Saint Mary's Beacon.

LEONARDTOWN, MD.

THURSDAY MORNING, March 24, 1904.

In the past week we have talked with many from all sections of the county and find a practically unanimous approval of State Senator Greenwell's vote and speech against pensioning the Judges.

We may be unable to avoid the charge of old fogyism and other things besides, but we must confess that we are opposed not only to the Hamet Oyster Bill but also to the Wilson substitute recently passed by the Senate. We think we could give valid reasons for our opposition, but at the present stage of the discussion abuse is at such a premium and reason at such a discount that we content ourselves with merely declaring our opposition.

The President's Land Commission

The special public lands commission appointed by the President to report to Congress on the operation of the land laws in the west has made a partial report, the principal feature of which is a recommendation for the repeal of the timber and stone act. The commission will continue its investigation of the desert land law and the commutation clause of the homestead law. The report is signed by W. A. Richards, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Gifford Pinchot, the Forester of the Department of Agriculture and F. H. Newell, the head of the Irrigation Reclamation Service.

Against Land Grabbing.

The big stockmen and timber men of the west who have only forty or fifty thousand acres of land and who are ambitious to increase it to one hundred thousand acres will have to move lively and rustle some dummies and substitutes to make 160 or 320 acre entries under the timber and stone act or the desert land act or the commuter's clause of the homestead act, or they will not fulfill their desires. The country and Congress is beginning to wake up to the importance of saving this western public domain, our greatest resource to-day, with national irrigation an established government policy, and converting it into homes for settlers and homemakers. It looks as though the days of the Western speculator and the land-grabber were numbered.

[COMMUNICATED.]

WASHINGTON, March 21, 1904.

The Republicans in the House of Representatives, last week, showed conclusively that they are a lot of four flushers, trimmers, hypocrites and cowards. It was a strenuous and most exciting week in the House. Every man whose name had been mentioned in the Bristow report that was flung into the bear pit by the chairman of the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, the Hon. Jesse Overstreet, was boiling over with rage and wanted a chance to get at Bristow. There were nearly one hundred and fifty Republicans and about a dozen Democrats named in the report who were accused of using their pull with Beavers and Machen to get things from the Post Office Department that did not belong to them and that were unlawful to grant. As I said last week these requests were made, for the most part, with no criminal intent. The members of Congress did not know that it was unlawful to grant these requests and relied on the officers of the department to know the law in the matter. They knew they wanted the things asked for if they could get them. And, Beavers and Machen in order to stand in with the members of Congress granted them, law or no law. To have themselves placed on a par with Beavers and Machen, the latter a convicted felon on his road to the penitentiary, was calculated to make the bristles rise on the back of most any man and it surely did on the members in the House who were tarred with Mr. Bristow's stick. They ranted and roared and raged for two days. They denounced Bristow as a liar and a scoundrel and did other stunts that caused the House of Representatives to resemble a ward meeting in a hot factional campaign. When, however, the Democrats tried to them get to pass a resolution to enter on a full investigation of the rottenness in the Post Office Department, they ran like a passel of scared coyotes. The party whip cracked over their backs and they fell into line. They refused absolutely to investigate the very department about so much has been written as to its rottenness, and which they were so lustily "cussing out" only a few moments before. Was there ever before such a flagrant exhibition of inconsistency? Denounce the department in one breath as being one of the worst things on the face of the earth, and in the next vote that there is nothing about it to investigate. That is what the Republicans did. When will the people get their eyes open?

In talking with Mr. P. V. DeGraw, the eastern press representative of the St. Louis World's Fair, I learn something of interest to the farmers and stock breeders of the country in connection with that great exhibition. One of the curiosities of the World's Fair will be two twin steers, probably the largest ever born in the world. These red-polled giants were born on a Texas ranch owned by William H. Goodair and purchased from him by Harry Berliner, of East St. Louis. These steers now weigh about three thousand pounds each although they are only in fair flesh. Mr. Berliner thinks they can be made to weigh 3,500 pounds by the time the Fair opens. They undoubtedly will excite much interest among breeders of stock who attend the Fair.

