

Saint Mary's Beacon.

LEONARDTOWN, MD.

THURSDAY Morning, January 18.

State Statistician Howard and Oyster Police Commander Howard in their reports both disapprove of the idea of leasing the oyster grounds. They have made a study of the subject and their opinions ought to have weight.

The Democrats in Congress seem to be awake to the needs of the hour and are pushing the tariff bill. In the discussion, thus far, they have much the better of the argument and the speedy passage of the bill through the House seems assured.

If there be anything true in men's protestations St. Mary's Democrats are thoroughly in accord with our claims that none but true party men should receive party rewards. It is a healthy sign and if our people will boldly express their views they will find that the politicians in State and county will not dare ignore them.

LIFE WORTH \$2.—A Jury in Salina, Kan., has awarded a colored father \$2 damages for the loss of his son, whom a mob hanged in April last. This was a hard-hearted proceeding. Kansas has ever been rich in sympathy for the colored victims of lynching in the South, but when \$5,000 is asked for a citizen lynched in Salina, the sympathy is found to be worth but \$2.—Sun

Advices from Annapolis indicate that an Assessment Bill will be enacted which will make some concessions to the advocates of the Hayes bill and some to its opponents. The Democrats are pledged to an assessment and they have an abundance of votes in the Legislature to secure it. With the wings of the party flapping together there is no need for Republicans having a "finger in the pie." The Democrats will have to bear the blame for all mistakes, if any be made, and they should assume the responsibility like men and formulate and pass their bill without calling Republicans to their assistance. Give us a square deal!

THE OYSTER BED MONOPOLY.

We clip from an exchange the following account of how the leasing of oyster bottoms has worked on Long Island. As it has worked there so it will likely work here should our Legislature ever enact any law to lease the so called barren bottoms: The heart seems to be knocked out of the people of the newly-incorporated city of Patchogue, L. I., for the industry that caused the place to thrive has passed out of individual hands and gone into those of a corporation.

Great South and Blue Point bays were once dotted incessantly by various craft, and there was always the merry sounds of singing oystermen as they raked up the bottoms of the mystic streams. Now occasional sails slip idly in the flagging breeze, and there is a tendency on the part of those who perpetrate the search for the bivalve to hang disconsolately about the coffee-houses and discuss the hardship of the situation.

There are 17 miles of oyster bay which has a width of four miles, and it is so situated that Patchogue was almost solely benefited by the immense traffic resulting. The alluvial soil is fairly soaked with oyster flavor, and when the seasons is at its height an odor of Blue Points sweeps over the city of sufficient delicacy to make the epicure swear never to leave it.

It was once that the adept handler of the precious mollusk could put out in his independent boat, and with tongs and rake pull up bushel after bushel of the sea-colored shells, and no one objected but the oyster within. For this privilege the city exacted a fee of \$1. Each man or woman—there were many of the latter—who wished to avail themselves of the opportunity to thus receive what bountiful nature had bequeathed to them had but to bring proof of residence and pay the little tax, and a permit good for a year was accorded him.

There was a sure fortune to it for the industrious, and for the convivial a jolly good living without a great amount of work. The minds of the bay workers were never lighter than when setting out in the morning for a day's scraping. Everybody was anxious to go to Patchogue and there was room for everybody who went—on the bay as well as in the town.

No matter how they dug and scraped and burrowed, the oyster proved itself a greater provider, and persisted in production by the millions year in and year out. Five, six, seven dollars a day was no extraordinary profit for the early riser, and many made much more, so that the majority of the people who abide in the city hold deeds to show the ownership of a home with ideal surroundings.

The cessation in the happiness of the lives of the oystermen occurred when the trustees of the town leased out the very cream of the beds to a company of three men who one day cast anchor in the bay. They are Charles Mott, Jacob Slaughter and Edward Dayton, and upon obtaining their grant they drove formidable looking stakes,

thus shutting out any persons with a desire to trespass. Reef Bed and the Great South Bed, of which the old hands at Patchogue delighted to brag, are hemmed in, and it makes the souls of the pioneers sick to gaze upon what they deem a tyrannical invasion of their inherited rights. There are 6,000 acres upon which the corporation keeps a surveillance eye. It pays the rate of \$2 an acre to the city, so that a revenue of \$12,000 is thus poured into the common treasury.

"But what is this," said one of the disgruntled citizens to me, "to the damage done to the community? You might enrich the Treasury all you please and you would not redeem Patchogue. She is going behind since the beds were taken from the freeholders. The place was built on Blue Points, and Blue Points are the only things that are going to save her."

