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Some Spring News!

That plainly shows the convenience, pleasure and economy of making your purchase from THE STILL POND BARGAIN HOUSE. We have considerably increased our stock. Later styles nor more tempting prices you scarcely find even in the cities.

Beautiful line of Swiss, Nainsook and Hamburg Inserting and Embroidery, per yard 2c to 25c.

The latest in Applique Trimming in white and ecrue the most popular dress trimming this season, our prices from 15c to 25c.

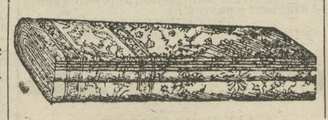
Many styles in Silk Braid, 5c,

Two score or more styles of the prettiest Valencines, Lace and Inserting, 5c to 25c.

Plaid and striped Organdies, the atest styles in Dimity, 5c to 25c.

Fine line of Ladies' Shirt Waists percale and dimity 35c to 85c.

To arrive April 1st, 25c Silk Finished Madras in Shirt Waists lengths, a bargain, 12½c,



35c Bleached Table Damask 25c.

FURNITURE

Big Bargains Our Furniture Departmant.

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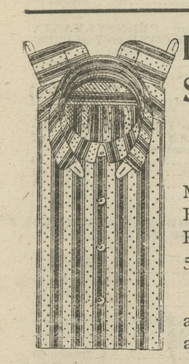

Laundried Shirts

A rich line of MEN'S SOFT BOSOM MADRAS SHIRTS 50c values, 39c,

Special values at 50c, 69c, 75c, and $1.00.

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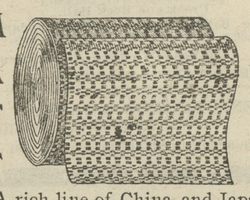


A rich line of China and Japanese Matting in carpet effects, thousands of yards from which to make your selections, 10, 12½, 15, 16, 18, 20 and 25c.

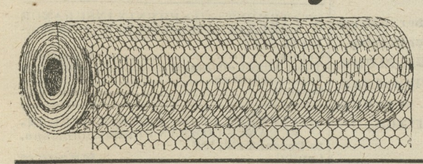
Something new in Amer. Matting, wears like cocoa matting and looks 100 per cent. better, 39c.

Farm and Garden

The Famous Snow Flake Snow Ball and Snow Storm White Wash Brushes **15c, 17c** and **20c,** will wear as long as most brushes costing twice as much, just what you want for fence and barn.

Large Barrel (200 pounds) Lump White Wash Lime, the purest white for inside or outside work, **$1.00.**

Poultry Wire.



We keep all widths of POULTRY WIRE from 2 ft. to 5 ft.

Line starts at per roll of 50 yards for **$1.19.**

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STILL POND, MD.

Sassafras Notes.

Easter Sunday the M.P.Church here looked beautiful. The pulpit and chancel were beautifully decorated with flowers and potted plants, though lilies were most prominent. Rev. J. McLain Brown and Rev. Mr. Obley, of Cumberland, preached to a large and attentive congregation. Many from other churches united with the M. P. in their beautiful services. The singing was fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester entertained for dinner on Sunday Rev.Mr.Obley, of Cumberland, Md., Rev. J. McLain Brown, wife and children, of Warwick; Mrs. Fortnier, Kennedyville; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasin and son, Paul, near town.

Mrs. Joseph Biggs is lying critically ill at her home near Chesapeake City.

Mrs. Rachel Strong left on Wednesday for Mrs. Joseph Biggs, near Chesapeake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith entertained for dinner on Sunday Misses Katie and Annie Weer, of Kennedyville,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston and children were entertained for the day by Capt. Thos. Helter and family at Buttlertown on Sunday.

Miss Bessie Genil, of Warwick, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John F. Ernest on Wednesday.

Mrs. Sutton, of Locust Grove, was the guest of Mrs. Theresa Shallcross last week.

The North Sassafras Parish, St. Stephens Church, at Earleville, was reopened on Sunday and the music was most elaborate and sublime. There will be services each Sabbath morning until further notice. Each winter this quaint old church is closed and services held at Cecilton Parish.

Mrs. Stephen H. Ford, of Ford's Landing and daughter, Miss Susie, were the guests of her daughter, Mrs. Herman B. Massey, of near Masseys, from Monday until Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Martha McWhorter is the guest of Millington relatives during Easter holidays.

