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Monday last our letter mail failed to put in an appearance.

Mr. Y. Parran Dawkins has connected himself with No. 5 Tobacco Warehouse.

Snow began falling early Thursday morning and continued until night when it turned to rain.

Read the report of the Grand Jury and lend all your efforts to see that its recommendations are carried out.

Recently, Mate Smith of the Gov. Thomas, shot off a portion of one of his fingers by the accidental discharge of a pistol.

Owing in a measure to the inclemency of the weather the attendance at the term of Court, just passed, was not as large as usual.

Saturday evening last a horse belonging to Mr. Otten Lloyd was stolen from Green Holly Street. The animal has since been recovered.

Saturday next, the 30th instant, will be the meeting day of the Farmer's Club. Don't fail to attend, as officers to the Club will be elected.

Last Wednesday night Mr. George Brewer's meat-house, at "Woodberry," near this village, was broken into and about 25 lbs. of meat stolen.

Mr. William Harrison, brother of Mr. Ed. B. Harrison, accompanied Mr. Wm. C. Drury to the State of Washington May success attend them.

We return our thanks to Mr. J. Frank Ford for the excellent reports of the Court proceedings with which he has so kindly furnished the BEACON.

Mr. Leo Abell, a brother of Mr. French M. Abell, was drowned in Smith's Creek Friday last. Our St. Inigo's correspondent describes the accident.

Hon. Barnes Compton arrived per Sue Monday morning last and Tuesday evening in the contested election case was taken before J. F. Morgan, Examiner in Chancery.

Last Thursday a horse belonging to Mr. Bushrod Nash, of this neighborhood, was taken and ridden off. Mr. Nash recovered the animal next day in the St. George's neighborhood.

Giles F. Dyer, of Medley's Neck, has been appointed Register of Leonardtown district, vice W. C. Drury, resigned. Mr. Dyer is a true Democrat and will make a first-class official.

We have received a letter from McKeesport, Pa., but too late for insertion in to-day's BEACON, informing us of the death, in that city, of Mr. Zachary T. Bailey, a native of this county.

Reference to our St. Inigo's items will show that the "Old Firm" is ahead in "garden sass and sick like." We are betting on St. Inigo's exhibit at the proposed County Fair and at the State Fair.

Politics were not over and above lively this Court. The bad weather prevented the republican clans from meeting in force and fixing their fences and the democrats, like Brer Rabbit, "are laying low."

Since the beginning of Court, Mr. A. Burroughs, of Chaptico, has had charge of Fenwick's Hotel. Those who have visited Mr. Burroughs say he is a hospitable and pleasant landlord and a good hotel man.

The Port Tobacco Times seems to think that Mr. Adrian Posey, of the Independent, will be the next Internal Revenue Collector. As Brother Posey is not yet "out of the woods" we will reserve our congratulations.

Of the four prisoners who were sentenced to the penitentiary at the last term of our Court but one, Samuel Cole, is a native of this county; Crank was born in Virginia; Harrigan in British Guiana and Gaynes is a native of Baltimore city.

Sister Gregorita, formerly stationed at the Convent near this village, is dead. The Sister was very popular with all who made her acquaintance while in our county and the regret for her death is sincere and widespread. May she rest in peace.

We regret to learn that within a few days Mr. John L. Viett will leave our county and go to the Eastern Shore to reside. Mr. Viett is a good and useful citizen and will be much missed from our county. We wish him abundant success in his new home.

John Cooper, the colored man who was drowned from the schooner Julia, at the city dock, Saturday night, formerly resided in St. Mary's county, where he is said to have a brother living. He also lived in Baltimore. His body was buried at the expense of the county.—Sun of the 19th instant.

About May 1st, proximo, Mr. J. Walter Carpenter will leave our county and become a resident of Baltimore, where he will take an active part in the business of his firm. Mr. Carpenter is one of the best business men our county ever produced. We trust that he may soon become rich enough and return to his native county.

Our Circuit Court has prescribed a "change of air" for four of the prisoners now confined in the county jail. Their names, crimes and sentences are: George Harrigan, colored, horse stealing, 7 years; Samuel Cole, colored, larceny, 3 years and 6 months; William Gaynes, colored, larceny, 18 months; and Seldon F. Crank, chicken and dog stealing, 18 months. All of them are to go to the penitentiary.

