CRUMPTON ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boggs were called out of town quite suddenly last week owing to the death of Mrs. B.'s brother.

Rev. Mr. Taylor and family have returned from a two week's visit with relatives in Felton, Delaware.

Mr. Samuel Walls and Miss Agnes Hughlett, who were the guests of Mr. Walls and sister, Mrs. Cannon, have returned home to New Castle, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walls entertained their daughter last week, Mrs. Katharine Sheets.

Mr. Boggs and family have moved into their town property, which was vacated by Mr. James Walls, who has gone back on his home place near Crumpton.

The young friends of Master Jessie Ryland gave him a very delightful surprise party last week. The little folks say they had such a good time they would like to have another.

Mrs. Carrie Story, of Baltimore, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ware on Maple avenue.

Rev. J. W. Prettyman and wife entertained at the parsonage the Ladies' Aid Society and a few invited friends. There was a large attendance of members and quite a number joined the society.

Mr. C. W. Clements, our leading merchant was in Centreville last week on business. He'd make a fine senator.

The remains of Mrs. Roberts was brought here last week from Philadelphia and interred in Crumpton cemetery. The deceased lady was the widow of the late Horace Roberts, who for many years resided in this town.

Dr. C. T. Growman was called away unexpectedly this week, owing to the illness of his family who reside in Baltimore.

The M. E. Sunday School met on Tuesday evening and elected officers and teachers for the ensuing year as follows: Superintendent, James Walls; Assistant, superintendent, J. W. Walls; secretary, J. P. Hartley; treasurer, Miss Annie Keffler; missionary treasurer, Elwood Coleman; teachers, Mrs. Lillie Ryland, Mrs. Sallie Harrison, Mrs. Louisa Walls, Mrs. Daisy Cresswell, Mrs. Mary Wiggins, Mrs. Carrie Merrick, Misses Annie Keffler, Miss Mary Bechtel; organist, Miss Elsie Woodall.

SASSAFRAS NOTES.

Miss Edith Atwell was the guest of Mrs. Robert W. Johnston last week.

Misses Blanche and Ada Cochran are visiting relatives in Boston, Mass.

Harry Sheppard and family, who left before Christmas, are still so-journing with relatives in Virginia.

There is some improvement in the condition of Mrs. W. K. Lockwood, near Warwick, we are pleased to state.

The "Country Store," which had been postponed for many weeks, owing to stormy weather, was held in the Town Hall last Thursday evening, under the auspices of the M. P. Church. It was quite a success, $24 was realized.

Our farmers have been very busy all day Saturday and since getting ice, and now there are about thirty filling ice houses near Sassafras They cut it off of the mill pond, a very beautiful clear ice from five to seven inches thick. Skaters have been out in force.

Dr. James Merritt, V. S, of Warwick, moved his family to "Golt's," Md., on Thursday last. Dr. Merritt recently purchased several properties in Golt's, and we are very glad to welcome him and his interesting family so near to Sassafras. His practice is much in lower Kent and he has a farm near Golt's so he will be nearer to his interests.

Stephen Boyer and niece, Mrs. Bessie Vaughn, and her little daughter, Miss Mildred, left Wednesday last for Asheville, N. C., and will return by the way of Deland, Florida, in the Spring.

The social event last week was the brilliant function given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Johnston, at their home near town, in honor of their tenth wedding anniversary The house was beautifully decorated with palms, potted plants and holly. They were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Archie Biggs, Mrs. Louis T. Atwell. There were over one hundred and fifty guests present About twelve o'clock an elegant supper was served, with chicken salad and all the delicacies of the season. A great many beautiful presents were received.

Mr. Frank Wilson, one of our bright young farmers near town, is visiting Dover relatives.

Mr. George McGuire who has sickness in his family we are pleased to state are all improving.

CAUGHT IN THE ICE.

The tug Irene, of Baltimore, Capt. Chas. Meekins, was sunk Monday morning in Elk river south of Chesapeake City. The tug left Chesapeake City on Saturday, but after proceeding as far as Betterton was unable to proceed on account of the heavy ice in the river, and started to return to Chesapeake City. When several miles up Elk river the ice cut through the tug, and when it was found that she was disabled the captain beached her and saved himself and his crew by jumping.

Two nights and a day aboard a steamboat jammed in the ice was the experience of the passengers and crew of the Ericsson Line steamer Anthony Groves, Jr., which arrived in port Wednesday from Philadelphia.

The Anthony Groves, Jr., reached the Upper Bay Monday afternoon with passengers and general cargo from the Quaker City. Off Turkey Point the steamer came to a standstill in a jam of ice, the cakes being several inches thick and overlapped and gorged together.

The night was the coldest so far this winter, the thermometer being at 12 degrees, with a bitter gale of wind blowing. There were 20 passengers aboard the steamer.

Daylight found the upper bay a mass of ice from shore to shore. The ice extended 20 miles from Poole's Island to above Turkey Point. The ice had run out the rivers into the Bay and worked together until it was gorged four, five and six feet thick, the worst of it being off the mouth of Sassafras River. One chunk of ice eight inches thick and weighing 2,200 pounds was hauled aboard the steamer.

There was nothing to do but wait for an iceboat. Wednesday morning the iceboat F. C. Latrobe, Capt. Geoghegan, sighted the Groves, cut her out and opened up a channel for her to port, the Groves arriving at 3.30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

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RESOURCES.

