F. H. HARPER & SON.

CHRISTMAS AGAIN!

With All Its Beauty & Bargains.

Never did we own such a RICH Assortment of

SENSIBLE PRESENTS

Both floors of our immense building are crowded.

We have employed more clerks and will do our best to serve you promptly.

Handsome Dolls moving limbs and fine bisque head -	$1.00
Doll as tall as a child only - Full line dolls 5 to $1.75	75c
Express Wagons	25c to $1.49

All manner of Furniture for the children such as China Closets, Tables, Bureaus, Buffet, Chairs, Cradles, Carriages and Sleds.

Fine assortment of Tea Sets and Chamber Sets as low as	$1.98

Cups and Saucers, Salad Dishes, Cracker Jar, etc.

Fresh Fruits, Nuts and Candy

finest money will buy.

Special French Mixture per pound containing chocolate	7½c
Fine clear cut drops per pound	10c
Chocolate Chips, something new Many say the finest candy ever eaten.	40c
Fine seeded Raisins per pkg -	10c
New mixed Nuts -	10½c

Fine English Walnuts, Papershell Almonds at lowest prices.

Apples, Oranges, Citron, Bananas.

Last week we told you about that wonderful Shoe Purchase, how it happens we have thousands of pairs of shoes which we are selling at less price than merchants can buy. A few prices:

Men's fine box calf shoes, sold in Smyrna at 3.00; our price -	1.98
Ladies' hand welt shoes sold in Smyrna at 3.00, our price -	2.19
Men's calf shoes sold in Smyrna at 1.75 and 2.00, our price	1.25
Children's dongola Shoes sold in Smyrna at 1.00, our price	85c
Ladies' Dongola Shoes sold in Smyrna at 1.00, our price	69c

We pay the highest market price for country produce.

EGGS 29 cts.

F. H. HARPER & SON,

STILL POND, MD.

GALENA ITEMS.

During the cold spell the first of the week several of our town's people took advantage of it and filled their ice houses with ice from three to four inches thick—Dr. Scott, R. H. Hicks, Jno. N. Vansant and E. Chrisfield. On one end of the mill pond the ice was three to four inches thick, at the other end of the pond where people generally get ice, it was barely frozen over, not more than half inch thick.

Our stores are making quite a show for Xmas. Mr. R. H. Hicks has employed several clerks to help during his Xmas trade, he has quite a large stock of Xmas goods. The different stores in town seem to be well patronized.

Kent Lodge I. O. O. F. propose celebrating its semi centenial anniversary on the 6th of February next. They are beginning to make preparations for it already, the purpose of having a grand time. It is not often an organization of any kind in small towns last fifty years, but as a rule the Odd Fellows stick together closer than some others.

Bowman's Comedy Co. and German Medicine Co. combined, opened their show in the town hall on Wednesday evening of this week, the hall was filled with a very attentive audience. Col. Bowman spoke for some time on the merits of his medicine guaranteeing that if it did not cure as he said he would refund the purchaser's their money. We were surprised at the excellence of the entertainment which was better than any given in the hall for a long time, he proposes giving entertainments each evening during the week.

Things generally begin to look Christmas like, only the weather, which is spring like.

Shortest Day. — Friday, December 21st, is said to be the shortest day in the year, the sun rising at 23 minutes after 7 and settiug at 47 minutes after 4, although Thursday, Saturday and Sunday are of equal length. Winter commences Sunday, December 22nd.

THE SAD REAPER.

Carries Off the Young and Old — Death of E. A. Moffett and Daughter, Miss Bessie.

It is our sad duty to announce the death of E. A. Moffett, a lovable man, of Lynch's Station, who departed this life on Thursday morning, December 6, aged about 61 years. The community was startled with the news that one of our best and most prominent citizens was dead! The intelligence flew from lip to lip until in a little while the neighborhood was fully under the spell of saddening influences. Mr Moffett was sick only a short time with typhoid fever and pneumonia—not quite a week—and how sad it was to hear of his death. He was a loving husband and a devoted father, always looking to the interest of his family and those around him. As a neighbor he was so kind and considerate, always ready to help and assist any one in time of need. The deceased has long been a member of Union M. E. Church, Lynch's. He was highly esteemed by the whole section of country in which he has been so long favorably known. Mr. Moffett lived a number of years near Lynch's, and in 1875 he moved near Millington, where he and his devoted family lived until about two years ago, when he returned to Lynch's. He made friends wherever he went. He was tenderly nursed in his illness by his loving wife and children, and was granted every wish. All was done that loving hands could do, but the Saviour thought best to take our loved one away. He passed away a few hours before his loving daughter, Miss Bessie. Their remains were interred at the Union M, E. burying ground. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. C. Makoskey. Mr. Moffett's favorite hymn was, "I am going home to die no more," and it was sung at the funeral. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn their loss, three daughters and two sons, Miss Rachel, Mrs. Wm. Garrett and Mrs, Annie Donovan, of Delaware; William and Enoch, of Charlotte, N. C. The house couldn't hold the many friends of the two. People went from all parts of the county. Undertaker W. H. Krusen had charge of all funeral arrangements.

