

Saint Mary's Beacon.

Traveler's Guide.

S. M. R. R. Trains leave Brandywine, going East, daily except Sundays, at 10:30 a. m. Arriving at Mechanicsville, 11:45 a. m. Leave Mechanicsville, going West, daily except Sundays, at 12:10 p. m. Arriving at Brandywine, 2:10 p. m. Early Morning Trains leave Mechanicsville, going West, Mondays and Thursdays at 5:45 a. m. Arriving at Brandywine at 6:50 a. m. Evening Trains leave Brandywine, going East, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6:30 p. m. Arriving at Mechanicsville at 7:30 p. m. Norfolk Steamers to Washington from Piney Point on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 10:30 P. M. Returning, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. * See advertisements elsewhere.

Local Dottings.

To Lines to Miss Laura C. have been received and will appear in our next issue. We are in receipt of three different accounts of a late entertainment in St. Inigoes, but have only space for two, which will be found in another column.

An Apology.

We owe an apology to the patrons of the Beacon for the indifferent manner in which our paper has been printed during the past three months, particularly since the commencement of the New Year. The truth is, we purchased a New Power Press last Fall, with the workings of which we were not familiar, and undertook to put it up ourselves. The discovery was soon made that there was something out of gear with the machine and an expert was employed from Baltimore to discover and rectify its defects. We supposed this had been done, as the Press did creditable work for a week or so, but soon after the departure of the machinist, it fell back into its old course, and as navigation had then closed and Winter was upon us, we were left to do the best we could with it, and the best we can we shall continue to do with it, until an opportunity offers to have it re-adjusted by a competent hand, which we expect will be early in the Spring. In the meanwhile, we bespeak the kindly indulgence of our patrons.

St. Inigoes Items.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
Exceedingly cold weather prevails. The mercury descended to 27 below zero, on Thursday night, and the following day the N. W. wind whirled the snow in suffocating eddies. Persons are beginning to sleigh now, and the discordant sounds of bells are anything else than pleasant to ears unaccustomed to such music.
No sickness of consequence.
Our village mill—S. J. Rawleigh's—is in operation. The meal is fine and is not scorched. No sawing has been done yet.
A goodly number of dredge boats are increased in ice in Smith's creek. It proves a sheet anchor sure and steadfast to them. Much suffering has occurred among the employees of said boats. The captains could scarcely the evil in a great measure, but the major part seem as insensible to kindness, etc., as the ice which surrounds them.

The mercury ascended to 40° on 7th and the beautiful transparent ice soon disappeared and brought assumed their wonted position. It is sincerely hoped by many that good weather will prevail as an early day. We fear sometime will elapse before the ice will be effectually thawed.
Geese and ducks in dense flocks can be daily seen. It is too cold for sportsmen to turn out—i. e., we do not hear the reports of guns as formerly.

Mr. Haley at the Front.

Mr. J. T. M. Haley, the prominent anti-tobacco democrat from St. Mary's county, says the *Baltimore Herald* of the 9th inst., who is now in Annapolis, "is advocating his favorite tobacco warehouse measure, which may come before the House in the shape of a bill. The tobacco warehouses, as every one knows, do not pay expenses as a rule. The inspectors frequently increase the pay-roll by adding to the number of subordinates during election times, especially previous to the primaries. Mr. Haley's idea is that if any tobacco inspector is in default for two or three quarters in succession he shall forthwith be removed and the papers and books be turned over to one of the other four warehouses, in the discretion of the state comptroller. The defaulting warehouse is then to be used for storage." We are not authorized to speak for Mr. Haley, but we believe his views on the tobacco inspection question is substantially in accord with the expressions of the meeting of tobacco planters, which lately assembled in Baltimore. As well as we can make it out, the issue is now between the views of this body, amending the present inspection laws and changing them in several important respects, and the flat-footed proposition to abolish the compulsory system, a bill for which purpose is now pending before the Legislature.

All for Harriet.

We have been allowed to read an extract from a private letter addressed by one of our delegates in the Legislature, Mr. Norris, to a democrat of our town, in which he expresses his readiness to co-operate with his democratic constituents of St. Mary's in all measures and in all matters of appointments in which he may be able to serve them. This was, of course, to have been expected. But what pleases us most in the extract is that Mr. Norris says: "I am sure that I echo the sentiments of my colleagues when I say there is no man whom the St. Mary's delegation will more gladly serve and no one we would sooner see honored than Hon. Benjamin G. Harris. When we can serve him in any way, he is at liberty to command us."

