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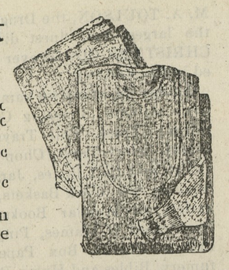
JANUARY BARGAIN SALES!

Begin at Once

You know what these Mid-Winter Price Reductions mean with us. Simply a harvest of Bargains. Inventory time is here and along with it is OUR GREAT PRICE CUTTING SALES.

Underwear Department



Some items cut from ⅓ to ½.

Children's Fleeced Ribbed Shirts and Pants.....8c
Boys' Seconds in Undershirts, large sizes 16c
Woman's Heavy Fleeced Shirts and Pants, 60c value, only 35c
Men's Heavy Fleeced Shirts, double over chest and back, sold once for 65 cents.....39c

If you were a merchant buying them by the dozen you could not match these values.

Special In HOSIERY

8c or 10 value in Misses' Hose... 5c

15c Bargains in Children's Stainless Black Hose, seamless, heavy weight.....10c

We will sell you Men's Black Hose, 2 pair for.....25c and guarantee them to out wear the ordinary 25c hose.

25c Men's Heavy All Wool Socks for only.....19c

HUNTING

for good shoes?
You won't have to go past this store.
Because it is not an old fashioned winter is all the more reason why you need trim appearing shoes. They are here in variety.

REXCALF SHOE

for men. A strong, good shoe at a low price.
Durable school shoes for the boys. In fact everything in shoes here at lowest prices.

Have you been hunting for Good Shoes? We have the guaranteed kind, look well, fit well and wear well, for Men, Women and Children.

Men's Box Calf, can't be beat..... 2.00
Women's $2.00 Box Calf, a bargain 1.50
Children's School Shoes at 50c, 75c, 98c and..... 1.25
Men's $2.50 Winter Boots, only..... 1.98
A Special in Men's Kersey Pants, only..... 1.50
Bargains in Men's Suits in Our Clothing Department 5.00

Women's WRAPPERS

$1 25 Women's Flannelette Wrappers now go for

89c.

$1.75 Flannelette Wrappers, made in latest style, only

$1.25.

Special value in Outing Cloth Night Gowns,

75c and $1.00.

We pay the HIGHEST MARKET PRICE FOR COUNTRY PRODUCE.

F. H. HARPER & SON,

STILL POND, MD.

CHESTERVILLE ITEMS.

This community was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Emily Hurlock wife of Mr. Thomas F. Hurlock last Friday afternoon as is noted on the 3rd page of this issue. The funeral services were held at her home near here by Rev. I. Ryder Tuesday at 1. P. M. and intered in Crumpton cemetery. Messrs. Bradley and Sparks were the undertakers, the bearers being Messrs. Charles England, Cornelius Faulkner, Thomas Meeks, Wm. Baxter, Clarence Cochran and Capt. Wash Woodall.

Mrs. Agnes Jarman and Mrs. Wm. Boulden were the guests of Mrs. Ford near Still Pond Sunday.

Thursday was a perfect New Years day and a great many changes were made in this neighborhood, while some have gone away others have come. Messrs. Willard King leaves the village and goes on Dr. Clark's farm near Millington, John Wallis goes from the Statts house to the brick house vacated by Wm. LeSage, he going near Galena and Mr. Manning comes from Massey to the Statts house, Walter King goes from the Jarrel house to the Carroll Clark farm and John Durham takes said house, Andrew Toulson goes from the Burgess farm to near Lynch's and Wm. Merredith comes from near Galena to Burgess farm, Marcus Rodgers from the Lusby farm to the Miller farm vacated by Robert Walmsley, he going to the Hall farm near Millington, James Taylor goes to the Lusby farm and E. P. Pennington Jr., comes from Talbot county to the farm vacated by Taylor, Edgar Pennington takes the place of Robert Lusby on the Lusby home farm said Lusby is now in Wilmington, while he intends making his home on his farm, Henry Hughes from the Cochran farm goes to Wilmers below Kennedyville, John Culley takes his place, Mr. Cochran will quit farming in February and Thomas Bramble will take his place.

A very fine robe has been donated to the parsonage by the congregation.

Mr. Carroll Nickerson, a young merchant of Philadelphia and formerly of this village has become a partner of Mrs. Crittendon and will still continue the mercantile business here.

BETTERTON NOTES.

