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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

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ANOTHER SCHOFIELD!

Wm. M. Slay, Esq., received a telegram yesterday from J. F. Salisbury, Esq., as follows:

"Unless there are two men exactly alike, Samuel Schofield is in Dover jail. Send man to identify him."

ROCK HALL HARBOR!

Through the efforts of Senator Gorman a bill has passed the Senate appropriating money for the further improvement of Rock Hall harbor. The object is to obtain a channel through Swan Point Bar one hundred and fifty feet wide and twelve feet deep and a channel in the inner harbor of same width and depth; also for a channel one hundred and ninety feet wide and twelve feet deep across the bar.

W. C. T. U.—Owing to impassable roads the Fairlee Union has postponed their regular monthly meeting until Saturday, March 4th, when they will meet at the home of Mrs. Minnie Bramble at 2 o'clock P. M.

WESLEY CHAPEL M. P. CHURCH.
Rev. C. K. McCaskin, Pastor.
Order of Service for Feb. 26th.
9.00 A. M.—Sabbath-school
10.30 A. M.—Preaching.
7.30 P. M.—Preaching by pastor.
Quarterly Conference, Monday, Feb. 27, p. m. at Parsonage. Members of the church invited. Election and instruction of delegates to the Annual Convention.
C. E., Thursday p. m.

CHRIST M. P. CHURCH,
Rev. J. M. Gill, Pastor.
9.30 a. m.—Class Meeting.
10.30 a. m.—Preaching.
2.30 p. m.—Sunday School.
7.30 p. m.—Revival Services.

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OF ABOUT 315½ ACRES. Bounded by Still Pond Creek, Chesapeake Bay and Churn Creek and distant about 8 miles from Chestertown, 4 miles from Gales Wharf, and 3½ miles from Worton Station. The improvements consist of a commodious BRICK DWELLING, Carpenter's Shop, Goose House, Barn, Dairy, Poultry House, Sheep Sheds, Meat House and Hay Barrack. This farm, known as "Kennard's Point," is almost surrounded by water, and for beauty of location is unsurpassed in the county. The soil is of excellent quality, and produces well, being also admirably adapted for grazing purposes, and the cultivation of fruit. Good fishing and ducking grounds are near the property, and Plum Point Shoals, recognized as one of the best fishing grounds in the bay, are close at hand. Terms can be make easy and attractive.

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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.

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.

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.

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By responsible firm, local representative of ability. Salary and commission. No books, insurance or installment business. No goods to deliver. Reference required.

THE PURCHASERS' UNION,
KNICKERBOCKER BUILDING,
j28-tf. Philadelphia, Pa.

Spring Preparations!

The bad roads and rough weather do not keep the live dealers from their Spring Preparations. You notice MEDDERS & CO. are arrauging their stock and offering lots of desirable Winter Goods, "which are now just in season," at the low prices of cost and less. They always carry a large stock and one is always sure of seeing a good assortment and also sure of getting the right price. This is specially a good time to visit Medders & Co. and get the "Closing Out" Bargains Now Offered.

REPORTER'S NOTES.

Items Picked up Here and There About People You Know.

CHAS. W. KENNARD, of Baltimore, was the first man from the "outside" world to arrive in Chestertown for seven days. He came to Smyrna Friday night and then to Price's Station, from which place he came on horseback. He was a welcome visitor and proved a veritable news man. He said that eggs sold for 60 cents per dozen during the week; meat 20 cents per pound; milk 10 cents per pint and butter at 30 cents, etc.

AN EXCITING race took place through the streets of Chestertown Saturday evening. George Hatcherson, son of R. R. Hatcherson, and Vickers Beck were upset in a sleigh near H. W. Vicker's gate and the horse came dashing through town. Wm. E. DeFord happened to be riding his little mare into town, and when the runaway horse dashed past him, Mr. DeFord started after him and checked him near Stam's crossing.

CHAS. V. CARPENTER, of Dayton, Ohio, who took from Chestertown Miss Lillian Hynson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hynson, is one of a firm that has received a $150,000 contract for furnishing electrical machinery in the construction of the Boston dry-dock. The Dayton papers speak in high terms of Mr. Carpenter and his partner, A. A. Thresher, and reports their factory to be one of the largest concerns in the West.

FRANK WILKINS, formerly, of Chestertown, but now in the Baltimore Custom house, has been promoted to a position paying $1400 per year.

JOHN C. DAVIS, postmaster at Pomona, has been carrying mail from Chestertown during the blizzard owing to the inability of Mr. Scoone to get from Lankford to Pomona. On Tuesday Mr. Davis broke the axle of his wagon, near the school house, and had to use a rail to help him home.

