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AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY.

The roads of Kent county are in a fearful condition, not because of any neglect or mistakes on the part of our supervisors or County Commissioners, but because of natural consequences. There is, however, a remedy. Will the people of Kent county rise to the occasion and apply it. The piece of experimental road in Queen Anne county, near Chester bridge, is standing the test most admirably. While miles of mud lie beyond this strip which for years has been notoriously bad when the average road was moderately good, the piece treated by the slag and stone process is perfectly smooth and as firm as a rock. The question is taking on a practical aspect in some sections, and according to an official of the Department of Agriculture, the Government may come to our relief. This official says:

"The willing submission of the American people to the needless and burdensome condition of our country roads is a remarkable circumstance. Careful study of this matter seems to indicate that this is wholly due to lack of knowledge and appreciation of the comparative benefits of improved roadways over bad ones and the ease and cost by which the best of roads may be secured.

Growth in New York.

"This has been demonstrated by the wonderful growth in popularity of the road movement in the state of New York during the past four years. The first roads were built in New York by state aid in 1899, when only $70,000 was spent under state aid in the building of fifteen miles of country roads. One-half of the cost is paid by the state and one-half by the counties and towns in which the roads are built. On December 1, 1902, the New York state engineer had received petitions from the counties of the state for building 2,007 miles of roads, to cost about $16,000,000, an increase of 230 fold, or 23,000 per cent in four years. From this it would appear that the enormous advantages of improved roads can be fully realized by the average American only by actual personal experience and observation.

"It is wholly inconsistent with the characteristic enterprise of Americans that they would willingly submit to the continuous and needless losses due to lack of good roads, especially when these losses are so great in a few years as to equal the cost of building the finest roads in the world throughout the entire country. This remarkable fact can only be accounted for as the result of our deplorable ignorance of the comparative economies, comforts and pleasures of good and bad roads.

Many Millions Wasted.

"It is conservatively estimated by government officials that we are needlessly losing or wasting over $600,000,000 each year because of our bad roads, making a mud tax of over $2,000,000 for every working day in the year and an individual tax of nearly $8 each year for every person in this country.

This estimate is for the direct money loss and takes no account of the incidental disadvantages, discomforts and inconveniences of bad roads, which would probably exceed the direct money loss Besides this, the increased values of farms reached by good roads would amount to an enormous sum. In New York and other states this increase in selling values has equaled from $25 to $100 an acre in many cases.

"An increase of only $8 an acre on the estimate of 640,000,000 acres for the country would amount to something like $5,000,000,000, or more than enough to build the best and finest main roads in the world—about 1,000,000 miles—throughout the entire country several times over, by the brick track road system by thich the best of roads can be built for a cost which should not exceed an average of $2,000 a mile. The interest on this sum of $5,000,000,000 at 4 per cent. would build all the mainly traveled roads in the country in less than ten years at a cost of only 40 per cent of the increased farm value.

Increase of Farm Values.

"From this it appears that we would receive benefits from improving our main roads in the increase of farm values alone equal to two and one-half fold, or 250 per cent. of their cost.

"A direct saving of $600,000,000 a year figured at 4 per cent. interest, would carry a cost of $12,500,000,000. This is over six times, or 600 per cent. of the necessary costs of the main roads for the entire country.

"If the indirect comforts, benefits and savings will equal the direct savings, we will have another item of $6,000,000,000. This makes the total benefits from good main roads equal to something like $30,000,000,000, or fifteen times their cost. The interest from this sum at 7 per cent. would pay the cost of building the finest and best main roads in the world throughout the entire country each and every year.

"These benefits are so enormous that it is difficult to rightly comprehend them without making some comparisons. The benefits of $30,000,000,000, for instance, are nearly 100 times the amount of the cost of the Spanish war, and certainly appear to make this the greatest economic question before this country at the present time.

"Now, what is being done to meet this enormous problem? In the early part of the past century, when our country was new and our resources small, Congress appropriated some $15,000,000, for national aid in the road buildings, since which time most of our roads have largely taken care of themselves and their deplorable conditions have attained a world-wide reputation.

Niggardly Appropriations.