It was hard to part from one we loved,
But God above knew best,
And the thought that fills
Our aching hearts
Is to know he is at rest.

Miss Bessie Moffett was the yougest daughter, and was just 21 years of age. She was confined to her bed about four weeks with typhoid and pneumonia. She was a sweet young lady: no brighter promise of a life of usefulness and happiness could be imagined. But soon all was changed, for the anticipations of the lovely, bright girl and her loved ones were turned into forebodings that were soon realized. Bravely, nobly patiently, did she fight disease, and only her immediate family knew how acutely she suffered to overcome the destroyer. But to no avail; she gradually grew worse. She knew of her father's illness and often asked how he was, and why he didn't come in her room to see her. She had so much to live for—had just bloomed into womanhood—and was taken away from all of her loved ones. Miss Bessie was a member of Lynch's M. P. Church. Just a few weeks before her illness she was converted at that church; she was also a member of the Christian Endeavor. She was getting to be so useful in the church and was so much loved by her associates. She was a beautiful character and was an example for the young and old also, for she had so many loving ways. She has gone to a brighter and better world. She was a great Bible reader, and tried to study God's word. She was also a great singer around her home. She was such a lovable girl—always had a kind word to say about everybody. How sad it is that we will never see her again on this earth, but if we are only faithful we shall all meet on that golden shore. It seems hard for one so young to be taken away. She and her father were buried in the same grave. Miss Bessie's favorite hymn was:

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
I'll be what you want me to be."

It was sung at the funeral after her father's favorite hymn. Father and daughter have gone to be with Jesus; they have only gone on a little while before us, and then we shall all be together, and what a happy meeting it will be.

Through all pain at times she'd
Smile a smile of heavenly birth,
And when the angels called her home
She smiled farewell to earth;
Heaven retaineth now our treasure,
Earth the lonely casket keeps,
And the sunbeams love to linger
Where our sainted loved one sleeps,
Gone, but will never be forgotten.

FAIRLEE W. C. T. U. will hold their final meeting for the year at the residence of Mrs. Minnie Bramble on Saturday, Dec. 29, at 2.30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

DIED.

On Thursday morning, Dec. 15th, 1900, at 4 o'clock at the home of his grand parents, STEPHEN THOMAS, son of Walter S. and Ida Kirby, aged 2 years and 9 months. Interment at Chester cemetery, pall bearers were John and Ernest Barnes, Norman Nelson and Morris Ivens. "Gone but not forgotten."

PERSONAL.—Please note the date of your subscription. Look at your name. Now is the time to pay; get the figures after your name up to 1901. We need every dollar due us.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

The oystermen had their first battle with the ice king of the season on Monday last, many succeeded in reaching the oyster bars, while many others failed.

The oystermen here are much tickled over the fact, that Senator Kirwin is not *the whole thing*. There is a "Smith" a "Hynson" and some others, who can wield an influence in behalf of Kent county oystermen.

Our honored trustees of public school No. 2 have sunk a new well nearer the school. A much needed improvement.

Mr. Johnny Brice is having a new carriage house erected on the Hermitage farm. Another much needed improvement.

The envelope contributions of Rock Hall Sunday school on Sunday last amounted to $40, with $40 more back of it. Not so bad for a cold day.

Fire wood is becoming very scarce and dear in these hundreds. Mr. Robt. Wickes is doing much to relieve the demand by having wood lots cleared up for the wood.

Notwithstanding the cold and bluster of the weather, the oyster market, like the wheat market, refuses to boom. Oysters are lower in prices now than they were a month or six weeks ago.

By the tooting of horns and the racket of fire works, we know Xmas is nigh.

We know not whether "Kramer," "Coursey" or "Mox" did the decorating of Alexander's Glass Front, but who ever did it was an adept. A more pleasing display was never witnessed here. The display is attracting the attention of many persons from far and near.

The oyster navy is giving dredgers and tongers a hot time. Capt. Howard on Tuesday arrested three dredgers and towed them to Annapolis. Capt. Frank Satterfield arrested two crews of tongers, and put to flight 17 others, so report goes. Those he arrested were fined $25 each. Capt. Satterfield left his vessel in mouth of the Chester to keep off the Love Point contingent of dredge boats on Wednesday, while he patrolled Swan Point in the schooner's yawl.