MRS. WM. J. MCFEELY, the efficient matron at Washington College, was put to considerable inconveinence during the blizzard but evidenced her ability as a manager by supplying every need of the students.

MR. OWEN M. BOONE, who is stationed at San Juan, Porto Rico, writes an interesting letter to the NEWS, dated February 5th. We give some extracts: "The light house that was shot off Morro Castle is being rebuilt, also the infantry barracks that was injured by a shell passing through it. We have opened two secret passages in this fort, one having been found by the explosion of a shell a part of which I have. The boys are getting lots of relics. There was a native killed here the other day by a policeman who was attacked by the former. A sentry was promoted to that of sargeant for killling an escaping prisioner. I have a Spanish flag and a nice lot of other things."

GEORGE BRICE, clerk in J. K. Aldridge's large hardware store, accidentally wounded his hand while handlng blank cartridges last Fridav evening. The powder burned his hand severely.

COL. JAMES P. TRAYNOR, of Queen street, won his $5,000 suit on a note given by himself in Philadelphia last week. Col. Traynor claimed that by some fraudulent transactions much valuable property was sacrificed.

MR. A. M. CULP'S new house on Washing avenue is one of the best arranged houses in town. It is beautifully finished in hard wood.

DR. C. A. GRISE and Presiding Elder Corkran started from Chestertown Sunday afternoon in a sleigh, their objective point being Union Church in Queen Anne's. Soon after crossing Chester bridge the two reverend gentlemen were thrown into a snow bank and the horse went trotting across a field. After sometime the animal was caught, and with panting breath and wet feet, the two preachers again resumed their journey. They found a few faithful members at the church, held a short service and arrived safely in town in time for supper.

A WELL-KNOWN lady in Chestertown last week sent her son on an errand for a turkey and here is the order given him: "Now son, go to every store in town and see if you can't get mamma a nice turkey. If you can't get a turkey, stop at Charley Smith's and get *five cents worth of shipped beef!*"

FIVE oyster dredgers tramping from Drum Point through Calvert county toward Baltimore perished during the past week in the blizzard snows.

TERRIBLE LOSS BY FIRE!

Four Horses and Three Cows Destroyed—Two Barns Burned.

One of the most destructive fires that has occurred in Broad Neck happened on the Hadaway farm, tenanted by Mr. Arnold Willis, last Wednesday night. It was midnight when Mr. Willis happened to look out his bed-room window and saw his barn and stable in a blaze! He hurried down stairs but found it impossible to get his stock out. It required all his efforts to keep two cows that were outside from dashing into the flames.

A small grain barn adjoining the stable took fire and together with the big hay barn and stable, were burned. Mr. Willis lost three horses, one of which belonged to his brother who was spending the night there, also three cows and a calf, lot of hay and harness. There was no insurance on barns or stock. Mr. Willis thinks the fire originated from a pipe.

HORSE NEWS.

A Sure Remedy for the Bots Given by one Who Has Tried It.

Simon Smith, a well-known farmer of near Edesville, has had an unfortunate experience with his horses during the past ten days. Friday night he fed his horses but did not recognize any indication of sickness. When he went to the stable Saturday he found one of his horses dead! The animal had eaten its food and had apparently died very suddenly. During the evening two more horses were taken sick, one of which was Simon's driving horse. He then began an investigation and learned that the first horse died of the bots. He bought a pint of turpentine, and placing it on either side and breast of the two sick horses, made it more pungent by holding a hot iron near. The sick horses improved rapidly soon after applying the turpentine.

The horses were first noticed biting at their sides, pawing, etc. The bot-fly is often called the gad-fly of the horse. It is a downy two-winged fly, which in August deposits from 50 to 100 eggs on legs, back of the neck, and other parts of a horse accessible to the animal's tongue. Slightly irritated by them the horse licks the parts affected, with the effect of bursting the egg and transferring the minute larvae to its mouth, whence they make way to the stomach and grow to be an inch long.

Mr. Thomas Dewberry, of near Chester bridge, lost a horse Sunday night, it having been found hung in the stable.

Mr. Henry Greenwood, of Worton, had a horse badly hurt a few days ago by getting down in his stall.

Dr. Jarman says he never knew of an instance where a horse died from bots. He thinks it a possibility but the instances are so rare that it is difficult to find one.

Necrology.

