

**The Centreville Observer.**

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**LOCAL NEWS.**

—When 61.63; cure 63 cents.  
—Four more days and then Christmas.  
—Bargains in holiday goods at Forman and Keating's.  
—Murphy & Gibson's minstrels will be at the Centreville Opera House on Monday night, December 30th.  
—Messrs. W. E. Robinson & Co., 201 Air, Md., advertise that they have an application to buy or rent a cannery in good locality. See adv.

—The stock of goods in the store of Mr. Mack Perry was sold at public auction Wednesday morning. It was purchased by Cass Bro. for \$400.

—The past has been a busy week for the merchants, as many have taken advantage of the well stocked stores and completed their Christmas shopping early.

—Several inches of snow, followed by a heavy down pour of rain, changing to a deep slush, made Saturday one of the worst and most disagreeable days of the present winter.

—Senator Luther H. Gadd, of Anne Arundel county, brother to A. J. Gadd, of Sudlersville, has been appointed recording clerk in the office of the Clerk of Court of Appeals.

—The Ladies' Mite Society of Wye M. E. Church, Centreville, will hold their next monthly meeting at the parlance on the afternoon of Thursday, December 26th, at 3:30 o'clock.

—Mrs. Carrie Nation says Local Opinion in Maryland is a snare and a fraud. From the number of drunks seen on Centreville's streets Saturday night, her words appear only too true.

—State Fire Marshal McGill has been requested to go to Church Hill to investigate the mysterious fire that caused the destruction of the barn and contents on Nesbit Trenchard's farm.

—An epidemic of mumps is raging in the little village of Prides, about 8 miles from Centreville. There is not a single family who has not, or is not now suffering with the disease.

—The Sunday School of Wye Mills M. E. Church will hold its Christmas entertainment and treat at the church Thursday evening, December 26th, if fair, if not, the next favorable evening.

—Wright & Lowe advertise in this issue that they have for sale the famous Ford automobile, which is the best on the market. Give them a call and they will quote you rates, etc.

—The directors of the Centreville National Bank of Maryland will meet next week and the week following on Thursday, instead of their regular day Wednesday, the latter day being Christmas and New Year's respectively.

—The Morris Dry Goods Company extends the greetings of the season to all and announce that every lady who visits their store during the holidays will get free of charge, a pretty handkerchief with a purchase. See adv.

—In this issue of the OBSERVER will be found the adv. of Mr. W. C. Palmatary, requesting all delinquents to settle their accounts on or before January 1st, 1908, as he has sold his mill here and will discontinue the business.

—Thousands of bushels of husked corn are lying in the fields too damp to be stored in cribs. The damp, unsettled winter weather is coming on and the farmer is very late with his work, owing to the difficulty in procuring huskers.

—A watch meeting will be held at Grace M. E. Church, Centreville, on Tuesday evening, December 31, to watch the old year out and the new year in. Rev. W. M. Mitchell, a noted evangelist and able speaker, will address the congregation and will be assisted by Rev. E. D. Stone. The service will be enhanced by special music. An experience meeting will also be held. All are invited.

—The Christmas entertainment of Wye M. E. Church, near Rutherford, will be held on Friday night, December 27th 1907, at 7:30. Through a mistake it was announced for Thursday night.

—The Epworth League of the M. E. Church, Queenstown, will hold a dime social at the residence of Mrs. John W. Council, in that town, on Friday evening, December 27th. Everybody is invited to attend.

—Centreville Lodge, No. 180. A. F. & A. M., attended divine services at Grace M. E. Church, Centreville, Sunday morning, when the pastor, Rev. E. D. Stone delivered a special sermon on "Opportunity."

—What are you doing for your town? If you have no confidence in the growth and improvement of the town and county in which you live how on earth do you expect other people to move among us and cause the county to develop and grow for your benefit?

—Rev. C. P. McGoldrick, of Centreville, will celebrate Mass at the following Churches throughout the following Christmas morning: Holy Family Church, Church Hill, at 7 o'clock; Rubber of Barrows, Centreville, at 8 o'clock and St. Peter's Church, Queenstown, at 11 o'clock.

—Some one wishing to test the flight of a swallow, caught one that had its nest on a farm in Shropshire, England. It was taken in a cage to London and then set free. Eighty minutes after its release it was back at its home, having traveled 145 miles at the rate of two miles a minute.