St. Inigo's Items. [From our Regular Correspondent.] Messrs. A. L. Adams, Edgar Cullison, Samuel Rawleigh, and others, met on the 22nd instant, and located the site for the new wharf. These gentlemen seem to think that Calver's Bay is the most suitable place, and we trust that a substantial wharf will be erected at an early day.

Death is inexorable, and it pains us to chronicle the accidental drowning of Mr. Leo Abell, of Tick Neck, on the 21st instant. The body was recovered a few hours after the accident in the lower part of Smith's Creek.

Peddlers in lions and tinware, despite the high license, are frequent visitors hereabouts. Tomato plants are large enough to transplant into beds preparatory to permanent setting.

Truckers will begin to ship lettuce in a few days to Washington, D. C. The recent four days rain put a stop to all outdoor work; and hundreds of young chickens yielded up their lives in consequence, greatly to the dissatisfaction of our favored ladies. There is no other alternative left them than to let the old hens incubate whenever an occasion presents itself. Farmers, it should be remembered, sow even after an unprofitable harvest.

Dr. A. P. Fields is visiting friends in Philadelphia, and our young Dr. D. is all alone at present.

As Sunday was a fair day, the churches were crowded. The ladies seemed to vie with one another in their costumes, and the men, poor creatures, were "dressed to kill" too! Their pants—there! what a mistake. Well! O. W. Holmes, says:

"The things called pants, in certain documents, were never made for gentlemen, but for gents."

Mr. E. S. Abell is critically ill, and his attending physician says there is no hope of his recovery.

Mr. S. C. Goodrich, of Lovetta Cottage, lost an interesting child recently.

Mr. Louis Abell and his cousin, Richard Abell, are going to try the climate of Texas at an early day. Said State contains an area of 274,000 square miles; so there is plenty of room for fortune hunters.

Good meal and fine is given at the village mill.

\*Since the above was written we have heard it reported that Mr. Abell has died. He was a good citizen and a Christian gentleman. May he rest in peace.—Eds.

Grand Jury Reports.

The Grand Inquest of the State of Maryland for the body of St. Mary's county having diligently inquired and true presentment made of all matters and things given us in charge or that have come to our knowledge touching this present report, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the county jail as required by law, and find it neatly kept and in fair condition and repair. There was some complaint on the part of the prisoners of the insufficiency of bed-covering furnished them, and we request that they be furnished with what is necessary for their comfort. The surroundings of the jail are not such as are calculated to promote the sanitary condition of the inmates; and the open pool near the building which is used as a receptacle for the filth and offal of the jail is a nuisance, and some better way of disposing of these accumulations should be devised by the proper authorities.

An examination of the Court House shows that much plastering has fallen in some of the upper rooms, but we have been informed that this condition of the walls has existed for a number of years, and was caused by leaks in the roof, which have been repaired, and the roof is now in fair condition. The plastering in the rooms is so broken that we doubt the advisability of repairing it, but think it would be better to plaster the ceilings anew.

We have reviewed the report of our predecessors of the Sept. Term, 1888, in regard to our county charges and expenditures as shown by the books of the County Commissioners, and have nothing to add to their comprehensive exhibit of the financial affairs of the county.

We find that the public roads previous to the late heavy rains were in fair condition. But there is yet much room for improvement. There are annually large sums of money expended on our roads in way of a most temporary character, which has to be renewed after almost every heavy rain. We think the supervisors should expend most of their appropriations in road work of a permanent character, which will not have to be renewed every year; and that this work should be done in proper season—the public good, and not the convenience of the supervisor, to be the guide in its performance.

The constables of the county have been before us as required by law, and report such an absence of crime in their districts as would be most gratifying, were it not rebutted by facts which come to us from other sources.

We have reason to believe that the Sunday law is being disregarded to an alarming extent throughout the county; but we experience great difficulty in securing testimony sufficiently reliable to sustain a presentment.

