

Saint Mary's Beacon.

COUNTY NEWS.

Localwise and Otherwise.

We are having quite a spell of wintry weather.

Mrs. J. H. Reeder, of Morgans, is visiting Mrs. J. H. Key, Leonardtown.

The demand for St. Mary's land is increasing. This county is the ideal place for a home.

Householders should be particularly careful to safeguard against fire. Carefulness pays.

We have been compelled to hold for next paper several favors of esteemed correspondents.

The School Board will meet next Tuesday, Feb. 5, to audit Teachers' Reports for the Winter Term.

Last week a Salvation Army vidette was in Leonardtown collecting for the Winter campaign.

Miss Sara Vaughn, of Valley Lee, is visiting Mrs. Joseph H. Key at "Tudor Hall," Leonardtown.

Recently, George Joy, of Patuxent, sold a yoke of oxen for \$100. Capt. P. A. Gatton was the purchaser.

Rev. J. Wright, Rector of Christ Church, Chaptico, has received and accepted a call to a Washington pastorate.

We invite special attention to the change of schedule of the Patuxent Line Steamers. See schedule on first page.

Tuesday, Associate Judge Crane drew the jury for the coming March Term of the Circuit Court. See list in another column.

We invite attention to the advertisement of J. L. Connelley, Litwalton, Va. Mr. Connelley wants to buy persimmon and dogwood.

Saturday, January 26, 1907, Charles J. Moutery, of "Cloyer Hill," was married to Miss Ida T. Cusic, of Patuxent, Rev. W. R. B. Turner performed the ceremony.

Saturday next will be ground-hog day and that knowing marmot will file his predictions for the next six weeks. As a weather prophet he is generally a great success.

Saturday last, Gough A. Tippet, formerly of the Leonardtown firm of Tippet, Johnson & Foxwell, left with his family to seek a wider field. We wish him success.

Under the head, "Do you Want Help?" we publish a short article sent out by Hon. W. P. T. Turpin, State Superintendent of Immigration, which should be carefully read and considered.

The gross receipts from the supper for the benefit of St. Paul's M. E. Church, given at Moore's Hotel, Tuesday evening last, were \$100. The Ladies in charge have good reason to be proud of their success.

We give space in this issue to a letter from dear old Tom Reeder, who is now in Cody, Wyoming. We know that many BEACON readers will be glad to hear from him and will join in our regrets that he is so far from home.

Arthur Johnson, colored, a deckhand on the Westmoreland, is held in Baltimore for the action of the Criminal Court, charged with stealing \$63 from Purser Harry Beal. The money was found under the inside band of Johnson's hat.—Gazette.

We have received the Sun Almanac for 1907, and feel that there are now no questions touching current happenings during 1906 to which we cannot quickly find a correct answer. We do not see how more really valuable information could have been compressed within the narrow limits of an Almanac.

Recent Tuesday evening's supper at Moore's Hotel for the benefit of St. Paul's M. E. Church, if the Bentzows Bard really appreciates good eating, he ought to attend a Church Supper in St. Mary's. He would thereby not only tickle his palate but improve his poetry, much of which is now the product of indigestion superinduced by pie.

Last Thursday, the dwelling of Harry Brown, colored, on the Campmeeting road, Patuxent district, caught fire and was burned with its contents. The fire originated from a spark on the roof. Brown is one of the best of our colored citizens and is respected by all who know him. We hope his appeal for help will meet with a liberal response.

Monday night, of last week, the barn at James A. Watts' home in Bay district, caught fire and was burned with its contents, consisting of tobacco, provisions and machinery. The loss is probably \$700. There was no insurance on the building, but we are informed that the tobacco was insured for \$200 and the machinery for \$200. Mr. Watts is an agent for the sale of farm machinery and there was a valuable lot in the barn. The origin of the fire is unknown.

List of Jurors For March Term 1907.

FIRST DISTRICT—Alexander Beal, John T. Ross, Harry J. Clarke, J. Forrest Freeman, James Z. Graves, Raymond M. Burch.

SECOND DISTRICT—T. Edward Loker, Martin E. Combs, J. Roland Duke, John Harris.

THIRD DISTRICT—Wm. A. Somerville colored, George F. Peacock, Chas. M. Goldborough, F. Oscar Morgan, Jos. H. Greenwell, Harry M. Jones, Edward S. Jones, S. Paul Hayden, Harrison Ewell.

