

Saint Mary's Beacon.

Local Dottings.

Escuse. - Owing to the sickness of our junior editor and the impossibility of our senior performing the manifold duties of editor, printer and devil, the indulgence of our patrons is requested for the shortcomings of our present issue.

A Christmas entertainment will be held at Mount Zion Church on Thursday, Dec. 26, 1899, and at McKendree Church on Wednesday, Dec. 25th, at 7 P. M.

Supper and Dance. - There will be a supper and dance at the Factory School House, for the benefit of St. George's Catholic Church, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 31st, if fair, if not, the first fair evening.

Entertainment. - There will be an entertainment, consisting of supper, refreshments and dancing, for the benefit of St. Mary's Chapel, on the evening of December 31, 1899, at the residence of Mr. John Wheatley, Woodlawn Farm. Supper tickets fifty cents, children half price. All are invited.

Episcopal Service. - There will be divine service at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, the 29th of December, instant, at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., and at St. Peter's, Leonardtown, at 2:30 P. M. Holy Communion at morning service. The Dean, Dr. Nelson, will officiate. Service will commence promptly at the hours named.

Persons. - Delegate Ching was in town on Monday. He lives near Budd's Creek, along the proposed mail route asked for by our people from Lothair to Leonardtown. He says that he has "considered and thought over the several changes necessary to give county and county town daily mails, and is fully in accord with the proposed changes, and promises to do what he can to obtain the most desired result.

For the Holidays. - Ho for the Brown Store! - Christmas is here, loaded down full of gifts, candies of all kinds, whose prices are lower than ever; toys for the little ones; fine crackers to gladden the hearts of the boys; presents for the older folks; fruits of all kinds. Come early before they are gone. Remember I am lower in prices than any where else.

Extending to all many heartfelt thanks for their liberal patronage heretofore extended, wishing you a Merry Christmas, and that the New Year may come and remain with you, laden with all its choicest gifts of happiness and prosperity.

Very respectfully, J. W. JOHNSON.

A Card. - Messrs. Editors: - Please find an envelope plainly addressed

by type-writer, post marked Baltimore, Dec. 10th, 8 P. M., and should have reached me on the 12th, but did not arrive until the evening of the 16th, bearing an additional post mark, Ridge, Md., Dec. 14, 1899. This letter contained business of importance to me, and whilst I am not disposed to complain, yet it shows gross neglect upon the part of our Postmaster to allow a letter so plainly addressed to go all the way to the Ridge and return to Chaptico. I also received a letter some days ago post marked Mechanicsville which should have reached me one hour after being mailed. It reached me 4 days after the date of post mark. There are a number of similar delays and I should be glad that you make the reference in your paper.

Very respectfully, A. BURROUGHS.

Spencer Harrison Dead. - On Friday, December 13th, 1899, Spencer Harrison died, aged about 35 years. It is sad to have to record the death of the man who has completely filled the measure of his usefulness and lived out his allotted time, but especially and doubly sad is it to have to chronicle the death of one who surrounded with so many advantages and blessings, has been removed from our midst in the very prime of life; of one whose sun has gone down at noon, and while with him it should have been yet day. Our friend, it is true, had his faults, and made no effort to conceal them, believing that what is open and revealed to God need not be hidden from man, but behind these human frailties, and rising above them, in sweet and touching beauty, stood his virtues, for we are told he was a model husband, a kind and affectionate father, a good neighbor and an honest man; and that he had a "heart full of the milk of human kindness," and that he was best responsive to the wants of suffering humanity. "With malice towards none, and charity for all," he died, as he had lived, beloved and respected by all who knew him. His widow and orphaned children have our warmest and tenderest sympathy in this their saddest affliction.

A Woman's Discovery. - "Another wonderful discovery has been made and that too by a lady in this county. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and was so much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle has been miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus write W. C. Hanrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Get a free trial bottle at Edieley's Store.

Had on the Boys and Girls. - There is a law governing the postoffice, if enforced, that prevents postmasters from delivering letters to all girls under eighteen and boys under twenty-one years of age, unless by order of the parents or guardians. Here is the law as it reads: "All letters addressed to girls under eighteen and boys under twenty-one years of age, or boys under twenty-one years of age, will be placed in care of their parents or guardians." If this law should be enforced, what a hardship it would be to our lads and lassies.

