

Saint Mary's Beacon

SLICK HORSE TRADING—They were talking about horse trading. The man with gray chin whiskers said that he had been trading horses for forty years and he allowed that he knew as much about the business as any one. However, when he was down at Lockport he heard of a scheme that knocked silly everything he had ever done or ever had done to him.

Pressed for the story, he said: "A couple of smart young fellows came to Lockport with seven horses and one consumptive mule. They hired a little shanty on the tow-path of the canal, and announced that they were ready to swap horses at the slightest provocation. Six of the seven horses they had were old and weather-beaten nags, that were worth about \$10 apiece. The other was a nice looking bay, fat and handsome. The mule cut no figure at all.

"One day a canal man came along and stopped at the shanty, in which the seven horses and the one mule were eating their heads off. He announced that he wanted to buy a team. He looked over the stock, picked out one of the best of the six spavined horses and the nice looking bay. But one of the members of the firm was in sight during the deal. The other hid in the shanty. The canal offered \$100 for the team and after much haggling the offer was accepted. The buyer put the team on the tow-line and started off. After he had got well on the way, the man who had been hiding in the shanty came out, hitched up one of the remaining horses to a sulky, and started off briskly.

"The canal drove along for about two miles, and then the bay horse suddenly balked. He used every argument known to men who drive horses along the tow-path, but it would not budge. He worked for an hour and at the end of that time was in a state of anger that can be better imagined than described. Just at this juncture a man drove up the tow-path. He was riding in a sulky, and had a pretty poor horse. He asked the canal man what was the matter, and even went so far as to get down and try to get the bay started. His efforts were unavailing, however, and as a last resort he offered to take the horse off the canal man's hands. He said that he had plenty of time, and could wait until the horse got ready to start, whereas time was money to the canal man. He offered to trade for \$50 to boot. The canal demurred to this. They haggled for a time, and finally came to an agreement whereby the canal man gave the man on the sulky \$35 to boot. The canal hitched up the new horse and went along. The man who had the bay waited until it was ready to start. Then he put it between the shafts of the sulky and drove back to the shanty. He was the man who had been in hiding. The firm got \$135 for two of the poorest horses. They worked the bay off and got it back seven times. The bay was sure to balk within a few miles and they knew it. For all I know they may be working the same scheme yet."—Buffalo Express.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

From the Baltimore Sun.

Friday, November 17, 1893.

The annual sale of horses and mules at Governor Brown's farm in Carroll county yesterday attracted many persons, but the bidding was not spirited.

Frost and ice formed at Brunswick and Jessup, Ga., yesterday morning, ending the yellow fever epidemic. Dr. Murray said the cordon would be removed today.

Hathaway & Co., of Philadelphia, have been awarded a contract for building a wharf 1,050 feet in length at Wakefield, Va., the birth-place of General Washington.

In Philadelphia the police have taken a census showing that there are 46,859 persons out of employment. This is supposed to be not greatly in excess of the number out of employment in other years.

Frank Howard is on trial at Jackson, Tenn., charged with using the mails to defraud by leading persons to believe they were entitled to estates in England and inducing them to pay him fees for securing the alleged inheritance.

Owing to a scarcity of currency, it is likely the Treasury Department will have to pay out gold regularly from this time on; consequently there will probably be more gold in circulation than at any time since the beginning of the civil war.

Ex-Representative Cable, who was in charge of the last demo-

cratic presidential campaign in the West and who is himself a man of large wealth, favors the proposed tax on incomes, as also does Mr. Josiah Quincy, of Massachusetts, until recently First Assistant Secretary of State.

Saturday, November 18, 1893.

The official election returns show that the majority for the constitutional amendment was 7,933.

Senor Diaz, Spanish consul at Baltimore, committed suicide by dropping from a fourth-story window to the street.

A child with two heads, four arms, three legs and four feet was still-born to Mrs. Marianna Kref, of 1709 Shakespeare street.

The fourteen-year-old son of J. T. Swift, of Harford county, left home in August without his parent's knowledge to go to the World's Fair and has not since been heard from.