FOURTH DISTRICT—Fitzhugh H. Billingsly, Peter H. Mattingly, George L. Livera colored, S. Spriggs Reeves, B. Webster Burroughs.

FIFTH DISTRICT—Clarence D. Sasser, James H. Chapplear, George L. Morgan, Geo. W. Petherbridge, Thos. H. Colona.

SIXTH DISTRICT—George W. Muir, J. Thomas Dixon, Joseph C. Wible, G. Claude Abell, George T. Hutchins, William A. Burroughs, Peter N. Spalding.

SEVENTH DISTRICT—William L. Clarke colored, Wade H. Blackstone, Joseph L. Graves, Demetrius C. Hodges, R. Johnson Colton.

EIGHTH DISTRICT—Alfred Gladden colored, Edward Stone, Joseph E. Haywood, John Dawson, Stephen C. Goodrich, Martin L. Hammett.

NINTH DISTRICT—Charles E. Robrecht.

A Good Man Dead.

Saturday, January 26, 1907, Dr. James H. Miles died at his residence near St. Mary City, in the 85th year of his age. Since 1840, Dr. Miles has been engaged in the active practice of medicine in this, his native county. He was a true physician, a model man and a good citizen. He was engaged in the active practice of his profession up to the time of his death, and for fifty-six years he brought relief and consolation to the sick and suffering. As a man and as a physician he was esteemed and loved by his patients and well he deserved the high estimation in which he was ever held. Dr. Miles was twice a school commissioner of St. Mary's county—the first time chosen by popular vote, and for the second term appointed by Gov. John Walter Smith. To the work of the position he brought his most prominent characteristic—whole-souled devotion to duty—and, when last in office, though nearly four score years of age and living about eighteen miles from the school office, during his six years' term, he missed but one meeting of the Board and then because he was detained at the bedside of a dangerously sick patient. He was a man of sound and solid judgment, who looked fairly at both sides of a question, and when he assumed a position held to it firmly and upheld it ably and boldly. Such a man was of necessity a factor for good in his community and his death is a real calamity. Dr. Miles was four times married, and is survived by a son, who is now in the West, a daughter Miss Juliette Miles, and wife, who was a daughter of the late lamented Dr. H. Bean. His remains were buried Monday, in the family lot at St. Mary's City. May he rest in peace!

St. Inigo's Items.

Mr. Editor:—The attention of farmers is mostly engaged with their cattle. They are also having wood cut, and the laborers realize from sixty (60) to seventy-five (75) cents a cord. At this rate the cutters make from \$2 to \$4 a week.

Roads are in fairly good condition, and I know that our supervisor does his very best to keep them so. Doctors are kept very busy attending the sick as there is an epidemic of the grip in this section.

Oystermen find few days suitable for oystering, but when they do they make from three (3) to five (5) dollars a day.

Some of the Islanders who set nets for fish are getting in a supply of poles.

Mechanics do a fairly good business, considering the conditions of the weather, etc.

Dr. James H. Miles died Friday last, and was buried Monday. He was a fine physician and a good citizen and will be greatly missed.

SHOSHONE DAM, CODY, WYOMING, Jan. 21, 1907.

Dear KING.—It has been so long since I have seen or heard from you I just thought to myself I would write I few lines to my old St. Mary's friend and tell him about my trials and tribulations.

You know I was turned out of the warehouse for voting the Democrat ticket, nominated by the Democrats of the county, and, so had to look for a job, and the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty gave me a position in the Guaranteed Attorneys Department to work the large cities in the interest of their bonded attorneys in the smaller towns; i. e., to get the lawyers of the large cities to place any forwarding business they might have with our bonded attorneys.

I was in St. Louis at work, and was hustling expecting to get home for Christmas, but was informed that, instead of coming home, I was wanted, if I was willing, to hold myself in readiness to move to the Pacific Slope at a moment's notice.

I left St. Louis the first day of the New Year. The trip through the great State of Missouri, which took one day, was very interesting. The land all the way was black with richness, though the farms did not look well tilled. The corn crop was large, and it was shucked and in pens which looked to be about ten or twelve feet square, with no cover whatever, and these pens were plentiful.

The public roads were miserable—worse than our St. Mary's roads. The railroad bed seems to be made of burnt clay, something like the refuse of a brickyard and ballasted with the same material.