—Mr. William P. Turpin, of Mobile, Alabama, son of Ex-Senator W. T. P. Turpin, of Centreville, is one of the incorporators of the Jackson-Rider Company, authorized to conduct the lumber business and deal in naval stores. The authorized capital is \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$100 each.

—A lot of thirty eight young hogs, the property of Mr. J. W. Began, near Champton, this county, and said to be the finest collection of purebred in the peninsula, has come to date just five hundred bushels of corn. The hogs will now average 250 pounds each alive, and they are being watched with a great amount of interest by the farmers of that locality.

—Eggs are holding up the price pretty well and would be higher if the farmers would be more careful in setting their eggs. When the dealer ships his eggs to the city, he knows that each egg will be "one-sided" and all bad eggs thrown out. This loss, together with those he culls out before shipping, cuts down his margin of profit many times so low it would take a very powerful glass to discover it. We believe if only fresh eggs were marketed that the price of hen fruit would materially rise.

**CENTREVILLE NATIONAL BANK**

JAMES GORDLEY, President. J. FLETCHER ROLPH, Cashier.



**SECURITY TO DEPOSITORS: \$240,000.00**

**A Word of Caution**

Reserve and Surplus make this Bank ever Safe, ever Growing, ever Ready. These facts must appeal to people whose money comes slowly; who value safety, and who understand that security is the paramount consideration in all investments.

We invite comparison along these lines, and published statements, as well as results, will convince. It will pay you and please us.

Our Savings Department is open at all times for large or small deposits alike. Fair and just treatment is accorded to all.

Conservative Liberty being our motto, your interests and our own must, therefore be identical.

Our confidence and good will are yours.

IF WE PLEASE YOU, TELL YOUR FRIENDS; IF NOT TELL US.

**TO THE LADIES**  
We are making a specialty again this year of **JAPANESE and GOLD MEDALLION CHINA WARE** in our Holiday Stock. Before purchasing anything in the Xmas line, see our varied assortment. We think we can please you in making a choice.  
**J. Thos. Holland's**  
Next to the Centreville Nat. Bank  
Try a Cup of Our HOT CHOCOLATE

**When Visiting Town to Make Your XMAS PURCHASES**  
don't fail to call at **Green's Department Store** where you can find **SUITABLE PRESENTS** for most anyone, at prices to suit the pocketbook. Our line is complete in every department for the Holidays.

**WE HAVE ON HAND**  
An up-to-date line of Ready-to-Wear **HATS** at **GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.** Also a full line of **NOTIONS** suitable for Xmas  
**ANNA H. DAVIS**  
Water St. Centreville

**DO YOU WANT A Set of Furs For Christmas?**  
If you do, I have the handsomest line to select from ever displayed in Centreville.  
**C. M. WEST**  
Opp. Court House, Centreville

**St. Nicholas Abides With Us**  
CANDIES  
NUTS  
FRUITS  
CIGARS  
LOWNEY'S  
BOX CHOCOLATES  
**R. Bascom Eaton**  
Commerce St. Centreville

**FURNITURE**  
I have a large stock of FURNITURE to select from. When in need of anything in my line give me a call.  
**JOSEPH O. DAWSON**  
Water St., Centreville.

**OUR DISPLAY OF Holiday Attractions**  
will impress you with its **WORTH, BEAUTY AND REASONABLE PRICES.**  
**Forman & Keating**

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
to all in the wish of **WRIGHT & COLLINS**  
Lumber and Coal Merchants

**E. G. BENTON**  
Dealer in **BOOTS AND SHOES**  
ALL KINDS WORK  
Water St. Centreville

**FURNITURE FOR XMAS!**  
Odd Rockers, Rugs and Art Squares, Odd Dressers, Easy Rockers, Easy Chairs, Dinner and Tea Sets, Carpets and Mattings.  
**PICTURES AND FURNITURE** of all kinds for Christmas Presents and Home Comforts.  
**WRIGHT & EDDINS**  
Commerce St., Centreville.