"To meet this enormous and important problem Congress at its last session appropriated the trifling sum of $30,000 and only $20,000 the year previous, at which time an increase of that sum to $150,000 was defeated by a close vote by the energetic efforts of our progressive chairman of the agricultural committee.

"At the first session of this Fifty-seventh Congress the lamented Mr. Otey of Virginia introduced a bill for $100,000,000 for road improvements This seemed a very modest beginning to meet the enormous interests involved in the road question, which appears to reach values of nearly 300 times that sum. This bill is still in the hands of the committee.

"The first bill presented to the House at this session was by Mr. Brownlow of Tennessee for a very comprehensive and practical system of improving our country roads and appropriating the small sum of $20,000,000 to be used with equal sums paid by the localities or states in which the roads are improved. If this bill becomes a law it should inaugurate a road movement which, in a short time, would result in this country's having the finest and best roads to be found anywhere in the world, and save hundreds of millions of dollars to the people of the country each year.

"It is evident that, if this stupendous question is to be rightly met in the spirit of economy, progress and enterprise so characteristic of the people of this country, it will be necessary for our legislators to give it much more comprehensive and careful attention than heretofore.

Should Not Hesitate.

"The idea of hesitating to spend $100,000,000 or several times that sum in order to attain benefits several hundred times as great is inconsistent with broad-minded statesmanship, especially when the entire outlay should be saved in a few years.

"A business man conducting his affairs in this manner would justly receive universal derision and ridicule. Evidently the patriotism of the citizens of this country should move them to urge their representatives to take prompt and definite action in this matter, the present practical phrase of which would appear to be the converting of the Brownlow bill into a law which would materially benefit each and every individual in this country and confer untold advantages on future generations."

The government spends millions of dollars yearly for public buildings, then why not for public highways? Let every hamlet and village petition our Congressmen and Senators for money for public road work to be done under supervision of government engineers. If this be done we feel confident some practical steps will be taken for better roads.

PERSONAL JOTTINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. David Arthur, of Brooklyn, Miss Arthur and Mr. William W. Arthur, of Baltimore, were guests this week of Mr. D. A. Bacchus and sisters, on High street.

Mr. Henderson Crosby and family removed to Baltimore last week.

Mr. Chas. H. Jefferson has been confined to his home for ten days by sickness, but was better yesterday.

Miss Emma F. Davis, one of the teachers in the public school here, was unable to be at her post several days this week because of sickness.

Mrs. Hutchinson, of Kenton, has been the guest of her niece, Mrs. L. J. Smyth, the past week.

Mr. Gus Startt, of Baltimore, has been visiting in Kent.

Mr. Edgar S. Davis, of Baltimore, one of the drivers of the Elite Laundry Co., was the recipient of the first prize $60.00 which was presented to him at their banquet held at the North Hampton Hotel last Friday night. Mr. Davis was formerly of Rock Hall.

Cashier Wm. F. Russell spent several days this week in Ridgely coaching the officers of the savings bank opened there on Monday.

Mrs. Mollie Davis and Mrs. Brannock, of New York, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Reiche.

Mrs. Downey, of Rock Hall, is the guest of Mrs. Wallace Maslin.

Miss Hallie Westcott entertained the card club delightfully Wednesday evening at her home on Queen street.

C. F. Harper, Esq., and wife will spend the winter in Redlands, Cal.

Miss May Hurlock, who has been employed at Monticello, Georgia, is spending the winter with her parents on High street.

Mrs. John Shuster, of Wilmington, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. F. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rash, of Worton, spent several days in Smyrna this week visiting friends and attended the wedding of Mr. Frank Rash and Miss Lillie May Carrow.

Miss Julia R. Wilson, daughter of Dr. T. B. Wilson, who is visiting friends in New York, will go to Palm Beach soon for a stay of several weeks

Miss Anna Wilson, who has been visiting friends in Baltimore and Charles counties, is now with her cousins, the Misses Young, in Washington, D. C.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Parks last week and brought a little girl and to Mr. and Mrs. McAllister on Market Square a bouncing boy was brought on Tuesday. Congratulations.

