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It is said the reason the ground hog did not come out this year he was afraid Roosevelt would put a coon in his place!

The county has secured the services of Dr. G. W. C. Rohrer, a very efficient and distinguished physician, of Baltimore, whose headquarters and home will be near the hospital. The colored residents are being vaccinated and under the circumstances there is no cause for alarm on the part of visitors to Chestertown.

Where is the Hon. Frank Brown? It is said he has gone to Palm Beach, there to remain until after the mayoralty nomination and election. Is it such a Democrat that the party wants as a standard bearer? If he can't *drive* the wagon he will not ride in it! The party to-day needs men who are content to work in the ranks until they are called to leadership.

The Republicans are preparing for a battle royal this fall, having for its object the defeat of United States Senator Louis E. McComas. Mudd, Lowndes, Garey, Jackson and Torbert are said to be at the head of the movement. Congressman Wachter has already come out for Mayor against the consent of Mr. McComas, while Mudd has eased his mind of what he thought of the "boss."

Senator Hanna has introduced a bill to pension ex slaves. This is said to be a bid for the colored vote to offset the advantage gained by President Roosevelt in his entertainment of the negroes in his drawing room. What is the pleasant smile in the drawing room compared with baked possum and taters in the kitchen? Senator Hanna has outwitted the President on this deal.

The question with the farmers of Kent county is whether or not they will grow tomatoes for less than $8 per ton. The Delaware Canning "Trust" have formed a combination to only pay $7 and their influence extends to this county. Certainly if the canner could contract last year for $8 per ton when canned goods were quoted at 82 cents, they can give as much now when the market price is 87 and 92 cents. The farmer has the matter in hand but should co-operate with the canner.

The Canning & Mercantile Co. of Chestertown and Still Pond will contract at $8 per ton, but Numsen & Co, of Baltimore, are offering only $7.20. The growers who did not contract last year reaped a big harvest many averaging from $12 to $15 per ton. A well-known farmer of Chestertown says there is no money in it for a tenant at a price less than $8 per ton.

The Quebec Steamship Company's steamer Madiana, which sailed from New York last Saturday, and had among her passengers Mr. L. W. Gunby and Mr. W. B. Miller of Salisbury, went ashore at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning on a reef off Bermuda Island, and will prove a total loss. The steamer was on a special cruise among the Caribbean Islands and carried a hundred tourists.

The shock was a severe one, and when the frightened passengers came tumbling up from below they found the ship grownd hard and fast. Tugs were hurried to the assistance of the stranded steamer, and all the passengers were landed safely, but after great difficulty.

Vermont voters reversed their fifty-year-old policy of prohibition last week and some of the license advocates are exulting enthusiastically. We do not think there is much ground for such display.

Vermont is not to become a wide-open state by reason of the change. The law that is to take the place of ineffective prohibition provides a high license, local option and a frequent reference of the license question to the residents of local communities. The closeness of the vote cast Tuesday justified the opinion of those who declare that there will yet be many legally dry spots in the Green Mountain State.

What has been gained by the voters of Vermont is a reduction of the practice of deceit and law breaking, which prevailed largely in spite of the numerous efforts of Draconian Vermonters to re-enforce prohibitory statutes with more and more strict prohibitions.

All the re-enforcement of laws did not lead to a better enforcement of them, and the citizens of the state concluded to abandon a hopeless task.

Prohibition is steadily gaining ground almost everywhere, and if all sections could realize the great benefits such as are felt in Kent county the day would soon come when this whole America would be anti-license.

The Delaware Senatorial deadlock remains unchanged.

FAIRLEE NOTES.

Our mechanics have a prospect for a very busy year.

Some fine fish are being caught by our bay-shore fishermen.

Many passengers were on the Emma Giles last Saturday on her trip from Tolchester.

Fox hunters have been enjoying the sport of chasing Reynard the last eight or ten days. A number have been out.

Capt. Beaureguard Lewis is arranging for the building of a fine bateau, which he will use for fishing and boating grain in.

Church work has been greatly hindered by so many stormy Sundays, twenty-five unfair Sabbaths in forty-seven is about the proportion.

A sample of the fine wood which Mr. Robert Francis has had cut on his farm near the beach, was taken across to Baltimore last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Willis held a family reunion on last Tuesday and the event was impressive, made particularly so by the baptism of their little son.

Some of our citizens would like to know how many pounds would there be in a million one dollar notes. According to very careful calculations there would be three thousand pounds.

The Kent Co. machinery king, Mr. W. F. Sparks, contemplates putting machinery in his sawmill for cutting shingles. There is quite a lot of chestnut timber scattered about which he thinks will make first class shingles.

The prevalence of measles to such an extent in our community is becoming somewhat alarming. "Measles are often a cause for lung truble, and at this time when they are practically epidemic, many are also suffering from some lung affliction and when entirely rid of the measles, the other affliction may have a deep hold on them."

