

COUNTY NEWS.

Commissioners' Court. The Levy Court met Tuesday last with all the members present. Mr. T. Lee Mattingly presented his bond as Clerk and Treasurer, which was approved. Mr. John Nelson, of the 3rd district, was appointed messenger. After examining and passing a few minor accounts the Court adjourned to meet December 8th instant.

Have You Asthma? Dr. R. Shuffman, St. Paul, Minn., will mail a trial package of SCHIFFMANN'S ASTHMA CURE free to any sufferer. He advertises by giving it away. Never fails to give instant relief in the worst cases and cures where others fail. Name St. Mary's Church and send your address for a free trial package.

Keep Her Husband's Body Too Long. On Friday next Mrs. Julia F. Blair, widow of Officer Jeremiah Blair, of the Southern district, will have a hearing at the Southern Station on the charge of violating a health ordinance by keeping the body of her husband unburied after the expiration of 24 hours, he having died of a contagious disease. A warrant was sworn out by the health officers on information received. They claim that Officer Blair died of diphtheria.—Herald.

Dramatic. A Dramatic Entertainment will be given at the Public School No. 2, 6th election district, Prof. A. Moran, Teacher, on Monday, the 6th instant, (if fair, if not, the first fair day) to pay for necessary repairs and supply a few needed articles. Refreshments will be served. Price of admission for adults 25 cents. Children 15 cents. The entertainment will commence at 6:30 o'clock, P. M. The public are cordially invited.

Patrolman Jeremiah Blair. Patrolman Jeremiah Blair, of the southern police district, died Saturday night at his home, 1120 William street. He was born in St. Mary's county, and was forty-five years old. He was appointed to the force May 1, 1885. When the patrol system was established he became wagon man. His superior says he was a faithful officer. A wife and six children survive him. The flag was placed at half-mast over the police station.—Sun.

Orphans' Court. The Court met, Tuesday December 1, 1891, all the officers present. The second account of James H. Bailey, guardian to Eva Cheseldine was filed and passed. Standish Clarke, newly elected Judge of the Orphans' Court, for St. Mary's county presented his commission and took his seat as Associate Judge of the Orphans' Court. The Court adjourned to December 8th, 1891.

Lowtown Local. There will be an exciting boat race on Smith's creek 4th instant between the newly constructed schooners, Leah Chase, Capt. Willie Kewigick, commanding, and Flying Cloud, Capt. Forth, commanding. The starting point will be Miller's wharf. Distance, twenty miles; purse \$50. The captains of the respective boats will command in person. Many side bets have already been made.

What continues to look well, the recent showers being exceedingly beneficial to same. The supper, which came off at Woodlawn 24th ultimo, was a success in every particular, so we have been informed by an eye witness. The committee merit praise for their laudable endeavors to aid their little Church, St. Michael's.

Merchants are competing with one another. Confectionery, stationery, etc., are disposed of at a nominal figure. Roads in fair traveling condition, despite much hauling. Sportsmen from Baltimore and Washington are enjoying themselves, judging from the frequent reports of breed-leaders. The boys of the district are displeased, inasmuch as the party mentioned are not discriminating, rabbits sharing the fate of partridges, flippers, squirrels, etc. The catching of these animals in traps afford both sport and a pecuniary income to the little boys, hence, their displeasure. We are decidedly on the side of the boys.

From Missouri. We give space to the following interesting letter from Mr. John Reeves to Mr. Samuel Hayden, of Choptank. Mr. Reeves is a son of Dr. Reeves and is visiting his brothers, who, about six years ago, left St. Mary's and settled in Missouri. The Beacon's junior editor was a schoolmate of Messrs. Garner and George Reeves and has greatly enjoyed the description of their hunting western life. We believe that it will also please our readers:

BENTON CITY, MISSOURI, Nov. 19, 1891. DEAR UNCLE SAM.—In reply to a request of yours is a source of gratification to me which is unbounded. I have only written two letters before this since I have been in the West, one to mother and the other to Spring. Indeed I expect you will think I am premature, but I have so completely fallen in love with this country that is a source of pleasure to me to communicate it to my friends in the East. I left Washington at 11:30 o'clock Monday night last and arrived in Benton 12:30 o'clock Wednesday. I wish you could have been along, as I am confident you would have enjoyed immensely the grand scenery of the country and the different variety of country from Maryland to Missouri. It was delayed only 3 hours on the trip—12 in Cincinnati and 1 in St. Louis—time that was lost in making connections at those places. After my arrival in Benton I made inquiry as to the whereabouts of the boys, which was easily obtained, as they are very notorious. After

