

# Saint Mary's Beacon.

## COUNTY NEWS.

Before another issue of the Beacon, Christmas will have come and gone. To each and all of our readers we wish a Happy Christmas and hope that the New Year, about to dawn, will bring them a full share of health, happiness and prosperity.

### Localwise and Otherwise.

P. O. Budd and family, of Budd's Creek, have removed to Leonardtown.

Christmas candy, fruits, cakes, nuts, etc., in abundance at Saunders & Drury, near the Sisters' gate.

Miss Lucile Camalier, of Leonardtown, has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Washington.

There will be no Mass at St. John's Church on Sunday next, but Masses on Christmas Day at 7, 8 and 10.30 A. M.

Mrs. Lucy Spalding is attending to the ladies' department at Loker & de Waal's during the holidays. Call and see her!

We are pleased to learn that Mr. John Key has returned from Rossiter, Pa., to his home at "Indiantown," this county.

Up to present writing Joseph C. Wible, of Hollywood, is well in the lead on large hogs. His two "jocks" weighed respectively 528 and 424 pounds.

In accordance with our time honored custom we will not issue the BEACON during Christmas week. Our next paper will be published on January 4, 1906.

Subscribers who change their post-office address will please notify us and give the name of the postoffice they move from as well as the post-office they move to.

Miss Clair B. Poole, after spending several weeks very pleasantly with Mr. H. J. Clarke and Mrs. Flora Miles, of St. Inigo's return to her home in Frederick County.

The County Commissioners met at the Plank Bridge last Wednesday, carefully examined the structure and awarded the contract to repair the bridge to Joseph H. Milburn at \$68.

L. Herbert Wise, of Beauve, has completed a thorough business course under Prof. Goodwin, of New York City, and at Strayer's Business College, Baltimore. We wish him great success.

It is one thing to have a good stock of goods and another thing to properly display it. Loker & de Waal have the stock, and they also have it beautifully displayed. Go and see for yourself. Bead their adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meverell Loker, of Leonardtown, returned home last Monday morning. Mrs. Loker, who has been quite sick, is greatly improved in health. Her many friends are delighted to see her again at home.

Friday last, Samuel V. Hayden, Esq., of Washington, sold at Trustee's sale a 4 1/2 acre lot on St. Patrick's Creek, Milestone district, improved by a six-room dwelling, for \$1525. Capt. Fred McWilliams was the purchaser.

The sleet storm that began last Saturday night was the severest for a number of years. Many trees were broken down and on account of falling limbs and ice it was very dangerous Sunday and Monday to pass along the roads.

Mrs. S. A. Rooker died at her residence near Valley Lee Monday, December 18, 1905, and was buried at Poplar Hill last Tuesday. A daughter, Mrs. Bryan, survives her, who has the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in her bereavement.

Monday last, a colored boy named Jesse Thomas was shot in the shoulder by the accidental discharge of his gun while he was walking on the ice. Drs. Johnson and Greenwell rendered the necessary surgical attention and removed, we are told, a portion of the boy's shoulder bone.

Because of accident to her machinery, the steamer Northumberland did not make her Sunday's trip to this wharf. She reached here about 8 A. M. Tuesday on her way to Washington. A large quantity of poultry brought to the wharf Sunday was hauled back home by the disappointed shippers.

Present indications are that Senator John P. Moore, of Worcester county, will be elected President of the Senate and Carville D. Benson of Baltimore county, Speaker of the House. Dr. Richard Hill's chances for the speakership were marred by opposition in his own county. Hon. Murray Vandiver seems certain to win the State Treasurership.

Parties who propose caring for partridges and other game birds during the winter may obtain blank requisitions covering expenses of feeding the same by applying to State Game Warden John W. Avermore, either at Cumberland or Baltimore. The practice of feeding the birds has been vogue for the past six years and has led to good results.

### ST. INIGO'S ITEMS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Winter, clad in robes of snow, is with us.

No drones hereabout. Every man tries to show by some generous act and some brave exertion that he does not live in vain—that he is not a mere cumberer of the soil. Men who stop a few moments to seriously think know that all worldly possessions are precarious, but philosophy and virtue they may call their own.

Rats are said to be very destructive, despite the fact that cats are not gloved. A few blue ones are seen.