There has been a building boom in Fairlee for several years, and yet we need more dwellings for rent, very shortly a new dwelling on Mrs. A. M. Kendall's lot near the church will be commenced. Available building lots are scarce in this village. Mr. R. A. Smyth has several very fine ones and they are about all that are within the limits of our town.

The corn raised in the United States in 1902 being about 2,589,951,000 is sufficient to supply the needs of the world for this and next year, even if there should be a total failure in 1903. There are about 5,000,000 farms in the United States and of these 3,000,000 produce corn.

MILLINGTON ITEMS.

Messrs. James Stevens and John Newnam spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mr. Chester Coursey, of Centreville, was in town several days this week.

Mrs. T. J. McWhorter and daughter, Miss Ethel, have returned to their home on Cypress street, after a prolonged visit to Philadelphia.

Mr. Robert M. Catts, of Philadelphia, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Gilbert Clark of Goldey College, is spending the week with his parents.

Mr. Harry Talbott, one of our popular young men is now attending Eastern school of telegraphy at Lebanon. Pa. We wish him much success.

A party of our young people attended the wedding of our fellow-townsman in Chestertown Wednesday. They broke the king bolt of their carriage near Capt. Brinsfield's gate and he kindly loaned them a carriage.

Mr. F. H. Phillips and son, Ford, spent part of the week in town.

Mrs. Chas. Ross, of Wilmington, Del., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Vansant on Wednesday.

The Mack Jones specialty Co. visited our town this week, where they gave an entertainment on Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the town hall.

Mr. E. E. Gambrill spent several days of this week in Wilmington.

Mr. W. A. Felton spent several days with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. A R. Todd and son, Ernest, who have been visiting friends in town have gone to Milford, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner Mallalieu entertained a few of their friends at their country home, near Millington, on Monday evening.

SASSAFRAS NOTES.

There is not one case of sickness in Sassafras.

One gentleman here began gardening this week.

Rev. J. McLain Brown preached in the Rehoboth M. P. Church here on Sunday a very fine sermon. We trust Mr. Brown will return here as pastor.

Mrs. G. Purnell, formerly of Elkton, Md., but now of Philadelphia, is being entertained by Mrs. John F. Ernest.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith, of Sassafras, were the guests of honor at his sons Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith, on Tuesday evening of last week. The family reunion consisted of four generations—Mr. Robert S. Griffith, Sr., his sons and their children; his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Staats, and her son and daughter; Mr. R. Griffith Clift, Mrs. Frank Babbett and their children. A most delightful time was had in the old homestead where they were all born, on the hill at the edge of Sassafras.

The social event of the week was the elegant function given by Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross, of Sassafras, on Tuesday evening in honor of the Kent Card Club. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Herman B. Massey, of near Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Massey, of Sudlersville, Queen Anne's, Mr. and Mrs. William Comegys, Millington, Mr. Isaac Gibbs and Miss Carrie Sinickson, near Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith, Sassafras, Miss Lidia Cochran, Middletown, Mr. Edward Hurit, Locust Grove, Mr Paul Comegys and sister, Millington, Miss Mabel Emory, Chestertown, Miss Maud Ringgold, Chestertown. Mrs. S. Sutton, of Locust Grove, assisted Mrs. Therza Shallcross in receiving the guests. The first ladies prize was won by Mrs. Herman B. Massey, the second by Miss Lidia Cochran. The first gentleman's prize was won by Mr. Bruce Massey, the second by Mr. Harry Griffith.

Rev. Frank S. Little will preach in the M. P. Church on Feb. 18th. All are cordially invited to come.

A long train of gypsies passed through town on Tuesday morning going north with some fine vans and quanities of horses.

Miss Lidia Cochran, of Middletown, is being entertained by Mrs. Harry Griffith.

Mrs. S. Sutton, of Locust Grove, is being entertained by Mrs. Therza Shallcross near town.

CHRIST M. P. CHURCH,
Rev. D. L. Greenfield, Pastor.

Three Evangelistic Services Sunday at 10 a. m., 3 p. m. and 6.30 p. m. Subject at 3 p. m.: "All the Trades and Professions."

Testimony Service at 9.30 a. m.

Sunday School at 2.30 p. m.

On Monday evening Miss Smith will tell the story of her Divine Healing.

On Tuesday evening the Francis Willard Anniversary.