I reached Kansas City at 5 p. m., and at 6 started for the wild and woolly West. Next day, when I awoke we had passed the home of the greatest man in this country. What say you? I should like to have had a day in Lincoln, if it could have been, but my ticket was straight through.

In Nebraska, I saw nothing but bleak and barren hills covered with snow with not a tree to be seen. The only thing we had to break the monotony of the trip was when the conductor came through and said there was a wreck ahead. It happened to be a freight train. I could not learn if any person was hurt, but saw about 40 fat heaves lying along the side of the road. When I came in sight of a tree, I took off my hat to it, for I felt like meeting a friend.

At Toluca we changed cars for Cody, Wyoming—130 miles away, and it took us from 8 a. m. to 10.15 p. m., to get there. In going from Toluca to Cody you have to cross the Pryor Mountains, which are 8,000 feet high, and most of the way you could look out of the car window thousands of feet below. But, this was only fun to what was to come. When we got to the station, instead of being at Cody, we were one mile and a-half away. So I got in the bus for the Irma Hotel. The driver, after getting all in he could, started his four horses in a gallop, and down hill and up hill, it was all the same. I know John Gilpin did not go faster. When we reached the hotel I could hardly register.

Cody is a nice little town of about—(but they tell lies down there, I can say to you Brother King, for you are nearly twenty-five hundred miles away and can't tell these fellows)—seventeen hundred inhabitants, they say. Mind I didn't say I doubted it! The town was started about five years ago by Col. Cody or Buffalo Bill. The Irma Hotel was built and is still owned by him. It is two stories high and will compare with many Eastern hotels. The material used in the construction is native stone. In the building are many and fine paintings of Western scenes and nearly every room is ornamented with buffalo and stag heads. I was introduced to the Colonel, and after taking me through the hotel and out-buildings, we went to his private room and smoked good cigars. They have two banks here—both doing good business—some fine brick storehouses, well filled with fine stocks of goods and two papers, of which I will send you copies sometime soon.

I stayed in Cody from Thursday night until Saturday evening, when a two horse buggy drove from camp for me. We first crossed the Shoshone River on a fine bridge and then started up the canyon over a road built by the government at considerable cost. This road is cut in the side of the mountains, and in some places is tunneled. In most places it is 500 or 600 feet above the river bed and with rocks seamed with cracks hanging over your head and looking just ready anytime to slip down and save burial expenses. They made such ugly faces at me that I refused for sometime to be introduced, but after getting acquainted I now look at them in a friendly way.

Well, after a drive of double, double toil and trouble we reached camp.

I found the camp a lot of shanties with rocks leveled for the foundation, built of boards, nailed to 2x4, with tar-paper on top and sides. Well for us and then they are but one story high, as the wind blows down this canyon nearly all the time and often at the rate of 60 miles an hour.

The Shoshone River which was called by the Indians by the very appropriate name of "Spinking Water", is not very much wider than the Mackintosh run, until the snows in the mountains begin to melt when it is a rushing torrent.

Here our company is to build for irrigation purpose, the largest dam in the world. First we are to tunnel the mountain for the river to run through, while we dredge out the bottom sixty feet or more for the foundation of our dam. When this is finished we will commence on the dam. We are working now about 100 men and expect to put on many more, but the weather has been so cold since I have been here, that it was hard to get work done. The snow has been and still is 6 or 8 feet deep, and the thermometer is ranging from 10 to 17 degrees below zero. We have a large cook house where all the men eat. We have a table to ourselves and while we use iron knives and forks and drink and eat from tin cups and plates, the fare is good and well cooked.

If I can stand being away from St. Mary's, I will write you again. Your old friend, T. A. REEDER.

Supper at Laurel Grove.

The ladies of Mt. Zion Methodist Church, will give a supper for the benefit of their Church, Wednesday, February 6th next, at the residence of Mrs. Victoria Buckler in Laurel Grove from 7 to 10 p. m.

Those who have partaken of these feasts heretofore can bear witness to their elegance and abundance and money's worth. A very cordial invitation is extended by these ladies to their former patrons and friends and neighbors to come to this feast of good things. It shall be equal to former ones. Heep these ladies in their work and labor of love.

Do You Want Help?

The way now seems to be plain for the farmers and housewives of this county to obtain all the help they need. Governor Warfield has requested the State Bureau of Immigration to promptly take advantage of the decision of Secretary Straus of the Department of Commerce and Labor in the South Carolina case, and the officials of the Bureau have right willingly complied. Under this decision the State can import laborers, which an individual cannot do.

