

# Saint Mary's Beacon.

## COUNTY NEWS.

### Localwise and Otherwise.

Miss Marie Smith, of Baltimore, is visiting the family of Dr. Thomas Lynch, Leonardtown.

Rev. Joseph Zwing, S. J., was a visitor to the Jesuit Residence, Leonardtown, last week.

The Bishop of Washington will preach at St. Peter's church, Leonardtown, Thursday, May 30, at 4 p. m.

The continued cold weather is very disheartening to farmers, but we are in hopes of better weather coming.

Read the notice of County Treasurer Combs, published in this issue, and meet him when he visits your district.

On our first page we print a letter from Norfolk giving an account of one of the greatest attractions of the "Warpath."

Mrs. Wm. Meversall Loker and son, Leslie, of Leonardtown, who have been visiting in Baltimore have returned.

Confirmation will begin in the Catholic Churches of St. Mary's county, next Monday, June 3, at Mechanicsville.

Judge Crane, who has been attending the Circuit Courts of Prince George's and Charles counties, will likely return to his home today.

The Sunday Sun's political prophet foretells the nomination of John Wirt Randall, of Annapolis, as the Republican candidate for Governor.

The St. Mary's Lumber Company has purchased of S. Paul Hayden, of Leonardtown, his saw mill, together with lath and shingle attachment.

Charles J. Evans, of St. Mary's county, died at Montevue Hospital, Frederick, Md., May 25, 1907. He was sent to the Hospital, June 28, 1873.

Friday last, Mrs. Lafferty and Miss Lillia Dent, of Oakley, accompanied by Mr. Harry Jones, of Leonardtown, paid the Beacon an appreciated visit.

Mrs. P. W. Link, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. S. D. Wilson, Leonardtown, left for home last Sunday, much to the regret of friends here.

Mr. Davidson and son, of Hancock, Pa., arrived on today's steamer with their assistants, to begin work on the lighting, heating and hydraulic plant for Hotel St. Mary's.

"Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party" will be rendered at the "Town Hall", Leonardtown, next Monday, June 3, for the benefit of All Saints and St. Andrew's Parishes. See ad.

Next Tuesday, June 4, proximo, will be the day for the sale of properties advertised in default of taxes. If your property is in the list, be on hand and protect your interests.

Wednesday last, Justice Colton, of Mechanicsville, fined Capt. Edward Hayden \$50 for violating the Potomac Oyster Law. The arrest was made by the "Bessie Jones."

Robert, seventeen year old son of Jackson B. Abell, died at his father's residence in Leonardtown district last Saturday. The remains were buried at St. Aloysius graveyard on Monday.

Rev. Joseph F. Hanselman, S. J., Provincial of the Maryland-New York Province, is making his annual visitation to different Jesuit Missions. He spent a few days in St. Mary's.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Point Lookout Confederate Cemetery at Leonardtown, Monday, June 3, proximo. All the members are earnestly requested to attend.

Monday last, quite a severe storm of wind, rain and hail passed over portions of St. Mary's. In Deep Falls section the hail is reported to have been heavy and to have done considerable damage.

May 11, 1907, J. Merrick Frere, Norfolk, Va., real estate broker, sold for Mrs. Katherine L. Ebaugh, of Baltimore Creek, her farm on St. Jerome's Creek, this county, to H. M. Lewis, of New York.

Alexander Hayden died May 18, 1907, at the residence of his mother, Mrs. Nannie Hayden, 1330 Hollins Street, Baltimore. Mr. Hayden was 27 years of age and was a son of the late Alex. Hayden, of Holly wood.

Because of the late receipt of several favors of correspondents we were unable to get them into type in time for this week's issue. We print on Wednesday in order to get the paper in Thursday morning's mail.

At Saturday's meeting of the Racing Association it was determined to have racing on the local tract on July 23, 24 and 25. The association will meet again next Saturday to elect officers and to prepare a program.

A delegation from Somerset county, Pa., was in Leonardtown last week to look at St. Mary's properties. J. C. Howard, local agent for the Soule Co., showed them around. They expressed themselves as much pleased with the county.

James McWilliams died at his residence at "Broad Neck", on St. Clement's Bay, Friday, May 24, 1907, aged about 74 years. Mr. McWilliams was a son of the late James McWilliams, one of the most prominent men of his day in the county. The deceased was a truly good man and a pious Christian. His remains were buried at Sacred Heart Cemetery last Sunday. May he rest in peace.

