

Saint Mary's Beacon
COUNTY NEWS.

Our Congratulations.
Capt. Benjamin F. Adams and Miss Lucy Agnes Pope were married on Tuesday last at St. Aloysius church by Rev. Father Lancaster. Mr. John F. Thompson and Miss Mary L. Herbert, of the 7th district, were married on the same day in full dress. The bride is one of the belles of Mistow district.

Localwise and Otherwise.
To-day, Thursday, is Thanksgiving Day.
The Commissioners' Court will meet Monday next, the 29th, instant.
Miss Mollie Holmes is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph H. Ching, Leonardtown.

Don't forget to attend the public sale of goods at Budd's Creek, Saturday, November 27. See advertisement.
The personal property of the late Luke W. Wood will be sold at public auction, to-day, Thursday. See advertisement.
Mrs. Lee Offutt and child, of Rockville, are visiting Mrs. F. Oscar Morgan, of this town. Mrs. Offutt is a piece of the late B. R. Abell.

Mr. J. Walter Carpenter, of Baltimore, is reported to be very sick. We hope the accounts of his illness are exaggerated and trust that he will soon be all right again.
Ground leaves have recently sold very well. Mr. James Hall received 9 cents per pound; Mr. Daniel Bowles, 7 and 8 cents per pound, and others have gotten very fair prices.

This week we print the paper of Mr. J. Byron Dixon read before the recent Teachers' Institute. In our next issue we expect to publish the paper of Mr. Ernest Bohanan.

We invite attention to the advertisement of Moore's Hotel, H. F. Sanderson, proprietor. Mr. Sanderson runs a first class hotel and his patrons are much pleased with him.

Read the statement of the Treasurer of the St. Mary's School Board. It is published in this issue and shows, we think, that our school money has been carefully expended.

We are told that Mr. John McGill was so badly hurt by his recent fall with the scaffolding that he will likely be "laid up" for some weeks to come. He has our sincere sympathy.

During the meeting of the Farmers' Institute Tuesday, of last week, a shark's tooth was left on the table in the Court House. The finder will please leave it at the BEACON OFFICE to be returned to the owner.

Henry Butler, of Leonardtown, Md., accused Henry Williams, before Justice Schoen, at the central police station, of the theft of his watch. Williams did not have the timepiece, but was held for a hearing on November 23.—Sun.

The St. Mary's Teacher's Association has been organized and starts out with bright prospects. We hope that the move will prove a great success for we think it will be very advantageous to our teachers. Examiner Joy tells us that he was very much pleased with the initial meeting.

We have received the initial numbers of the Catholic Tidings, published in Baltimore. The Tidings is a child's paper but it can be read with profit by the old folks. The subscription price is 3 cents per year. Address Catholic Tidings Publishing Company, 22 S. Holliday St., Baltimore, Md.

The steamer Sue grounded in a snow squall on Jo's Point near the mouth of Britton's Bay. The tug Maude H. brought the mail and the Sue's passengers to Leonardtown reaching here about 10 a. m., and then returned to try and release the steamer. Up to our time of going to press she is still aground.

Landlord Sanderson will have on Thanksgiving Day a shooting at blocks for turkeys. We are told that the blocks are 4x4 inches; will be marked with the name of the shooter; set up at a distance of 40 yards and the marksman sticking the most shot in his block will get the turkey. Shots will cost—cents. "Johnny get your gun," come to town and have some fun.

Saturday last, Mr. A. B. Linderman, of Philadelphia, was in Leonardtown. Mr. Linderman is the president of the new railroad company. He says that work will begin on the road in about two weeks time. Mr. Linderman is a pleasant gentleman and is not inaugurating his venture with a brass band but appears to be going about his work quietly and with a determination to push it through. Success to him!

Mrs. M. F. Hopkins, who has conducted successfully the Millinery, Dry Goods and Dressmaking business at Howard's Race for several years, will be seen by reference to an ad. in our paper, has opened a branch store in the wide-awake village of Mechanicsville and has placed in charge of same an accomplished Milliner of Baltimore City. Mrs. Hopkins is an energetic and business lady and we feel sure her new venture in business will be as successful as her former one at Howard's Race.

