

Saint Mary's Beacon  
COUNTY NEWS.

Localwise and Otherwise.

Next Tuesday will be St. Valentine's day.

Lent will begin Wednesday next, the 13th, instant.

We have now the deepest snow that we have had for some winters past.

Mr. T. Lee Mattingly is confined to his house by a slight attack of la grippe.

It was a wise grounding that went back into his hole on February 2nd, instant.

Though the snowfall is greater than usual, it is said that the sleighing is not very good.

Just about now there are a few things more desirable than a large and convenient woodpile.

Next Tuesday will be the regular meeting day for the Orphans' and Commissioners' Courts.

If you know of any items of interest send them to the BEACON. We will be pleased to have them.

There are no changes in the rules for Lent. We re-publish them, however, for the benefit of our readers.

Messrs. F. O. Morgan and Harry F. Sanderson, of this town, have succeeded in filling their houses with a fair quality of ice.

While the ground is covered with snow throw out a few crumbs or a little grain for the birds. You will lose little and gain much.

February 3rd, instant, John B. Abell, commission merchant, sold for account of P. H. Dorsey, Jr., a calf weighing 155 pounds for \$10.92.

Mr. James deB. Walbach, of Bryantown, was in Leonardtown, last week. Mr. Walbach was a member of the 1898 House of Delegates.

His many friends throughout the county will be pleased to hear that Mr. Joseph H. Key is convalescing and will likely soon be out again.

If a young lady wants a pair of beautiful made-to-order Oxford ties in black or tan, she will find them at F. O. Morgan's store, Leonardtown.

Mr. Mudd made a speech in Congress favoring the retention of the Philippines and everything else that the government gets its clutches on.

Mr. Harry Jones informs us that Friday last, February 3rd instant, lightning struck a tree near the store of Captain W. J. Bean, in the Second district.

We are informed that the bridge at Morzanza is very much in need of repairs; that some of the boards are loose and that it is dangerous to cross it.

It is reported that Rev. Father Lancaster will now return to the Leonardtown Mission. We sincerely hope that the report may be correct, for he has been greatly missed here.

Tuesday morning last the team driven by B. S. Nash, mail-carrier, got away from him and ran off breaking the buggy tongue and some of the gear. A new team was secured to take the mail.

Miss Ellen Combs, daughter of Mr. Robt. C. Combs, who has been suffering from a quite severe attack of la grippe, is, we are pleased to hear, improving, and will likely soon be well again.

The Sun, of the 7th, instant, estimated the loss of the Philippines in the fighting before Manila at 2,000 killed; 2,500 wounded and 5,000 taken prisoners. The Americans had 34 killed and 49 wounded.

In this issue we print the adv. of the Pinebluff Pecan company. The pecan is a rather pretty tree and there are some fine specimens in St. Mary's. Include a few pecans in your next order for trees.

Messrs. Wilmer Raley, of Leonardtown, and Ben. Gar-r, of Hollywood, have formed a co-partnership for contracting and building. They are both good workmen. See their advertisement.

A new railroad has been incorporated to be known as the Washington and Seaboard railway. It is to run from Hyattsville to Point Lookout. We very much fear that it will die before it even crawls.

Mrs. Vivian Neale, of Baltimore, was returned to death Thursday last. Mrs. Neale caught fire endeavoring to extinguish a blazing curtain. Her husband has the sympathy of our entire community.

Representative Jones has succeeded in obtaining several appropriations for rivers and harbors on the Virginia side of the Potomac. Mr. Mudd ought to see that Britton's Bay is also remembered in the bill.

The epigrammatic John K. Cowen says there are two kinds of government—government by the counting of noses and government by the breaking of heads. The latter kind now obtains in the Philippines.

We invite the attention of farmers to the advertisement of Mr. C. H. Pearson, published in another column. The thirty farmers of the Eastern Shore say that there is money in tomatoes at \$5 per ton. See Mr. Pearson.