Never before in the history of Betterton can she boast of the good times witnessed the past Christmas. When Christmas eve dawned, there commenced the jolly sport as the young people masqueraded around the village in very unique and comical costumes. At two o'clock Christmas morning a large bonfire was lighted and seemed to enter in the mirth of the times as it gayly burned to the ground. On awakening in the morning dame nature had robed herself in a robe of ermine to celebrate the festivities of the day, and then could be heard the merry jingle of sleigh bells of those who were enjoying the sport. At night Miss Violet Moore gave a company in honor of her guests, Misses Helen and Katherine Kelley, and Miss Edith Jean. Among the many present were Misses Elizabeth Brice, Maude Bowen, Edith Jean, Katherine and Helen Kelley, Stella Crew, Julia Heather, Grace DaShields, Daisy Severson, Flossie Smith, Daisy Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones, Messrs. Bayard and Littleton Crew, Arthur Brice, McDorman, Herbert and Harvey Moore, Charles Brice, Maxwell Starkey, Howard Owens and many others. Numerous games of all kinds were heartily indulged in. At a late hour refreshments were abundantly served. The guests departed voting Christmas day a brilliant success. On Friday night Miss Elizabeth Brice entertained the same jolly crowd also Miss Blanche Starkey, of Baltimore, and Miss Elva Reese, of Delaware. The result being a very good time. The nights being too precious to be missed Miss Stella Crew gave a delightful informal dance to her Betterton friends and their guests. Every one will remember this as being an exceedingly pleasant affair, the music consisting of violin and piano.

Monday evening Miss Julia Heather entertained quite a number of her friends at a dainty delicious six o'clock dinner.

The charming young hostess of the Chesapeake Hotel, Mrs. John Owens gave a delightful social to her many Betterton young friends. Among those present were: Misses Edith Jean, Helen and Katherine Kelley of Baltimore; Miss Maude Bowen, of Baltimore county; Miss Elva Reese, of Delaware; Misses Lolla, Elsie and Stella Crew, Violet Moore, Daisy Severson, Julia Heather, Lillie Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wheeler, of Betterton; Mr. Tom Gary and Littleton Crew, of Washington College; Mr. A. T. McDorman, Somerset county; Messrs. Howard Owens, Maxwell Starkey, Harvey Moore, Arthur and Jamie Brice, Bayard and Clarence Crew, Wm. Greet, Louis Sykes and many others. Dancing, ping-pong, crokinole and many other frolics were enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served as the New Year was ushered in and the Old Year vanished into eternity.

New Year's day was devoted to different sports on the ice. In the evening Messrs. Bayard and Clarence Crew gave a party. This being the last was far from the least, it being the most joyous. The crowds were royally entertained, the finale being an excellent time.

CHURCH NOTES.

Revival services were begun this week at Chestertown M. E. Church, Rev. E. P. Roberts in charge.

Christ M. P. Sabbath School on last Sunday elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Superintendent, Wm. B. Usilton; assistant superintendent, Wm. A. Wheatley; secretary, J. Waters Russell; treasurer, Miss Clare Vannort; superintendents infant department, Mrs. A. M. Bowers and Miss Marian Lusby; pianist, Miss Clare Vannort; organist, Miss Mamie Thompson; chorister, A. M. Culp.

H. H. Beneman at Millington is selling clothing low to get rid of his heavy winter goods.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

The rains and warm weather broke through the lines of the ice king and permitted the oystermen to force a passage out to the oyster bars on Saturday and Monday.

One of the pleasing surprises of the New Year, was seen in last weeks News. Dear old "West End," the noble son of a noble sire, has resumed his old pencil, and sent in an interesting budget from Fairlee town. This is good, keep it up brother, we felt lonesome many times during 1902, because of your silence. Now we feel life is worth living.

Mr. Louis Smith, one of our hustling farmers, has about 500 bushels of fine white potatoes on hand, which he is delivering in this community at the right prices.

Reports reached here, that Capt. Hubbard, one of our bay side fishermen, had a close call one day last week. As he was making his way down the shore the large fields of drift ice closed in on him crushing his boat and leaving him in a very dangerous position, luckily other fishermen were near and went to his rescue and succeeded in landing him O. K.

Our fishermen who are camping on Kent Island Shore, made some good catches one day last week. Spencer Urie caught among his fish, a fine roe shad. The first man he met upon reaching the shore offered him $1.00 for the shad and Spencer let her go at that with thanks.

One of our young sports purchased a fine specimen of horse flesh just previous to the holidays. A few days ago J. H. and W. H. started out for a drive behind the said animal, but found him not as swift on foot, as the celebrated Bedworth Jr; as they journeyed a farmer just ahead lost a bundle of blades from his team, and to expedite matters J. H. sprang from the wagon and picking up the fodder, took a position in front of the horse holding out the tempting bundle as he ran. This move brought out the sprinting qualities of the horse to perfection, but it was hard on the man who was doing the coaxing. Finally W. H., who was holding the ribbons, sang out "get in here Jim, this will be known all over the county if we continue," too glad to be relieved, Jim obeyed, when the easy going pace resumed. Charley vouches for the above, and it is a well-known fact, that what Charley says, goes.

Mr. Wm. H. Ayers, has been visiting friends and relatives here during the past week.

Lower Rock Hall is in much need of a first class cobbler. One who will stick to his last and accomodate the people. Much boot and shoe work has gone begging of late to other parts, much to the inconvenience of residents.

Mr. Hayward Middleton, of Rock Hall on Tuesday was held in $250 bail for court on a charge of selling liquor, hearing was held before Justice Jewell.