Another exhibition of great interest to breeders of fine stock will be in the first shipment of Holstein-Friesian cows to take part in the Exposition cow demonstration which will arrive on the World's Fair grounds in the charge of E. B. von Hasse, superintendent for the World's Fair Holstein-Friesian Association during the demonstration. This shipment comes from Cortland, N. Y. Another shipment of Holstein-Friesian cows will be made shortly from Wisconsin. The short horn cows to participate in the demonstration will be shipped to St. Louis soon, and Chief Coburn has been advised by the Brown Swiss breeders that their cows will also be forwarded at an early date.

All farmers will have an interest in the rule which has an important bearing on the shearing of sheep to be exhibited at the World's Fair as announced by Chief F. D. Coburn of the department of live stock as follows: All sheep and goats must have been properly and evenly and closely shorn on or after the first day of April, 1904, and the date of the shearing must be certified on the application for entry. Sheep or goats otherwise of stubble shorn or that have been clipped to conceal defects or to mislead will not be allowed to compete. The judge shall disqualify for competition any sheep or goat deemed by him as having been improperly or stubble shorn or with the fleece otherwise treated for purposes of fraud or deception.

I give these as items of interest to many who read this correspondence. People sometimes get tired of reading politics.

And speaking of politics, the one political subject of discussion in the nation's capital at the present writing is the swift pace set by the Hon. William Randolph Hearst in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. A good many people who have been laughing at the so-called Hearst boom as a thing impossible have taken the dry grins and are willing to admit that there are some things in the politics of this country that they do not know all about. The average politician who comes to Washington knows about as much of the ideas of the common people of the country and the real feeling among them as to their preference in the matter of a presidential candidate as a hog knows about navigating a ship. The daily press, which they depend on for information as to the popular candidate, knows about the same amount and expresses it with about the same amount of wisdom. I have kept my ear to the ground for a long time and have been reading the country papers that come to my desk as exchanges, and my judgement has not been warped by bias or by inclination in any one direction. I admit I have said many kind things about Mr. Hearst in these letters, because he has deserved much at the hands of the Democratic party.

I have not said any hard things about other candidates, probable or possible, because I do not desire to put myself without the pale of the Democratic party and did not want to be inconsistent in my support of any man the Democratic national convention might nominate, but I felt that the great Democratic heart of the country beat in unison with my own, and I knew what I wanted in the next candidate before the people who was the standard bearer of the party of the immortal Jefferson and that he must stand for something totally and entirely different from the Republican program; who was the embodiment of Jeffersonian principles, who got back to the ground plan laid down by that man of the people and who believed in the people; who did not believe in going to the trusts and the combines and the buccaneers of Wall Street to get his campaign fund and thereby selling out to them in advance, and in case of election we simply would be swapping a devil for a witch. Therefore, I picked out the Hon. William Randolph Hearst as the man who came nearest up to my ideal of the man of the hour and the man on whom the people could depend, because he is a real and true Democrat. It seems the people in a number of States are agreeing with me. The little State of Rhode Island has instructed its eight delegates for him and there is nothing in the State of Rhode Island in the Democratic party except honest poor people who work for a living and work hard. He is capturing delegates in Ohio and in other States and the people who were flouting his candidacy four weeks ago are now climbing in his band wagon and looking like they were pleased that they are not compelled to walk. It is freely predicted here that he will continue to take one State after another until he will either have the nomination cinched or will have the naming of the man in hand. He is earnestly recognized as the most potent factor in the next Democratic national convention. Watch the smoke from now on.

Col. Jown W. Avirett, of Cumberland, is a candidate for appointment as State Game Warden.

DIED.

On March 17, 1904, at the Church Home, North Broadway, Baltimore, Rev. JAS. BRISCOE, son of the late Dr. Walter Hanson Stone and Eliza W. Briscoe, of St. Mary's county.

In Baltimore city, on March 16, 1904, GEORGE W., aged 48 years, 8 months and 11 days, beloved husband of Kate Swann.