Senator Gorman made a notable and forcible speech in the United States Senate defining his views in regard to imperialism and denying that he was actuated by the hope of political preferment in opposing the treaty.

Don't forget to attend the Grand Minstrel Show to be given at the Clifton Factory, on Friday night, February 10, 1899, by a crowd of young men from Leonardtown. Admission, adults, 25c; children, 15c. Doors open at 7.

From the Leader, of Laurel, we see that seven hundred and five (705) Prince George's taxpayers are advertised as delinquents. Unless the taxes are paid before March 6, proximo, their properties will be sold at public auction.

F. O. Morgan, Leonardtown, is selling everything in the way of winter goods—clothing a specialty—at a little less than first cost. Mr. Morgan is an up-to-date merchant and is doing this to make room for a large stock of new goods—orders for which he has already placed.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. J. Wesley Tippet, of Charlotte Hall district. Mr. Tippet was one of our oldest and most respected citizens. His last public service was as Collector of Taxes, and in that position, as in all others that he held, he was a good officer.

The Art Amateur for February is one of the best numbers of that always excellent monthly that we have seen. The Study of a Cow by James M. Hart, is worth more than the magazine costs. Send 35 cents to J. W. Van Oost, 23 Union Square, New York, and get a copy.

Don't forget the entertainment to be given at the Town Hall, next Monday. It is for the purpose of starting a library for the Oakville Public School. Miss Ledley, the young lady who has it in charge, is talented and accomplished, and she will be assisted by some of our rising local talent.

Regulations of Lent.

I. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on the 13th of February.

1. All the faithful who have completed their twenty-first year, unless exempt by dispensation or some legitimate cause, are bound to observe the fast of Lent.

2. They are to take only one meal a day, except on Sunday.

3. The meal permitted on fast days, is not to be taken till about noon.

4. A small refreshment, commonly called collation, is permitted in the evening.

5. The following persons are exempt from the obligations of fasting: Persons under twenty-one years of age, the sick, nursing women, those who are obliged to do hard labor, and those who, through weakness, cannot fast without great prejudice to their health.

6. The faithful are reminded that, beside the obligation of fasting imposed by the church, the holy season of Lent should be, in an especial manner, a time of earnest prayer, of sorrow for sin, of seclusion from the world and its amusements, and of generous alms giving.

II. By virtue of an Indult to the United States, dated August 3, 1887, the following special dispensations are granted:

1. The use of flesh meat is permitted at all meals on Sundays, and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the exception of the second and last Saturdays of Lent. But flesh meat and fish are not to be used at the same meal during Lent, even on Sundays.

2. The use of butter, cheese, milk and eggs is also permitted every day in Lent.

3. It is allowed to take in the morning some warm liquid, as tea, coffee, or this chocolate, made with water, and with this liquid a mouthful of bread.

4. Those for whom the hour of noon may be an inconvenient time for dinner, may invert the order and take their collation in the morning, and their dinner in the evening.

5. The use of hog's lard, or drippings, instead of butter, is authorized in preparing permitted food.

6. Persons exempt from the obligation of fasting are free to take meat more than once on those days when the use is granted by dispensation.

III. By virtue of an Indult granted to us by the Holy See, March 10, 1895, we permit to all working men and their families the use of flesh meat once a day on all fast days and abstinence days throughout the year, with the exception of Fridays, Ash Wednesday, the Wednesday and Saturdays of Holy Week and the eve of Christmas.

Those who are exempt from the obligation of fasting are free to take meat more than once on the days mentioned.

Those who avail themselves of this Indult are not allowed to use flesh meat and fish at the same meal, and they are earnestly exhorted to perform some other act of mortification, such as abstinence from intoxicating liquors.

IV. The Paschal time extends from the first Sunday of Lent till Trinity Sunday, during which time all Catholics who have attained the proper age are bound to receive worthily the Holy Communion. The holy season of Lent is a proper time also for children to make their first confession, which they ought to do generally about the age of seven years. Parents should see to this.