The failure of magistrates to pay over to the county, fines imposed and collected by them in the discharge of their official duties, is a matter of great importance. Your Honors charged us at the beginning of the Term to give this subject a careful investigation. But the pressure of other duties has been so great that we have been able to make only a partial examination, but sufficient to satisfy us that the payment of these fines to the county by the magistrates is the exception and not the rule of their action.

We find upon examination of the books of the County Commissioners, that only four Justices have paid fines into the county treasury since the Sept. Term, 1888, of our Court, to wit:

Nov. 14, 1888. Josiah M. Biscoe, \$100.

Dec. 4, " V. Cammiller, 1.00.

Jan. 8, 1889. Jo. F. Morgan, 10.00.

March 12, " Jas. R. Alvey, 33.00.

The Act of Assembly giving Justices of the Peace concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court in many cases, must have added largely to the volume of business transacted by them, and correspondingly to the number and amount of fines imposed and collected, which the law makes it their duty to pay into the county treasury within a reasonable time, and upon failure to do so, they become defaulters to the county and are liable to the severe penalties prescribed by law for such default. In view of the importance of this matter, we suggest to your Honors' consideration, the advisability of our resuming the investigation of this subject at such a time in the future as may best suit the convenience of the Court.

We tender our thanks to your Honorable Court and its officers and to the State's Attorney, for valuable assistance rendered

us in the discharge of our duties, and ask to be discharged, subject to the discretion of the Court in the matter above referred to.

J. MARSHALL DREW, Foreman.

I heartily endorse the suggestions of the Grand Jury, and hope their recommendations will be attended to.

J. PARRAN CHANE, Clerk.

Circuit Court Proceedings.

Wednesday, March 20th. This being the day for the peremptory call of the trial docket and there being no cases ready for trial, the following cases on the criminal appearance docket were called and trial proceeded with:

No. 2, State vs. Selden F. Crank. Indicted for the larceny of a dog. Trial by jury and verdict of Guilty and sentenced to 30 days confinement in the county jail. Hammett for State and Cammiller for accused.

No. 3, State vs. Selden F. Crank. Indicted for larceny of chickens. Sentenced to the Court and judgment of Guilty and sentenced to 18 months in the penitentiary. Hammett for State and Cammiller for accused.

No. 1, State vs. Samuel Cole. Indicted for larceny. Submitted to the Court and judgment of Guilty and sentenced to confinement in the Maryland penitentiary for 3 years and 6 months. Hammett for State and Richard E. King for accused.

Thursday, March 21. The first case tried to-day was No. 27 Trials, C. Aultman & Co. vs. George W. L. Buckler and wife. Action of Assumpsit. Tried by jury and verdict for plaintiff for \$917.37. Combs & Son and Urie Townsend for plaintiff and Cammiller for defendant.

The next case called was No. 37 Trials, R. Plinkney Blakistone vs. George G. Hill. Action of Ejectment and trial by jury. Pending this case the Court adjourned for the day.

Friday, March 22. The case No. 37 Trials, R. P. Blakistone vs. George G. Hill was resumed, and at 9 o'clock, p. m., when the Court adjourned the jury was still out.

The case, No. 6, criminal appearances was next tried as follows: State vs. A. Zach Norris. Indicted for larceny of corn. Trial by jury and verdict of Not Guilty. Hammett for State and Cammiller for accused.

Saturday, March 23. The jury in the case of R. P. Blakistone vs. George G. Hill being unable to agree was discharged.

The first case tried to-day was No. 4, criminal appearances, State vs. George Harrigan. Indicted for horse-stealing. Submitted to the Court and judgment of Guilty and sentenced to confinement in the Maryland Penitentiary for the period of seven years. Hammett for State and Cammiller and Abell for the accused.

State vs. W. Oscar Swann. Indicted for assault with intent to kill James T. Blair. Tried by jury and verdict of Not Guilty. Hammett for State and Combs and Son for accused.

The Grand Jury having concluded their labors, submitted their report and asked to be discharged. The Court read the Report and ordered the Clerk to enter the same upon the minutes of the proceedings and to furnish the County Commissioners with a copy, and then, thanking the jury for their prompt attendance and the efficient and expeditious manner in which they had conducted their business, discharged them until the first Monday in June next at which time they are to re-assemble to investigate the action of certain Justices of the Peace in this county who have failed to pay over fines collected by them.