In Memory

of my grandfather WILLIAM T. DIXON, who died March 7, 1904, aged 62 years.

His well remembered footsteps
We are listening for in vain
And our eyes grow dim with watching
And our hearts are sad with pain.
No words will be so sweet
As the words he used to say;
No hour will ever be so sad
As the hour he passed away.
Help us, dear Lord, to bear our sorrow
For our grandfather who has gone.
Give us grace and strength dear Saviour
To say "Thy will be done."

By HER LOVING DAUGHTER, NETTIE.

New Advertisements.

BOOK!

The Hill Top Lions Hackney Hotel (Proprietor, J. W. Yates,) Supper and Dance on Easter Monday, April 4, 1904.

March 24—2t.—pd

Public Sale.

As I am about to quit business, I will sell my entire stock of MERCHANDISE by PUBLIC AUCTION at Budd's Creek on

SATURDAY and MONDAY, April 2 and 4, 1904.

Sale to begin at 10 o'clock, a.m., each day.

March 24—2t. THOS. L. LONG.

FISH.

Beginning March 30, 1904, I will on WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS have herring for sale at Spencer's Wharf from about 12 to 12.30 o'clock; at Cuckold's Creek from about 1 to 1.30 o'clock and at Sotterly from about 2 to 3 o'clock, p. m. Prices at all times to be as low as market will afford.

After about APRIL 10th I will deliver any fish at your house any morning (Sunday excepted) at a low price by the thousand.

P. T. VAIL,
March 24—3t. Solomon's Md.

Hayden & Bullock,

In Business at W. F. Abell's Old Stand.

FIRST-CLASS LINE
GROCERIES,
TOBACCO,
CIGARS, etc.
CANDIES, APPLES, ORANGES.

Everything Clean and Neat.
Stock all new. Call and examine.

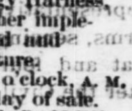
PUBLIC SALE
OF
Personal Property.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court I will sell on the premises of Henry Knott, deceased, in the Sixth Election district, on **Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1904**, the personal property of said deceased, consisting of One Yoke of fine Work Oxen, 5 Head of Cattle, 14 Shoats, 2 Brood Sows, 1 Horse, 1 Buggy, Buggy Harness, 1 Ox Cart and other implements, Household and Kitchen Furniture.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M. Terms of sale Cash on day of sale.

WM. T. BAILEY,
March 24—1t. Executor.

Dandy Dick.



This fine style Jack will make the season of 1904 in St. Mary's county. Dandy is a fine style Jack, up-headed, quick stepping fellow with plenty of size, style and action and can travel like a horse. Dandy Dick's sire, Giant, was an extra large Jack with good style and action and was never beaten on a Fair ground. He by Kentucky Giant. Dandy Dick's dam, Chessy, was a very handsome Jenny with good style and action. She by Favorite Tom.

TERMS—$8 for one mare, $15 for two mares; liberal arrangement for clubs. Groom's fee 50 cents.

MUDD & WOLF,
March 24—m. Mechanicsville.

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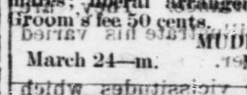

PATUXENT RIVER ROUTE.

On and after Saturday, March 19th.

Steamer St. Mary's

will leave Pier 8, Light Street, every Wednesday and Saturday at 6.30 a. m. for Fair Haven, Plum Point, Dare's, Governor's Run and the Patuxent River as far as Benedict. Returning will leave Benedict every Monday and Thursday at 5.30 a. m., Sotterly at 9 a. m., Millstone Landing at 10 a. m., Pearson's at 10.30 a. m., Governor's Run at 12 m., Plum Point at 1 p. m. and Fair Haven at 2.30 p. m. for Baltimore.

Freight received at Pier 8 Tuesday and Friday until 6 p. m.

Steamer Westmoreland

will leave Pier 2, Light Street every Sunday for Patuxent River direct, as far as Bristol. Returning will leave Bristol at 10 a. m., Monday, Benedict 3 p. m., Millstone at 9 p. m., Pearson's at 9.30 p. m. for Baltimore, calling at no wharves below Leitch's except when signalled from wharves on the river for passengers and perishable freight.