Sickness, disappointments etc., seemingly alternate with some persons. Are not these visitations descriptive of the vicissitudes of human affairs?

Recently Mr. Henry Wible butchered three hogs, sixteen months old, which weighed respectively, 475, 417 and 410, and one eleven months old, 275 pounds.

We like to see persons laugh, but would caution a few acquaintances that laughter which is purchased by the sacrifice of decency costs too much.

We take this occasion to ask the Editors of the Beacon to excuse our scarcity of items, as health, which is, perhaps, a subtle thing, yet most importantly palpable to our senses and perceptions, has not blessed us for three weeks.

Irrecoverable time will soon bring the festival of the birth of Him who is the bright morning star of all human hope. Angels attune your harps to His praise. Exalt His name in seraphic strains, while man, weak man, can only hiss His rapture.

AZZANA.

### Some Pointed Paragraphs.

When one is neither elated nor depressed his mind is well balanced.

When one reaches the topmost round of the ladder the world greets him as a tower of strength.

When one begins to think himself somebody the world takes a different view.

When heaven's secretary shall announce the end of all time somebody will be saying wait a minute, and some 'gurl' will be telling some fellow that she will marry him when the roses come again.

When one delays until tomorrow what can be done today the moments snuggle in his face.

When one accepts chance for certainty he runs the risk of being doubly disappointed.

When there's a will without a way we have to take the will for the deed.

When one thinks of nothing his mind is engaged in idle thought.

When beauty frowns in diversion she but forms a wrinkle to her brow.

When all the world is at rest old Mother Time's at her post.

When a 'purty gurl' gets angry she should take a peep in the mirror and a man said T. J. should could a hundred.

When we write again, why, it will be something else.

UNCLE NED.

[COMMUNICATED.]

TALL PINE, MD. Dec. 18, 1905. The merchants of this place have their stores full of choice goods.

There is much sickness in the different nearby localities. Elwood, a seven year old son of Capt. W. Warren Clark, died recently of whooping cough.

I notice that the little boys of this place have caught a few hares this season. It does not require a Daniel to tell that within a few years game of all kinds will be extinct. The cupidity of man cannot be expressed here. Even song birds are killed and maimed—for sport! The destroyers of innocent birds seemingly have no feeling—their minds are darkened like the heavens, when black clouds spread through the expanse.

Roads sloppy and full of ruts and holes in places. Christmas is near. Does it not remind us that we are reconciled to God—the offender is restored to peace and hope? LILY.

Letter To Santa Claus.

LEONARDTOWN, Dec. 18, 1905. My Deaa Santa Claus:—I am five years old and live in Leonardtown. I have been a very good little boy, for mamma said so, and I hope you will bring me lots of nice things. I want a pony, four dogs, kitten, wagon, tool-chest, boat, a hoop with bells, goat, parrot and cage, apples, candy, cake, oranges, bananas, nuts, raisins, etc.

Your loving little friend, ALFRED DILLOW.

Religious.—Divine Service at the residence of Mrs. Hodgdon near Millstone on Thursday December 28th, 1905 at 11 o'clock. The public invited. MILLARD F. MINNICK, Rector.

Public Sale.

Attend the sale of personal property of John H. Mattingly at Charlotte Hall on Saturday, December 30, '05.

### Mr. Posey's Wound Fatal.

Mr. John D. Posey, who was shot by the accidental discharge of a pistol at his home, 202 Aisquith street, Tuesday evening, died at 6 A. M., Saturday at the City Hospital, where he was sent by Dr. J. E. Heard, the husband of his sister, with whom he lived.

Coroner Martin gave a certificate of accidental death. The funeral took place Monday afternoon from the undertaking establishment of George Schilling, Monument and Aisquith streets.

Mr. Posey was 45 years old. He is survived by one sister besides Mrs. Heard—Mrs. William B. Thomson—who lives with Mrs. Heard. The illness of Mrs. Thomson, resulting from the accident to her brother, has caused the family to arrange to have the funeral from the undertaking establishment.

Mr. Posey was not married. He was a buyer for Hamilton Easter & Sons for ten years and spent eight years with O'Neill & Co., in the same capacity, leaving there two years ago. For several months last summer he conducted a restaurant on Fayette street, near Howard, but for the last three months had been a tobacco salesman. He had many friends.—Sun.