It seems that the new company hires a body of men who, in these times, are willing to work for a mere subsistence. They are paid from \$1.40 to \$1.50 a day, and some work for as little as 12 cents an hour. There are several big vessels moored in the bay each day to carry out the shoals of oysters. Many of them are packed and sent abroad after the local demand is supplied.

Last spring a scow that was hateful in the eyes of the residents was burned to the water's edge, and an investigation, directed by suspicion, was made, without result. By day and night the company's lines are watched for intruders, and they are summarily dealt with if caught.

In this way it happens that hundreds of men who know every inch of the vast plantation and who have a sort of affection for the slippery delicacy that mutely offered up its existence so many times for the sake of Patchogue, have hung up their favorite rakes, and, shouldering the axe, have gone into the adjacent woods to take out their revenge on the trees. There is not much pleasure in this, but it pays better than feeling the bay now.

The trustees of the city are severely censured by residents for allowing the beds to slip away from them, and although many an appeal has been made there is no promise that a change to the old state of affairs will be brought about.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

From the Baltimore Sun.

Friday, January 12, 1894.

Rev. P. J. Donahue has been appointed Bishop of Wheeling, W. Va.

Mrs. Eliza Robinson, of Anne Arundel county, is one hundred years old.

A bulwark is being constructed at Solomon's Island to prevent the land washing away.

A pet cat of the steamer Blake, which was lost in Canada, was returned to the vessel at Baltimore.

Democratic members of the House of Representatives are now giving harmonious support to the Wilson tariff bill.

The General Assembly of Kentucky in joint session yesterday formally declared the Hon. William Lindsay elected United States Senator.

The committee on elections has concluded to report to the House of Representatives a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States Senators by the people.

Mr. Compton asked unanimous consent for immediate consideration of the bill appropriating \$43,000 for the extension and improvement of streets in the District, under which it is intended to furnish work for the unemployed, but Mr. Kilgore objected.

The Maryland Legislature yesterday elected Spencer C. Jones, of Montgomery county, State treasury for two years and John Q. A. Robson a police commissioner for the city of Baltimore for six years. Senator Bruce has prepared an amendment to the State constitution providing home rule for Baltimore city. Col. W. P. Craigbill sent a letter to Governor Brown calling attention to ship channel violations. Senator Rogers introduced a bill to appropriate \$10,000 to aid in the erection of a monument to the memory of the Maryland patriots of the revolutionary war in Baltimore city. Senator Waters will bring in a bill to appoint a treasurer for Somerset county. Land Commissioner Laird has prepared a general bill for indexing abstracts of deeds. The Anne Arundel county treasurer's bill passed both houses of the Legislature, being the first bill to get through. A bill has been reported in the House by Mr. Lamar appropriating \$70,000 for the payment of claims against the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal for labor and materials. Commander T. C. B. Howard, of the State fishery force, has prepared his report to the board of public works. It is an interesting and important document. Both houses of the Legislature took a recess until Tuesday next at 8 o'clock.

Saturday, January 13, 1894.

Five sailors and a ferryman were drowned in the harbor while crossing over in a row boat to the Locust Point side.

The keeper and assistant keeper of Lower Cedar Point lighthouse, in the Potomac river, which was destroyed by fire, have been dismissed by Secretary Carlisle.

During the debate in the House of Representative on the Wilson Tariff bill Mr. Jerry Simpson, the populist member from Kansas, exhibited a shabby suit of clothes he purchased from a farmer at the Central market in Washington,

giving a new suit in exchange, to show what kind of clothing the average American farmer has to wear under a protective tariff. Representative Simpson and Everett both of whom spoke in the House in advocacy of the tariff bill, were warmly applauded by the democratic side.

Monday, January 15, 1894.

Charles Dale, a respectable colored man, of Snow Hill, was severely beaten by two men while walking with his wife.

Delaware physicians are interested in a case of anthrax disease in Joseph Longhead, as the disease usually attacks cattle.

Private letters received in Washington from American travelers in Asia tell of the destruction by fire of the great mosque of Damascus.

In the House, a resolution was adopted authorizing Gen. O. O. Howard, of the United States Army, to accept from the President of France the cross of the Legion of Honor.

Advices from Honolulu are to the effect that the provisional government will peacefully retire should Congress sustain the position of President Cleveland in the Hawaiian matter.

The speech of Representative W. Bourke Cockran, of New York, was the feature of the tariff debate in the House Saturday, the crowds in the galleries cheering him until they grew tired.