Rov. John M. Arters and wife, of Odessa, have been guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ringgold on High street.

Mr. Roland G. Parks has entered the office of Marion deK. Smith, Esq. for the study of law. Roland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Parks.

Miss May Fallowfield, the efficient saleslady in Mr. C.S. Smith's cash store, has resigned after several years of faithful service. Miss Gardner has been appointed in her place.

Mr. Wilbur Eliason has been a sufferer for a week with a small carbuncle on his neck,

Mr. W. E. Valliant, of Chestertown, State President of the P. O. S. of A., assisted in the dedication of a new hall at Pleasant Valley, Carroll county, on last Tuesday afternoon.

Messrs. Arthur Hurlock, of Cambridge, Harry Hurlock. of Philadelphia, and Gaylord Hurlock, of Baltimore, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hurlock, spent Sunday at home.

Mr. Jos. Massey, Jr., visited Washington, D. C., friends the past week.

Mr. Joseph H. Lewis is quite sick at his home on High street, but at this writing is better.

Mr. H. Kaplan, who formerly conducted a merchant tailoring establishment in Chestertown, has returned and will take the room next door to Mr. J. Thompson on Main street.

Miss Margaret Russell, of Wyoming, Del., is the guest of Miss Ada Barnett.

Mrs. Perry B. Rasin and two sons, of Worton, are visiting friends in Camden, N. J.

Miss Addie Glassock, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Irma Eliason.

Miss Grace Rasin, of Still Pond, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Rouse, Cross street.

Mr. Charles Pippin, Phila., is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Market Square.

The Washington Star says: "The Misses Lillian and Elizabeth Young were the hostesses of a delightful party of twenty young friends invited to meet their cousin and guest, Miss Anna Willson, of Kent. Miss W. is a direct descendant of Notley Young, one of the founders of the city of Washington, as are also the Misses Young. Some fine music was rendered by Miss Willson, Dr. Hasselbach and others. A bountiful repast was served on a well-appointed table."

Our Country Citizens.—Chestertown has recently become the home of a number of well-known farmers, who are rapidly becoming iniated into the customs of natives. Our friend, Philip G. Wilmer, Esq., had not been in town three days before he knew how late to sleep and was asking the town commissioners for a pavement! There are some citizens who have been here for a score of years who would not dare ask for such a luxury.

Mr. Jas. T. Ireland says he has been looking into the costs of living in town and finds, besides corporation taxes, there is a charge for water for use of house, an extra charge for use of horse and carriage and *for each child!* He says he is not surprised that there are so many single men here! Mr. Ireland advises everybody to keep out of politics. Says he, "I found two checks a few days ago among my papers that were given me in 1895, when I was a candidate for Treasurer, and which were overlooked in my busy canvas. The checks have been paid, however, and I am glad I saved them."

Too Much Ice.—The Emma Giles made the trip to Tolchester last Saturday morning but owing to the large fields of floating ice coming down the bay Capt. Tarbutton thought it risky to return in the afternoon. There were about thirty passengers who wanted to make the round trip and were compelled to forego the pleasure. If the weather is favorable the Susquehanna will be put on to-day.

Big Catch.—Mr. Frank Lambert on Saturday caught a turtle in Morgan Creek which weighed 22½ pounds. Mr. James Coleman also has caught some fine snappers.

BANK NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Stockholders of the Chestertown National Bank, of Maryland, that their regular annual meeting for the election of Nine Directors, for the ensuing year, will be held at their banking house in Chestertown, on TUESDAY Jan. 13, 1903, at eleven o'clock a. m.
d13-tf WM. WALTER CHAPMAN, CASHIER.

CAME ADRIFT.

Off Drum Point on Saturday, Dec. 20, 1902 a bateau between 18 and 20 feet, white pine bottom with Virginia sides, one pair oar locks and a bailer. The owner can get same by coming forward, proving property and paying charges.
d27-3t. OWEN W. ELBURN.

NOTICE.

The undersigned is prepared to CLIP HORSES in good style and promptly. Call on or address.
FRANK B. JESTER,
d27-3t* Route No. 2, Chestertown.

