

Saint Mary's Beacon. COUNTY NEWS.

In the Hollow of His Hand. State Senator Washington Wilkinson, of St. Mary's county, says that the height of his ambition is to be returned to the State Senate in 1898.

Licenses to Marry. Since our last publication of Licenses to Marry, Clerk Greenwell has issued the following:

Walter D. Hammett and Mary L. Wise. Joseph Fenwick and Martha Robinson. Isaac Hill and Mary Snowden Barber. Matthews Dyson and Mary Cockran.

Localwise and Otherwise. Snow and rain have been plentiful during the past week.

The new school building at Charlotte Hall has been completed at a cost of \$10,000.

Tuesday next, the 9th instant, will be the regular meeting day for the Commissioners' Court.

Last Tuesday was ground-hog day and we hardly think his hogship managed to see his shadow.

The meeting of the Board of School Commissioners has been postponed until Tuesday next, the 9th, instant.

Dr. Zach R. Morgan, of Mechanicsville, has been confined to his bed by sickness. We trust he may soon be out again.

One of the hardest things for any man to do, is to fall down on the enemy when it is wet and then get up and praise the Lord.

Don't forget Miss Marguerite Saxton's entertainment at Charlotte Hall Academy, Feb. 3, 1897. Attend it and enjoy yourself!

The copious rains of Monday night and Tuesday have filled up the runs and springs and we have again an abundant supply of water.

Recently, Mr. Charles M. Hayden, of Leonardtown, shipped a barrel of skinned muskrats to Baltimore and received for them 5 cents a piece.

Mrs. Maria G. Paret, wife of Bishop Paret, died at her husband's residence in Baltimore, Feb. 1, 1897.

There is still a great deal of sickness throughout the county and there are few families that have not some member suffering from the prevailing "colds."

As soon as navigation opens Leonardtown Town Commissioners expect to get all the material for completing the apparatus for protecting the town against fire.

Our farmers at last have "a season" for tobacco stripping and we hope they will remember their good resolutions and carefully assort and grade their crops.

Persons suffering from the "grippe" should be very careful about exposing themselves, for the disease leaves them very susceptible to an attack of pneumonia.

The Baltimore American is responsible for the assertion that the "contest" for the postmastership at Leonardtown is the first of its kind to be announced in the State.

The steamer Potomac did not make a trip last Sunday and hence we have been without steamboat connection with Baltimore and Washington since January 27th, ultimo.

February is here and according to Josh Billings:

Now gather round the kitchen fire, And pile the chunks on hie and hie, Cut out the old, old, and rotten shoes, And shake her down on your cowhide shoes.

Efforts are being made to get up a play and supper to aid in raising money for the erection of an engine house in Leonardtown. The Town Commissioners and a committee from the fire company are now at work on the project.

Doctors Charles Combs, of Leonardtown, and Leonard B. Johnson, of Morgan, have been confined to their beds by sickness. Dr. F. F. Greenwell has been attending them. We trust they may soon be well enough to attend to their professional duties.

We think it would be a good idea if some of our farmers who have been successful in raising tobacco plants, would contribute some of their surplus to the poor and needy of the county.

The funeral of Mr. J. M. Mattingly last Friday was very largely attended. Rev. Chas. K. Jenkins, S. J., preached the funeral sermon. Mr. Mattingly was buried in the cemetery of St. Mary's.

We have heard the original story published in the Beacon of January 14th and still highly complimented. Dr. A. J. Spalding, of Leonardtown, says he has read many pretentious magazine stories not half as good. Capt. Geoghegan and others were also much pleased with it.

The freeze has tied up many vessels in our creeks and bays and has thrown many dredgers out of employment. Saturday last a large crowd was paid off and passed up the county enroute to Mechanicsville. On their way up there was a free fight at Morganza and one man was severely cut.

