LOCAL NEWS.

THE NEWS' BEST WISHES.

I wish that we were Santa Claus,
With power to send joy everywhere;
With the right to search each aching heart,
And plant the seeds of gladness there.

We'd rid the sad old world of care,
And bring good gifts to all mankind;
We'd strengthen those that weakly are,
And to the blind give sight.

We'd banish strife and fear and pain,
And make the mourner smile again;
If we could serve as Santa Claus
No stocking would be searched in vain.

New Constable.—Mr. Charles L Gill was reappointed constable for the fourth district of Kent county last Tuesday.

Early Lambs.—Mr. Johnny Smith, of near Chester bridge, has a dozen or more lambs not over two weeks old. He will be ready for the early market. Mr. Walter Skirven says Johnny beats him.

Property Sales. — Sheriff Davis on Tuesday sold to R. D. Hynson, Esq., the interest of Mr. Harrison I. Parsons and son in a farm of 183 acres, for $255.

Charles N. Satterfield has sold at private sale the Sanford house at Rock Hall to Jas. Sophionia Leybold for $600.

Appraisers Work.—Messrs. Horace Constable and John R. Rollison, appraisers of the estate of the late Thomas Stockton Wickes returned inventory Tuesday. The real estate was estimated to be worth about $57,000 and personalty about $4,100, making an estate of over $60,000. Lewin W. Wickes, Esq , is the administrator and will likely place this valuable property in the market at an early date.

Railroad News.—Surveyors from the Pennsylvania Railroad were in town Monday at work on the lines at the river front near Crane & Valliant's basket factory.

A new depot at Chestertown is one of the new improvements contemplated for the Spring. Flower beds will adorn the surroundings and the railroad company will vie with the Ladies Improvement Society in beautifying our town.

His Trip Interrupted.—Wm. Severson, 19 years old, was arrested yesterday by Detective Dougherty, when about to start for Betterton on the steamer Sassafras. Mr, Jas. L. Schissler, 1017 Hopkins avenue, with whom Severson boarded, reported to the police that a nickel watch and chain, valued at $5, several articles of wearing apparel and a small sum of money had been taken from his house and suspicion was directed against Severson, Justice Lewis committed him for court.—Sun of Friday.

Stock Notes.—Mr. James Willis, on the Corey farm found one of his cows dead in his ice house one day this week. He had missed the cow but thought she had strayed off. He was repairing the house when he discovered the animal dead, having broken her neck in falling.

Mr. Jeff. Usilton had a heifer imbedded in a stack of straw so that several men had to haul her out backwards. The animal had eaten into the stack until it had fallen in on her and the was unable to get out

MRS. MILICENT BECK'S WILL.

The will of the late Mrs. Milicent Beck was filed for probate in the Orphans' Court for Kent county Tuesday. The will was made July 21, 1899, and witnessed by Abram S. Crawford, Wm. E. Sutton and George R. Beck. It contains three codicils. The will devises the property as follows :

To my sister Mary Jane Thumbert, of Washington, D. C., Grove farm, upon condition that she pay within two years the following: To my brother, Wm. M. Ashley, $1,000; to Mrs. Wm. M. Ashley, $100 ;to my niece, Mrs. Mary E. Fowle, $500; to my niece, George Annie Thumbert, $500; to Estella Ashley Weaner, daughter of my brother, Wm. M. Ashley, $500; To Jennie A. Satterfield, daughter of my brother, Wm. M. Ashley, $500; to Julia Etta Ashley, daughter of my late brother, George Thomas Ashley, $400; to Martha W. Ashley, widow of my late brother, Geo. Thomas Ashley, $100; step daughter, Maggie A. J. Stephens, $200; to Matilda Williams, wife of George Thomas Williams, $300; to my grand-niece, Mary Ella Parsons, $100; to my grand nieces, Millicent Porter, Nellie and Josephine, daughters of my nephew, Joseph Porter, each $100; to Mrs. Alphonso Beck, wife of George R. Beck, all the furniture belonging to me.

Mary Jane Thumbert was named as executrix and Mr. Williams requested to assist.

The codicil provides that Wm, A. Ashley having died that his widow be paid $200; George R. Beck, $100 and Mrs. George R. Beck, $50; Union M. E. Church $50; Mrs. Estella I. Constable $150.

Broad Neck Items.