Fishing Point Items.

(Specially Reported.)

We regret to hear of the death of Thomas R. Biscoe, who departed this life Jan. 29, 1899. He was a man whom all loved. Wherever he met you he had a pleasant smile that would comfort and brace up the down-hearted. He was 90 years of age.

We also regret to hear of the death of Thomas Bean, who departed this life Jan. 30, 1899. May he rest in peace!

We are glad to hear that Mr. J. Thomas Wise, of Cedar Point, is improving from an attack of La Grippe.

The ground is covered with snow and sleighs are seen in every direction.

Wheat crops have begun to look sick from the cold weather of late.

Mr. Dave Hammett, of Park Hall, who has been quite sick with pneumonia, is improving. We trust he will soon be out again.

Mr. Joseph A. Rose, a cattle buyer, who was with us a few days, left for Baltimore Tuesday last. Mr. Rose is a live and industrious man.

Skating is enjoyed by many. The pond is crowded from morning until night with merry girls and boys, having what they call sport.

WARM BATH.

Fourth Great Victory of the White Caps. (Reported for the Beacon.)

"I awoke one morning and found myself famous." If the pronouns in this quotation were pluralized it would then describe the proud feelings which animated the breasts of the whole White Cap gang when they arose from their night revelry at the "Red Horse Farm," January 27th, last.

Our managers, the ladies, were especially anxious to capture this stronghold (the occupants have a strong hold on the ladies' hearts) because they realized it would be a crowning victory to the season's campaign. They had been "flanking round the hills" of the "Head of the Bay," capturing the lonely, solitary bachelors, but here, if successful, they could "kill two sports with one stone;" and then, too, it would be defying the gay and attractive ladies of Chaptico to "beard the lion in his den," and by progressive steps to take from them two of their first prizes.

Our intentions were kept to ourselves for they had been "forewarned" that would have been "four armed" and our final crop (of bachelors); could not have been garnered in so easily. Although our "Bugle Blower" was not on hand, we all managed to meet with our packs at the gate, on time, and the chase for "the dear" began.

There were some "close shaves" and from the hilarious outbursts of laughter, the lips quivered. It was by short cuts and long strands, that the points of the game (Vandyke) were made, and it was not until the last clip that the winners bobbed up. Mrs. Nannie Stone, our champion, was allowed the honor of taking the ladies' first prize—she took a prize from our gang last year.

His Majesty, of "red neck-tie" fame, won the gentlemen's first prize—a "tie," by one (won) game(s). Miss Bessie Grace was the booby watch for the ladies, and Mr. Fred McWilliams won a talking machine to help his cause in the future.

The blow of the bangle that night was not heard.

Holy silence this time the White Caps preferred;

The moon gliding on, lent her aid as of yore,

And soon they surrendered, who had ne'er before been captured, but Jon-quill, I willingly bet,

Has often been swimming by sly Cupid's net.

And if he's tempered with that attractive snare,

Perhaps he has been caught while loitering there;

But we hope he was free when conquering (at) last,

As we've no "treacherous arms" for holding fast,

The fine toasts be prepared were enjoyed by all,

Some responded, while others he had to recall.

Mr. Chunn's talk on "Courtship" caused quite a laugh,

His words still haunt us, "like the dying cat."

"The Bill Nye of our Club," was Mr. Phil's toast,

He proceeded by giving his "frog" a toast.

G. R.'s was "Hardships of Bachelors,"

Mr. Spriggs', "Masher," then "there were others."

What a nice supper! it is needless to say.

That hearts were again reached by that same old w-y.

If man's can be r'ach'd, why not woman's too?

But with so many hearts what would the doo do?

They would be too hearty, and I think, oh my!

If such were the case, with "heart failure" they'd die.