That Supper.

The flame of the late supper at Moore's is traveling abroad and has reached Towson. "Just think," says the *Journal*, "of a supper of wild duck, diamond back terrapin, oysters in every style, turkey, stuffed ham, etc., all for fifty cents." Oh! yes, such suppers are ordinary events in our village. The truth is, the materials are of native production here and it is an easy matter for us to duplicate a similar feast at the shortest notice.

Land Sale.

Danl. C. Hummett sold at Trustee's sale on Tuesday last "East St. Mary's" located in the 1st election district and containing 235 acres, more or less, for \$1,240. Purchaser, Dr. John M. Brome.

Funeral Services.

We published in the *Beacon* on 28th, ult., a notice of the death of Mrs. Julia S. Edwards. We are now requested to state that a funeral sermon will be preached on the deceased lady at Friendship M. E. church on Friday next, the 14th instant, at 10:30 A. M., by the Pastor of the church.

Our Junior.

The size and youthful appearance of our Junior has more than once attracted the attention of the press, the latest comment being from an Annapolis correspondent of the *Towson Journal*. Speaking of the Editor King of the *Beacon*, the writer says:—"In physical proportions he is not Goliath of Gath, but looks as though he may assert himself as a gallant and valiant David."

Some Shoes.

Mr. A. Burroughs writes us a description of a mammoth shoe, which he saw at the factory below, and made a note of the same. The manufacturing house of T. J. Magruder & Co., Baltimore, received an order from Nashville, Tennessee, for six pairs of shoes, which, for proportion, are something remarkable. They are for a mother and her five daughters. The shoes are 13 inches long and 12 inches around the ball. The soles are five inches wide. They are made from 5 oz. pebble-grain leather and are designed for dress occasions, as the party ordering them stated that the family had been wearing men's 13 1/2 brogans in order to get sufficient width.

County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners were in session on Tuesday last, present, Parson, Buckler, Carroll and Tyler. Petition of George T. Hutchins and Walter H. S. Briscoe to repair public road from Sassafras and Oak to Sottery was considered and Mr. Buckler, of the Board, was appointed to confer with them as to the matter at an early date. Requisition of Philip D. Love, Keeper of Alms House, was granted and Clerk was ordered to purchase supplies. The Clerk was ordered to purchase supplies for Jno. H. McLane, an out-pensioner. The clerk reported to the Board the result of his visit to the Hospital. A mistake of \$120.00 was discovered in the accounts of Spring Grove Asylum, which has been credited by said institution. He also reported that upon an investigation of the books in the office of County Commissioners it appears that since 1878 the sum of \$7,500 had been levied for Montevue Hospital, of which amount only \$5,000 had been paid in leaving balance in collectors' hands of \$2,500, a sufficient amount to meet all indebtedness to said institution and leave a surplus of \$700. For Spring Grove Asylum the amount of \$3,250 had been levied and only \$1,400 paid in, leaving a balance of \$800 over and above indebtedness. The clerk was ordered to instruct collectors to pay said amounts in their hands on or before March 1st, 1886, or suits would be instituted. The clerk also reported as to claim of the county against the United States, that he had secured the cooperation of our representative, Mr. Compton, who promised to exert himself to secure the payment of the claim. The board then adjourned to 2nd Tuesday of March, 1886.

Briefs.

Both of our local Courts met on Tuesday last, the proceedings of which will be found in another column.
The oyster famine was lifted on Monday last, but the price paid for 80 cents per gallon.
Last on Monday last, in the streets of Leonardtown, a gold watch key. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at the *Beacon*'s office.

The Thanks of our Community are due.

Win. B. Moore for his attention in conveying to Leonardtown from Mechanicsville on Monday last our mail of that date.
On Monday last, on the side walk, between Charlie Jones' and Dr. John T. Spalding's, was found a patent ventilated metal clasp for keeping in place the covering of the lower extremities.
Our streets are alive, and have been for several days past, with the cheerful ringing of sleigh bells, sleighing being the chief means of locomotion left us. The snow, however, is melting at this writing.

