Local Notes.

Great Day for Rats—Mr. George Z. Roland in putting a new floor in his slaughter house Tuesday killed fifty-eight big rats. The boys enjoyed the sport.

Change of Schedule.—On and after Tuesday, January 6th, 1903, the time of the B. S. Ford leaving Centreville will be 8 A. M., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, instead of 7 A. M. The Saturday afternoon special Rock Hall trip is abandoned for the present.

Deserved Increase.—The Directors of the Second National Bank on Wednesday in appreciation of the efficient work of the officers increased Cashier W. B. Copper's salary $200 and made a substantial increase in the salaries of Messrs. Perkins, Deaver and Miss Carroll.

The New Depot.—Supt. Holliday and Civil Engineer Latrobe were in town Tuesday and located the new depot on the Pearce lot, near foot of Cross street and accessible from Queen street. This lot was purchased of Judge J. A. Pearce thirty-three years ago and contains about a half acre. Contractor Culp says he will begin work as soon as possible. The new depot will cost about $4,000, will have basement for furnace and all modern improvements.

Sale of Farms.—Dr. E. G. Clark, of Millington, has purchased of the Reybolds, of Delaware City, the Reybold farm in Worton tenanted by Mr. Tilghman Cooper for $14,000. This farm contains about 300 acres and is in fine state of cultivation.

Bloomfield farm, containing 477 acres, one and a half mile from Centreville, has been sold by Richard Davidson to John H. Evans, of Rolphs, for $20,156. The sale was made through John Dodd, real estate agent.

School Matters.—Miss Nellie Hersch has been promoted to the place occupied by Miss Clara Middleton in Rock Hall school and Miss Lillian Maslin takes Miss Hersch's place. Miss Maslin has been teaching and proves that she is specially fitted for teaching young children.

Mr. John W. Silcox has been appointed janitor to the new school house in Chestertown.

Certificates have been issued to Misses Maude Ringgold, Barbara Anthony and Julia Brinsfield.

Big Yield.—Mr. John P. Nicholson shelled his big corn last week and got 70 bushels per acre from 22 acres. This was "step corn" raised on a clover sod and drilled.

On Christmas Day David Chalmers, James A. Humphries and John H. Mowbray met at the store of the North Brennen Supply Company to decide the corn contest for the Morris chair offered for the six largest ears of corn grown by a Dorchester farmer, the corn to be placed at the store before Dec. 25th. The chair was won by Mr. J. Mitchell Reid, of Linkwood. His six ears weighed on the cob 8 pounds and 14 ounces; the corn shelled weighed 6 lbs. and 15 ounces. The second lot in size was that of Messrs. Richardson and Lake. Their six ears weighed on the cob 8 pounds and 8 ounces, and when shelled 6 lbs. 13 ounces.

Little Bell a Winner.—Little Bell, the speedy pacer formerly owned by Mr. Jas. W. Walls, of Crumpton, and sold by him to Mr. E. B. Emory, of Centreville, last October and subsequently sold by Mr. Emory, to Mr. Dyer, of Richmond, has been making quite a record for herself down south. At the Savannah meeting held the latter part of last month in Savannah, Ga., Little Bell was first in the 2.22 class, going the fastest heat in 2.14¼ and also took first money in the 2.20 class with a record of 2.13¼.

Col. Massey filled his ice house this week with four-inch ice.

T. G. Wroth has given away eight purchases. The last lucky customer was Officer Hudson.

The firm of Chapman & Lambert began their fortieth year in business on Thursday. They are a live firm and have the confidence of this community.

The 12-year-old son of J. Leeds Barroll, Esq., accidentally shot his gun in the home of his uncle, near town, Thursday, the load taking effect in the refrigerator! H. H. Barroll, Esq., told the young man to take the refrigerator out doors the next time he wanted to shoot at it!

Mr. John W. Startt says the farmers are planting trees more largely than ever. He represents the R.G.Chase Co., of Geneva, N. Y., and says this has been the most successful season for twenty years and has booked more orders for spring delivery than ever before.

The wedding of Mr. Harry Lambert and Miss Nellie Walker took place at the M. P. parsonage, St. James, Tuesday evening, Dec. 23rd. He will remove to Mr. Thos. Gale's farm

HOLIDAY EVENTS.

Elegant Christmas Music in The Churches—Treats, Carols and Appropriate Sermons.

Sunday was a charming day and the churches were well attended. Christ M. P. Church was beautifully trimmed with palms and ferns. Dr. Greenfield preached an eloquent and effective sermon on "The Human Hand under the Seraph's wing," while the choir under Prof. A. M. Culp's direction sang two pretty Christmas anthems. The choir comprised the following:

Sopranos—Mrs Mamie Dodd, Mrs. J. L. Smyth, Mrs. A. M. Culp, Misses Bessie Wheatley, Maud Kelley, Adelaide Howard. Altos—Miss Marion Lusby, Mrs. J. Hydie Thompson, Miss Addie Hurlock. Tenors—J. H. Thompson, A. M. Culp. Bassos—Fred. G. Usilton, J. P. Parrott, Howard Dodd.

