PERSONAL ITEMS.

Capt. John Wamsley, of Fredericktown, is quite ill at his home.

Judge James A. Pearce and wife left town Monday for Annapolis, where they will spend a month or more.

The friends of Capt. Jos. W. Thompson, recently of Chestertown, but now a resident of Philadelphia, are glad to hear of his good fortune and success in business. He is a deserving gentleman and a hustler.

Hon. Charles T. Westcott has been re-elected vice-president of the Hammond Ice Co. and a director of the Delaware Railroad.

Mr. James Brice returned Saturday from a gunning trip South He killed eighty-seven birds and enjoyed his visit to the full.

Mr. A. Nelson Stevens is one of the delegates from Baltimore to the tenth annual convention of the National League of commission merchants which meets in Chicago. This is quite an honor.

Mr. Thos. J. Willis, who is in Jacksonville for the winter, writes that he is increasing in weight and enjoying the delightful weather. He says that fires are kindled in the open grates at night but that during the day the weather is balmy as early spring.

Mr. Frank Hurlock, of Wilmington, visited his parents on High street this week.

Prof. Harry D. Anthony, who has been home for a week because of tonsilitis, returned to his school at Queenstown this week.

Capt. Morris K. Barroll is visiting his brother, H. H. Barroll, Esq., and we are glad to report that he is fast regaining his health.

Mr. Harry Redding, of Earleville, is the guest of Mr. Leonard Pennington, near Still Pond. He and Mr. Paul Pennington bagged eighteen red head and canvas back ducks last week having killed them on the Sassafras River. Mr. Redding has a hogshead sunk in edge of the marsh from which he has killed over a hundred ducks this season. He is a fine shot.

Mr. Wm. J. Morrison has entered the employ of Mr. George Z. Roland and will assist him in his meat business. Master John Groves has entered Mr. Charlie Kirby's store.

Mr. Wm. T. Wallis, who has many relatives and friends in Kent, is lying very ill at his home near Northkeys, Prince George's county, of septic poisoning, caused from a cut on his hand two weeks ago. Miss Minnie Wallis, his only daughter, was taken ill with diphtheria while on a visit to Washington. A little child, the daughter of an orphan whom Mrs. Wallis raised died last week. Mr. J. H. Wallis, an only son, is ill with a touch of diphtheria.

Mr. Albert Ellis, of Salisbury, has been visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Twilley on high street.

Dr. H. G. Simpers, Mr. Harry S. Jewell and Mr. J. Hydie Thompson, were initiated into Masonry by Chester Lodge A. F. and A. M. last Wednesday night.

Miss Ida Moore is visiting friends at Marydel.

Miss Eva Foxwell returned to Smyrna this week after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Foxwell, near Black's.

Mrs. R. D. Hynson, Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. J. D. Welch, Misses Nannie Brice, Jennie Hines, Messrs. J. W. Lambert, John Gale and others were caught in Baltimore by the freeze and came around by train.

Miss Bulah Hayes is visiting friends in Charleston, S. C.

Miss Anna Sappington, of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday with her parents in town.

Miss Eva Wilson Hopkins and Dr. Albert C. Thomas, of Connecticutt, were married at Wye Mills on Thursday. The bride is a niece of Mrs. R. A. Bowers, of Still Pond, and is well-known in Kent.

Mrs. Sallie Plummer Clayton, while on a visit to Philadelpdia, received a severe fall down an elevator shaft and was severely hurt.

Wm. G. Evans, Esq., wife and two children, of Pittsburg, have taken rooms at the Imperial for several months.

Henry Slaughter, Esq., of the brokerage firm of A. O. Slaughter & Co., Chicago, was in town yesterday guest of his sister, Mrs. G. W. Smith. Mr. S. left his home in Queen Anne's when a boy, wandered to Chicago and is now one of the big men of the West being worth considerable money and influential in business affairs of the big city.

Mrs. Mag. Stephens, of Baltimore, is the guest of her brother, Mr. G. R. Beck, on Maple avenue.

Mr. Clifton Jarrell, of North Carolina, is the guest of friends in town.

Mr. Frank Walrayen, of W. Va., is visiting friends in Kent.

Mr. Raymond Everett, of Massey, has been the guest of friends in Galena, for several days.

THE ICE KING'S GRIP.