Alexander T. Laws was entertained by relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ford and family, near Chestertown on Sunday and Monday last.

Miss Virginia Johnston reopened her school here on Monday morning after a most delightful Easter visit to Betterton friends.

The many friends here were sad indeed to learn of the death of Mr. George W. Lockwood, of near Warwick. He has been a great and long sufferer.

The Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Easton will convene in Easton, Md., on June 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs John Tarbutton tendered their children an Easter egg rolling on Easter Monday and the many children were delighted with their pleasant and unique entertainment and surely enjoyed themselves.

Messrs. C. H. B. Massey, of Chestertown, and E. Thomas Massey, of near Massey, visited Sassafras on last Thursday.

Mr. J. Arthur Ford, Fords Landing, visited his aunt, Mrs. Alexander T. Laws on Wednesday.

Miss Susie E. Ford spent the Easter holidays with her mother at Fords Landing. She will return to her school, Hannah Moore Academy next week.

Bradford Johnson is home from school spending Easter and is also Gilbert Clark, of Charlotte Hall, and his sister, Miss Agnes Clark, of Notre Dame, Baltimore, spent the holidays with their parents below Massey.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dreka tendered their daughter, Miss Alice, and son, Louis, a masquerade party on Easter Monday evening. About fifty guests were present and a most delightful time was spent. Those masqueraded were: Misses Alice Dreka, Liberty; Fannie Griffith, Springtime; Louis Dreka, Cowboy; M. Cleaver, Old Maid; Wm. Green, Monkey; Miss Edna V. Stephens, Highland Lady; Miss Theresa Dreka, Cook; Jas. Davis, Uncle Sam; Miss Jennie Boyles, Red Riding Hood; Miss Atwell, Morning Star, Miss Helen Davis, Cook; Mrs. Mabel Malsberger, Daisy Bell; Miss Sadie Loller, Liberty; Miss Nellie Malsberger, Bat; Miss D. Hoover, Martha Washington; Miss Mamie Pierce, Cecil county; Harry Bolton, Darkey; H. Wilbert, Red Riding Hood; Willie Shallcross, Fat man; Bayard Jones, Dude.

The unmasked guests were Mr. and Mrs. Caulk, Miss Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, Misses Stradley, Mrs. John F. Ernest and two sons, Miss Benie Merrit, Warwick; Miss Lizzie Anderson, Cecilton; Mrs. A. H. Johnson, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. A. H. Malisberger and sons, Massey; Messrs. Irving Spry, Earl Davis and Raymond Walbert, near Chestertown; Miss Cora Anderson, Cecilton; Mr. Amos Merritt, Mr. Baynard Vineyard, Warwick; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dreka and Miss May Dreka. After a most delightful entertainment an elegant collation was served and the guests took their departure in the wee small hours thanking their hostess for a delightful evening's entertainment.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Rock Hall Locals.

Many here about were very much crest fallen on Saturday evening upon reading the weather man's prediction, that Easter Sunday would be rainy, but their joy was complete on Sunday to find that the day was never more glorious until late P. M. As the consequence of the delightfulness of the day all our church services were largely attended by the young and aged, male and female, stylishly groomed and handsomely gowned. Such bewitching feminine fancies as were exhibited, were lovely in the extreme. It was a matter impossible on the part of not a few to decide who looked the prettiest. Indeed, the "dear things" looked just too lovely for mortal visions. As for our own decision, the Misses —— were entitled the honor of being the prettiest girls and the most handsomely attired.

Special Easter services were held in the M. E. Church at night before a large and appreciative audience. The rendition of which was most pleasing and interesting.

March gave us a savage farewell of snow, rain and wind and extended his influence pretty well into the week; much to the discomfiture of the oystermen and fishermen, who feel the rapid strides of the approaching close of the season all too keenly for comfort and the coolness of the weather retards garden and truck operations. About all we can do is to grin and bear it.

Hip! hip! Hurrah! Exit Legislation, Haman "et al." The luscious bivalve is still on top.

The oyster question succeeded in winding up the Senate in disgrace. Whether this will prove best for the future of the oyster is doubtful, but we hope it will prove a quietus to future political aspirations our former young friend, Olin Bryan and a few others of his stripe. Evidently the young man has "forgot the rock from whence he was hewn." Politicians are like the "Irishman's flea when you put your finger on him, he is not there." But while we rejoice over the non-legislation of the oyster question, we are somewhat disturbed on the fish question. If we have got the "hang of the thing," we hope Governor Smith will with-hold his approval to the fish law. He is now our hope. It is certainly a most obnoxious piece of legislation.