The sad death of Mrs. Dickerson and child was stated in the NEWS last week. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon conducted by Rev. T. R. VanDyke, interment at Bond cemetery. The pall bearers were: M. B. Haddaway, M. E. Brown, F. Whitley, F. Stoops, E. Crouch, C. C. Brown. Undertaker J. N. Dodd had charge of the funeral arrangements and states that he never had such a difficut trip in all his experience. It took him nearly four hours to reach the home of the deceased and three pairs of traces broken by pulling through the snow drifts.

Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, a well-known and estimable lady, of Betterton, was stricken with paralysis on Thursday, the 9th inst., and lingered until Wednesday of last week, when death put an end to her sufferings. This was the second stroke of paralysis, the deceased having suffered similarly about a year ago. Mrs. Moore was a widow of the late Samuel Moore, of Betterton, and sister of Mr. Eben Crew, who was stricken with paralysis a few weeks ago.

Samuel E. T. Startt, a well-known citizen of near Lankford, died Sunday night after a lingering illness, aged 55. He leaves a widow, daughter of Joshua Copper, and three children, viz., Joshua, Samuel and Minnie. The funeral was held Tuesday interment at Kesly Chapel. The bearers were; S. J. Vickers, J. H. Thompson, Herbert Fletcher, O. P. Leary, Wm. Glenn and Jas. Fetcher. Owing to the inability to get a preacher Samuel J. Vickers read the impressive service.

Mr. W. Collins, an aged resident of Broad Neck, died Friday night and was buried at Kesley Chapel. He was in his 83rd year.

GEORGIA fruit growers are struggling with the San Jose Scale.

THE SNOW-BANKED ROADS.

Expenses for Opening Same.

The county commissioners last Tuesday had a number of bills presented for opening the public roads of snow. They were all from the first and second districts, and were as follows:

A. T. Meginniss, 1st dist	$ 32.50	
Thos. Nickerson "	112.33	
Wattie McKnett, 2d dist	191.50	
Chas. King "	115.00	
John NcKee "	81.25	
Edw. Faulkner "	28.16	
In 1st district, total	$144.66	
" 2d " "	415.11	$560.77

The board laid over all these bills for future consideration. No bills have been presented from the other districts, though much work of the kind has been done, Messrs. Hatcherson, Usilton and Fletcher refusing to assume the authority for such work. The subject is one of serious moment and naturally opinions differ, the judgment in most cases being affected by individual interests.

Upon this subject it may be of interest to note the action of other counties in this matter.

In Queen Anne's and Caroline the farmers turned out in force with wagons and mules and broke tracks in the roads and across fields, and after a few days' use the roads all the way through were opened. The counties are not asked to pay any of the expense.

In Howard county the commissioners were importuned to make appropriations for clearing away the great drifts, as the roads were utterly impassable. The board, in their opinion, could not make any appropriations for that purpose. In response to the petition of tax-payers, however, the commissioners decided to appropriate $1,000 for each district toward macademising the roads, thereby making a permanent improvement.

From Taibot county we find the following in the Easton correspondent of the Baltimore Sun: "The county commissioners have been importuned to remove the snow from the roads at the expense of the tax-payers, but they declined to do it, as it was estimated the cost would be $20,000 and nature would do the work of removing the snow in due season."

Notes of the Great Storm.

The weather for some days this week has been remarkable for bright sunshine and high temperature. The snow has been "on the go" for ten days from the effect of this Spring-like temperature and frequent showers, and yet the great banks in the roads in some sections of the county are now—two weeks after the storm—annoying travelers.

The Rock Hall mail route has been kept open only through the indefatigable efforts of the contractor, Mr. J. J. Scoone. He says about the worst piece of road between Chestertown and Rock Hall is that along the Constable farm between Beck's mill and Lankford. The travel has been through the wheat field of Mr. Will DeFord and this field is terribly cut up; in some places the horses go down above their knees. Mr. Scoone says he has crippled one of his horses and tore his wagon up in trying to cover the distance on his route over some of the worst places he ever knew.

Undertaker Wm. H. Krusen, of Still Pond, had two burials which had to be postponed, one five days and the other three days, owing to the condition and blockade of the roads. On Saturday morning he started for Betterton assisted by Mr. Daniel Jones, to bury a lady. Everything was progressing very well until about a mile from Still Pond cemetery with the corpse when the king bolt of the hearse came out which came near upsetting the vehicle in the snow bank, but the bearers came to his assistance and he managed to reach the cemetery without further mishap.

Tom Barroll, an old colored man of Chestertown, says the biggest snow ever known in this section was the "Major Bowers snow." He says it was not drifted at all but on a level it was higher than the tallest man's head! According to his age reckoning, which is very uncertain, it must have been somewhere about 1831. Many others speak of a great snow about the same time and all call it "Major Bowers' snow" and say it was five feet on a level.