The Pine Tree Fox-Hunting Club had a grand day's hunt on Thursday of last week which culminated in a sumptuous supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Subers. The host and hostess were assisted by Mrs. Guy Subers, Mrs. Wm. Godwin, Mrs. Jas. Jefferson, Miss Katie McKee. The medal has been won the past five seasons by the following dogs: Jos. Everett's Comet, John Smith's Prove, Fletcher Sparks' Cecil, Albert Story's Comet, and Charles McKee's Wye. There were about 125 who partook of the elegant spread. A formal business session was held at which the following new members were elected: Guy Subers, Howard Story, Oscar Roe, Jacob Weller, Ivanhoe Willis, Robt. Subers, Silas Weller, Wm. Lynch, Wm. Fowler, Claude Blackiston. The following honorary members were elected: J. D. Haines, Phila., H.M. Walker, New York, R. N. Sheppard, Phila., Jas. B. Cotton, Chester, Eugene Dennis, Ellicott City, J. B. Everett and David B. Kendall, Kent. The officers are Albert Story, president, John C Smith, secretary, Chas. Leager, master of the hounds. David B. Kendall has resigned as past master of hounds, having removed to Kent county.

CHURCH DOINGS * * *

Rev. Benj. A. Bryan, son of Mr. Richard Bryan, of Rock Hall, is doing good work as pastor of Ellsworth M. P. Church and has just closed a revival at which there were fourteen accessions to the church. Mr. Bryan is highly spoken of as an aspiring young man and has won the admiration of the people.

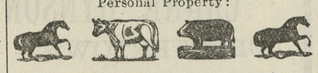
Rev. A. H. Covey, of Bond, was given a severe pounding last week, but it was a very pleasant one and his pantry larder was replenished with all the good things of life. Rev. Mr. Covey has been asked to return to Bond and Mowbray next year.

Public Sale
— OF —
PERSONAL PROPERTY.

THE undersigned will offer at Public Sale on the "Riverside" farm, in Quaker Neck, where I now reside, on

THURSDAY, Feb. 26th, 1903'

Beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., the following Personal Property:



12 HORSES
AND COLTS,
including a Finely Bred Young Stallion;
HEAD OF
14 Thoroughbred Jersey Cattle,
6 BERKSHIRE BROOD SOWS
And REGISTERED BOAR,
FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
Farm Wagon, 2 Dearborns, 1 Top Buggy and various other articles.

TERMS OF SALE.—All sums of Ten Dollars and under, cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of Six Months will be given on note with approved security, with interest from the day of sale.

C. R. ATKINSON.

Lewin W. Wickes, Att'y. f14-ts.

Deposit Your Money

IF YOU will deposit your money with us we will invest it for you along with our other funds, and at such time as you may select return it to you, together with ALL we have made on it.

IF YOU should die before you withdraw your deposits, we will pay your heirs many times its amount.

ANY amount from $10 up may be deposited.

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Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats

These goods must be moved to make room for OUR NEW SPRING STOCK, and some rare bargains await the early buyer.

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$9.00 Coats **$4.50**
$5.00 Coats **$3.00**

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$10.00 Coats **$5.00**
$8.00 Coats **$4.00**
$5.00 Coats **$3.00**

MILLINERY MILLINERY

EVERY TRIMMED HAT in this Department will be sold at

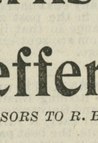
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Call and see us and we will be glad to show you our stock.

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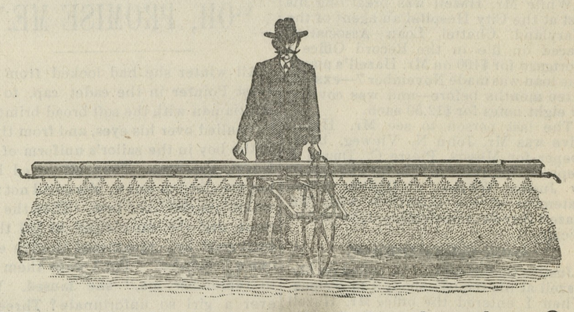
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Performances Keep Them

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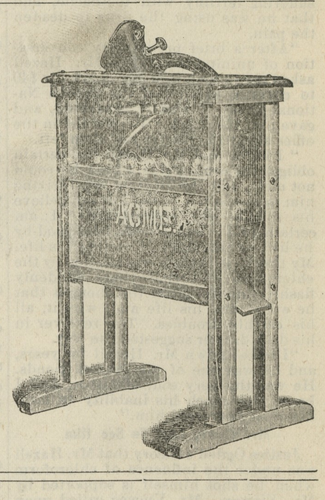
SOME OF OUR FEBRUARY OFFERINGS.

Grass Seed Sowers.



With metal wheels, 14 and 16 feet lengths. Our prices will make them go.

ONE AND TWO SPOUT
Corn Shellers.



This is the season that the Farmer wants one. The prices will induce you to order one; handy to have and cheap.



Just received a new supply of
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Also, PUMP PIPING, COUPLINGS, BUCKETS VALVES, LEATHERS, Etc.

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We have a choice lot of MIXED HAY, also FEEDS of various kinds kept constantly on hand; and a carload of the

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Our supply in HARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS, MACHINERY, Etc., is increasing daily, and we ask you to call and look at our stock before you buy your needs in our line.

Chestertown: The Large Store opposite Voshell House, Thompson Building.

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Still Pond: The Large Corner Store Adjoining Town Hall.

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