LOCAL NEWS

Big Contract.—Mr. A. M. Culp has contracted with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to erect a large freight house on the lot near Janes M. E. Church.

Sale of House.—Mr. W. C. Sutton on Monday sold to Mr. Percy Rawleigh for $375 the house on Court street and Church alley. Mr. Rawleigh expects to build a front building for dwelling and use the present brick structure as a kitchen.

School Vacancy.—The following are the applicants for Prof. J. L. Smyth's place at the Chestertown public school: J.B.Hazel, Rolph's; Harry D. Anthony, Queenstown; George J. Henry, Gap, Pa.; Milton F. Frantz, Trenton, N. J.; R. B. Devilbiss, Princess Anne; W. J. Bickett, Middletown, Del.; Edward Reisler, Baltimore; J. Wilson Sutton, Worton Miss Barbara Anthony is substituting for the present. The trustees will make the appointment next week.

Death of Mr. Crouch.—Mr. John W. Crouch, a prominent citizen of Piney Neck, died at his home Tuesday morning, age 68, of paralysis. The deceased leaves a widow, two brothers, two sisters and nine grown children. Funeral services were held Thursday conducted by Rev. C. K. Morris, interment in Wesley Chapel cemetery. The bearers were Edgar H. Strong, Wm. R. Coleman, Henry Robertson, William and V. Burgess. T. H. Casey & Co., had charge of funeral arrangements.

Other deaths are noted on 9th page.

Compliment to the Road.—An instance of the great improvement that has been made in the road bed of the Kent railroad came to notice one day last week. A well-known traveling man en route to Chestertown fell asleep on the train and did not awake for a half hour after the town was reached. The passengers all left him in the car, the the baggage was removed and the lights were turned off. When he awoke he was at a loss to know where he was but soon made his appearance at the hotel and received the jibes of his companions good naturedly.

Wills Filed.—The late Sam'l Merritt's will was filed for probate Tuesday. He bequeathes to his two sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Brown and Mrs. Sarah L. McCourt, all his real and personal property. Mr. Merritt's principal estate is the farm in Quaker Neck opposite the Clark farm tenanted by Mr. S. W. Brown.

D. W. Crosby filed will of Mrs. Olevia Cornelius and will take out letters on her estate next Tuesday. She leaves her property at Edesville to her nephews, Jos. Howard Rollison, and Charles A. Rollison and William C. Rollison the organ. A singular feature of Mr. C.'s will is that certain portions of the house are devised to different parties.

Cold Wave.—A cold wave struck Kent county Monday night. Snow and ice covered the ground but not sufficient for sleighing. Mr. John Gale ventured out in his sleigh and says it was fine. The thermometer registered 20° Tuesday morning; 11° Wednesday; 4° Thursday and 14° yesterday.

A cyclone struck the passenger steamer Olive, which plies between Franklin, Va., and Edenton, N. C., at 9.10 o'clock Monday night and sent her to the bottom of the Chowan river, between Mount Pleasant and Oliver's Wharf, both river points only a few miles from Edenton.

Coast towns were damaged both North and South while in the West and in New England States the blizzard has been intense. Western Maryland roads have been blocked with snow while the mercury hovers about zero.

Married.—Mr. Wright Ringgold Calder son of Robert Calder, and Miss Maud Virginia Thompson were married Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson, in Broad Neck, by Rev. J. S. Bowers, of Balto., assisted by Rev. J. L. Elderdice. Miss Clara Staats played the wedding march. Mr. Hiram Dugan acted as best man and Miss Lucy Thompson as bridesmaid. The home was beautifully decorated with flowers and the bridal couple stood under an arch of evergreen from which a wedding bell was suspended. Among those present were Rev. J. S. Bowers and wife, Mrs. Alfred I. Dugan, son and daughter, of Baltimore; Miss Anna Simms, Messrs. Calvin and Sam Brown and sister, of Quaker Neck; Miss Hattie and Robt. Lewis, Edesville; Mr. Bert Jacquette and family, Howard Hadaway, Mrs. Mary E. Hadaway, Milton Crew and wife, Bayard Sutton and Miss Sutton, Miss Lizzie Saunders, Capt Jas. H. Thompson, Sheriff T. J. Fletcher, Jos. Price. A sumptuous supper was served which was indeed a feast for a king. They received a large number of presents. They expect to reside in Balto.

Industrious Boys—The labor problem is giving our farmers very much concern and the demands for increased wages difficult to appease. Mr. Thomas Parsons, of near Hanesville, has solved it to some extent. He has three industrious boys that can do excellent work. Last Saturday week these three boys aged 9, 12 and 15, took up 225 peach trees and did not hurry themselves.

