

"Shoppers' Directory."

For the benefit of our patrons we give below a list of the places where the best goods may be bought for the least money.

- MRS. L. A. JONES—Special Christmas bargains in Millinery, Ladies Dress Goods, Xmas presents, etc.
MRS. CORA FENWICK—Headquarters for Christmas Presents, Ladies Dress Goods, Millinery, etc.
JONES BROS.—Boots, Shoes, Groceries, General Merchandise, etc.

Religious. Christ Church, Choptop: Sunday, at 10 a. m., Sunday School. at 11 " Service and Sermon.
Budd's Creek. Sunday School at 4 p. m. Service and sermon at 5 p. m.

The Leonardtown Gun Club was organized by editing Dr. Paul Campbell to the chair. On motion, Mr. H. F. Moore was chosen President; Mr. E. B. Abell, Secretary; Robert C. Loker, Treasurer; Dr. Paul Campbell, General Manager.

Mrs. L. A. Jones has on hand Ladies' coats in handsome, elegant garments; cheap plain styles; Muffs; Hats, from a cheap tailor to a handsome velvet; Dress Goods and trimmings of every variety.

Church Entertainments.—There will be a Sunday School Christmas Tree at St. Andrew's, December 23th, beginning 7 o'clock, p. m., and at St. Zion, December 27th, beginning at 7 o'clock p. m. Public cordially invited.

The members of the M. E. Church at Cedar Point will give an Oyster Supper on Thursday, the 29th, at the residence of the pastor, for the benefit of the Preacher in charge. All are cordially invited.

Judge Crane Issues Another Order.—Another order issued by Associate Judge Crane was filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court at Port Tobacco, Tuesday, requiring an immediate recount of the ballot boxes in certain districts of Charles county at the last election. The legal phase of the Charles county contest is now a very peculiar one.

The Seymour Gun Club.—The young men of our town have organized a gun club, and have chosen the "Seymour Gun Club" as the name of their organization. They have purchased a trap and birds, and will select certain evenings in each week to devote to practice.

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Monday last, was marriage license day with Clerk Greenwell and licenses were issued as follows: James Langley and Francis Sophia Morrison; William Alvey and Elizabeth Buckler; Christopher C. Harley and Sarah Irene Hayden, and to one colored couple viz: William A. Jordan and Rosa Travers.

Dried apples, onions, potatoes and cabbage are always to be had at Jones Brothers, Leonardtown, Md. Stocks of goods in every line at F. O. Morgan's, Leonardtown, Md.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

From the Herald. God bless the babies' stockings All over the land to-night; God bless the little children Asleep in the hearthfire's light.
May the baby hands be helpful, Let the baby feet tread sure, Keep the sweet eyes meet for Heaven, And the soft lips true and pure.

John S. Jones.—The Baltimore Sunday News is publishing portraits and autobiographical sketches of the members of the Maryland General Assembly, and from its issue of the 17th instant, we print the following:

John S. Jones of the delegation from St. Mary's county is a staunch Republican. He was born in St. Mary's county about eight miles from Leonardtown, December 11, 1856. His parents were Edward S. and Catherine E. Jones, well known in the county. Young Jones attended school during the winter seasons of his boyhood, the balance of his time being put in helping his father on the farm.

At the death of his father-in-law on March 1, 1891, he was appointed to fill his position as deputy collector of customs for the port of Brown Creek, which position he held until January 1, 1897 when the office was abolished under the Cleveland administration. He has always been an active worker in the Republican ranks, but was never a candidate for an electoral office until 1893, when he was elected to the House of Delegates by a good majority.

A nice line of Dress Goods, Gingham, Outings, Trimmings, Notions, Hosiery, Kid Gloves, Ribbons, Shoes, Hats, ready made Clothing, B. Y. Suits, Knee Pants, Groceries, Fruits, Confectioneries and line of nice goods for the Christmas time to be sold at special low prices this week at J. W. Latham's store, Great Mills, Md.—adv.

Localize and Otherwise. Leonardtown now has two gun clubs. One is fully equipped and the other soon will be.

The Beacon wishes its patrons, one and all, a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Read the Winter Schedule of the Western published in this issue. It goes into effect next Wednesday.

With the New Year we will begin sending out bills to delinquent subscribers and we trust that they will promptly remit.

Under the skillful bro of Mr. J. N. Evans the residence of Daniel C. Hammett Esq., of this town, has been handsomely embellished.

Tax Collector Williams will be in Leonardtown on Tuesday, January 2, 1894, and also on 9th proximo to receive taxes. Pay promptly and save interest.

A determined effort is to be made at the coming meeting of the General Assembly to pass a law authorizing the leasing of unproductive oyster grounds.

We are informed that Landlord Charles P. Abell, of the Union Hotel, is to feed the prisoners during the term of Sheriff Wathen. Mr. Abell is also a deputy sheriff.