We are greatful for the faithful services of our local representatives, Messrs. Baker, Kendall and Trew. All honor to them and if the Representatives for Kent for the session of 1904 must be Republicans, we want the present trio returned. We are also truely grateful to our county press for their timely efforts in behalf of all industries of the county.

Mrs. Thos. A. Ayres has been quite sick during the past week, but she is now very much improved.

Chesterville Happenings.

Local Notes.—Another cold wave has taken us by surprise, we feel the cold more sensibly now than in the winter.

Easter morning was beautiful, but late in the afternoon, the wind blew a hurricane accompanied by dashing rain and several loud peals of thunder, the writer being on the road received full benefit of it all.

Owing to Rev. I. Ryder being at Conference there was no preaching at our church Sunday. The Catholic church at Galena was the attraction for the day.

About a month ago Robt. W. Lusby purchased an incubator and brooder of Messrs. Griffith, Turner & Co., of Baltimore, who are agents for the Prairie State Incubator Co. Out of 108 eggs he hatched 83 chicks, which he considers a good hatch. The chicks are now a week old and are doing first class in the brooder.

Wheat and grass are both looking well. The young grass has a good set and we hope this year to have a heavy crop of hay to mow.

Mr. Alday Clements has built a large wagon shed on his Coppage farm.

Mr. Swing & Co., of Caroline county, has contracted with the farmers to can tomatoes at Black's for $8 a ton.

The farmers have the spring fever the worse kind, are plowing their corn ground to-day. Here men plowed all day with overcoats and their winter gloves on. One of our largest and progressive farmers has nearly a hundred acre field plowed while he still has half a field of fodder in the field and his oats not sowed.

We are glad to report our sick friends, Messrs. Wm. Silcox, Garret Foxwell, Wm. Lusby, Goldie Carrey and Mr. Dobson all able to be out and attending to their own affairs. While the sick ladies do not improve so fast.

Personal News.—Miss Mabel Jefferson, of Queen Anne's, and Mr. Norman Jefferson, of Washington college, spent their holiday with their sister, Mrs Wm. Baxter.

Miss Dora Loller spent her vacation with Galena friends.

Miss Wallis and Miss Gardner, of near Smyrna, were the guests of Mrs. John Wallis on Sunday.

Mrs. Walter King and Mrs. Howard King were entertained by Mrs. Thomas Bennett Sunday.

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

Mr. Robt. W. Lusby spent Sunday with his friend Mr. Stonewall Johnson near Massey he is glad to report him much better.

Miss Bessie Wallis, of Broad Neck, was the guest of friends near here from Friday until Monday.

Mr. Thomas Clements and family spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson.

Mr. Mark Rodgers and wife spent Sunday with friends near Crumpton.

Mr. Irven Hurlock spent several days last week in Wilmington.

Miss Blanche Johnson, of Notre Dame college, Baltimore, Md., and Mr. Bradford Johnson, of Goldey Commercial college, Wilmington, Del., and Miss Eva Foxwell, of Smyrna High School, returned to their respective schools last Wednesday.

Messrs. Wm. Biggs, Jessie Sheppard and Richard Price of Middletown, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends near the village.

Mrs. Helen Comegys is visiting friends in Chestertown.

Mr. Clay Lusby, of Chestertown, and Miss Francis Eliason, of Wilmington were the guests of Mr. Wm. Lusby last Friday week.

Mrs. Sarah Mahtine, of near Elkton, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Hurlock, the past two weeks.

LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS.

A Summary of the Bills of Local Interest which Became Laws.

The main political legislation consists in the two redistricting bills in which Cecil county is placed in this Congressional District, the Primary Election law and the amendments to the General Election law. The Primary Election law applies only to Baltimore city and is not well adapted to rural communities, where, as a rule, the urgency for a law of the kind is not so great. Under this law primaries of all parties are to be held at the same time and place by the regular election officers and with all the safeguards and penalties of the General Election law. The form of the ballot is such as to make it as difficult for an illiterate to vote as the general election. To this feature many of the Republicans objected.