Secretary August F. Trappe of the Bureau of Immigration says: "We have already begun work and will shortly send an agent abroad to secure the first party of immigrants. What is important for us to know now is just how many persons are wanted, what they are expected to do and what they will be paid. For instance, John Jones writes us that he wants a man for general farm work and will give him \$15 a month and board, and Samuel Smith sends us word that he will take a man and wife with their family, giving the man \$25 a month, house rent, firewood, garden and cow pasture. Now if several hundred farmers will promptly send us similar letters we will know just what to do, how many people to bring over and what kind. We cannot bring more than there are places for, because the State must guarantee to take care of them unless they get employment.

"Mr. Louis T. Weis, United States Commissioner of Immigration at Baltimore, informs us that the contract labor law does not apply to women who come as domestics, therefore applications can be made direct for a woman to do general housework for Mrs. Brown, Smith or Jones at specified wages. We will arrange to supply such help as far as possible."

Religious Notice.

There will be preaching at St. Paul's Methodist Church, next Sunday at 11 o'clock, A. M. by the pastor. And at Mt. Zion Church at 3 P. M. A cordial invitation to all is extended to attend these services. H. R. MILLER, Pastor.

People who intrust their money to a bank want to know something of its financial strength. We fully recognize this right, and gladly furnish depositors all information. See President's statement on first page.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ST. MARY'S.

Surveying.

Mr. Lewis C. Thompson, Surveyor, has removed from the 1st. to the 3rd. Election District. Persons desiring his service can have a ready response by addressing him at Comp. on, Md.

Boat for Sale.

One "Flatty" 30 feet long, 12 1/2 feet wide, carries 250 bushels of oysters. Price \$275. In good repair. For particulars apply to P. W. DENBAR & Co., Jan 17—mp

Wire Fencing at COST Buggies at COST

Expecting to leave the County in a short time, I will sell AMERICAN FENCE for one month very close to cost. This will afford my county friends an opportunity to buy the BEST Fencing at the LEAST cost.

I will also order for anyone a BUGGY or any kind of VEHICLE saving from \$10 to \$25 on same.

Write, stating your needs and take advantage of this chance.

D. W. COPPAGE, Valley Lee, Md.

Dec 20—

Storehouse and Goods For Sale.

AT AUCTION.

I am selling out stock of good, at cost and under cost.

Dry-Goods, Hats, Shoes, Clothing, Groceries, &c.

A horse and buggy, a wagon, a cow, Storehouse and Dwelling and 40 acres of land for sale.

Come and get real bargains.

I will close out all my goods at public auction on

Thursday, February 14, '07.

CHAS. MILLISON, The Factory, Great Mills, P. O., Md.

Aug 8—

Go To W. H. B. WISE

SUCCESSOR TO

Hayden & Bullock,

for your groceries, vegetables, fruits and confectioneries.

GROCERIES.

Meat, fish, flour, lard, coffee, tea, sugar, cheese, etc.

VEGETABLES.

Cabbage, potatoes, onions, celery, etc.

FRUITS.

Apples, oranges, lemons, bananas, etc.

NUTS.

A full line of nuts of every variety.

CONFECTIONERIES.

Our stock of cakes and candies cannot be beat.

CANNED GOODS.

We have canned goods of every kind.

NEW! A new stock of shoes just received. Give me a call.

September 6—

Horses For Sale.

Pair of all round, good horses; age 9 years. Apply to J. FRANK SMITH, Scotland, Md.

Michaelson & Levinson,

Manufacturing Jewelers,

DEALERS IN

Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry

We have our place fitted up with the most modern make of jewelry. You will find in our store the finest and most artistic jewelry. No matter what you need we assure every customer entire satisfaction. Our store is located at

824 E. Baltimore St., Baltimore, Maryland.

All orders by mail will receive the most careful attention by Saul Levinson, formerly of St. Mary's county.

TRUEMAN C. SLINGLUFF,

Proprietor of the

Wicomico Roller Mill

Manufacturer and Dealer in

FLOUR, FEED and MEAL,

Blackstone, P. O., Md.

Orders solicited. Terms, Cash.

Grinding Days.—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

CLEAN, DAY WHEAT and CORN wanted at market prices.

Send in a trial order and be convinced that it is to your interest to deal with the "Wicomico Mill."