The report of the U. S. Agricultural Statistician dated December 11, 1893, states that "except in the case of buck wheat prices are lower than for a number of years."

To day, Thursday, is the shortest day of the year, according to the almanac, the beginning of winter. The sun will rise at 17 minutes after 7 and set at 40 minutes after 4.

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One Hundred Years Old.—Hale and hearty at 100. These are the words expressive of thoughts uppermost in the minds of Maltby House guests last night. They had among them Thomas C. Ward, a 70-year-old grower of Charles county, who having lived out a full century still retains that vigor which enables him to move about among his fellow men with the same spirit of 50 years ago.

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Triple Wedding.—Wednesday last, Messrs. James A. Fenwick and J. C. Hobbs, of St. George's Island, paid our town a visit and during their stay called upon Clerk Greenwell and obtained Licenses to marry for William Parker Middleton and Emma E. Anthony; James Edw. Porter and Hattie Ann Sayre; Richard W. Chesser and Cora Virginia Hobbs. We are told that Sunday afternoon next is the time set for the triple wedding.

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The buyer complains that owing to heavy packing the tobacco is bruised and does not keep well. That is all nonsense, so far as common tobacco is concerned. Let it be in proper condition for packing, and you can put as much as you please or as much as you can get in a hoghead, and that will not be more than 900 to 1000 lbs. If you can get any more than this in a hoghead, it is not in proper condition to pack. You may take soft unseasoned tobacco and put it in a hoghead to the amount of 400 pounds or even 500 lbs. and it will not keep. Tobacco must be thoroughly dried after it is taken from the fields before it can be packed. It should only have moisture enough in it to prevent it from crumbling when being packed.

With the finer grades of tobacco, hoghead put not to be more than 750 or 800 lbs. put in the hoghead; this kind of tobacco being light and so dry it will not take double the amount in bulk to make the same number of pounds as that of a common hoghead.

Tobacco, as a rule, is not injured by heavy packing so much as by packing in bad condition. Sometimes in Autumn or Spring a farmer may properly condition and pack a hoghead of tobacco, send it to market and get a fine price for it. He tells his neighbor of it, who says: "Indeed, I must 'ship some too'." The neighbor does not wait to condition his tobacco, but as soon as the first damp spell comes, goes to work, pulls it from the stalk and packs it in the hoghead and ships it to the market. The inspector at the warehouse passes it, and after the sample has been exposed to the open air for several hours, if the atmosphere is dry, it will somewhat condition before it reaches the hand of the buyer.

Now, handling the tobacco in this way enables the planter to pack heavy hogheads, where one tenth of it is moisture. The tobacco has no chance to dry out, and when the sweating season comes, it is ruined; whereas, if it had been packed dry, it would have been in sound condition and not over-weight. The loss in weight would have been comparatively small. Of course we all know that tobacco changes from damp to dry just as the atmosphere does, and must necessarily undergo a small loss. If the buyers had had greater weights according to the quality of the tobacco, say 1000 to 1100 pounds the maximum for common tobacco, and 800 for the finer grades, I do not think there would have been much room for complaint on the part of the planter, although I do not think they ought to have made such a demand without first consulting the planter. If they had passed an order not to buy another pound of Maryland tobacco, I do not think the people would have been so surprised.

Now, the question is, what is to be done? Can we afford to make tobacco worth from 1 to 2 cents per pound and put it in a case 14x56 inches and pay \$1.50 freight, and \$1.50 commission, when we are not allowed to put in this tobacco more than 850 pounds? It is not our aim to make such tobacco but it is the result of bad seasons which is a greater reason that we ought to be allowed to handle it as cheap as possible. It is a heavy loss to the planter to make such tobacco.

As the uttermost limit has been placed at 850 pounds, I guess we will have to do away with hogheads altogether and pack our tobacco in barrels. I think we could almost pack that much in a good size barrel. I think the freight on a barrel to Baltimore is about 50 cents and I do not suppose that the commission men would charge so much commission on a barrel as on a hoghead. Besides, we could save a considerable lumber bill. It would also enable us to get rid of our surplus barrels. I would like to hear some of my brother planters' views on this subject. I could say much more, Messrs. Editors, but you have kindly offered your columns to this subject, I will leave some space for some of my brothers.

Yours truly, W. MOORE.

Read as You Run. Men's overcoats, size 34 to 44, from \$3.50 to \$16.50 at F. O. Morgan's, Leonardtown, Md.

Youths overcoats, size 14 to 19, from \$3.00 to \$5.00 at F. O. Morgan's, Leonardtown, Md.

Boys and shoes a specialty at F. O. Morgan's, Leonardtown, Md.

If you need powdered sage to season your sausage, call on Jones Bros., Leonardtown, Md.

The largest stock of ready-made clothing, boots and shoes and general merchandise that has ever been brought to Leonardtown can be found at F. O. Morgan's.