Leot. Monday last, on the road leading from Leonardtown to Morganza, a pair of black seal skin driving gloves. A liberal reward if returned to this office.

A Quiet Marriage. There was a quiet home marriage at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Wilson Norfolk, on lower Main street, Wednesday afternoon, January 20, 1897, at 4:30 o'clock. Mr. Joseph H. Yates, of Baltimore city, formerly of St. Mary's county, Md., and Miss Sophia Norfolk, one of Suffolk's lovely daughters, were the contracting parties.

Know the "Small Graces" of Life. Young men should not get the idea that to know the "small graces of life" is useless or frivolous. What we call the "social graces" are very valuable to a young man.

Death of Ignatius E. Mattingly. The death of a good and useful citizen of our county, Ignatius E. Mattingly, died at his residence, near Bushwood Wharf, in the 7th district, on Friday last, after a short illness of pneumonia, contracted, it is supposed, on a recent trip to Washington, where he went to attend the wedding of his niece, Miss Mamie Morgan.

Personal. We have received a copy of the Santa Fe Daily New Mexican containing a "write up" of the historic territory which teems with wealth that only waits to be garnered by men of energy and brains.

The amount of work in the clerical department of the Indian school is very large, as everything is conducted on a strictly commercial basis with a certain amount of red tape known only in connection with government departments.

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A Pleasant Reception. A reception took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Leach, No. 515 3rd street, Washington, D. C., on the evening of January 28. The affair was arranged by their daughter, Miss Vera Leach. The rooms were tastefully decorated. The time passed very quickly in social converse, games, singing, recitations, dances, etc.

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come up to our expectations not having received the care it should have received. We have had during the past year or two, the benefit of the ideas of some of the best tobacco growers in the State; persons who are experienced and who are willing to give us the benefit of their experiences. Shall we profit by it? Or will we be contented to plod along in the same old way; asking advice of no one; caring not whether our crops are saleable or not. In your issue of Jan. 7, last, you had a very able article written by a St. Mary's cousin, on "Grading and Packing" and I fully agree with him, that our tobacco is not topped low enough. Shall we continue to top our plants high, thereby injuring the whole stalk merely for the sake of a few leaves that would not bring a ct. a lb? Or shall we top lower? The whole plant will be benefited by it. When we top a plant high we usually let it stand in the field waiting for the top leaves to ripen. In the meantime the bottom leaves have gone away to ground leaves or are over ripe and produce nothing but seconds. Whereas, if we had topped lower, the whole plant would have ripened at the same time. It would have cured alike, and when the time came to strip, we would not have to mix 1 ct. tobacco with 8 ct. I am sorry to say that some of our farmers have misused their knowledge of how the samples are drawn. By making a casing around the outside of good tobacco, and putting the common grades in the middle they get more for their tobacco than it is really worth. Let them beware! The buyers in a few years will have them spotted, and they will not be able to sell their crops at any price. I do not want you to think fellow citizens from the last remark that I am a friend to the buyers. I am just as bitter an opponent of the Leaf Tobacco Association of Baltimore as any of you. The idea of a Leaf Tobacco Association in Baltimore City for the benefit of the producers. An association composed of commission men, and the buyers, who have met together and concocted a scheme to further rob the people of their hard earned money. It increases the commission man's fee; it increases the freight and the cost of the tobacco. The idea of a sane man trying to convince a down-trodden people that it is beneficial to them! Where does the money come from to pay these increased expenses? It certainly does not come out of the men who compose the Leaf Tobacco Association, but out of the pocket of the poor farmer whose income now scarcely meets his expenses. Away with such interest as the Leaf Tobacco Association of Baltimore City feels for the farmers of Maryland. Why do they not rise up and say: "We have been wronged upon long enough; we will not stand it any longer!" Let some one who is capable of doing it start a general state convention, and try to run an opposition to the Leaf Tobacco Association which feels so much interest for the growers of tobacco. Now is the time for it. Now or never!

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