### HOW TO AVOID COLDS.

Dr. Bosley Advises Fresh Air in Sleeping Rooms.

PREFERS COTTON UNDERWEAR.

Dr. James Bosley, Commissioner of Health, was asked yesterday to give some rules for health in winter. He said that to avoid taking cold there are three important things to be observed.

First—Fresh air in sleeping rooms.

Second—Proper clothing.

Third—Warm, dry feet.

Too many persons are disposed in cold weather to sleep with their windows closed or only slightly raised from the bottom. Fresh, pure air is as necessary during the night as during the day. When one or more persons occupy the same room, unless the windows are open, the air soon becomes vitiated and the blood is not sufficiently aerated. No matter how low the temperature may be, with a sufficiency of bed covering it is possible to sleep with comfort even if all the windows in the room are wide open. Always raise one sash and lower another, in order that there may be an abundance of pure air in the room at all times. Avoid, however, sleeping in a direct draft. Our grandparents were wise in their generation when they wore their nightcaps. The custom is obsolete, but I believe many colds would be obviated if more nightcaps were worn.

"As to clothing, I believe that the use of heavy woolen undercloths is responsible for many colds. This is especially true of people who spend the greater part of their days indoors, in rooms heated to 70 or more degrees. They become overheated and when they go into the open, cold air there comes a chill which frequently results in a cold. It is wiser to use light underclothing, preferably cotton, but if wool is preferred use wool and cotton mixed. Then adapt outer clothing to the temperatures. A good plan is to have a reliable thermometer fixed to the window frame outside the room. A glance at the thermometer upon arising will show the outside temperature, and it will then be a simple matter to put on heavy or light outer clothing, as the condition requires.

"Keep the feet warm and dry. If by an chance the shoes and stockings become damp and wet, change both at once after thoroughly drying the feet.

"I do not believe in bundling up the throat and ears in this climate. It weakens the power of resistance and lays the foundation for sore throats and colds.

"In cold and wet weather breathe always through the nose. The air is thereby heated to a certain extent, while the minute hairs in the nostrils serve as a filter to intercept many germs of disease that otherwise might find their way into the throat and lungs.

"In winter more meat and other heat-producing foods should be eaten than are required in warm weather.

"By the observation of these simple rules, I am satisfied, many colds and attacks of rheumatism in those who are susceptible would be avoided."

His Duty.

He was a scrawny, shaggy-haired individual. His clothes were glossy and patched. He walked to the back door of the little farm-house and knocked. The door was opened by a pleasant-looking old woman whose smile betokened that she entertained no fear of the tattered structure confronting her.

"Well, what do you want, sir?" she asked him.

"Beef-and, mum, with a bowl of hot water washed in coffee-grounds. I'm starvin', mum, and I was just chawin' up that oak-tree in front of

your house when I saw the tidy shades in your windows, and I thought a lady what was so neat would help a weary traveler to get work."

"Work?" laughed the woman. "I've heard that excuse before. One like you asked for some victuals to get work, and when I filled him up and asked what kind of work he was going to do, he said he was going to cut holes in the atmosphere to let balloons go through easily."

"Culprit! Is it possible? I should have blown the rags from his spinal column and applied the horse-whip. I assure you, mum—"

"And another horrid creature, like you too, got a good meal from me once so's he could have strength to get to work, and when I asked him what the work was he said he was to bite Christopher Columbus' initials in barber-poles."

"Vile villain! But, mum, not so here. I am to work for a large construction company in New-York, and if you'll—"

"Well, here are some sandwiches and cake and fruit left over by the boarders that you're welcome to. What are they to construct?"

After devouring a sandwich with two bites, the hobo replied: "We are to construct a building three times higher than any sky-scraper ever erected."

"And what will your particular duty then be?" asked the kind woman innocently.

The unkempt fellow did not reply until all the eatables had disappeared. Then, as he began to walk away, he said smilingly: "My duty, mum? Well, to be honest with you, I'll elucidate. I've got to go up in an air-ship and shove the stars to one side, so that the building can get through. Thanks, awfully!"

And with that the impudent fellow disappeared around a bend in the road.—Sunday Magazine.

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