When in the parlor, "our boys" they did ask her,

Miss Mabel recited her favorite—"Las-ter,"

Her talent was marked and we still wanted more,

"The Gobblins will get you," followed our encore.

Mr. Chunn sang a solo, all could admire,

The girls flocked around him, to make a full choir,

Our host, the toastmaster, seemed round up with fun,

His wits made us stay till the dawn had begun.

With hearts much "be-reeved," yet with memories bright,

We then thanked our kind hosts, and bade them good night.

BRO-SIS.

(Correspondence of the Beacon.)

Charlotte Hall.

Last week a very enjoyable dance was given by the students of Charlotte Hall Academy, and judging from the interest manifested we infer that all had a very pleasant time. Among those present were Misses Margaret McBride, Janie Petherbridge, Mary Thomas, Lillie and Ella Shaw, Lucy Chesley, Ethel Carter, Frances Briscoe, Mattie Harrison and Mrs. Coad. Among the gentlemen present were Majors G. M. Thomas and W. S. Weedon, Messrs. Harrison, Waring, Petherbridge, Shaw, De Lashmunt, Wilmer, Young, Hall and Verner. The music which was exceedingly charming, was furnished by the Glee Club of Charlotte Hall. Mr. Winans, who went to Santiago as a bugler, but is at this time a Cadet at Charlotte Hall, added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion by a display of his musical talents. Acknowledgments are also due to Major Weedon and Mr. Chiswell for valuable assistance. But enjoyable as the dance was, it does not compare with the entertainment to be held in the School Hall by the Glee Club on February 13. This entertainment is expected to surpass anything of a similar character held in the county for many years. The many talented musicians and graceful dancers of this historic village will make any entertainment that they undertake a brilliant success. Uncle Jack hopes in a future issue of the BEACON to give its readers a more extended description of this great educational advantages of this historic school. Hoping the Editors will pardon me for encroaching upon their space. I remain a correspondent of your valuable paper.

UNCLE JACK.

Bear in mind! I am SELLING OUT my large Stock to make a change in business. No reasonable offer refused. This is your chance for bargains.

A. A. LAWRENCE.

Lowontown Locals. (From Our Regular Correspondent.)

Roads are in an exceedingly bad condition. Traveling continues about the same and we notice that hauling of oysters to Miller's wharf is daily (Sundays excepted) done by those who are fortunate enough to have them to consign. The animals used to haul the heavy loads—horses and oxen—apparently are well cared for. Drivers are humane and we indulge the opinion that we are not deceived by appearances. Men possess a moral nature and conscience more or less asserts her rights. True, in many instances her energy is too feeble to command obedience, yet she exerts a voice which the most intemperate—cruel—sometimes bear with terror.

Teachers continue to discharge their duty to the best of their ability. They have dull pupils to teach, and they know that in a number of instances the pupils' slowness is due to tone deafness, myopia or color blindness. This is not a mere ebullition of the imagination. We have observed that some pupils were no more stupid than their class mates, but only of more materialistic temper—they realized things only when set in visible shape before them.

The weather continues to be variable. Rain, accompanied with electricity and detonations, visited this section recently. No seismic disturbances. Some hours of sleighing were recently indulged—all mud and slush now.

We are told by ministers of the gospel that those who essay to follow the dictates of a properly educated conscience have no fear of death—that their minds never flash in an ocean of uncertainty or languish under the clouds of scepticism and error. How consoling this should be to persons who have friends that have passed from time to eternity! The affectionate wife, children, relatives and many friends of Mr. Augustus Barnes should be consoled in the fact that he was a humble believer in the great Saviour of men.

Oh! Listen. We are in ecstasy. The sweet shrill notes of the wren is heard. Before many months migratory birds will visit this section and cheer us with their sweet songs and the woods will be covered with flowers of different hues imparting to the mind an idea of the fabled "meads of Asphodel."