From the Lone Star State comes the following letter, written by W. F. Gass, editor of the Mt. Vernon, (Tex.) Herald: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for the past year, and find it the best remedy for colic and diarrhoea that I have ever tried. Its effects are instantaneous and satisfactory, and I cheerfully recommend it, especially for cramp colic and diarrhoea. Indeed, we shall try and keep a bottle of it on our medicine shelf as long as we keep house." For sale by Wm. F. Greenwell & Son, Leonardtown; Jos. S. Mathews, Valley Lee.

Teachers' Association.

(Reported for the Beacon.)

Pursuant to the call of Prof. George W. Joy, Examiner, there was a large gathering of teachers at the public school building, this town, Nov. 19, 1897.

The meeting was called to order by Prof. Joy who, in a neat and interesting address, which was listened to attentively, thanked the teachers for their attendance and stated that the object of the meeting was to organize a Teachers' Association. The Professor's words and manner showed that he was deeply interested in the matter. He pledged the teachers his hearty co-operation in their endeavors to have an Association worthy of the name.

The first business being the election of temporary officers, Mr. Jno. A. Scott was elected temporary president and Mr. T. Lee Mattingly temporary secretary.

Mr. Charles Adams moved that the president appoint a committee of three to draft a constitution and by-laws for the Association, committee to make its report at the next meeting. Mr. D. A. Lynch seconded the motion.

Mr. Franklin Adams won the first great applause of the day by his move that the ladies be represented on the committee. The motion having been put and carried, the president appointed the following to serve on the above named committee: Charles Adams, T. Lee Mattingly, Miss Lillian Burroughs.

Mr. Moran moved that a committee of three on permanent organization be appointed to report at the next meeting. Mr. Raley seconded the motion, which was put and carried. The chair appointed Ernest Bohanan, L. J. Canter and Miss Katie Sherman to serve on the committee.

A motion by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. J. Franklin Adams, that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to arrange a programme for the next meeting, was also put and carried. Fred A. Moran, J. Frank Adams, Miss Sarah R. Burch, Miss Annie C. Raley and D. A. Lynch were selected as members of this committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Chas. Adams, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved by the Teachers' Association of St. Mary's county this 19th day of November, 1897, That we most heartily approve the grade schedule recently placed before us and recommend for our adoption by our esteemed and honored Examiner, and that we hereby individually and collectively pledge that we will do all in our power to make its use the success which a schedule of its merits deserves.

An essay on "Education and Tact Essential Auxiliaries in Teaching," by J. Byron Dixon, was listened to with great interest. His excellent ideas on the subject were stated in beautiful and forcible language.

Mr. Bohanan's essay on "Taking Possession of a New School," contained many excellent suggestions and was well received.

The address by Mr. D. A. Lynch on "Education" was replete with sage thoughts, expressed in most impressive manner.

The matchless rendition of "Mona's Waters," by Miss Lotta Burch, held her audience in rapt attention, and won for her a storm of applause at the close.

Miss Daisy Bohanan's recitation, "Music on the Rappahannock," was splendidly delivered and elicited great applause.

As this closed the exercises for the evening, Mr. D. A. Lynch made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Zach Raley. The president declared the meeting adjourned till the 1st Friday in February, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Immediately after the adjournment there was a meeting of the committee that had been appointed to arrange a programme. Fred A. Moran was elected chairman.

The following programme was arranged for the next meeting: Essays—Miss Rosa Milburn, Mr. P. H. Dorsey.
Recitations—Misses Lotta Burch and Lillian Burroughs.

Resolved, That ladies should be appointed district school trustees. Affirmative, L. John Caner, J. Franklin Adams, Negative, Chas. Adams, D. A. Lynch.

General discussion. Address by some suitable person.
FRED A. MORAN, Chairman.

EDUCATION AND TACT
ESSENTIAL AUXILIARIES IN TEACHING.

Mr. J. BYRON DIXON said: Ladies and Gentlemen—I have selected this subject as the basis of my remarks and I feel assured that as I am but an humble worker in one of the kindergartens of St. Mary's county, you will overlook their imperfections.

Education is the one great source of knowledge and at the foundation of the world the decree came forth from the hand of Omnipotence that it should be diffused throughout the length and the breadth of this universe and be handed down to generation after generation until the end of time.