President Cleveland sent to the House of Representatives, Saturday, a message transmitting the supplementary Hawaiian correspondence received from Minister Willis, including the refusal of the provisional government of the islands to surrender authority in favor of Queen Liliuokalani. Secretary Gresham sent instructions to Minister Willis Saturday to take no further action in Hawaiian matters, as the settlement of the whole question has been referred to Congress by President Cleveland.

Tuesday, January 16, 1894.

Mrs. John T. Rutter took arsenic in mistake for quinine and died at Centerville.

A father and two children who died destitute in Wilmington were viewed by many persons.

The tramps in the Carroll county jail will be put to work at tearing down a wall around the courthouse.

Among the amendments to the Wilson tariff bill which the House adopted was the one asked by the cotton duck manufacturers of Baltimore, changing the classification of their goods.

Maryland has her full quota of officeholders under the Treasury Department, and for this reason there is slight chance of any more appointments from that State being appointed to places.

Grover Hummer, a nine-year-old pupil in a Washington school, who found a loaded revolver at home and carried it to his class-room for amusement, shot and killed himself just as his teacher was entering the door.

Representatives Sperry and DeForest, of Connecticut, both democrats, deserted their party in the House and voted with the republicans upon an amendment to the tariff bill to retain the McKinley duty on Sumatra tobacco.

W. Bourke Cockran again distinguished himself in the House of Representatives by his defense of tariff reform, meeting in debate a number of republicans, including Representatives Payne, Boutelle and Reed, whom he routed with his argument, wit and sarcasm.

After an executive session of six hours the Senate, by a majority of six, rejected the nomination of William B. Hornblower, of New York, to be an associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Senators Gorman and Gibson, of Maryland, voted against the confirmation of Mr. Hornblower. His rejection was due mainly to the opposition of Senator Hill.

New Advertisements.

Neuralgic Persons And those troubled with nervousness resulting from care or overwork will be relieved by taking Brown's Iron Bitters, genuine has trade mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

DRESS MAKING.—Dresses made from \$3 down. All kinds of plain and fancy sewing promptly done. MRS. V. F. C. HERBERT, Leonardtown, Md. Jan 18, '94.

NOTICE.

ALL taxpayers and others interested in Public Roads, Oysters and Needed Reforms are requested, to meet in Leonardtown, TUESDAY, January 30th, 1894. Jan 18, '94. TAXPAYERS.

Moore's 26th Annual Supper WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, January 29th, 1894. The public are invited. Tickets, 60 cents. There will be dancing after the supper. HERBERT F. MOORE, Proprietor.

School Notice.

The Board of School Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, February 6th, proximo, to pass upon Teachers' Reports for the term ending January 31st, instant, and for the transaction of routine business. Vouchers (receipted bills) for incidental expenses must accompany Teachers' reports. By order, HENRY WINGATE, Secretary. Jan. 18, '94.

SHERIFF'S SALE REAL ESTATE In St. Mary's County Maryland.

BY virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, at the suit of Ann E. Stonestreet, co-defendant, against Benjamin G. Harris, Trustee, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Benjamin G. Harris, and to me directed, I have taken in execution all the right, title, claim, interest and estate, at law and in equity, of the said Benjamin G. Harris, in and to the following real estate, to-wit:—

1. All that lot or parcel of land, lying in Leonardtown on Washington Street directly North of the lot of Francis V. King, and upon which are two LAW OFFICES.

2. All that tract of land known as PART OF DARLEY,

which is located in the rear of the lot of Mrs. Ann V. Jarboe, and between the lands of Robert C. Combs, William A. Loker and the Sisters of Nazareth, containing

15 ACRES, more or less.

3. All that tract or parcel of land called and known as ST. PETER'S HILLS

containing

210 ACRES, more or less.

4. All that lot of land called and known as SEWALL'S LOT,

containing

12 ACRES, more or less.

5. All that tract or parcel of land upon which is located a small DWELLING and BARN, known as

BONNIE NOOK,

containing

20 Acres, more or less

6. All that tract or parcel of land called and known as Part of VANHOFFLES,

containing

100 Acres—more or less.

7. All that tract or parcel of land called and known as ELLENBOROUGH,

whereon Benjamin G. Harris now resides (except the family graveyard, containing about 1/4 of an acre), the whole containing

264 Acres, more or less.

8. All that tract or parcel of land, including the lots now occupied by George Swails and Henry Carberry, colored, called and known as

JANSDALE,

containing in all

170 Acres, more or less.

9. All that tract or parcel of land lying opposite the farm of the late Wm. H. Hayden, called and known as

ISHMEL FREEHOLD,

containing

117 Acres, more or less.

10. All that tract or parcel of land whereon Joseph Harris, colored, now resides, called

LANGLEY'S LAND,

containing

75 Acres, more or less.

11. All that tract or parcel of land, improved by a dwelling and barn, lying near Moll Dyer's hill, called and known as

CLOVER LOT,

containing

80 Acres, more or less.

12. All that tract or parcel of land called and known as

MOLL DYER'S HILL,

containing

60 Acres, more or less.

13. All those tracts or parcels of land known as the

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ALEXANDRIA VA Seasoned Lumber and flooring kept under cover. B. R. ABELL, Agent, Leonardtown, authorized to sell and collect. Orders left with him will receive prompt attention. March 18, 1893-v.