getting the necessary information I plunged into a prairie of corn, whose extent seemed unbounded, and was about 4 hours finding them; and when I did I was so much surprised at the discovery of Robinson Crusoe, not finding them as I expected. They are typical westerners of the old school, if you know that that is I would give you a full description of them and the ways of their western brethren as far as I have seen if it was not too tedious for your dignity. I am jubilant over the prospect of killing a goose to bring back with me. I have already killed 5 ducks, 3 gray mallard 1 blackhead and 1 teal. All you have to do is to get your eyes on a duck and he is yours. The boys have a pond about 100 yards from their barn, which is a great place for them. The pond is about the size of four ice ponds, with a high bank on the lower side. All you have to do is to walk up behind the bank and shoot. The time a waterfowl has all sport in that direction. There are about 50 ducks on the pond to-day, but being Sunday of course I cannot indulge in the sport. I am trying to do it; you could kill them all. You can shoot, they will fly up and circle and come back, shoot again and the same old thing again. The boys have No. 9 shot to shoot them with. All you have to do is to strike the tip of a wing with one of these nines and you can chase the bird down on the prairie. My legs were so tired last night from the effects of the chase I had after those I killed that I could not sleep. It is raining hard now, and if it continues to do so will prevent us from work to-morrow, so I will have the day to shoot ducks. I want to bag 200. When I kill that many I will stop for the day. I got here, as I have heretofore stated, about noon on Wednesday. When I found the boys it was 4 o'clock, P. M. I helped them to shuck out at night, and then we went to the house. George cooked supper while Garner and I put the team away for the night. I tell you George can cook a meal in a hurry, one that would be envied by a Maryland housewife too. After having a long chat we went to bed, to arise next morning at 4 o'clock, George cooking while Garner and I fixed the teams for the day's work. We get in the corn-field by the time we can see an ear of corn, and stay until it gets too dark to see one, only stopping about 10 minutes in the middle of the day to eat a lunch we carry along. I shucked as fast as I could have shucked from a pile of our corn, and then could only shuck one row while the boys shucked two. They can shuck it about twice as fast as you can pull it off the stalks. After my first day's work in wrists and arms began to get sore. After my second they got worse and began to swell, and after my third my wrist got as large as a horse's leg. My hands felt like haws and my fingers as sore as a boil. A rain came yesterday eve expressly for my benefit. We stopped shucking, but that did not stop my wrist from aching. The boys this morning were joking me about saying, "My God, I wish I was home." I did not say the last part, but I won't deny the first, for I had awake half the night expecting my hands to drop off they ached me so bad, and during that time do not remember what I said. I rather expect I was over-laid though last night as we three slept in one bed and I slept in the middle. The boys, corn field is a mile from their house and the rows are 4 1/2 ft. long. We do not get up and down by once a day, carrying 6 rows down and 5 up. We have shucked 24 days since I have been out here and they have estimated the pile shucked at 400 bushels or 80 barrels. We have two more weeks shucking yet. They will make 600 barrels this time or 3,000 bushels. It is no trouble to work here and make money. The land is rich as cream, not a ditch or clump of wood to break a field. The public roads are just as straight as the streets in a city, crossing each other at right angles. The whole country is a mass of corn, now and then broken into by an oat patch. There is a railroad running close to the house, over which 8 and 10 trains pass daily.

George and I went out to the Methodist Church this eve and found the minister as ready to crack a joke in the pulpit as a leader around a barroom counter. The boys have two teams of horses, either one of which would make two of your old black. They have a son 14 years old that I have to bridle, and he is being thinking strongly of building a ladder to get up to his head. They are berries, just rolling in fat. The boys this time have raised 170 bushels of wheat, 2,400 bushels of oats, 17 tons of hay and 3,000 bushels of corn, besides selling \$200 worth of hogs, and now have 10 more fine chaps. They have not hired a day's help either. This is the land for a poor man, everybody does his own work and every man is working for himself. When I first came here I did not know which was the scarier the people or the trees. You could not see a soul I suppose I have passed a dozen houses since I have been here and have only seen 3 little girls and a boy, but to-day it was a caution to see how the people came out of the corn-field to church. The boys have now a pile of corn 10 feet wide, 10 feet high and 45 feet long—a right respectable pile—and I when they add another pile of the same dimensions they will be done shucking. I heard George tell Garner this morning that it was his week to cook and next week was mine. Of course he was only joking, I expect; if not, you can look for me about the first of next week. If they don't put me at cooking I will wait until I get a goose and a pair of prairie chickens to bring you. In the meantime answer as time allows. Give my regard to Aunt Lettie, remember me yourself, and with love I remain Your devoted nephew, JOHN REEVES.