The main features in changes in the General Election law are as following: Requiring a uniform ballot in specified plain type, with the party designations in a column, so that they cannot be run into the name and thereby confuse the voter. Another feature is that requiring persons coming into the State to become citizens to register that intention in a clerk's office. One year after registration the right to vote can accrue. This registration is made without cost to the voter. It is designed to stop negroes who are brought into the State by contractors on temporary work from voting, and it is expected that it will keep a great many Washington negroes away from the polls.

The following bills were passed:

To prohibit the use of deep-water nets in the upper Chesapeake.

To amend charter of Chestertown.

To provide for the reassessment of personal property in 1906. (Baltimore, Prince George's and Garrett counties exempted.)

The bill to admit women to practice law.

To prohibit use of purse nets in certain waters adjacent to Kent county.

To incorporate the Kent and Cecil Light, Power and Railroad Company.

To incorporate Kent Light, Power and Railway Company. This company have about the same powers as the above, the incorporators of which are W. W. Beck, L. W. Wickes, H. B. Constable, L. B. Russell, C. S. Smith, W. G. Smyth.

To regulate the salary of the State's Attorney of Kent county—$1200.

To refund certain bonds of Kent county.

To refund to Charles O. Kendall and others, of Kent county, money erroneously paid to the Treasurer.

Prohibiting the sale of liquor in Queenstown election district, Queen Anne's county.

To amend the charter of the Chester River Steamboat Company of Baltimore so that they can open a line to Virginia or other counties in Maryland.

To make women eligible as notaries public amended so that there shall be not more than six in Baltimore city, nor more than one in each county of the State. Washington county is exempted from the provisions of the bill.

To regulate the catching of crabs in waters of Queen Anne's county. This law requires all non-residents to pay a license of $2.

To amend the general insurance laws.

To amend the laws of Kent county relative to justices of the peace so as to provide for the appointment of a police justice in Chestertown district.

To fix the salary of the Treasurer of Kent county at $1500.

A bill was also passed to pay Thomas W. Trew $287.89 and A. M. Kendall $287.89 to defray expenses of election contests.

A SPLENDID SHOWING.

Treasurer Charles S. Smith through his efficient clerk, Mr. Fred. Wilson, placed his books in the hands of Sheriff Fletcher on Tuesday and all who have not paid their taxes will have to settle with the Sheriff. The record for the year beats all previous ones. The following is the amount by districts that is to be collected:—

DISTRICT.	STATE.	COUNTY.
First	50.96	272.98
Second	28 09	188.70
Third	4.52	24.35
Fourth	89.26	477.95
Fifth	28.04	150.82
Sixth	12.71	68.07
Seventh	9.28	49.65
Mortgage	8.07	24.21
Corporation		19.97
	230.93	1276.76

On Monday $1578.57 was collected, the last day of 1901 only $400 was collected. The amount to be collected last year was $321.47 State and $1704.49 in county taxes.

Sale of Antique Wares.—The sale of personalty of the R. Bennett Wilson estate was largely attended last week and Auctioneer Greenwood says he never saw such a large quantity of personalty as was presented. Among the antique pieces were a lot of brass curtain knobs which brought $6 50; antique table $10; pair andirons $9; arm chair $14; horse 24 years old $72; mules 33 years old $80; cows from $20 to $40; sheep $5; a sow weighing 150 pounds, $21; shoats 6 cents, etc.

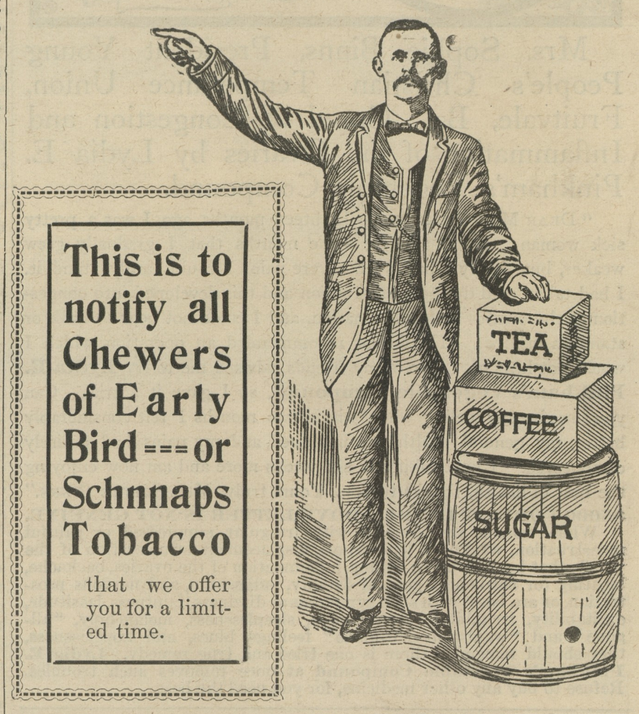
Among the effects was found a check for $500 which had never been cashed and which was given for grain by a commission merchant who has since failed.