SASSAFRAS NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Johnson entertained a few friends at "Maple Lawn" on New Year's Day in honor of their two nieces, Misses Blanche Johnson and Agnes Clark, of Notre Dame College, Baltimore. Music and games were indulged in until late in the evening. At five o'clock dinner was announced which none but mine hostess knows how to prepare. Among those present were Mrs. Rebecca Wooters, W. O. Shallcross and wife, of Trenton, N. J.; Misses Agnes Clark and Blanche Johnson, of Notre Dame College; S. J. Johnson, wife and daughter, Marie, of Massey; Gilbert Clark and Bradford Johnson, of Goldey College, Wilmington, Delaware.

A very pleasant occasion of the early winter was the event of the tenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson Monday evening. The dining room and parlor was very prettily trimmed with crow foot and hemlock. After the bride and groom received their many friends supper was announced and the table groaned under the weight of all the good things of the season to which one and all did ample justice. The bride and groom was the recipient of many and useful presents, consisting of china, linens, tin and silver. The house was crowded, over 150 guests were present. Among those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Herzogg, of Baltimore; John Silcox and wife, and Miss Edith Atwell, of Still Pond; Thomas Redmile and wife, Lynn Redmile and wife, Wattie McKnett and Miss Clare Redmile, of Kennedyville. At a late hour the guests went their several ways home highly delighted with their pleasant evening wishing their host and hostess many more happy anniversaries.

Miss Lizzie Anderson, of Cecilton, was the guest of Miss Alice Dreaka.

Mr. Robert Lusby, of near Chestertown, is the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Anthony Johnson.

Mr. A. H. Johnson and two sons, Bradford and Clayton, and Miss Frances Johnson were among the guests entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Johnson, near Massey, Monday.

Miss Christine Donahoe and Mr. John Mullen were married in St. Dennis Church by Rev. John Daily Wednesday morning. Miss Donahoe was a popular young lady of this neighborhood and Mr. Mullen is a prosperous young farmer near Massey.

The will of Levi Fiddis, Sr., filed for probate in the Orphans' Court Wednesday, bequeaths all his property to his widow, Mrs. May E. Fiddis, for life or until she marries again. Upon her remarriage or death the estate is to be held in trust for the testator's children, to be divided among them when the youngest is 21 years old. Mrs. Fiddis and Preston Fiddis, son of the testator, are named as trustees and executors. The will was executed Dec. 1, 1886. James W. Chapman, Jr., Esq., of the Baltimore bar, managed the filing, etc.

Big Shipments.—Mrs. E. G. Coppage, of Barclay, shipped last week to R. A. Brice & Son, Phila., a box containing 21 geese. They weighed 371 pounds and sold for 16 cents per pound, making a total of $59.36.

Mr. Marcus Asher was in town this week. He says he bought over 1,000 geese since November 1st for which he paid $1500 and 600 turkeys for which he paid nearly $1,000. He paid a lady in Quaker Neck $50 for 24 turkeys.

CHARLES S. SMITH.

I HAVE DONE IT!

YES, I HAVE!

AND you would be surprised at it if you will call. 'Tis a new one for me, and there's money in it for us both. This is an open confession. Few merchants do business without a profit. Our plan for profit begins in the first purchase. Most merchants make it off the consumer. And what have we done?

Bought Out Another Store

and we fetched the goods to our Department Store, cleaned them up, and to-day we offer them at a SONG. For instance, remember the place and price.

Satin, Silk and Plaid, long and short, 3 to 17c
These Neckties sold at from 25 to 50c.
Canvas Overalls, worth $1.00 we sell for 50c
Blue Overalls, worth 50c, we sell for 39c
1 Gallon Agate Drip Coffee Pot that sold for 90c, we say 39c
Six Decorated Cups and Saucers, that cost the jobber $1.75 dozen, we say 6 for . 57c
These are odds and ends. Come and see them.
Boxes of Shoe Blacking, twice the size of Mason's 5c goods; we say . . . 3c
Fairbanks' Glycerine Tar Soap is the only medicated Tar on the market. The former price of 15c per cake is reduced to . . 5c
Men's 50c, 75c. and $1.00 Shirts 44c
Six Shell Etched Water Glasses 45c
The Etching alone is worth the money.
Cracker Jack Yeast Powder, that sells everywhere at 5c box; we say the price . 2 for 5c
We have a lot of Ladies' and Gents UNDERWEAR on consignment, and we say Price no object. It's yours for any reasonable offer.

Bear in mind that our store has a BARGAIN COUNTER, and we are pushing them. We also would say that by so doing we do not relax our energies on our regular regular stock. We say

It's Up-to-Date

Call for anything you want and we hand it to you at as small a profit as possible.

We call your attention to our Family Flour at.....$4.00 bbl
Also note that while we use the only pure and reliable Spring Wheat Flour in our Bakery, that Flour is

GOLD MEDAL

We sell it for Family trade. This Flour retails for 35c per Sack, and is by far the cheapest and best Flour to be used.

For Hot Bread call at our store between 6.30 and 7 a. m. We bake it of Gold Medal Flour, which is the acknowledged best on earth.

FOR SALE.—Second-hand Bracket Lamp, Show Cases, Paper Rolls, Weights and Scales, Funnels, Scoops, Measures,; also, Roll Paper. Write me or call for what you want.

Charles S. Smith,

Chestertown's Only Cash Merchant.

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