This divine mandate, as you are well aware, has been strictly obeyed by the rulers of states, republics, kingdoms and empires throughout the western and eastern domains of the earth. To-day, myriads of men of learning do the teaching of all nations and we behold myriads of hosts of unlettered scions feeling from ignorance and superstition, seeking light within these intellectual walls, each of whom God has created and endowed to perform some noble part in the future social and political government of his native land. These benighted charges are in the hands of legal educators—in the charge of men and women authorized by the standards of education—men and women whose education is undoubted but whose tact to teach is a question answered only by the charges entrusted to their tuition.

Education and tact must go hand and hand in the school room. The use of education alone cannot add will not result in any great good to the pupil. He may attend school for months and years and unless tact has been combined with education on the part of his instructor, he will, at the close of his schoolboy days, go out upon the world a mere wall of life to be tossed at will upon its dangerous heavings with no oasis in view to cheer his wearied vision—out, as it were, upon the raging billows of the sea without compass to direct him in his trackless course.

I have the pleasure to know, Ladies and Gentlemen, that the education of every teacher in this county can be compared with that of the educators of the State, but it must be the apprehension of the patrons in your respective districts that you are wanting in reasoning power, your most able co-adjutor in the schoolroom, that aid which assures you success as a teacher.

We should be eminent in our profession, and to gain this end let us employ the means! Let us build up the great work for us assembled to-day to lay the foundation of, and through this means we will win a name eminent in our profession. How many of us to-day compare with the preceptors of colonial days? How many of us are untrusting in our work as they who educated a Henry whose patriotism is written in golden letters upon historic walls and whose burning words still thrill the hearts of freemen? How many of us to-day are untrusting in our zeal to educate the future statesmen of our Grand Republic, whose voices must ring in stirring tones in defense of his honor and right? How many of us are untrusting in our efforts to train a Washington whose gallant sword still glitters upon colonial battlefields from Banker Hill to Yorktown, and may bow in humble submission to his will the mighty Cornwallis?

Let our attendance upon these occasions be constant and to our own interest and to the future welfare of our pupils? Let us assemble here and exchange our views in relation to the best modes of instruction; let us not be afraid to ask and to tell how this text and that should be taught. By doing this we compare the views of all and adopt the mode we think will best further the progress of our pupils. This great work has been suggested by our worthy and most esteemed Examiner, Mr. George W. Joy, in whom we will find a most able co-adjutor in our work.

I have the pleasure, Ladies and Gentlemen, of being
Yours in fraternal confidence,
J. BYRON DIXON.

Lowtown Locals.
(From our Regular Correspondent.)
Any news? Yes, sir, Philip Tressback, a tenant of Mr. James Langley, of Baltimore, was much surprised a few mornings ago to find that his flock of sheep had been considerably thinned by unknown dogs. Right—wrong. Ah! We do not intend here to play the role of apologist for dogs, particularly sheep killing ones. Dogs know nothing relative of the principle which regulate the solicitations of desire. They are guided by instinct, and it is not the end of instinct to gratify appetite independently of moral right or wrong? Judging from the lean appearance of strange dogs frequently seen prowling about the neighborhood we would infer that the owners are to blame for the killing of their neighbors' sheep. A well fed dog in all probability will remain at home. Hunger is an unpleasant sensation, and where conscience is absent to assert her right—there being no moral power in brute—the hungry dog will gratify its appetite even if it be upon the warm and quivering flesh of a lamb or sheep.

Ice has made its appearance and we have been reliably informed that some hogs have been killed—large and fat. The steamers Potomac and Sue stop at Raleigh's wharf, and Mr. Raleigh informs us that B. T. Robinson, of Baltimore, has signified his intention to open an oyster shucking house at his Raleigh wharf, 1st December ensuing. The old store house will be used to accommodate the shuckers. The price of oysters on Smith's Creek has been raised to 30 cents per bushel and tongsmen are much pleased in consequence.

Three petitions are in circulation asking for the Ridge post office. Messrs John S. Jarboe, J. M. Herman and Mrs. A. S. Benville.

The supper for the benefit of St. Michael's Church, which is to take place Wednesday, 24th instant, bids fair to be a success. Up to date 13 fine turkeys have been given and chickens by the dozens are scooped ready to be dressed and cooked in various ways. Bushels of "XXX" oysters from the coves of St. Michael's Creek will be forthcoming. Ice cream, cake and tropical fruits will be in abundance. Mrs. Phelo Herlert and Mrs. Emma Goodrich are the principal solicitors, and they are untiring workers.