Freight received at Pier 2 Saturday until 6 p. m.

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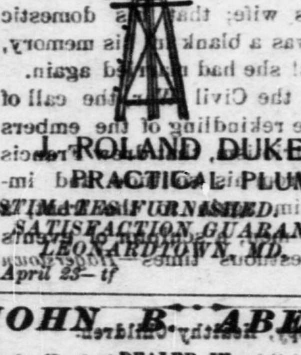

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One Minute Cough Cure
For Coughs, Colds and Croup.

EASTER ENTERTAINMENT.

THE LADIES of All Saints' Parish will give an Entertainment and Supper at River Springs on

THURSDAY, April 7th.

The Compton Dramatic Club will assist them by repeating the play "Among Lilies." An elaborate supper will be served. A liberal patronage is hoped for.

March 17, '04—td.

AUCTION SALE AT LAWRENCE'S

THURSDAY, March 24, 1904.

A general clearing out sale of Clothing, Dry Goods, Notions, Jewelry, Silverware, Hardware, &c.

To get rid of stock many articles will be sold at a sacrifice.

Do not miss this chance for bargains.

CHARLES ABELL,
BERNARD LONG,
March 17—2t Auctioneers.

Estray.

Strayed from the subscriber Saturday, February 5th, instant, one yellow COW and one small red buffalo BULL. Suitable reward if returned to the undersigned or any information as to whereabouts of same.

WM. T. BAILEY,
March 10—m. Morganza, Md.

Are You Hungry ?

HOW'S THIS FOR 25 CENTS?

A Fine Stew of Bay Oysters, a Nice Cup of Hot Coffee, Bread, Butter, Crackers and Pickle. This Bill of Fare is offered for this term of Court only.

WETTS BROS.,
Managers,
Leonardtown, Md.
March 17, '04—2t.

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AND

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At Wide Awake.

We have just received from Baltimore, New York and Boston a nice line of General Merchandise, consisting of everything except dry goods and clothing.

This is our motto :

We buy as low as we can.
That's business sense.
We sell as low as we can.
That's progressiveness.
You buy as low as you can.
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You buy of us.
THAT'S DOLLARS AND CENTS TO BOTH OF US.

We carry a fine and varied stock of MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS AND CAPS, SHIRTS, COLLARS, CUFFS, NECK TIES, UNDERWEAR, &c. &c. LADIES', MISSES' and BOYS' SHOES, &c., as can be found in any city.

Groceries. We buy direct from the largest jobbing houses and manufacturers in the country for cash, and are enabled to get the lowest prices, besides always being sure of obtaining first-class goods.

We are not paying enormous expenses and will sell you goods at reasonable rates.

Family trade is especially solicited.

Your patronage is always appreciated, and no matter how small your purchases, you may rest assured it will be our constant aim to sell to you the best goods that can be obtained at reasonable prices.

Tippett & Johnson,
Leonardtown.

EASTER BALL AND SUPPER AT RIVER SPRINGS.

The public is cordially invited to a Grand Ball and Supper, to be given in the Summer dining-room at River Springs, EASTER MONDAY, April 4th. A good time assured and all the delicacies of the season served. Special attention to the care of teams.

March 16—tdpd.

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WHEN YOU COME

To Court

TO CALL AT

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Have your measure taken and order your Spring Suit. We will have a Tailor here during "Court Week" to take measures, show you samples, etc. Good Fit and workmanship guaranteed.

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I WISH to inform my friends and the general public that I have opened shop at my father's stand, at Hollywood, that I am prepared to do all work in my line at shortest notice and at prices to suit the people. Special attention paid to horse shoeing, painting and oyster tong making. Satisfaction guaranteed. Give me a call. Terms cash.

BERNARD F. WIBLE.
Dec. 17, '03—tf.

SPRING, SPRING, SPRING.