A cold wave swept over this section Sunday night and on Tuesday morning the mercury had dropped to 11°; Wednesday 15°; Thursday 22°; Friday 30°. The Emma A. Ford left here Monday in command of Capt. Taylor and encountered ice to Love Point. She was more than an hour making Queenstown wharf. The B. S. Ford left Baltimore Monday, after considerable difficulty she succeeded in making a landing at Queenstown and started for Centreville. At the mouth of the Corsica an ice floe more than six inches thick was encountered, and after several ineffectual attempts Captain Clark decided to land his freight at Booker's wharf, on the Chester, from which place the steamer's cargo was hauled in wagons to Centreville.

Farmers about St. Paul's and Fairlee filled their ice houses with six inch ice cut from Price's pond and in various other sections of the county owners of houses have been busy hauling ice. This is one luxury the Trust has not gobbled up, at least in this section.

A grand skating carnival on Chester river has been enjoyed by more than two hundred young folks. Messrs. James Dunbracco and Percy Rawleigh made ice boats that flitted about over the ice with great speed.

Mr. Noland expects the Susquehanna at Tolchester today.

Mr Turner says the ice is massed off Betterton from 6 to 12 inches thick.

MILLINGTON ITEMS.

Mr. J. Howard West, of Clayton, Del., visited friends here this week.

Prof. and Mrs. Henry Tonkin spent Wednesday with Wilmington friends.

Miss Josephine Roe, of near Queenstown, has accepted a position with Mr. F. J. Devenish, one of our merchants.

Miss Blanche Hacket, of Sudlersville, s visiting friends here.

Dr. J. C. Hackett, we regret to state, lis very ill at his home.

Miss Emma Gillespie, of Sudlersville, spent the week with her aunt, Miss Vic Power, at this place.

Mrs. Edgar Yarnell, of Phila., spent the first of the week with relatives here.

Owing to the cold weather of late Mr. E. W. Spear's mill pond has been a solid sheet of ice, not only affording persons owning ice-houses an opportunity of getting them filled, but also affording the young people much pleasure. Both afternoon and evening the pond has presented a gay and bright scene, sparkling eyes and glowing cheeks belonging to all skaters. Mr. Spear rigged an ice boat so that those who did not sail on skates might sail on a boat and thus share the pleasure.

Rev. and Mrs. Warner have returned from an extended visit to Dover.

Mr. Thomas Mabrey, a well-known young man living near Blackiston's church and son of Mr. John Mabrey, died at his home Monday of last week of typhoid pneumonia, interment at Blackiston's.

Revival meetings are in progress at the Asbury M. E. Church, Millington. Attendance and interest is increasing every night.

Rev. W. F. Corkran, D. D. Presiding Elder of Easton District will preach in the Asbury M. E. Church, Millington Sunday evening Jan. 25 and he will hold the fourth quarterly conference on Monday morning Jan. 26, at 10 o'clock. This is the last visit that the Presiding Elder will make to Millington. We bespeak for him a large and enthusiastic attendance.

On Tuesday Jan. 20 and Thursday Jan. 22, special meetings for prayer for the revival services will be held in the lecture room of the Asbury M. E. Church, Millington. Do not fail to attend.

There will be special preaching service in the Massey M. E. Church next Sunday afternoon Jan. 18, at 3 o'clock sharp, The Millington preacher will conduct the service.

THE FUEL SITUATION.

Coal Dealers in Chestertown Making Strenuous Efforts to Supply The People's Need—Some Are Burning Beans and Corn.

The coal question has become serious here and householders are living from day to day, as not more than an eighth of a ton could be delivered to any one person. At this writing Mr. Bacchus has but 25 tons in his yard. He went to Philadelphia Monday and was asked $9 per ton from the Independent mine owners, but refused to take it. He ordered coal from the Reading Company and they promised to send same at an early day.

Messrs. France & DeCorse received a carload Wednesday and are selling it in small quantities to the needy. They have 100 tons on board a vessel in Baltimore but the ice prevents its arrival.

Mrs. A. P. Matthews has a manifest for two carloads of coal and receipts for another load which will be here soon. All the yards are well supplied with wood so that there is no fear of anyone freezing in this section.

It is said that the reason coal is not delivered promptly is because there are no cars! Why not? Because they are hid at small places while coal is held back waiting for a rise. There were *sixty-eight* empty coal cars run on the siding at Millington last Wednesday night week and they remained there for several days. It is said the Reading R. R. refuses to accept cars from the Pennsylvania.