Tomatoe fields have been ploughed and sowed in wheat. "Long" corn is selling at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per barrel, delivered. "Short" corn not in demand, i. e., marketable.

There they go booted, spurred and tooting their marine shells. Halt! Well, boys, suppose we scour Welch's woods, for it is said that they are rendezvous for the foxes of Lowtown. Listen! How excitable! Poor brutes no mercy is given you for obeying the God given law of instinct by beings who possess some glimmering spark of intellectual light to guide them heavenward. One fox, we learn, was caught.

Ford, a five year old son of Mr. Pembroke Smith, had the femur of his right thigh broken 20th instant by a large stable door falling on it. Dr. Trippett, of the Pine, performed the necessary surgical operation.

Ford Bean, Esq., and Master Calvert Foxwell, of Valley Lee, visited friends on Smith's Creek, 21st instant.

Mrs. M. E. Clarke, of St. Jerome's Neck, is visiting her daughter Mrs. Mamie Walton, Baltimore.

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Died, November 9th, 1897, after an illness of several weeks, Mrs. MARIA E. WATTS.

Mrs. Watts sickness was one of sublimation. God's will. Her constant prayer was that He would strengthen her with His grace, and so fit and prepared her for the great change, whenever it should come. Her last communion was beautiful and impressive. A round her kneel husband, daughter and sister to receive with her the Body and Blood spiritually taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper. Sweet memorial of Christ's love and suffering for sinners. It was a time of earnestness and fervent prayer, which she most lovingly appreciated. Soon the angel messenger came and took her to the eternal world. May it be our prayer, as oft as "memory brings back her dying hours, so filled with faith," that when we have served God in our generation, we too may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good

conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable religious and holy hope; in favor with our God, and in perfect charity with the world.
Pastor.

Departed this life, Nov. 6th, 1897, at her late residence, in the Second district, MARIA E. beloved wife of W. K. Watts, in the 59th year of her age.

Death is said to have come particularly so when it lays its remorseless hands upon the faithful wife and companion of many years. I can scarcely realize that my darling is no more, that never again in this world will I behold her dear presence and hear the gentle tones of her sweet voice which was ever full of sympathy and loving kindness and the daily witness of a thousand nameless and modest virtues which radiated from her whole life and conduct.

As a wife, she was true and loving; as a mother, most affectionate and just and as a friend and neighbor, kind and charitable. Though her death has left a void in my heart that can never be filled, yet I feel that for one so unselfish and conscientious in all the relations of life and so fully prepared to die there is no death. There is no death! What a sublime transition! This life of mortal breath is but a narrow way to a life of glory. Whose portal we call death.

Throughout her sickness she bore her sufferings with patience and Christian fortitude. Death had no terrors for her. She spoke calmly of dying and her conversation was full of good advice and tender solicitude for the loved ones about her. See did in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and she was a devout member. She sleeps in the family lot nearby awaiting the call of the resurrection angel to a blissful immortality.

By HER HUSBAND.
In memoriam of Mrs. MARIA E. WATTS who died Nov. 9th, 1897 aged 55 years.
Mrs. Watts exemplary life shone with lustre and pointed out the straight way to those around her as a beacon light on some stormy coast guides the weather beaten craft in safety through the dangerous crags to some safe mooring. At most her last words, ere she expired, were the repetition of the Lord's prayer. She bore her suffering with Christian fortitude. Death had no terrors for her, the dreaded monster of all ages, was tightening his grasp upon her she did not fear, but welcomed it as a release from her pain. She was a devoted wife and a good mother, kind and neighborly. What a consolation it must be to her husband and daughter to know that they did all to alleviate her sufferings.

Now the laborer's task is over,
Now upon the further shore
Lands the voyager of last,
Leaves have their time to fall,
And I weep to wither at the north wind's breath.
And stand, not, but all,
That shut all seasons for thy own, oh death.
By her niece, M. C.

We know when the moon shall wane,
When summer birds shall fly across the sea,
When Autumn's hue shall tinge the golden grain,
But who shall teach us when to look for thee.
By her niece, M. C.

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Advertisement for Meals and Lodging, for convenience of the traveling public, located at Stone's Wharf.

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