150 Sacks of Mail.

The first mail via Kent railroad to arrive in Chestertown since Saturday, February 11th, came early Monday morning, February 20th! Mr. Edward Armstron made the trip to Price's station Saturday, 18th.

The Kent train reached Clayton at midnight Sunday and left at 4 A. M. Postal Agent Musselman found 150 sacks of mail waiting for him and bravely started in to "work" it. Messrs. Chas. Boyles, John Matthews and John Carter endeavored to help him and they state that it is a miracle how he ever accomplished the task. There were 37 sacks of papers for Chestertown and two pouches of letters! Postmaster Wheatley and his efficient assistant, Miss Katie Wheatley, distributed all this mail within two hours after its receipt and at ten o'clock the town was flooded with news.

NAVIGATION OPEN!

The Ice Boat Convoys the Corsica to Chestertown—Fourteen Inch Ice Encountered.

The steamer Corsica, Capt. Wm. Vandyke, convoyed by the iceboat Annapolis with Capt. Dunn in command, reached Chestertown Thursday afternoon at 5.30 after an eleven-hours' trip. Heavy ice from ten to fourteen inches in thickness was met with from Love Point light into Rock Hall, and from there to Kent Island. The Corsica followed the track made by the iceboat on Tuesday into Queenstown, but occupied nearly an hour in ramming the ice to reach her wharf. Until Hell Point was passed ice ranging from 6 to 12 inches was struck. Though it had softened somewhat on top, much of the field of ice at the mouth of the Chester was flinty and strong.

Above Hell Point Chester river was entirely clear. No effort was made to investigate ice conditions in the Corsica river on the B. S. Ford's route. Capt. Clark piloted the iceboat up the river. This boat employs 35 men.

This is the first trip made by one of the Chester River Company's steamers for two weeks. The two boats went out together yesterday.

The Emma Giles will resume her trips to Tolchester next Thursday on schedule time.

WHAT OF THE FRUIT?

J. Cordray Loud, a good judge of fruit, has made a partial examination of the trees and declares the crop killed. He says nearly every bud has the black speck.

William Ford, an old fruit grower, is certain that the black spect means death.

James S. Harris, of Still Pond, one of the best authorities on the peach in the county—or indeed in the State—gave us his opinion last Tuesday. He says there is a very slim prospect of a peach crop this year; from past experience he judges that the extreme cold has killed the crop effectually. In '81 the thermometer in his neighborhood touched 4° below zero and it killed peaches; this winter it has been as low as 11° and this is certain death.

The black germ is a sure sign of death. There must be some mistake about the statements so freely quoted about the big crop of '75 and the universal black speck discoveries of the preceding winter. The dates have probably been mixed.

Mr. Harris thinks the Keiffer, Duches and Bartlet pears are yet safe, but that the Howell may be hurt, as it is a more open bud.

Dr. W. S. Maxwell, the well known pear authority, thinks there has been some injury to pears. The Duches buds on some orchards examined appear to be dead.

J. Raymond Bowers, near Chestertown, thinks the peach crop for '99 about gone up. The black speck in his opinion means death.

County Commissioner Joseph R. Usilton, of Worton, said he examined buds in the orchard of John Fowler on H. W. Vickers' "Flatland" farm and found 7 out of 9 perfect. This would indicate a full crop. Mr. U. also believes that where the germ is found to be black or brown the peach is dead.

A number of twigs have been left at the NEWS office from the farm of Wm. E. Deford, in Queen Anne's near Chester bridge. An examination shows only *four* live buds in forty.

Mr. George Snitcher, of Queen Anne's, says that his fruit is badly injured, some varieties almost totally destroyed. Col. Wallen, of the same section, says that he finds many live buds in the tops of his trees, but nearly all the buds on the lower limbs are gone.

Geo. H. Watts, in Quaker Neck, says he cut over a hundred buds of both white and yellow varieties, and could not find a single live bud.

Mr. Hiram G. Tarbutton, near Crumpton, after an examination of the yellow varieties in his orchard, gives the opinion that one bud in six are alive.

In regard to the outlook for peaches in Queen Anne's the Centreville Observer of last Thursday says: "Mr. Robert W. Thomas, who was the only one that had peaches of any moment in this section of the county last year, thinks the recent cold weather and blizzard has entirely destroyed the crop this year. He has examined the trees and cannot find one live germ in a thousand."

THE rabbit pest in North Carolina is attracting attention. The farmers in the northern section of the State are encouraging the hunters to visit their farms and kill the rabbits as the pests are doing serious injury to the growing wheat.

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