1893-4 WINTER ARRANGEMENT. Weems' Steamboat Co. Beginning Wednesday, December 28th. Steamer St. Mary's Will leave Pier 8, Light Street, every Saturday and Wednesday at 6:30 a. m. for Fair Haven, Plum Point, Governor's Run and the Patuxent River, as far as Benedict. Leaving Benedict at 6 a. m. Monday for Bristol. Will leave Bristol at 12 m. Monday, going as far as Benedict that day. Will leave Benedict every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 a. m. Sottery at 8 a. m. Millstone Landing at 10 a. m. Governor's Run at 12 m. Plum Point at 1 p. m. Fair Haven at 2:30 p. m., for Baltimore. HENRY WILLIAMS, Agent. Dec. 21, '93-4f.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF A VALUABLE Little Farm and Oyster Creek IN THE 8TH DISTRICT. BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in a cause, No. 773, N. E. wherein Henry A. Wise is complainant and Charles B. Wise et al are defendants, the undersigned, Trustee, will sell at public auction, at the Court House door in Leonardtown, on

TUESDAY, January 30, 1894, between the hours of 12 o'clock, M. and 3 o'clock, P. M., all that tract or parcel of valuable land lying and being in the 8th election district of St. Mary's county, called and known as

GREEN HOLLY, and containing 40 ACRES, more or less. The improvements consist of a DWELLING HOUSE and the usual out buildings. and Store-House, one of the oldest stands in the county. The land is of fine quality and the farm is almost surrounded by an Oyster Creek, which is one of the finest in St. Mary's county. To any one desiring to engage in oyster cultivation this is one of the most desirable properties in the State.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS. Until further notice for the purpose of receiving taxes I will be at Jarboville, the 1st Monday of each month. St. Inigo's, the first Tuesday of each month. Valley Lee, the 1st Saturday of each month. All who are owing back taxes to me must settle at once. W. W. CECIL, Collector. Dec 22 '93-4f

VIETT'S NEW RESTAURANT. HAVING built in addition to the restaurant a fine Oyster House, I am prepared to furnish oysters STEWED, ROASTED AND STEAMED OYSTERS ON HALF SHELL a specialty. Persons visiting town will find my saloon very convenient. The Bar is stocked with Wines, Whiskies, Gin, Cognac and Beer—the whiskey is Old Virginia and will speak for itself. Give me a call. S. E. VIETT. Aug 24-4f.

NOTICE. THIS is to inform my friends and the public generally, that I will positively be at my place of business always in business hours hereafter. Will make the repairing of harness, boots and shoes a specialty and as low as anybody else will do it. All work guaranteed. To be done as near the city as substantial as can be done in the city. I have put repairing down lower than anyone in the county. I also put up Gent's fine boots, shoes and gaiters as neat as you can get them done in the city. Give me a call. JAMES L. CONNELLY. Jan 11-4f. Leonardtown.

SUPPER FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, AT THE HALL at the FACTORY, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 31, 1894, if fair, if not, the first fair day thereafter. Crock Oysters, Terrapins, in fine, all the substantial and delicious of the season in abundance. SUPPER to begin at 3 P. M. Come and enjoy yourself and contribute to a good work. Jan 11-4f.

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In conjunction with my Blacksmith and Wheelwright department, I am prepared to build CARTS, WAGONS, BUGGIES, &c at low prices. PAINTING and TRIMMING a specialty. J. A. DILLOW, Leonardtown, Md. April 21, 87-4f

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IMPORTANT TO TAXPAYERS. I will be, until further notice, for the purpose of receiving taxes at Mechanicsville, on 1st Monday of each month. Chaptico, on 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday of each month. Mileston, on 1st Wednesday, after 1st Monday of each month. J. H. PARSONS, Collector.

FINE DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY. SOLID SILVER AND PLATED WARE, Wedding and Birthday Presents. CHARLES A. ROUSH, 9 West Lexington St., NEAR LIBERTY Oct 31-17*

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