In the evening the Sunday School rendered their carols accompanied by a full orchestra and eclipsed all their former efforts in the sweetness and effectiveness with which they rendered the songs. The program was as follows.

Overture.....Orchestra.
Song, Children Come.....School.
Scripture Reading.....Prof. T. D. Bowers.
Scripture Recitation.....School.
Prayer.....Prof. J. L. Smyth.
Song, We are the Children of the King School.
Recitation, "Watching In Christmas" Elizabeth Russell.
Song, Christmas time so Fair.....School.
Exercise, Gifts of the Wise Men, Dumont Lambert, Mason Latham, Carmita Russell, Francis Howard.
Exercises. Titles of Jesus, Anna King, Rebecca Aldridge, Louise Nugent, Merle White, Ida Smith.
Song, They Were Wise Men,.....School.
Reading, The Little Cripple, Miss Maude Kelley.
Song, Peace on Earth,.....School.
Exercise, The Bells of Christmas, Russell Wheatley, Frazier Russell, Eugenia Seibold.
Recitation, Your Little Light, Roberts Greenfield.
Song, Glory in the Highest,.....School.
Exercises Christmas Flowers, Joseph Wheatley, James Bacchus, Marguerita Dodd.
Song, Angels Adore Him,.....School.
Reading, The Legend of the First Christmas Tree, Rev. D. L. Greenfield.
Closing Chorus, Tell It Out,.....School.

The orchestra for the occasion was composed as follows:

Organist, Miss Clara Usilton; violins, L. B. Russell, Warren Hurlock; clarionets, Edgar Ford, J. Hydie Thompson; cornet, John C. Cannan; trombone, Foster Cannan; piccolo, William L. Fowler.

Dr. Martin delivered a splendid sermon at Emmanuel Church Sunday. The musical program was as follows:

Venite, in E flat.....Webb
Te Deum, a flat.....Rogers
Jubilate, a flat.....Fowler
Gloria Tibi.....Strambridge
Anthem, "And There Were Sheperds" Danks
Choir—Mrs. Allan A. Harris, Miss Isabelle Beck, Mr. Thomas W. P[illegible], Mr. Nesbitt Trenchard; Mr. [illegible], flute; Miss Olivia Wilkins, [illegible]

Key. E. P. [illegible] d a grand Christmas ser[illegible] following musical pr[illegible] at the M. E. Chu[illegible]

Oh, Holy Nigh[illegible] lehem Shepher[illegible] New Born King, [illegible] Song, by E. L. [illegible] Bertie Burchinal [illegible] and Anna Lam[illegible] Ethel Coleman. [illegible] Bennett. Teno[illegible] and W. S. Brown [illegible] Miss Anna G. La[illegible]

Chris[illegible]

The scholars o[illegible] School were give[illegible] Hall Monday e[illegible] taken from the b[illegible] Cabbage Patch," [illegible] laughable product[illegible] characters were Miss[illegible] Hallie Westcott and Simon W[illegible] the Virginia reel was danced by Mary Whaland, Edith Harley, Bessie Westcott, Wethered Barroll, Godfrey Westcott, Samuel Greenwood and Nesbit Trenchard. Old Kris in the person of Mr. C. C. Hopper afterward came and distributed gifts to all.

The M.E. School held their treat Tuesday evening. The room was crowded with young folks and Mr. Ernest Barnes made a good Kris. Everybody received a basket filled with good things.

At Christ Church the audience was entertained with music by Mr. R. J. Duhamel on his new graphophone and by speeches by Masters Kent Greenfield and Russell Wheatley. Old Kris was well impersonated by Mr. Jos. Lambert and Mrs. J Hydie Thompson as Mrs. Kris was a model spring fashion plate of fifty years ago and amused everyone. Boxes of candy and fruit were distributed to over three hundred.

The Sacred Heart Sunday School scholars were given a treat Thursday. Mr. Ady made a powerful looking Santa Claus.

The bay was frozen over at Betterton this week.

Court will open next Tuesday and the business will be confined to local civil cases carried over from October court.

The Chester bridge draw has been in bad shape for a week. The Drury Co. have been notified to come at once and put the new draw in place.

Treasurer Copper has collected during December $49,026.57 in taxes; on Wednesday he and his deputy collected $9,312.30.

The coal situation here is improved this week by the arrival of sixty tons of hard coal by vessel for Messrs. France & Decorse and two hundred tons of soft coal for Mr. J. D. Bacchus. Coal is selling for $8 and $8.50 per ton in Chestertown.