April Fool.—H. H. Barroll, Esq., was king of jokers Tuesday and counted his victims by the score. A box of fresh French candy made by John Wanamaker and filled with salt was the bait which tempted us. Some of the victims found fault with the chocolates and took another piece—white—but it was worse than the dark. Among his victims were Judge Hudson, Deputy Ford, Frank P. Cochran, Wm. Morris, R. N. Boston, Auctioneer Greenwood, G. W. Smith, T. G. Wroth, Wm. Townsend, Sheriff Fletcher, Justice Melvin, H. I. Parsons, P. A. M. Brooks, the NEWS editor and hosts of others.

THE town of Harriman, Tenn., has been destroyed by flood. The buildings in the town were washed away and many lives are supposed to have been lost. The property loss is estimated at a quarter of a million dollars. This town numbers 800 inhabitants.

CHARLES S. SMITH.

Public Offer!



This is to notify all Chewers of Early Bird===or Schnaps Tobacco that we offer you for a limited time.

TOBACCO!

10 lb Box Early Bird -	3.75
Or a lb., 10 5-Cent Cuts	41c
10 lb Box Schnapps -	3.85
Or a lb, 10 5-cent Cuts -	42c
Six 5c Cuts of any Graveley Tobacco.	
Gravely Chewing Tobacco	25c
Six 5c Cuts of any Sweet Tobacco.	
Sweet Chewing Tobacco	25c

THIS BOX OFFER GOOD UNTIL APRIL 12.

FLOUR!

We bought for CASH 100 Barrels of FAMILY FLOUR that is worth to-day $4.65 and we say it is to be sold and at **$4.00.** Only 21 more to go.

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CHESTERTOWN'S ONLY CASH MERCHANT.

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LEMNOS will make the season in Kent county beginning March 20th. Those wishing to breed to this horse would do well to make application early as he will only be allowed to serve a limited number of mares. $10 for the season; $15 to insure. Address,

JESSE R. COPPER,

March 1st. KENNEDYVILLE, MARYLAND.

HOGAN.—In sad but loving rememberance of our dear daughter, Florence Hogan, who departed this life six years go to-day April 1st, 1902, at Rock Hall.

Through the pearly gates of Heaven
Passed the one we loved so dear;
God thought best to take her from us,
Though she left our home so drear.
Friends may think we'll soon forget her,
And our wounded hearts be healed;
But they little know the sorrow
Tha's within our hearts concealed.
By father and mother,

Sleep, dear sister, and take your rest;
God took you home—He thought it best.
By her sisters.

The floods in the South, as a result of the severe storm which has been raging in many States, have caused heavy losses, Thousands of feet of track have been washed away, a number of bridges are down, many towns are under water and traffic is practically at a standstill on many lines.

THE wind storm of Sunday afternoon caused a church roof to fall in Pittsburg killing a number of people and injuring others and played havoc generally.

Standard Keeper's Notice.

The undersigned having been appointed Standard Keeper for Kent County, hereby gives notice to MERCHANTS, SHOP KEEPERS and all others interested, that he will by order of the County Commissioners attend the following places on or about the days named for the purpose of inspecting and ADJUSTING ALL BEAMS, SCALES, WEIGHTS and MEASURES, used or intended to be used in this county, namely:

TUESDAY, April 15—Still Pond, Kennedyville, Locust Grove, Galena and Georgetown.

WEDNESDAY, April 16—Sassafras, Golts, Millington, Massey, Chesterville, Morgnec.

THURSDAY, April 17—Betterton, Coleman, Lynchs, Worton, Hanesville, Fairlee and Melitota.

FRIDAY, April 18—Lankford, Edesville, Rock Hall and Piney Neck.

MONDAY, April 21—Chestertown, Pomona and Quaker Neck.

ARTHUR ALLSTON,
a5-tf. Standard-Keeper.

MOODY & LUSBY tell our readers in this issue that their various lines are now ready for inspection and solicit an early call while stock is complete, duplicates of desirable patterns will be difficult to get.

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