Ere another issue of the NEWS, merry Christmas will be here, and we extend the compliments of the season. May it be the happiest of your lives. [The same to you.—Eds.]

FAIRLEE NOTES.

We are within a few days of Christmas. Our farmers and mechanics have about finished their work and the merchants are up and doing with a full line of holiday goods.

Quite a number of social events are arranged for the festive season.

On Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, Dec. 26, the Sunday school of the village church will hold their Christmas anniversary and treat. An excellent program has been arranged, one number the music of which was composed by Rev. W. B. Judefind, one of our former Kent county boys.

The Mite Society will hold a sociable Christmas week at Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kendall's on Thursday eve, Dec. 27th.

On Christmas night an entertainment will be given in the town hall by Balto. talent.

Wild geese are flying around and are frequenting the wheat fields near the water courses. A few days ago Mr. W. G. Smyth shot one and more have been killed lately.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Smyth visited friends in Delaware a few weeks ago. While there Mr. Smyth walked down to St. Augustine Creek with his host, whose farm runs down to this body of water. In an inlet to the creek they noticed myriads of fish, procuring a short seine with a third party they began hauling and when they stopped they had within a few pounds of one ton of German carp which they sold to a dealer in Odessa, Del., for $180. Very good 3 hrs. work.

Mr. Simon Grollman carried a very small calf to Baltimore a few days ago, passengers wondered what could be the destiny of such a small animal of the kind. Why, said Mr. Grollman, I purchased that calf for Bernheimer, he asked me to get him a small one to put in his window during the holidays.

The Fairlee Heptasophs will hold a very important meeting on the first Monday night in January at 7 o'clock. Every member is urged to attend. Business of importance Monday Evening, January 7th, 1901.

Mr. Charlton Kidd left Wednesday for Lexington, Ky., via. Warrenton, Va., where he will spend a while with his mother, Mrs. G. W. Bramble.

Mr. John Hudson moved his family to Rock Hall the middle of this week.

Rev. J. A. Arters, of Cecilton, Md., preached two masterly sermons in the Fairlee church on last Sunday, Rev. John M. preaching for him in Ceeil.

Another Canner in Trouble. — The canners and packers of Delaware seem to be having trouble all at once as the old century passes away and the day of reckoning accounts for the year draws nigh. Sheriff, who has just completed the work of seizing all the tangible property of Isaac Robinson, the extensive manufacturer and mill owner, who is now in a receiver's hands in Baltimore, left Tuesday for Frederica to seize the canning factory and property of H. A. Reik, a well-known canner of that town. Claims have been filed by Joseph Holland and others, but as the aggregate is less than $1,000, it is believed Mr. Reik can adjust them.

CHARLES S. SMITH.

3 DAYS OFF!

THAT IS ALL!

"CHES. WILMER," a negro of 20 yrs. ago, said:

"If ye aint ready, get ready;
Some 'spects to be da, wont be da!"

They are true to the letter and may be in your case. The way to get your

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

Is to "get ready" and come and you will then "be ready and da." Get ready and go direct to

Kriss' Headquarters,

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

AT C. S. SMITH'S, "KRIS' PARTNER."

Our Store and Warehouses are all filled up with "Cash Bought" goods. My store is the place for Bargain Huntsrs, Cash Buyers and Little Children.

TO MAMA and PAPA

We say come to us at once and look and select, and we will show you the greatest and cheapest lot of

TOYS

you will be paid for your coming and paid well. Our stock is too numerous to mention. Wagons, wood and iron, Doll & Doll oaches, Tree ornaments and a thousand other things.

CANDIES - - - 3 TONS.

We will sell it assisted by our LOW PRICES. One year ago we thought we had sold you the best 25c Mixed Candy that we possibly could. Today we present

Our 25c. Mixed Candies.

and wonder how we do it. The secret will be told you by reading the last line of our ad. This candy alone is a 40c candy. Our chocolate creams at 15c is a "Knockout" to all competitors. Clarke & Jones best goods go for 10c. Cut Rock Broken Milk Kisses & Nugat bars 10c.

A Hundred More Such Bargains.

Take one to your Pantry. What?

Bbl. Smith's F. Flour $4

And a bag of 25 lb., buckwheat at 90c. $4.00 for 50 lb. can country lard. $2.00 for box Best Oleane Soap. 50c one doz Baking Powder. 25c for 4 boxes of lye.

Charles S. Smith,

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