A delightful box social was held Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Thompson for benefit of Kesley Chapel. The bride's lunch box brought $1.25 and the receipts were over $10.00.

Considerable changes will take place about here after Xmas. Sam'l Kilbourn goes to Baltimore for the winter; T J. Parsons goes to the Ascher house, Rock Hall; T. V. Kilbourn goes to his new store in Edesville; Frank Getchell, of Chestertown, takes the "Thomas" farm; Aug. Leary goes to Rock Hall and "Duley" Gale takes the place at Lankford; Harry Thompson goes on the Wallis farm; Walter Fletcher takes the Home dwelling and Herbert Fletcher removes to the farm; Tom Clothier moves to the Camp farm; Chas. Skirvin to the Jump farm near Caulk's field; Raymond Jones to the farm near St. Paul's church.

Mr. Thomas J. Vickers has the worst luck with money of any man in this section. Tuesday last he lost over $300. He had it in his pocket when he reached Lankford but either lost it or was robbed before he reached home.

Big Turnips.—Mr. John Boulter, of Skinner's Neck, Rock Hall, brought to the NEWS office Monday two Christmas turnips weighing 4½ and 6 pounds each. A visitor on Tuesday remarked that Hezekiah Maslin raised a sow and pigs in a turnip that he grew along a fence row !

A Sad Death.—John Hampden Gray, familiarly known to a host of people as "Doc." Gray, died in a room over Wm. A. Blakeney's hardware store early Saturday morning after being confined to his bed but five days. The deceased was a son of the late John R. Gray. He was 43 years of age, a man of fine intellect and excellent memory, but to himself was his worst enemy. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon conducted by Dr. H. B. Martin, interment at Chester Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Charles L. Dodd, J. S. Vandegrift, C. S. Smith, George B. Westcott, Adam S. Startt; John N. Dodd, director.

Chesterville Items.

Locals and Personals.—Mr. Robert Cooper moved from the farm to the village the first of the month to the store house vacated by Mr. Willard Dill who took the Cooper farm.

Mr. John Campbell living near Lambson Station, had his house and furniture burned last week, strange to say Mr. Campbell had just finished paving for his farm the day before it was burned.

Messrs. Charles Crittendon and Mr. Robt. Cooper our new merchants, have a full line of Christmas goods which they are offering at cheap bargains, one would do well to deal with either of our merchants before purchasing elsewhere.

The little Kirby boy that was so badly scalded by hot lard a few weeks ago is improving and with good nursing he may get well.

The corn crops have all been husked and a great many of the farmers have shipped their corn, some to their sorrow especially those who sold at fifty cents a bushel. Some of them report a heavy crop. Mr. Wm. Baxter averaged fifty bushels to the acre; Mr. E. B. Pennington averaged sixty bushels to the acre; Mr. Wm. T. Lusby had a field on his Greenwood farm that will average sixty-five bushels; John Comegys will average sixty.

Mrs. Sadie Hearn, of Wilmington, returned to her home on Tuesday, having spent a week with her sister, Mrs. Thos. Clements.

Miss Annie Foxwell accompanied Mrs. Agnes Jarman to Philadelphia Tuesday.

Mr. Clarence Cochran spent several days wish Delaware friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Comegys gave their friends a party Wednesday night.

Messrs. Editors we wish you both and the reader a merry Christmas.

Mr. Mark Rogers is visiting at his old home in Sussex County, Delaware.

COLD WAVE HERE !

Floods Play Havoc Throughout the Country.

Kent countians have been treated to a bewildering variety of weather during the past week. Following the almost summer temperature of Saturday came a blast from the northwest Sunday morning which made the ears tingle.

Monday the thermometer registered 17°, and on Tuesday the same; on Wednesday the ground was covered with a sprinkle of snow with the mercury at 18°; Thursday it registered 18°, and yesterday 16°.

Chicago reports 12 degrees below zero, and Sheboygan, Wisconsin, 18 below.

Such cold weather is unusual before Christmas and does not usually visit this latitude until mid-winter. It is, however, welcomed by the majority of persons as more seasonable than that of last week, and it is expected by merchants to give a decided impetus to trade, especially in winter clothing and other supplies. By many it is regarded as more healthy.

A summary of the damage wrought by the great storm follows:

Two vessels were driven ashore on the Jersey coast.

Three train wrecks were caused by the storm, and two men were killed.