Mr. B. R. Abell, agent for J. H. D. Smoot, has just received, direct from North Carolina, a large cargo of No. 1 heart and sapypress shingles which he will sell at lower than city prices. Call and examine them.

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St. Inigo's News.

Mr. John Wainfield, with R. H. Andrews & Co., dealers in oysters, etc., 14 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, is contracting for said firm. The "XX" brand is the kind wanted and they must be able, for oysters are sold by the dozen here.

Mr. Mercer, purchaser of one of the Loker farms, is having a number of excellent piles cut to ship to the Eastern Shore. Messrs. James W. Lambert and J. K. Aldridge, Hardware merchants of Chestertown, Md., are visiting friends hereabout. They seem to be favorably impressed with this section as is the case with all strangers who visit us.

Capt. Rostrup, schooner Thomas B. Travers, is raising grain for the farmers in the vicinity of the Pass and St. Inigo's Neck.

Even the partisans of the Harrison administration cannot suppress their feelings and the noble name of Davis is pronounced with the utmost respect by them. If we estimate men for their virtues, &c., we indulge the opinion that the name of Jefferson Davis should be inscribed in glowing colors upon the escutcheons of every state south of Mason and Dixon's line.

There was mass at St. Michael's on last Sunday. Rev. Fr. Deshaies delivered a most impressive sermon. We think that his address, "The world's relations with God and man," was not only a real treat, but only can realize the fact that Merchants are doing a business for God. They are doing a business for God, in their motto, and we have every reason to believe that they adhere to the same.

Judging from the number of schooner loads of merchandise frequently arriving for J. Thomas Miller of Smith's Creek, his trade must be increasing. Christmas is coming apace! Little boys are looking as proud as the builder of Apollo's temple. RALFAY.

(Correspondence of the Beacon.) CHESTERTOWN, Md., Dec. 17, 1899. Editors Beacon:—A visit to St. Inigo's district, St. Mary's County, has been quite exhilarating. Really I feel ten years younger. I am much pleased with the section which I visited, and but for one thing could unhesitatingly say that I could pass the remainder of my ebbing life there with comparative pleasure. I think that the roads, so far as I had time to examine are the worst which I have seen for a number of years. Gentlemen of veracity told me that the roads have been more or less in a bad condition for a considerable period of time. It should be kept in mind that good roads are an indication of intelligence and prosperity, and it is an enigma to me that your Commissioners—in whom lies the power to have better roads—do not exercise their power and give the good citizens of the district at least passable highways. Bad roads are a reflection to any community, and as I understand it the fault is with your Commissioners—men, I presume of knowledge and forthright business capacity. The citizens with whom I had the pleasure of an acquaintance are hospitable to a fault and their good-natured simplicity is a great asset. I am of the opinion that the merchants of St. Inigo's are thorough business men. Credit is common and the daily books kept are the one in which the daily amounts of cash sales are recorded. Although Local Option is far below par, I did not see a drunkard during my visit of weeks. It pleased me much to see that great attention is given to education. The children appear to be anxious whenever Monday morning appears and to see the little boys and girls with their books, etc. hurriedly traveling to school reminded me of days of old when the spelling of b-l-a, b-l-a was an irksome task; and to sit upon benches, minus backs, during the better part of Friday afternoons and listen (?) to the big boys recite their pieces, such as "My Country 'tis of Thee," "Grandfather's Cuck," etc., was horrid indeed. The oysters of Calvert's Bay and St. Jerome's Creek form the principal occupation in my estimation. With many thanks to my friends of St. Inigo's for their hospitality and trusting that your subscription list will continue to lengthen, I remain

A WELL WISHER. Farmers' Alliance. Messrs. Editors:—Please state for the information of the farmers of St. Mary's county that I will be in the following places for the purpose of organizing Farmers' Alliance: Budd's Creek, Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a. m. Chaptico, " " 8 p. m. Miletown, Wednesday, " 11 10 a. m. St. Clement's Bay, " 3 p. m. Compton, Thursday, " 12 10 a. m. Leonardtown, " 3 p. m. Park Lee, Friday, " 12 10 a. m. St. Inigo's, Saturday, " 14 10 a. m. Jarboville, Monday, " 10 10 a. m. California, " 3 p. m. Hollywood, Tuesday, " 17 10 a. m. Oakville, " 8 p. m. Morganza, Wednesday, " 19 10 a. m. Mechanicsville, " 9 p. m.

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