**LEAVE YOUR ORDER FOR CHRISTMAS**  
For a Set of Hand-Made Harness. What a splendid Xmas gift it would make!  
Repairing of all kinds done at short notice at satisfactory prices.  
**S. E. ALLEY**  
"Dandy Hall"  
Centreville, Maryland

**FOR CHRISTMAS**  
I have a full line of **Candies, Nuts, Raisins, Figs**  
A full supply of **ORICERIES** also kept in stock  
**A. M. KEATING**  
Wa. St., Centreville

**Keep Warm on Xmas Day**  
BY BUYING YOUR **COAL**  
FROM **EDWARD B. EMORY OF B**  
Fertilizers and Fertilizing Materials  
Berge 3 Model Poultry Meat  
Commerce Street, Centreville, Md

**Now for Xmas!**  
Where are you going this year for your Christmas Groceries? Don't know! Go to **E. A. Cann & Bro**  
Cor. Commerce and Water Sts  
There you will find everything needed in the way of **CHRISTMAS GROCERIES** POSITIVELY FRESH

**L. HAYDEN'S News & Stationery Store**  
Liquor for **Chris. Tree Ornaments**  
**Combs, Books of All Kinds**  
Come inspect my stock

**Good Work—Quick Service**  
GUARANTEED AT **THOMPSON'S SHOE SHOP**  
Water Street  
**Boots and Shoes Made or Repaired at Reasonable Cost**  
**P. H. THOMPSON, Owner**  
**H. D. PAINTER, Mechanic**

**—THE PLACE TO BUY— Useful Xmas Presents**  
—IS AT— **P. T. Forman & Bro**  
where you will find **CARVING KNIVES AND FORKS**  
**WHITE HANDLE KNIVES AND FORKS**  
**BRECH LOADING GUNS**  
**GALLOWAY BOWS, and thing to Bells**  
**LAP BOWS HORSE BLANKETS**  
**HARNESS, SADDLES, BRIDLES**

**BUY YOUR** **COATS**  
Largest Children's  
AT **Morr Dry Goods Co**  
The Dry Goods Store

**A Xmas Present**  
for yourself can be secured by taking an Endowment Policy in **The New York Life**  
TO-DAY  
**W. H. GIBSON & CO**  
will tell you all about it.

**McKenney & Keating**  
**FIRE LIFE ACCIDENT INSURANCE**  
**CENTREVILLE, MARYLAND**

**BORDING**  
**WEDAY OR WEEK**  
**PRICES MODERATE**  
**Mrs. Lollie I. Walls**  
5 Dixon Opera House  
CENTREVILLE, MARYLAND

**Chambers & Ringgold**  
**LAMPS**  
Nickel Ware  
Cullery, Etc  
**Stoves Our Specialty**

**WRIGHT & OWE**  
—HEADQUARTERS—  
**USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS**  
Plated Table Ware, Etc.  
Spoons, Nickel Ware, Etc.  
**PRICES THE WEST**

**HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES**

Something for Everybody and Anybody

Here is a chance to get something either for the ORNAMENTAL or for USE. You have your choice.

A Uniform Scale of Prices, in conformity with actual value is maintained throughout our entire stock.

Below we shall enumerate a few items to give you an idea as to what our line comprises.

**Japanese and Gold Medallion CHINA TABLE WARE**  
**Japanese and Other Ornamental Vases and Lamps**  
**..PERFUMES, SACHETS..**  
**SOAPS, TOILET WATERS**

**Pocketbooks, Card Cases and Other Leather Goods**  
**COMBS, HAIR AND CLOTHES BRUSHES.**  
**STATIONERY**  
**Fancy Boxes Writing Paper**  
**FOUNTAIN PENS**

**PIPES—Genuine Brier Root and Meerschaum**  
**PHONOGRAPHS** The "Edison." The name is enough—a guarantee of highest quality. What is more suitable for a X-mas present than one of these machines? Let us tell you about it and quote prices and terms of sale.

We can say nothing more about our goods in the space allotted us. Will leave it now for you to visit our store and see for yourself. A welcome awaits you whether you buy or not.

**Holland's Drug Store, Centreville, Md**  
Next Door to Centreville Nat. Bank

**Blankets! Blankets! Blankets!**  
**WRIGHT & LOWE**

**STOVES**  
Largest Stock, Best Makes, Lowest Prices of any in the county.  
**WRIGHT & LOWE**

**BIG Stock, Fine Stock of all wool Horse Blankets.**  
Low prices  
**WRIGHT & LOWE**

**Wright & Lowe's Stoves**  
keep you comfortable, last, and you save money by buying from them.