Navigation.—The Corsica, Captain Vandyke in charge, arrived here at 8 P. M. Wednesday and attempted to go to Crumpton, but owing to heavy ice beyond Morgan creek was compelled to return. The "flag ship" made another effort yesterday and succeeded in reaching Crumpton.

The Emma A. Ford, Capt. Taylor in command, made her regular trip Thursday, omitting only Queenstown. The ice in the river was only moderately thick and caused but little trouble. Yesterday two-inch ice was encountered.

New Draw—*To Be Completed Within a Week.*—Work on the new draw across Chester river was suspended for a few days this week because of the weather. The ferry was compelled to suspend also and travelers have been very much inconvenienced. Mr. Dave Kendall, the rural route driver, missed his trip Thursday and yesterday. Mr. Anthony, who serves a milk route in Chestertown, left his team here Wednesday night and managed to send the milk across by carrier. Capt. Alfred Palmer, Jas. Coleman and Louis Blake were on duty and devised a way to transport foot passengers Thev were called upon to carry coal across the river to a family in need early Thursday morning. The bridge builders promise to complete the draw within a week if the weather permits them to work. The foundation has been put in place and future work will show very rapid progress.

SMALL-POX NEWS.

Chestertown authorities are getting the small pox cases under excellent supervision and every precaution are being taken to prevent the disease spreading. Dr. Rohrer is giving special attention to the cases and is doing valuable service. Dr. Messick has vaccinated over 425 indigents at 50 cents each, while other doctors have been busy attending to the needs of the people. The following is a complete list of the patients all of whom are at the hospital.

1. Alverta Heath, age 6 years.
2. John Wesley Heath, 10 years.
3. Isabella Bowser, 2 years and 3 months.
4. Alice Ringgold, 15 years.
5. Wesley Broadway, 26 years.
6. Laura Broadway, 30 years.
7. Wilbur Broadway, 1 year.

A message late yesterday reported the patients all doing nicely and no indications of new cases.

Mr. Smith, of Galena, who has been sick with small-pox in Dover, is out of danger and sitting up.

There are four cases of small-pox in Clayton, Del.

Mrs. Rebecca Dill Stubbs, aged 50, died of small-pox at Hollandville, Del., last Thursday.

Snow Hill had over 80 cases of the dread disease and not a single death.

THE PRUDENTIAL'S GREAT SHOWING.

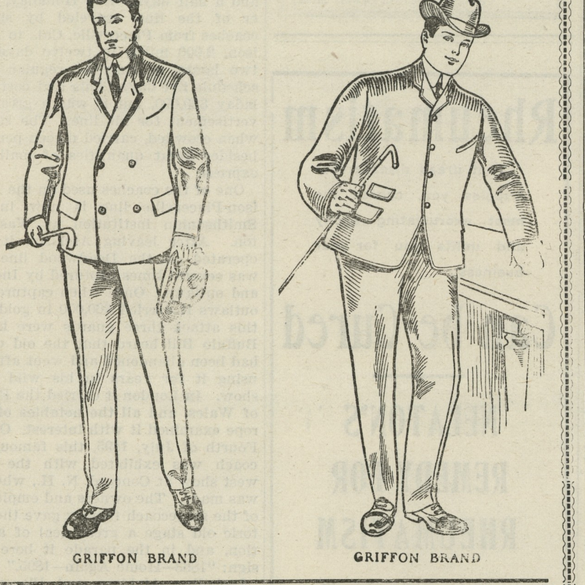
In reading the twenty-seventh annual statement of The Prudential Insurance Company, one is impressed with the solid and substantial advances which the company has made during the past year. The magnitude of the The Prudential's operations are shown by the fact that over two hundred and twenty-two millions of new life insurance was written and paid for during 1902, increasing the amount of paid-for insurance in force to over eight hundred million dollars. Every means has been taken to make progress along the most substantial lines, and back of all its contracts there stands sixty million dollars of assets with a surplus exceeding nine millions. The total income of the company during the year was over thirty-three million dollars. The value of this institution to the public is indicated by the fact that over nine million dollars were paid to policy-holders during the year, this makes a total of nearly sixty-eight million dollars paid to policy-holders since the organization of the company twenty-seven years ago.

The company reports that the year's business was conducted with a marked reduction in expense rate and increased amount of dividends to policy-holders, particularly in the ordinary department. Altogether the annual exhibit of The Prudential is one of which its officers and policy-holders may well be proud, and which will undoubtedly result in increasing the high confidence and esteem in which this great company is held by the public who hold nearly five million of its policies.