The State's Attorney of Chicago, says: "Not less than 10,000 and probably nearer 15,000 cars of soft coal are being held by Chicago dealers in the railroad storage yards on the outskirts of the city. The fuel on hand would supply the wants of every man, woman and child in Cook county for at least ten days and probably longer. We are prepared to present these figures to the grand jury at once."

Coal at the College is very short. So much so that when a half ton was being emptied in the coal house Saturday morning the boys had carried it to their rooms before the carter had reached town.

Some one proposes to close the churches while another says it would be better to close the theatres.

The schools have enough fuel to continue for several weeks.

Corn worth 35 cents a bushel is feeding the flames to keep the people in Omaha from freezing. There is no coal for sale.

In another town in Indiana the people are burning beans at $1.50 per bushel!

Messrs. Turner & Son have furnished a carload of hard coal to the Kent school commissioners for the use of the schools in Still Pond, Betterton and vicinity.

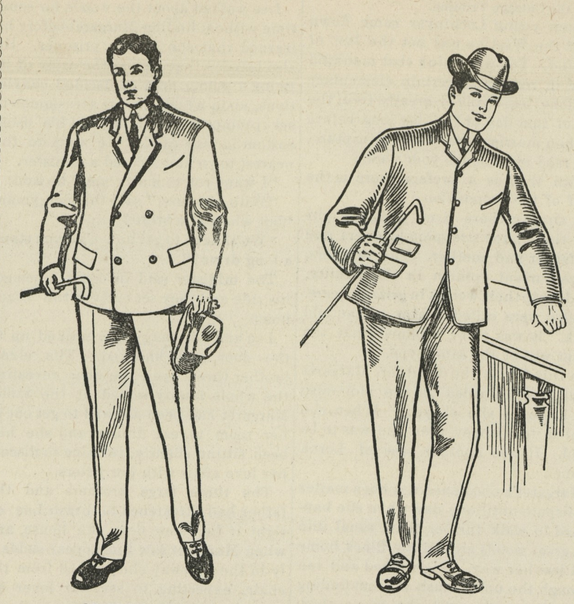
Accidents.— Capt. J. W. Anthony, the efficient mate on the Ford, was injured last week while directing the handling of the gang board. The heavy board was let fall on his limb and caused a severe bruise. He was able to be out Tuesday.

Mr. Charles W. Greenley, blacksmith for Mr. Samuel Hicks, was kicked in the face by a horse he was shoeing one day last week. Fortunately the stroke was a light one and Mr. Greenley sustained only a slight cut on the mouth and chin.

The Kent Card Club was entertained most royally by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Massey, of near Sudlersville, on Tuesday evening last. Jacob T. Shallcross was in attendance and reports a most delightful evening and a full attendance.

Harry Griffith met with a severe loss on Tuesday morning. When his men went to feed the horses they found one of his favorite and best mares dead in the stall.

MOODY & LUSBY.



Once, Twice, Three Times!

Going, Going, Gone.

THIS IS NOT AN AUCTION SALE exactly, BUT simply a repitition of our usual custom.

A Semi-Annual

Clearance Sale.

The object is to clear our tables of all remaining **Winter Suits and Overcoats** We begin this well-known cut-price sale SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH, if you come early you will find a good assortment. Respectfully,

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OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE.

WILLIAM T. VANDYKE.

Mr. Wm. T. Vandyke died on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, of pneumonia, at the residence of his son, Thos. L. Vandyke, 619 W. 6th street, Wilmington, Del., and was buried from his son's residence Wednesday morning in Cecilton cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Murray, of St. Paul's M. E. Church, at 8.30 o'clock Tuesday evening, of whose church the deceased was an active member. Mr. Vandyke for many years lived around Chesterville and was an active farmer in his day. For the past twenty years he has lived in Wilmington, and was a member of the Prudential Insurance Co. He was married three times, the first wife being Miss Susanna Lusby, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lusby, wno died in April, 1875; the second wife was Mrs. Rosa Pratt, of Sassafras, who died in the eighties; the third wife was a Wilmington lady. The deceased leaves three sons, Thomas L. and Eddie, of Wilmington, and Wm. R. Vandyke, of Philadelphia. He leaves several sisters and brothers, among them being John and George Vandyke and Mrs. Sheppard Morris, Sr., of this county, and Mr. James Vandyke, of Wilmington, Del.