Dec 30—

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Under a contract with the Singer Sewing Machine Co. I am prepared to offer the Singer and Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines at very low prices for cash or on two years time without note or interest.

Will be glad to leave a

SINGER, WHEELER & WILSON MACHINE,

for trial without a cent in advance, and instruct persons free at my own expense. I also do repair work.

Before buying from any one else, would like to submit my terms and prices.

Phone No. 35—2

P. T. GRAVES, Laurel Grove, Md.

Sept. 20—

THE OLD STAND. Leonardtown.

A FULL AND COMPLETE LINE OF

General Merchandise

OF THE BEST QUALITY.

And everything necessary to make up a first-class store. We solicit your patronage.

An elegant line of Men's Shirts, Ties and Hosiery.

Loker & de Waal,

HERMAN O. DUDLEY, JAMES J. GREENWELL, FRANK S. DUDLEY.

Dudley & Carpenter

125 LIGHT STREET, BALTIMORE.

Commission Merchants,

Sell Tobacco, Grain and Country Produce. Particular attention given to the careful sampling of Tobacco.

Henry K. Field & Co.,

Lumber, Shingles, Laths,

Doors, Sash, Blinds and Building Material

OF ALL KINDS, ESTIMATES FURNISHED.

OFFICE, 115 N. UNION ST.

FACTORY, 111 N. LEE ST.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Pea Hill Steam

Saw & Grist Mill,

St. Jerome's Creek, Md.

CHAS. RICARDS, Proprietor.

This is the age of inventions, and I have availed myself of the same, and have purchased an engine, that will cut and saw lumber of the most approved make. I am prepared to do the best possible work in the shortest time. I use French bars and the most durable. I use a steam boiler and the most powerful. I use a steam engine and the most powerful. I use a steam engine and the most powerful. I use a steam engine and the most powerful.

June 8—

Wm. Keiles,

Graduate in Optometry.

Philadelphia Optical College.

Myopia, Hypermetropia and Astigmatism successfully treated. Eyes tested FREE.

County residence, Hermanville, Md.

March 1, '06—

Farm For Sale.

I wish to dispose of my farm "PROSPECT HILL," opposite Leonardtown, containing 100 acres, with 200 acres of woods. The farm is well improved, with a good water-draw with oyster shells. Good dwelling-house of 7 rooms and cellar. Tenant house, large barn with 1000 scales in house, water-draw with oyster shells, and oyster facilities. Good oyster grounds can be taken under the "Hanna Oyster Law."

Also farm in First Election District, known as "Gum Hill," containing 100 acres. Large oyster shells, also in good repair.

Also farm on Brittons Bay, near Abell's wharf in the Third Election District, containing 100 acres, improved by dwelling, barn, etc., in good repair. Excellent fishing and oyster facilities. Good oyster grounds can be taken under the "Hanna Oyster Law."

Farm on St. Jerome's Creek, containing 100 acres, desirable for a home and its valuable oyster grounds, known as "Coney Point" and recently occupied by Jerry B. Wrightson.

Also farm on Potomac River, in 3rd Election District, of St. Mary's County, containing 100 acres, known as "White Point." Excellent fishing and oyster facilities. Good oyster grounds can be taken under the "Hanna Oyster Law."

Wm. SEVENSALL, LOKER, ASY, Leonardtown, Md.

Oct. 6, '06—

ST. MARY'S COUNTY REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

No. 1. Farm, beautifully situated on the Potomac River, between Brittons Bay and Pines Point, 600 acres—200 acres arable land, divided into 4 fields of 30 acres each. Land well improved, with a good water-draw, and a good oyster shell. Good dwelling-house of 7 rooms and cellar. Tenant house, large barn with 1000 scales in house, water-draw with oyster shells, and oyster facilities. Good oyster grounds can be taken under the "Hanna Oyster Law."

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Dissolution of Copartnership.

The Copartnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Greenwell & Hearn, for the manufacture and sale of brick, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. P. F. Greenwell will have sole charge of the settlement of the business of the late firm.

P. F. GREENWELL, W. J. HEARN.

Novi—

List Your Farms.

No charge unless sale is made.

If landowners in St. Mary's county having farms for sale will send description and price a satisfactory arrangement may be made to thoroughly advertise the farms via of charge to the owners. I will be in Leonardtown every Tuesday and Saturday and on other days at home at "Prospect Hill." List your farms with me. GEO. F. PARST, Leonardtown, Md.