, and several sleighers raced on Chester river which was frozen over for six weeks.

In December 1880 the thermometer went down to 6° below zero and the mails were delayed three days.

In 1895 the train was five days in getting through and the drifts were very much greater than in 1899. In 1895 the assaults on the snow banks were repulsed, in several instances throwing the engine off the track. While there is more snow at present there were deeper drifts in 1895.

Mrs. Biddle Hossinger was one of the adventurers to town yesterday on horseback. Her noble steed ploughed through the slushy street as indifferently as if he was used to it, while the rider seemed perfectly "at home" in the saddle.

There was a dearth of oysters here this week. Mr. J. C. Loud went to Quaker Neck wharf and obtained several bushels. They sold for $1.50 per gallon.

Mr. Ramie Ziezal was six hours getting to town from the Decorse farm in Quaker Neck.

Two Dead in One House!

Mrs. John Dickerson, of near Cliff City, died Wednesday together with her young child, about one week old. Mrs. Dickerson had been suffering with erysipelas and before the blizzard was visited by Dr. Whaland and medicine left sufficient to last several days. Dr. Whaland made an effort to get to her bedside Monday and Wednesday, the day of her death, but was unable to get further than Mr. Robert Ford's. He made another effort Thursday and found mother and child dead!

Mr. Phil. Dickerson made his way to town yesterday, notified Undertaker Dodd and the funeral fixed for Monday at 11 A. M. Mr. Decorse, who lives adjoining, said yesterday it would be a difficult undertaking to bury the two bodies. It was a very sad affliction to the young father to have two dead in his house at one time!

Capt. Burchinal Injured!

Capt. Wm. D. Burchinal drove out to see H. W. Vickers, Esq., Thursday and in descending the front steps slipped on the ice and fell heavily to the pavement. It was a terrible fall and rendered the Captain unconscious. He was carried into the house and Dr. Catlin summoned. His head was gashed from the temple to middle of his forehead requiring several stitches. At the time of going to press Dr. Catlin reported the captain as conscious and resting easy and that no serious results were apprehended. He was removed to his home in Chestertown yesterday afternoon by Mr. S. Vannort.

LOSS OF STOCK!

Reports Coming In of Cattle Freezing—A Cellar Full of Sheep—A Covey of Birds Frozen.

The loss of stock, especially lambs, has been frightful during the past ten days. Reports received at the NEWS office also verify the statement made last week that partridges are killed.

Mr. George Hudson, of Worton, lost several lambs and says one of them froze in an hour.

Mr. Wm. Clough states that the freeze killed all his lambs this week.

Mr. Wash. G. Skirven was fortunate in losing but one lamb as was also Mr. Victor Hendrickson.

Mrs. M. A. Wilkins lost a good-sized hog. She thinks it was smothered to death.

Mr. W. Thos. Maslin lost two lambs.

Mr. Romie Skirven put his sheep in his cellar and thus saved their lives, other farmers opening their barns in which to shelter the sheep.

Mr. Wm. E. Deford lost a fine cow, she having been caught in a snow drift and froze to death.

Mr. Wm. Coleman had a hog weighing over two hundred pounds to freeze to death!

Mr. Crosby, on Tolchester farm, experienced severe loss of lambs the past two weeks, one morning our reporter says, he hauled out fourteen lambs and on another occassion he found twenty-five frozen to death!

Constable Duyer was in town Wednesday and says he saw a covey of twenty partridges which had been found frozen to death in the rear of Mr. Harry Nichols' house. Blue birds, sparrows and other birds have been picked up in fields and yards. Feathers of other birds have been found along creek shores evidencing the fact that foxes, hawks and other preying animals had been able to easily capture them.

It is estimated that sixty thousand sheep in Southern Colorado are dying of cold and hunger. Many flocks have been abandoned by the herders. The cattle, too, are in danger, and it is feared that 50 per cent. of them will die. The winter is without exception the worst that has ever been experienced in that part of the country. There is not a shrub or bunch of grass of any kind visible and it is almost incalculable, as thousands of cattle are down already. Those left standing are in the last stages of suffering from cold and hunger. They have reached the semi-conscious state when they begin to look for something as a support. From the car windows the cattle can be seen leaning against the fences. This condition prevails throughout the snow-covered west.

Married.—Mr. Richard Thomas Ellis, of near Millington, accompanied by his intended bride, Miss Bessie Boots, drove to Chestertown last Thursday, February 9th, obtained a marriage license from Clerk Dixon and returned the same day. They came in a spindle wagon, the distance being about twenty miles! Love surely found a way in this case.

Mr. Thos. Smith, of near Chester bridge, had a novel team in town yesterday—four horses tandem to a cart.

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