Our home market is active. We quote beef 8c per lb., pork 6c per lb., eggs 18c per dozen, oysters 35 to 60c per bushel; and 8 to 10c per pint, potatoes (Irish) 80c per bushel. No sweets. We seldom have mutton which, like beef is rising in muscle producing material.

Ground hogs are governed by instinct. The sun was beautifully bright during a part of 2nd instant. We'll stick a pin here.

AZZANA.

Uncle Ned's Letter.

Well, little readers, as you seem desirous to hear from your old friend he will again endeavor to give you the benefit of his pen with the hope that the years of labor in your behalf is not thrown away. We stand upon an eminence that overlooks the momentous events of the past—the future before us unwritten and untold. Silence does not always mean forgetfulness, and it is not his fault that you have not heard from him before now. It sometimes means a return like that of the prodigal son when the fatted calf was prepared. Umph! wonder how much fatted calf U. N. will get? We hope you all enjoyed a happy Xmas and that old master "Grip" was not in it. But your old friend has pulled through and is still in the land of the living. It is really sad to chronicle the recent death of so many venerable friends. So thoroughly has death played its part that our section is without a reference to mark the happenings of their day. They have paid the common debt. Such, young readers, is the legacy of Mother Eve, and to such a fate must we bow in submission, regardless of age or sex. There are continual meetings upon the threshold, and thus the missing links in the chain of human existence is supplied. Some wise one has said, "Learn to make a life and you will not fail to make a living."

The beautiful flower buds and blooms but to fade and die, its dew-born petals mingling with the dust and its sweetness wafted upon the air. Thus and its life is made useful and beautiful regardless of the picture so touchingly portrayed by the hand of Milton Better, little friends, that the earth be deluged with tears of brotherly love than to plant a thorn in the bosom of one soul. We will here let the curtain drop and speak of things more cheerful.

Now that mother earth has put on her white robes the merry sleigh-bells may be heard in all directions. Here they go jing-a-ling, up and down and beside, and the merry voices ring out in the air as "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Happy trios, ones and twos, and we would not be surprised in some cases if it should turn out as two in one.

Mr. Wm. Lowden, of our hundred, took the hint that Lent was coming and took to himself a bride on Wednesday evening last in the person of Miss Peggy. Rev. Mr. C. L. Creck performed the ceremony. Congratulations.

We believe that the sick, so far as we learn, are convalescing. It is useless to say that our physicians, Drs. Richardson and others, have been kept busily engaged for a considerable time.

I see that friend "Warm Baby" has supplied you with other items. Wish-ing friend BEACON the compliments of the season, an truly.

U. N.

Special to the Ladies.

F. O. Morgan, of Leonardtown, has just received another lot of Ladies and Misses made-to-order Oxford ties in verres and tan. They are beautiful and cheap considering quality.

FOR SALE.—A Fine piano

NUT EXTENSION TABLE 7 feet long—Never unpacked. Was shipped by mistake and is sold for account of the Furniture House. Apply at BEACON OFFICE.

A. A. LAWRENCE.

Progressive Euche Party. (Reported for the Beacon.)

On Friday last, I had the pleasure of attending a Progressive Euche Party given by the "White Caps," at the hospitable residence of Thomas Grason, Esq., in the 7th district.

Not being familiar with the game, I did not participate in its pleasures, but the presence of many charming young ladies, who also did not play, amply repaid me for my dereliction in that direction. About 10 o'clock we were invited to the dining room, where a grand supper consisting of turkey, oysters, dressed ham, etc. was served in grand style. Every body sat down at the first table with the exception of two, Mr. McW. and Miss B. G., who must have more than enjoyed the repast from the time consumed. After supper was over, I had the pleasure of chatting with a certain young lady, whose mind and thoughts were on a certain young man in Baltimore. I offered her my heartfelt sympathy, for I can imagine their feelings when the dear one is away. I used every endeavor to get her mind away from him, but found it impossible to do so, as that was "the only subject she would talk upon—'Tempi Cure'."

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