At the conclusion of the trial of W. Oscar Swann, the Court discharged the Petit Jury for the term, retaining J. Willie Johnson, one of the Petit Jurors. The Grand Jury then adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Monday, March 25. The first case disposed of to-day was No. 10 Criminal appearances, State vs. Daniel T. Dixon. Indicted for selling liquor on Sunday. Jury trial and liquor summoned by the Sheriff. Verdict of Not Guilty. Hammett for State and Cammiller, and Combs & Son for accused. This case concluded the business of the term and the Court at 8 o'clock, p. m. adjourned for the term.

(Correspondence of the Beacon.) CALIFORNIA P. O., March 21, 1889.

Wild, stormy weather prevails in this section and the traveling must be fearful in consequence, especially the clay portions, which are more susceptible to the changes of the weather than sandy soils.

There seems to be some newspaper comment concerning the bad state of the roads in this particular vicinity, but travelers from other parts of the county report that it is no worse here than elsewhere, therefore, by no means should we take exceptions to that which cannot well be avoided.

We feel somewhat uncomfortably rendered just now over the irregularity of our mail matters. The carriers report a breakdown on the S. M. R. R. A breakdown, forsooth! I think from what I have learned, together with my own observation of this skeleton road, that the whole concern is but a trifle less than a wreck, and the manner in which our mails are handled on that line is an outrage, and the sooner steps are taken to avert the evil the better it will be for her patrons of the different post-offices.

There are frequently valuable articles sent through the mails which are not insured against tramping and other rough usages to which the mail-pouches are subjected. There seems to be little or no care manifested, so the mails get kicked out at their respective offices. The Government pays for better facilities, but Uncle Sam is woefully cheated sometimes, to say nothing of the public at large, who must be content to receive their mail in whatever condition it is handed to them.

I had the greatest curiosity to see and above all a desire to have a ride on our S. M. R. R. I submitted, to live in our country where there is a railroad, and not avail myself of its conveniences, was more like ancient fuggians than a wish to keep pace with the improvements of the present day. So, on the 2nd instant, my partner and I started for the city of "Magnificent Distances," with the object, of course, to attend the Inaugural ceremonies. After being pleasantly entertained at Mechanicville

for a short while by the members of the J. N. Graves, and later on by the members of Congress, B. E. ...

... the shill whistle of a train, without much hesitation, I set my way to its whereabouts, arriving at the spot in due time for the jolting ride.

We were invited into the smoking room, as it was more comfortable than the burden portion of the train, which was pretty nearly occupied with baggage and passengers. This, to me, was an interesting scene, so very different from what my anticipations had been, that I could scarcely realize my situation. For what it was hard enough, but for dressmakers and superintendents, but the railroad was inevitable then, no backing down, so I was seated, most uncomfortably, with another lady on the narrow hind of a shelf in proximity to the working portion of the locomotive. The exclamation "Get forth, all aboard!" and away we went with the saddest regrets, on a most unromantic journey, to be jolted, thumped and dislocated from thence to Brandywine.

I came near losing my equilibrium and having a headstrong participation in the fall, but the Almighty, we are told, is the back for the burden, so I bore my burden, which were not unshared by others, inasmuch as the railroad, relying on hope, which is the sweetest anchor of the soul, is the only possible Providence ere long to our relief. From Brandywine, I was rather more pleasantly entertained being somewhat lulled to sleep by being treated, subsequently we entered into the beautiful city with the same light hearts that accompanied us to Mechanicville and we were seated upon that railroad.

Although we had hoped for bright, sunny skies on the 4th instant, it was quite unpropitious to our other disappointment. We saw everything we wished for but everything we did not want until later on. We had the pleasure of being quite near the President and ex-President twice that memorable day, en route to and from the White House to the Capitol. Could have listened more comfortably to the inaugural address had the rain not descended so copiously at the time, yet there was no lack of eloquence in consequence, no need of what is called the most scrutinizing observer, an ideal of neatness and rather distinguished bearing for a man of his size, which is not over the medium mode of dress. Mr. Cleveland is a picture under it, which gives him an air of intellectuality that goes to make up, in combination with his pure career through life, a most creditable record.

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