Par Value.		Book Value.
$600,000	Real Estate (Fidelity Building)	600,000.00
70,000	Real Estate, New Purchase Adjoining Fidelity Building	70,000.00
100,000	United States Government 3s, Coupon 1908-1918	108,060.00
£53,675.0.0	British Consols	244,700.00
$125,000	State of Georgia 4½ per cent. Bonds, 1912-1915-1916	140,000.00
100,000	State of Maryland 3½ per cent. Bonds	103,000.00
30,000	State of Tennessee, 3 per cent. Bonds	28,500.00
1,120,000	Baltimore City Stock, 1928-1930-1936-1940-1945	1,234,800.00
200,000	City of New York, 3½ per cent. Export Dock Gold Bonds	218,000.00
50,000	City of Buffalo, N. Y., 3½ per cent. Bonds	51,500.00
25,000	City of Mobile, Ala., 4½ per cent. Bonds	25,500.00
10,000	City of Norfolk, Va., 5 per cent. Bonds	11,200.00
20,000	City of Westminster, Md., 3½ per cent. Bonds	20,000.00
39,500	City of Frederick, Md., 4 per cent Bonds	41,000.00
10,500	City of Rockville, Md., 4 per cent. Bonds	10,500.00
25,000	City of Petersburg, Va., 5 per cent. Bonds	27,500.00
25,000	City of Richmond, Va., 4 per cent, Bonds	26,000.00
25,000	City of Havana, Cuba, 6 per cent. Bonds	25,000.00
8,400	Borough of Carlisle, Pa., 4 per cent. Bonds	8,400.00
18,000	Hyattsville, Md., Water Works Bonds, 4 per cent	18,500.00
30,000	Lucas County, Ohio, 4 per cent. Court House Bonds	33,300.00
30,000	Montgomery County, Ala., 5 per cent. Bonds	33,900.00
12,000	St. Michaels, Md., 4 per cent. Water Works Bonds	12,000.00
483,000	United Railways & Electric Co. of Balto, First Mortgage 4 per cent. Bonds	458,800.00
100,000	Baltimore Traction Co. (N. Balto. Div.) 5 per cent. Bonds	120,000.00
48,000	City & Suburban Railway Co. of Balto., 5 per cent. Bonds	54,200.00
35,000	Lake Roland Elevated R. R. of Balto. 5 per cent. Bonds	41,300.00
24,000	Charleston City Railway Co. 5 per cent. Bonds	25,200.00
10,000	Baltimore, Catonsville & Ellicott Mills Ry. 5 per cent Bonds	11,000.00
25,000	Atlanta, Ga., Consolidated Street Rys. 5 per cent. Bonds	26,000.00
10,000	Second Ave. Traction Co., Pittsburg, Pa., 5 per cent. Bonds	11,500.00
466,500	Monongahela River R. R. and other 5 per cent. Car Trust Bonds	466,500.00
100,000	Charleston and Western Carolina R. R. 5 per cent. Bonds	114,000.00
103,500	Balto. and Ohio S. W. Division 1st 3½ per cent. Bonds	90,500.00
50,000	Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. 1st mortg. 4 per cent. Gold Bonds	50,500.00
50,000	Wilmington & Weldon R. R., 5 per cent. Bonds	60,500.00
30,000	Raleigh & Gaston R. R., 5 per cent. Bonds	34,800.00
11,000	Georgia Pacific R. R., 6 per cent. Bonds	13,000.00
10,000	Petersburg R. R. 6 per cent. Bonds, Class "B"	12,660.00
11,000	Virginia Midland 1st Mortgage 6 per cent. Bonds	11,700.00
30,000	Virginia Midland 2nd Mortgage 6 per cent. Bonds	33,600.00
200,000	Georgia & Alabama 1st Consol. 5 per cent. Bonds	222,000.00
100,000	B. & O. R. R. Prior Liens 3½ per cent. Bonds	94,000.00
50,000	Atlantic Coast Line of Connecticut 4 per cent Certificates	48,500.00
20,000	Knoxville Traction Company 5 per cent. Bonds	20,200.00
30,000	Savannah, Florida & Western (St. John Riv. Div.) 4 per cent. Bonds	29,400.00
8,000	Central Railway 1st Mort. Consol 5 per cent. Bonds	9,200.00
150,000	Consolidated Gas Co., of Balto. 5 per cent. Bonds	168,000.00
17,980	449 Shares Farmers and Merchants' Nat. Bank Stock of Balto	31,400.00
24,400	244 Shares National Union Bank Stock of Baltimore	28,500.00
15,250	1525 Shares National Mechanics' Bank Stock of Baltimore	50,300.00
12,100	121 Shares Mechanics' National Bank Stock of Baltimore	23,690.00
	Agents' Debit Balances, less commissions	98,047.01
	Premiums in course of collection (Home Office)	4,760.24
	Cash in Office and Banks	235,658.63
	Total	$5,790,565.88

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$2,000,000 00
Surplus	2,500,000.00
Premium Reserve Requirement	717,297.87
Claims Adjusted (Checks out)	2,537.63
Claims Admitted (In Process of Adjustment)	28,474.82
Claims reported, but proof not filed, &c	26,032.91
Claims not admitted	139,989.08
Undivided Profits	376,233.57
Total	$5,790,565 88

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