LOST.—

A Fox Hound Gip—white and black. Answers to the name of "Sweet Lips" and belongs to GREEN SPRING VALLEY CLUB. Any information leading to recovery of dog will be gladly received by
GEORGE BRICE,
d20-tf. Chestertown. Md.

Woodland for Sale!

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS

430 Acres of Woodland

near I. B., two miles from Church Hill, Queen Anne's county, for sale,

This land is divided into three farms, and will be sold as a whole or in part. I will sell the whole for $20 per acre.

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Apply to ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG,
j10-3t. Middletown, Del.

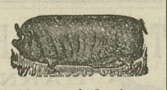
I HAVE REMOVED TO CHESTERTOWN TO ENGAGE IN THE

MERCHANT TAILORING BUSINESS!

I am located in the room adjoining Mr Jacob Tompson, on Main Street, where I will be glad to see all my old friends. Give us a call and look at my samples. All kinds of REPAIR WORK AND PRESSING DONE.

H. KAPLAN, Merchant Tailor,
jn10-tf. Next door to J. F. Thompson.

For Sale.



LARGE ENGLISH BERKSHIRES.

I have three boars, old enough for immediate service, sired by Elma Oxford, No. 50,624, the 700 pound boar. In this boar I can furnish old customers a cross of new blood, and I guarantee improvement. I also have a few pigs sired by Comely Boy, No. 36,402. These are strictly up-to-date. Pigs, all ages, by either of these boars, out of registered sows. Come and see them or write for catalogue and prices.
H. W. WARNER,
no22 tf. Easton, Maryland.

NEW YEAR

Greeting

After having passed through another year of business and as we are about to enter upon a new year, we take this method to thank the public generally for the liberal patronage they have bestowed upon us during the year that has just passed and gone. We appreciate and thank you all for past favors and confidently expect to increase our business with you this year. Our line of

Clothing, Hats,

LADIES AND GENTS

Furnishings, Dress Goods, Boots and Shoes Furniture, Carpets

will be more complete and better suited to your wants than ever before. In genuine money value they will be second to none. We shall make worth your while to do business with us. Wishing you a prosperous and Happy New Year and many of them, we remain as ever your friend,

BALTIMORE BARGAIN STORE,
H. H. BENEMAN, Proprietor
Millington, ... Maryland.

FALL AND WINTER

The world sees in a man's clothes the expression of his character.

Dress in Taste.

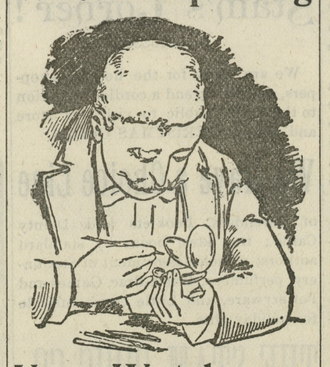
YOUR CLOTHES will be cut to individual measure and handled with that care and precision which assures perfect fitting garments A Suit, Overcoat or Pair of Trousers that is Tailored to Fit embodies all that is graceful and pleasing. A most comprehensive line of Woolens—the newest and nobbiest effects—over 500 styles—await your inspection. Will make you a Suit

"Just as you would like it," for $15.00.

Warranted all wool and fit guaranteed. A trial will convince you that I can please your most fastidious taste. Alterations of every description. Velvet Collars put on coats Cleaning, Repairing, Dyeing.

JOHN R. ROLLISON,
LADIES and GENTS TAILOR,
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.
Second Door Below Savings Bank.

Watch Repairing



Your Watch Needs Cleaning

NINE out of every ten Watches that fail to give their owners satisfaction need cleaning and oiling. Sometimes the owner neglects it too long, and the result is worn pivots and general debility on the part of the Watch. A Good Watch is the cheapest in the end, and if it is carefully cleaned and oiled once a year, it will last a lifetime—yes, a hundred years.

We do the Finest Watch, Clock and Jewelry Repair Work in the country, and our work is satisfactory and our prices reasonable.

J. H. SIDES,

"The Largest Jewelry Store on the Eastern Shore." . . .

OPPOSITE STAM'S HALL, CHESTERTOWN, MD.