Mrs. Kittie Morgan, of our village, has been seriously sick during the past week.

but from accounts received this morning, she is in an improved condition. Her son, Rev. Father Morgan, is expected daily.
As it would be unreasonable to complain of mail irregularities of late, we hold our tongue with pleasure and even commend the county carriers for doing the little they were able to do during the snow blockade.
Our young friend, John D. Moore, has drifted down to Lampass County, Texas, and sends us the local papers of the section to remind us of his friendly disposition towards the *Beacon*. Thanks, and success, John Donnelly.

The snow at present writing is in a melting mood, and it may be expected if the present warmish weather continue for a few days longer, that travel will be much improved. The snow fall, we are informed greatly benefitted the wheat crop.
The recent cold snap has necessitated a heavy draft upon coal and wood to keep comfortable and persons in the village, without an unusual supply, are running short in the fuel direction. There is abundance of wood, but the trouble is in getting it hauled.

It is a question whether the weather and the snow since Wednesday morning last are entitled to compare with a similar visitation we had in the Winter of '87.

There is no question, however, that they bear any thing in depth and severity that we have had within the past quarter of a century.
Our prompt and excellent undertaker, Mr. Dilow, encountered difficulties so grave in his first effort to bury a lady recently deceased in Bedlam Neck that he had to return without accomplishing his purpose, the roads being impassable from snow drifts. He was more successful in his second attempt.

Orphans' Court.

The Court met on Tuesday last, present Messrs. Love, Jones and Payne, a full court. The report of the sale of real estate of late George Wathen, made by Wm. J. Wathen, executor, was approved by the Court. Order for sale was granted to Horatio Carter, adm. of Thad. G. Carter. Terms of sale, 4 months' credit—\$10 and under, cash. The Court adjourned to meet on the 23rd instant.

Death of Rev. Jon. E. Keller, S. J.

Rev. Joseph E. Keller, of the Society of Jesus, died on Thursday last at Piscola, near Florence, Italy. Father Keller was born in Alsace in 1827. He came, when four years of age, to this country with his parents, and was educated at the St. Louis University. He became a Jesuit in 1844, and after his ordination to the priesthood held several high offices in his order. He was provincial of the Maryland province for eight years, and rector of Woodstock College, Maryland, for two years. In 1888, in the General Congregation of the Jesuits at Rome, he was elected assistant to the general of the society for the English-speaking members, and has been residing at Piscola for the last two years and a half. Father Keller was the author of one or two books, a fine general scholar, and one of the best linguists in his order. He was well known in Baltimore, Charles and this county.

A New and Valuable Work.

THE AMANTENSA. This is a Shorthand textbook just issued by D. Kimball pro- prietor of Kimball's Shorthand Training School 83 Madison street Chicago and embodies the new and superior methods of instruction for which this school is so justly celebrated. It is the result of twenty years careful study and experience in this line of teaching and practical work.

It offers those intending the study of Shorthand the advantages of a tried, superior and successful system, the most easily learned, rapidly written and certainly read of any, taught by a series of carefully graded and arranged lessons embracing all of the words and phrases in common use, accurately engraved in shorthand, and skillfully grouped in such a manner as to fully illustrate and teach the principles of writing and contraction, all of which with the accompanying miscellaneous exercises are to be read and written from dictation until mastered. This no time is wasted in experimenting or in making and correcting mistakes; the time and labor of the learner are economized to the fullest extent by being put directly upon the all important drills in reading and writing from dictation in that style which years of experience have proved to be the best. Under this method of instruction ordinarily apt pupils reach a speed of 100 to 150 words per minute in three months. No other system or method of teaching can show such extraordinary and gratifying results.

This work will be welcomed with enthusiasm by thousands of our shrewd and intelligent young men and women who recognize that shorthand is one of the most desirable branches of a modern business education, its practice placing them in good paying positions with the managers of business enterprises, and so proving to be to them the best possible stepping stone to business success and promotion. Those who have been deterred from taking up the study because of the fear of failure, or the long and vexatious struggle necessary to master the old systems in the old way can now take up this system and method confident of success in the shortest time. The book is especially valuable to those who wish to study without a teacher, as it comes nearer being a complete self-instructor, than any other work. It is well printed on heavy paper, substantially bound in cloth with gilt title. Price, 2.50. Full information and sample lessons may be had by addressing the publisher.

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