Neck Ties for the dude and also for a plain man can be found at Lake Jones, a stand recently opened by Jones Brothers.

Canned corn and tomatoes, direct from the factory, for sale by Jones Brothers, Leonardtown, Md.

Mrs. Cora Fenwick has just received and has now for sale the largest assortment of best and best quality ever brought to this town. Don't forget to call and see her at Millinery Store, F. O. Morgan's, Leonardtown, Md.

Ladies can find just what they want in the way of Ladies coats, Ladies' dresses, gowns, Ladies hats and everything else in the millinery line by calling on Mrs. Cora Fenwick, Millinery Store, F. O. Morgan's, Leonardtown, Md.

People will go where they can find the largest assortment of goods in every line; they know their business, and that is the reason they go to F. O. Morgan's, Leonardtown, Md.

Little boys overalls with caps, size 8 to 14, from \$2 to \$3.50 at F. O. Morgan's, Leonardtown, Md.

The most wonderful thing in the way of ready-made clothing is that for dollar overcoat, sold by F. O. Morgan's, Leonardtown, Md.

Stout's Patent Snap Plug Rubber Boots can be had at Jones Brothers, Leonardtown, Md.

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PROFESSIONAL. J. F. MORGAN, Attorney and Counselor at Law and Agent for Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, Mutual Life of New York and Royal Fire Insurance of Liverpool. LEONARDTOWN, Md. April 1, 1893—dt.

DANL. C. HAMMETT, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, LEONARDTOWN, MD. J. C. 31-37

B. HARRIS CAMPBELL, STABLES & FURNITURE, AND ATTORNEY AT LAW, LEONARDTOWN, MD.

D. S. BRISCOE, Attorney and Counselor at Law, 219 St. Paul's Street, Baltimore, Md. 1878-11

WALTER I. DAWKINS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 14 E. LEXINGTON ST., BALTIMORE, MD. Will continue to practice in St. Mary's and adjoining counties. Nov 3-11

HENRY F. SPALDING, ATTORNEY AT LAW, No. 25 Lexington St., Baltimore, Md. Prompt attention given to all business entrusted in his care. Jan 1, 85-11

WALTER B. DORSEY, ATTORNEY AT LAW, LEONARDTOWN, MD. Office—Register of Wills' Office. Jan 14 '92-11

R. B. TIPPETT & BRO., ATTORNEYS AT LAW, 11 E. Lexington St., near Class, Bal., Md. Practice in the Courts of Baltimore city Court of Appeals of Md., in the counties of Charles and St. Mary's and Washington City. Special attention given to Admiralty cases. collection of claims.

GEORGE BLAKISTONE, Attorney at Law, Farmers & Merchants' Bank Building, Corner South and Leonard Sts., Baltimore, Md. Sept 29-11

RODGEY & LOVE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Law Building, Cor. Lexington and St. Paul Streets, Baltimore, Md. Claims collected and promptly paid over. References: Citizens National Bank, Baltimore. 1 Frank P. ed. Clerk Court of Appeals, Md. Oct 13-11, 1892-93

DUKE BOND, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, 207 St. Paul Street, BALTIMORE, MD. Sept 29 '92

JR. WHIT HAMMETT, DENTIST, 66 9th N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. Operative and mechanical Work done in best manner. All work guaranteed. Prices moderate. Consultation free. Sept 1-11

HENDERSON, LAWS & CO., 25 E. PRATT ST., Baltimore, Md. Manufacturers of CAKES, CRACKERS and CANNIES by steam. I beg leave to inform my friends and patrons that I have permanently associated myself with the above firm and respectfully ask for a share of your patronage, thanking you for past favors. I am yours Very respectfully, W. B. TENNISON. J-3

L. O. W. B. STAVES, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER, specifically calls the attention of the public to St. Mary's and adjoining counties that he has associated himself with an Architect, Librarian and Jurist with the latest designs, that he is prepared to execute all orders entrusted to him in the most elegant designs of workmanship. Satisfaction guaranteed and will receive prompt and personal attention. Estimates and estimates free of charge. Post-office address fully given. St. Mary's county, Md. June 19-11

MOORE'S HOTEL AND Summer Resort. I take pleasure in informing my customers and the traveling public that I have thoroughly renovated my house, improved and refitted the same and am daily prepared to accommodate each. Permanent and transient Boarders. The B.A.K. in every particular, complete. Fully equipped with the latest and best furniture and fixtures and all the latest improvements of the storage of all kinds of vehicles and see for yourselves. HERBERT F. MOORE, Proprietor. June 26 1893-11

REAL ESTATE WANTED. HAVING connected myself with one of the largest Real Estate Exchanges in New York, I am ready to place on the market with advertising facilities unequalled any real estate placed in my hands accompanied with full description, location, terms, &c