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Read the advertisement of Saks & Co., and when you want anything in their line write to or call upon Mr. T. M. Camaller, their St. Mary's representative.

Saturday last, Mr. Charles Russell, of this district, had the finger of his right hand cut off by a circular saw. Drs. Combs & Spalding attended him.

The first snow of the season came down Saturday night last and at the writing a good supply is still on hand. But little fell in Washington and none in Baltimore.

Mr. E. D. R. Bean, formerly of Bean & Berry, has associated himself with Littlepage & Briscoe, Baltimore Commission Merchants. Mr. B. is a clever gentleman and is a good man to deal with. See advertisement.

George Brooks, colored, is on trial at Eagerstown for bigamy, and his counsel has moved to quash the indictment upon the ground that he had not been indicted by his countrymen, there being no men of color upon the grand jury.

In this paper we publish an account of the death of Mr. Jeremiah Blair, formerly of this county, and a brother of Mr. James A. Blair. "Jerry" was a good citizen and much beloved by all who knew him. His family have our sincere sympathy.

The Baltimore Grand Jury have presented Mrs. Julia A. Hyde, mother of Victoria Fedra Alberta Beatrice Nye-Bond, for being a common sordid. In the meanwhile Beatrice is leaving no stone unturned to secure the release of her alleged youthful husband, Charles Bond, from the House of Refuge.

Mr. John V. Camaller, formerly of this county, is now with Woodward & Lathrop, Washington, D. C. This is a mammoth establishment and a good place to go shopping, for in it you can find anything from a baby's rattle to a still dress. Mr. George Combs, formerly of this village, is also employed there.

Every week the Scientific American presents whatever is new in the world of science, art and manufactures, thus doing service both to theoretical and practical workers. For forty-five years Messrs. Munn & Co., 361 Broadway, N. Y., have conducted this paper with close reference to the work of producing and describing patents in a way to make it an authority on scientific and mechanical subjects.

The clerkship contest in Calvert county was decided in favor of Mr. Thomas B. Turner, the Democratic candidate, who took possession of the office. The opinion of the Court was unanimous. The Sun reports Judge Crane as saying that "Bond's petition was filed when he was alone on the bench and he would have dismissed it then, but Mr. Turner's counsel had asked that it be set for a hearing." Mr. Bond was the Republican candidate.

There is a time for all things, and it is a good time for the annual discussion of water rights. There is no sure way to improve public highways; and that is to canalize them. The way to do this is to build the roads by gradual process, or issue long term bonds, so the posterity will have to bear some of the burden. Public meetings and newspaper discussion don't build roads—it requires money. The made is plain—only means are required.—Advocate.

Rev. H. Hicks, the weatherwise, says that December will begin a reactionary period. About the 8th, 9th and 10th there will be rainstorms, tending to snow with blizzard tendencies in the north, followed by hard freezing. Strenuous and snow and rain is predicted about the 14th and 15th, and severe storms from the 19th to the 23d, bringing snow and cold for Christmas. This prediction was made on May 31st, 1890 more than eighteen months in advance. Watch the weather and see how near the prophet hits it.

Destructive Storm in Charles County. From Port Tobacco Times, Nov. 28, 1891. A rain and wind storm of unusual severity passed over a portion of this county on 30nd day last, about noon, blowing down many barns and out-buildings and doing much destruction to farming implements, crops of tobacco in the barns and other property. The storm in its greatest severity covered an area of five or more miles in length and passed over the county from Southwest to Northeast, from the Potomac to Prince George's county. Its centre appeared to rest a mile or two west of Port Tobacco. The night preceding had been unusually warm for the season and the atmosphere close and oppressive with a low barometer. During the morning a light rain had fallen, slight breeze blowing from the Southeast. Suddenly a dark and heavy cloud approached from the Southwest, overshadowing the sun and creating much darkness, and the storm came rapidly on. The rain fell in sheets and the wind blew at a very high velocity, attaining at times the apparent force of a tornado. It lasted for only about a half hour, when the sky became clear and the sun came out and shone serenely on the great destruction which the storm in that short time had wrought. The damage appeared to be done chiefly in a belt of about five miles, of which Port Tobacco was near the centre. In other sections of the county it was merely a heavy rain storm without any unusual features. Among the losses in this county this report I to be are the following: Dr. A. D. Coley, 1 barn; F. A. Foye, 1 barn filled with tobacco; George P. Jenkins, 1 barn; N. B. Lyon, 1 barn; C. H. Stonecutter, coal house; Richard

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