The Erie Railroad was practically tied up and unable to run through trains.

Twenty bridges were swept away on the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Nearly every through train in New York and Pennsylvania was stalled.

At Port Jervis the receiving vault in the cemetery was flooded and the coffins were floated about.

In Troy $50,000 damage was done.

More than a half a hundred collieries are flooded and compelled to close down.

In Allentown all trolley traffic was stopped and the electric lights could not be used, owing to the flooding of the power houses.

The damage in the Susquehanna and Juniata valleys was less severe, although in the latter railroads were badly crippled in some places.

The damage was enormous in the upper valley of the Schuylkill, one estimate placing the money loss at $1,000,000.

One silk mill at Allentown suffered a damage of $40,000.

Wilkesbarre is cut off from all railroad communication.

The Jersey Central, Lehigh Valley and Erie Railroads are running no through trains.

Christmas Cheer.—Andrew, the faithful janitor at the Chestertown Public School, and his wife were given a surprise party Wednesday by the scholars of the school which greatly pleased them. Andrew says, "I don't understand it. For several years Louisa has been in bed at Xmas time and just as soon as the children come with their gifts she gets up and is a changed woman!"

MACK DANIELS, the fiddler, died suddenly Wednesday morning at his home on Cannon street.

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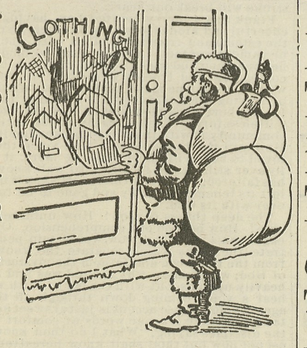
are looking for a Vestee Suit, Reefer or Raglan for the junior, come to headquarters for it.

If You

are looking for a Suit or Overcoat for short pants boy, age 9 to 16—come here and get it.

If Its

a Suit or Overcoat for youth, young man or the senior let us show you the saving by trading with a concern that has an output that fully justifies OUR CLAIM i. e., large assortment, low prices.



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Hats, Nice Quality Suspenders, Gloves, Neckwear, Hosiery, Collars and Cuffs, any of these will be appropriate and useful.

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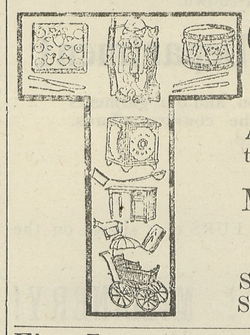
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A Merry Christmas!

We wish all our Many Readers and General Public a very Merry Christmas. We also express our appreciation for the many favors shown us, making this the greatest Christmas in our business experience.

MORE TOYS!





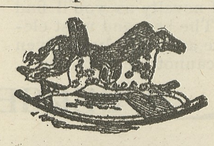
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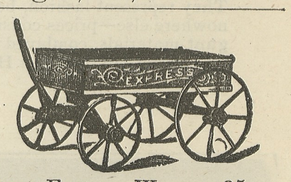
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Fine Impt. Granulated Sugar, lb., . 5c



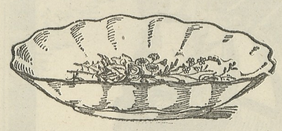
Large 1.25 Shoo Flies 98c,
Hobby Horse extra large, 1.25
Doll Carriages 25c up.
Large 40c Sleds at 29c.
Large Velocipedes only 1.48.



Large Express Wagons 25c.
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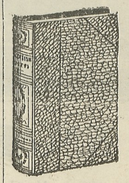
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Almonds, Finest Paper Shell .	16c
The best Mixed Nuts (All New Nuts / No Pea Nuts)	12½c
Fine Large New Cocoanuts . .	2½c
Now for a Good French Mixtures, only	5c
The Finest 10c Mixed Candy .	7½c
Very Fine Fancy Mixture . .	10c
Good Cream Chocolates . .	12½c
The Finest (Bon-Bons, Chocolates, Extra Mixtures, Buttercups, Etc.) .	18c
"Lowney's Chocolates and Fancy Box Candies."	
Large Sweet Oranges, doz., only .	19c
Fancy Large Oranges, doz., at .	25c
Ripe Red Cranberries, quart, .	8½c
Fine Layer Figs, lb., . .	10c, 12½c
Fancy Cluster Raisins, lb., . .	12½c
Finest Currants and Seeded Raisins, lb	10c

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