Prominent officers of the United States Army are in favor of the purchase of the big Krupp gun that was on exhibition at the World's Fair as a part of the armament for the defense of the harbor at New York.

A number of democratic leaders including Chairman Harrity, of the national committee, Don M. Dickenson, of Michigan, Josiah Quincy, of Massachusetts, B. T. Cable, of Illinois, and others, had conferences with President Cleveland at the White House, with a view of having a systematic campaign made in 1894.

Monday, November 20, 1893.

It is said to be the intention of the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives to tax incomes, but the rates have not been fixed.

From official sources in the Pension Bureau it is learned that great pension frauds have been perpetrated in Buffalo, N. Y., whereby \$150,000 have already been wrongfully paid to applicants.

The Brazilian government has offered Capt. Edward L. Zalinski, of the United States Army, the inventor of the dynamite projector, \$15,000 for one month's service to instruct the men on board the Brazilian man-of-war El Cid in handling the gun.

It is authoritatively stated that President Cleveland will not sign any silver bill passed by the Fifty-third Congress. The President is opposed to the United States continuing the coinage of silver when other powers with which this country has close and constant financial relations have practically discontinued the use of the white metal.

Wednesday, November 27, 1893.

It is likely the State naval militia will be disbanded.

The Anne Arundel county commissioners organized and elected officers.

The republicans of Charles county have engaged Judge D. R. Magruder and Mr. Randall to present their case to the Governor.

The trial of George I. Austin for murder has been set for Tuesday, the 28th instant. Gov. Wm. Pinkney Whyte will defend the prisoner.

Hon. Jeremiah M. Rusk, Secretary of Agriculture in President Harrison's cabinet, died yesterday at his home in Wiroquia, Wis. He was sixty-three years old.

Monday morning next the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives will meet, at which time the tariff bill, upon which the majority members of the committee have been working, will be laid before the full committee.

Frederick Gustavson, charged with assault on a four-year-old child, was hanged by a mob to the stairs of a justice's court, in Ottumwa, Iowa, yesterday. The child's mother supplied the rope and called on the crowd to hang the prisoner.

The talk in Washington now is that the coming session of Congress may be prolonged until late next summer and probably into the early autumn, but there is ground for hope that so far at least as the House of Representatives is concerned, all business in which the general public is interested may be transacted by May next.

Thursday, November 23, 1893.

The internal revenue tax on whiskey yielded the government in the fiscal year of 1892 the sum of \$94,720,260.55.

The Maryland Society of Colonial Wars celebrated the two hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the sailing of Leonard Calvert's colonists from England.

The Peixoto government has instructed the Brazilian legation at Washington to hasten the departure of the ships in New York waters purchased to fight the vessels of Admiral Mello, the insurgent, in the harbor of Rio Janeiro.

It is understood that if the internal revenue tax on whiskey be increased from the present rate 90 cents to \$1 the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives will provide in the tariff bill for the extension of the bonded period for at least eight years.

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The deacon is noted for his ability to drive a bargain, and the men who can beat him on a trade of any kind are just about as plentiful as parasites on a porcelain cup.

Some time ago he offered his horse for sale, "a fine animal, sir; great roadster, sound in every part; gentle in harness, splendid pedigree, sir; sired by Bullyboy out of dam Nation," and so on.

"But why are you parting with such a paragon?" asked the prospective purchaser.

"Only one reason, sir, I give you my word," replied the deacon, "and that is I want to leave town."

The man bought the horse and started to drive to his farm some distance out. Pretty soon he came to a railroad track. There the animal stopped, and no amount of coaxing or whipping would induce him to go across. Driving back to town, he took the horse to a boarding stable, left him there, and went home on the train. Two weeks later he again met the deacon.

"Hallo!" he said. "I thought you sold your horse because you wanted to leave town."

"That's just what I did, sir," said the deacon with a twinkle in his eye. "I wanted to leave town several times, but I couldn't get that magnificent beast over the first railroad crossing."

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