The business of this peninsula is operated from the superintendent's office in Dover, there being eight offices located in the most prominent towns, each in charge of an assistant superintendent. For this section, Mr. E. P. Beck is the assistant superintendent, with office in Chestertown and agencies located in Centreville, Church Hill, Rock Hall, etc. Mr. Beck is one of the Company's oldest employees in this territory, and a successful business producer. Mr. Frank V. Simpers, of Chestertown, was advanced from his management to the position of assistant superintendent, at Cambridge, Md., at which point he has met with marked success.

W. W. HUBBARD has moved into his new suite of office rooms, which are fixed up in elegant style and of the latest furnishings. His head salesman, Mr. Wm. A. Smith, closed a big contract for fertilizer last week in competition with a number of other houses.

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,

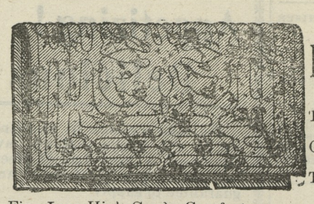
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Getting Ready FOR MARCH!

We are arranging our stock preparatory for the first spring month. You will find extra values in spring supplies when you visit us.

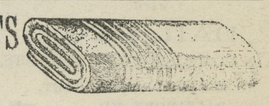


FINE LARGE LINE

BED COMFORTS.

This Heavy Single Comfort for only....49c
Good Large $1 Heavy Comforts only....79c
The Extra Large $1.25 Comforts....98c
Fine Line High Grade Comforts....1.25, 1.50, 1.98 to 2.75

Fine BED BLANKETS REDUCED



Large White and Grey Bed Blankets at....59c and 69c
Large $1.25 Bed Blankets for only....98c
The Heavy Mixed Wool Blankets....1.39, 1.75 and 1.98
The Fine Wool Blankets....2.50, 2.98, 3.50 and 4.50

Fine New Madras for spring at.....10c and 12½c
10c Hill Brand Bleached Muslins, only..... 7½c
10c Fine Bleached Muslin in short-lengths, only.... 6¾c
The Best 12½c and 15c Fine quality White Goods in the all small checks, stripes and plaids—you have a choice and selection of over 2000 yards for only..... 7½c
The Rich 20c and 25c White Mercerized Striped Madras, and beautiful new style of White Goods in all the new effects. Large selection, only..... 12½c
5c Unbleached Muslin, good quality and fine..... 3c
5c and 6c Light Shirting Prints. Nearly 2000 yards in all the neat patterns. These are the best quality Shirting Prints only..... 3¾c
A Large lot Men's Shirts and Drawers to close—some worth 50c. 75c and $1.00, choice of entire lot at the bargain price of only 39c

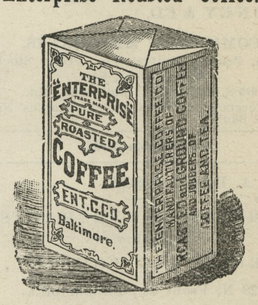
CHILDRENS' HOSE.



Lot of Children's Fine 25c. Black Hose, Best Quality only.....16
Children's 15c Black Hose....10
Lot Ladies' Vests and Pants in White and Silver Gray, worth 50c and more, choice of entire lot, only..... 29c

Flax Seed Meal, very best new stock at only..... 4½c
Barker's Best Horse and Cattle Powder, pkge.... 10c
Ramon's 15c Horse and Cattle Powders, 3 pkgs 25c

Enterprise Roasted Coffee.



Enterprise Fresh Roasted Coffee for..... 9c

30c Window Curtains, good linen curtains, all colors, choice, only..... 16c
Lot of Ladies' Rubber Shoes, choice of entire lot, only..... 23c
1 Dozen Boxes Good Matches, 1200 Matches in all, for only..... 6c
Beautiful 10c New Spring Dress Ginghams, choice for only..... 7½c
7c Plaid Outing Cloth, rich patterns, only..... 3¾c

In our Bankrupt Department we have many exceptional bargains. It is now filled up completely with all sorts of Merchandise—marked at ONE-HALF and less prices for quick sale. Everything marked so you can see and appreciate the many values being offered.

Another Addition!

We have just opened in our ANNEX THE HALL, a new

PLUMBING DEPARTMENT

and are now prepared to do ALL kinds of Tinning, Roofing, Spouting and Repair Work, besides the placing and repairing of Wind Mills and all sorts of Sanitary Plumbing.

This Department is in charge of MR. CHARLES WALTERS, of Baltimore, and all orders and estimates will be given careful and prompt attention.

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