Boat News.—The sale of the steamer "Tourist" is fully noted on another page of this issue.

Capt. Wilson Blont has been made master of the Maggie C.; Capt. Jack Davis of Messrs. Crane, Hynson & Valliant's boat; Capt. E. Dill of the "Brooks."

The schooner "Jesse Irving" owned by Capt. Curtis E. Crane, and commanded by Capt. S. J. Davis, had her mainsail blown away and boom broken, in a squall one day last week. The schooner was bound down the bay, and was near Cambridge, when the accident occurred. Capt. Davis proceeded to Cambridge for repairs, and is now icebound at that place.

The repairs to the Sassafras are being rapidly pushed to completion. She left the ways last week and will be completed in a few weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Prettyman, of Crumpton, will celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding, Tuesday evening, January 20th.

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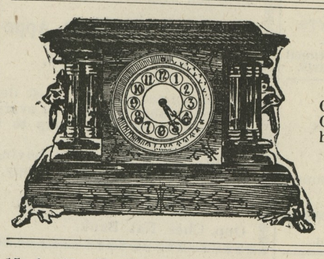
We begin Stock-Taking and Price-Cutting at the same time

This is the season when prices, and prices alone, must move the heavy stocks. It will pay you to look in our Bankrupt Department.

10c for BARKERS Horse and Cattle Powders, pkge, 10c
9c for ENTERPRISE Fresh Roasted Coffee, per lb., 9c

10c Ivory Starch, large box....4½c
5c Ivory Starch, package, only....2½c
Best Coffee Essence, box....1c
1 Dozen Boxes Best Matches—1200 matches in all, for only....6c
Large 20c Scissors, only....10c
4c Card Hooks and Eyes, two dozen....1c
10c Box Good Hair Pins, only....5c
5c Aluminum Thimbles, only....2c
5c Papers Best Pins, only....3½c
5c Safety Pins, per dozen, for....2c
5c Writing Tablets....3c
Good Heavy White 8c Envelopes, pkge....3c





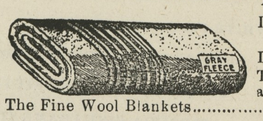
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Large $5.50 Black Enamel Clocks, Eight-Day Cathedral Gong, Strikes at every half-hour. Our special price only

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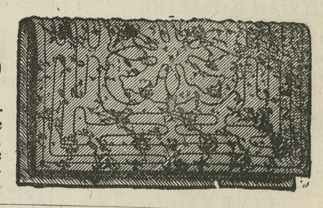
15c for 25c, 35c Books, cloth binding, large assortment....15c
3¾c for Good 8c Plaid Dress Outings, special value....3¾c
5c for Good Apron Ginghams, all checks....5c
3¾c for the Best 6c Light Shirting Calicoes....3¾c
12½c for Heavy 18c Feather Bed Ticking....12½c
5c for 10c Bleached Flannelette, special....5c
6¾c for 10c Short Length Bleached Muslins....6¾c
5c for 8c Heavy Clean Unbleached Muslin....5c
8½c for 12½c Fine Dress Flannelettes, choice....8½c
3¾c for Good Dark Dress Calicoes....3¾c

BED BLANKETS, BED COMFORTS.



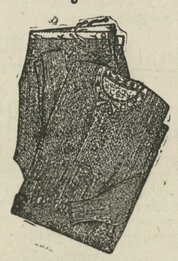
Large White and Gray Bed Blankets at....69c, 75c
Large 1.25 Bed Blankets, only....98c
The Heavy Mixed Wool Blankets at....1.39, 1.75, 1.98
The Fine Wool Blankets....2.50, 2.98, 3.50, 4.50

Fine Large Line BED COMFORTS



Good Large $1 Heavy Comforts, full size....79c
The Extra Large Comforts, only....98c
Fine Line High-Grade Comforts, 1.25, 1.50, 1.98 to 2.75

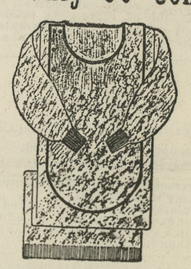
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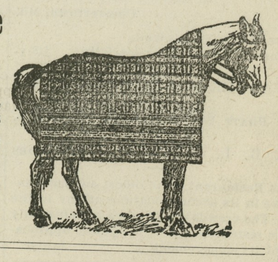
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