Did you ever hear the birds a-chirping when walking down the street.
And see the pretty girls pointing out to Canter & Co.'s store, oh! how sweet ?
This is true, we admit, but that isn't all you can tell,
Why not come in and see how Canter & Co. sell?
Spring is coming and we are humming,
As busy as a bee,
Then why not come to see us
So we can please thee ?

SEE US FIRST.

We will open up this week with a full line of ***Spring and Summer Goods***, Shoes, Oxfords, Ladies', Men and Children. Are selling these at close margin. They were bought right, and we can sell them to you right, so why not take a ***pair?*** Same case in Dress Goods, and in fact everything we carry. See if this isn't true.

It gives us much pleasure to show you our line. No trouble at all. We don't ask you to buy. ***Our goods sell themselves*** after once being introduced to you. We sell everything. We buy everything, so come and trade with us. Thanking our patrons for their past patronage, and asking continuance of same, we are

Sincerely yours,

L. J. Canter & Co.,
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AT THE ACTUAL COST OF
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I have the largest stock of Ready-Made Clothing in Southern Maryland, and from now

UNTIL THE FIRST DAY OF MAY,

I will positively sell everything in the clothing line at cost, from the cheapest to the best. Don't ask why I am doing this. Be satisfied with getting them at cost.

This is no trick, but a plain fact. Come and see and you will be convinced. This is the chance of a life time to buy clean, straight goods at wholesale prices.

I have just received direct from New York importers Five Thousand yards of assorted Laces, with inserting to match, from 1 to 3 1-2 inches wide. Your choice, ladies, 5 cents per yard.

Best clover seed $8.00 per bushel.
2nd best " " 7.00

If you want to save your meat--Shoulders and Hams--buy Peerless Paper Meat Packages, 3, 4 and 5 cts. The above will hold good until the first day of May only. Come and get the bargains.

F. O. MORGAN,
LEONARDTOWN, MD.

Real Estate For Sale.

The following described farms and timber lands, situated on the St. Mary's River, St. Mary's county, Md., formerly the property of the late Dr. John M. Brome, are offered for sale on reasonable terms:

SNOW HILL, 300 acres.
YELLOW BANK, 260 acres.
EAST ST. MARY'S, 236 acres.
ST. MARY'S MANOR, or any part thereof, 1717 acres.
WHEATLEY'S, 100 acres.
LEIGH or NORRIS, 200 acres.

These lands are admirably located on the St. Mary's River, close to shipping points. 1500 acres are first-class timber land.

The timber on the above described lands is reserved and will be sold separate.

For further information, address,
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Aug 27—tf

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Come and see us! We'll take pleasure in showing you our entire lines, even though you may want to buy only a little, or none at all.

The reward of one duty done is the power to fulfill another; the pleasure and profit you get out of a single purchase from us promote many and many another.

We can save you dollars and the dollars you save here are just as good as the dollars you make on your farm and they come a great deal easier.

Remember, we carry everything you need, and if we are "out" we will have same delivered at your door or steamboat landing at a saving of from 15 to 25 per cent. over other storekeepers.

We buy in large quantities for *FOUR STORES, PAY CASH* and secure the lowest prices. That means lots for our customers, because when we *buy a BARGAIN we sell A BARGAIN.*

We would like to fit every child in the county with a pair of Shoes and a suit of Clothing.

With every pair of shoes, Men's, Women's and Children's you buy of us, you secure a guarantee that's as good as gold. You wear the shoe and if they don't give you satisfaction you get your money back or another pair of shoes.

We carry a full line of RADCLIFF SHOES for LADIES, MEN'S PATENT LEATHER, VICI KID AND BOX CALF SHOES—ALL STYLES AND SIZES. MEN'S FINE BOOTS.

MEN'S SUITS, from $2 to $15.
OVERCOATS from $2 to $15.
LADIES' CAPES, COATS AND SKIRTS.
Ideal Air Tight Stoves, $1.75.
Full Line of Furniture always on hand.
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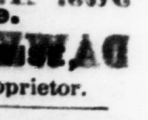

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