W. W. Hubbard moved his office into the handsome new building on High street this week. He has been in the Parks building for twenty-two years and during this time the business has far outgrown the fondest hopes of the proprietors.

The Kennedyville Creamery paid $1.10 per hundred for milk last month.

Officer Hudson was called in to put out an odd fire Monday. An elderly shoemaker on Calvert street had overestimated his capacity, and in his stupor, had upset the lamp causing the man's clothes to take fire and threatening his life. Mr. Hudson extinguished the fire and left some of his friends with him.

MOODY & LUSBY.

MAKE OUT YOUR MEMORANDUM EARLY!

don't wait until December 24th before getting your Xmas presents together, and in making out list

FOR THE BOYS, FOR THE MEN!

bear in mind the necessities as well as luxuries, and come in early, so that you can select more satisfactory.

PUT DOWN ON YOUR LIST!

(that is if you need such) Suit or Overcoat; or both—man or Boy. Hat, Underwear, Gloves, Suspenders, Hosiery, Silk Muffler, Neckwear, Shirts, Handkerchiefs, all of these things will make useful Xmas presents. We have added an extra supply of these articles enumerated above and advise an early inspection, so that you can have more time to select. Respectfully,

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OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE.

FIRE NEAR TOWN!

The Hill Farm House Destroyed Saturday Night—Mr. Hendrickson Loses His Watch and Clothes.

The two-story farm house in Morgnec, near Chestertown, on the farm owned by Mrs. Thos. Hill, was totally destroyed by fire about ten o'clock Saturday night. Mr. George Hendrickson, the tenant, accompanied by Mr. "Nick" Westcott, left the farm about 8 o'clock. They put a chunk of wood in the hot air stove and claimed to have closed the draft. The fire was first discovered by Mr. William A. Bell, who went to the house, but says he could not find a bucket nor anything with which to handle water, otherwise he believes he could have saved the house. Mr. Hendrickson saw the fire as he returned home, but upon his arrival it was too late to save anything. There were but eight persons at the fire including Messrs. H. L. Boyd, J. C. Loud and several others. Mr. Hendrickson lost all his furniture, clothing and a watch on which there was no insurance. Fortunately he had his money with him. The house was insured in the Kent Mutual for $565.

This farm will be tenanted next year by Mr. Wm. Shinn.

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THE COLONEL DID RIGHT.

An Impudent Colored Driver Talks Ugly to Chestertown's Commissioner and He Is Arrested.

Wm. Winchester, colored, was driving a one-horse wagon Wednesday and had an idea he could do as he pleased, but Colonel W. J. Vannort taught him different. It seems that Winchester had his wagon backed across the pavement blocking travel and refused to move for several ladies.

Colonel Vannort happened to be passing along the street and kindly asked the driver not to leave his wagon across the pavement. The negro wanted to know what he had to do with it.

"I'll show," answered the Colonel.

"I'll not move until I get ready," replied the driver, but he took care to drive off. As he did so he called to the Colonel "you can't run over me if you are white!"

Officer Hudson learned of Winchester's conduct and arrested him. Justice France gave him a hearing and when he plead "guilty," Colonel Vannort asked the justice to make his sentence light. He was fined $1 and costs which he paid.

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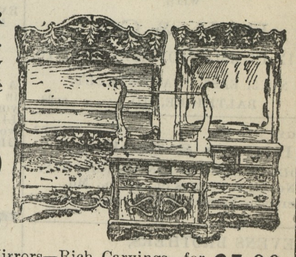

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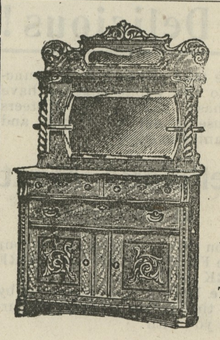

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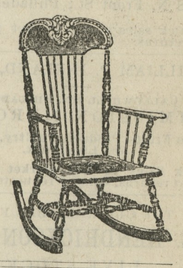

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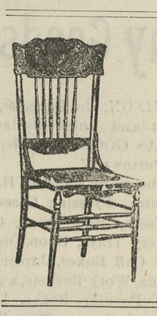

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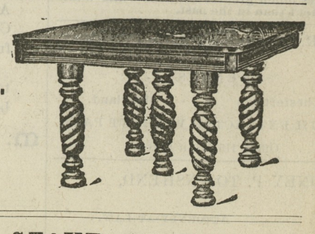

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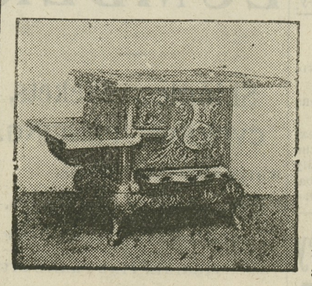

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