IT'S AN EASY THING

to establish a good trade, if you have the GOODS that the people want, and if you buy them in large quantities so as to secure the consumer low prices. This is what we are doing by purchasing in CARLOAD LOTS, both at

Still Pond and Chestertown.

We have just received a Carload of the AMERICAN WOVEN WIRE FENCE, and can offer you this at prices that will justify you in seeing us before you buy. Also, PLAIN and BARB WIRE.

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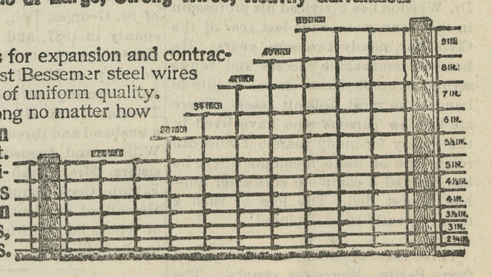
AMERICAN ALL STEEL WOVEN WIRE FENCE

Made of Large, Strong Wires, Heavily Galvanized.



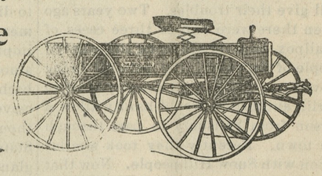
Amply provides for expansion and contraction. Only Best Bessemer steel wires used. Always of uniform quality. Never goes wrong no matter how great a strain is put upon it. Does not mutilate, but does efficiently turn cattle, horses, hogs and pigs.

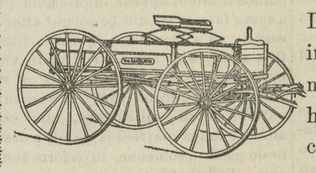
EVERY ROD OF AMERICAN FENCE GUARANTEED BY THE MANUFACTURERS.

Call and See It. Can show you how it will save you money.

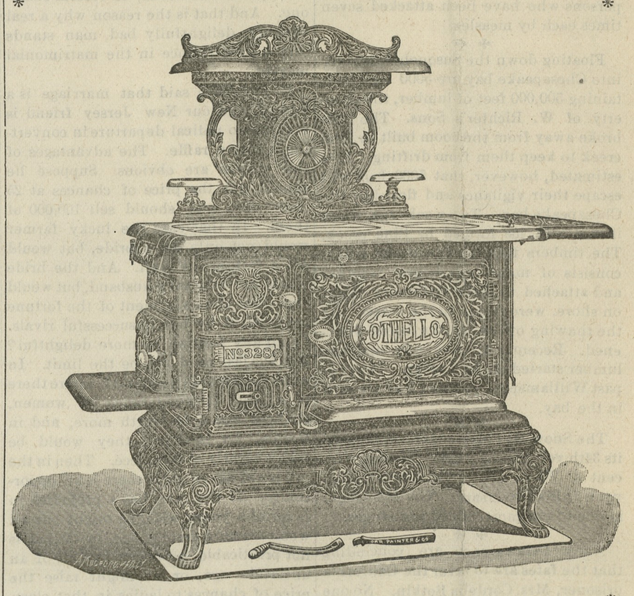
—We also call your attention to our—

Auburn One-horse Wagons and Dearborns.



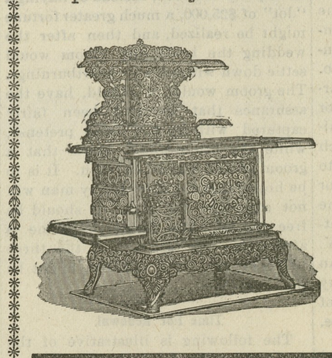


Light, Durable and Prices in reach of all who may need a Dearborn or a One-horse Wagon. Just received a carload of them.



STOVES

We still have a supply on hand, but our sales have been large. Yet our stock is ample to fill your needs in this line.



Large NO. 8 COOK STOVE, for

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Wood and Coal Heaters at all prices.

And now, before stock taking begins, we offer you big inducements in HORSE BLANKETS and LAP ROBES. Prices will be cut on them and now is your time to purchase.

THE CANNING & MERCANTILE CO.,

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