Mrs. William McKinley, wife of the lamented President McKinley, died at her residence, Canton, Ohio, last Sunday evening. Mrs. McKinley was a truly good woman and her life was an ornament and an inspiration to the noble womanhood of America and of the world. She accompanied her distinguished husband, when, during his first term as President, he visited Leonardtown. Mrs. McKinley was passionately fond of little children, and during her brief stay in the town made a great pet of Lillie Herbert. We trust that with her husband she is now enjoying the happiness of Heaven.

### ST. INIGO'S ITEMS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

For the future I shall write lady and gentleman; for man and woman are words which grate unpleasantly upon the ears of a few society folks. I'll not be idiotic. Pardon please.

Hydrophobic dogs have passed this way, and sheep, hogs, etc., have died in consequence of being bitten.

No elders of Mormonism are seen. There is no inducement for them in this land of monogamic marriages.

Mr. H. J. Clark, near St. Inigo's, postoffice, is consigning wood to Washington, D. C. Wood, it is said, commands acme figures a cord in said city.

The readers of the BEACON are glad to know that "Uncle Ned" is in the land of the living. They like to read what he has to say, as he says it well.

A number of persons speak of chartering a boat for the purpose of going to Jamestown during the Summer.

Farmers work hard. They keep up-to-date with improved ways with an emphasis.

Teachers do their duty, and for ought-I know pupils get a well-rounded primary education.

No three-card monte and gold brick bipeds pass this way.

Some sickness, principally influenza or La Grippe.

From what I can intelligently understand, doctors prefer to use Antikamnia to the hypodermic use of morphia, because, I suppose it leaves no bad after effects, etc.

Rev. Father Mathews lost a fine two year old colt recently.

Mrs. Josie Sterling, of Virginia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Laura Raley, of St. Jerome's Neck.

Despite much rain the vast and glorious dome above me is frequently pastilled with aureate flushes of glowing clouds.

Cut worms are busily at work, and replanting corn and tomatoes forms a part of the work of farmers and gardeners.

Mr. Abell, road supervisor, has constructed a substantial bridge over Crook's Run between St. Inigo's and St. Mary's City.

News scarce. You must make due allowance for me; for it will be many years before I reach the crest of Life's hill and turn my eyes upon the Valley of the Shadow beneath.

**Orphans' Court.**  
Tuesday, May 28, 1907. Court met—all the judges present.

Last will of James McWilliams admitted to probate.

Last will of Henry Wingate admitted to probate.

First and final account of William T. Bailey, guardian to Annie Knott filed and passed.

First and final account of Wm. T. Bailey, admr. John T. Cully, filed and approved.

First and final account of Edmonia Curtis and Jos. E. Curtis, admr. of John L. Curtis filed and approved.

Inventory of the personal estate of George B. Dent, deceased, filed and approved, and order for sale granted. Court adjourned for June 11, 1907.

**Mrs. Mary R. Baden.**  
Mrs. Mary Katherine Baden, 64 years old, died Saturday of heart failure at her home, 2105 North Calvert street. Mrs. Baden was the widow of Dr. J. A. Baden. A native of St. Mary's county, she came to Baltimore in 1872. One son—Mr. Richard T. Baden—survives her.

**Religious.**  
Divine service at the residence of Mrs. Hodgdon, near Millstone, on Thursday, June 6, at 11 o'clock. A. The public invited.  
MILLARD F. MINNICK, Rector.

**May Procession.**  
A very pretty May procession was held at Newtown church on Whit Sunday. About sixty children clad in white with bouquets in their hands marched in procession in honor of our Blessed Lady. Miss Violet Heard was Queen and her Maids of honor were Misses Lillian Payne and Ethel Graves. Visitors from other parishes came to see the procession as the weather was so inviting. Benediction was given.

Sixty-three children marched in the May procession at Our Lady's Chapel on last Sunday. There was no rain from 2 p. m. until 6 o'clock. The children were dressed in white with crowns of flowers on the heads of the girls and flowers in their hands. The flowers were afterwards placed on the altar of the Blessed Virgin. Miss Grace Floyd was Queen and crowned the statue of the Blessed Virgin. She was attended by Misses Blanche Norris and Wilhemina Goldsboro as maids of honor. Several large girls joined in the procession. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given at the end and hymns were sung. The children renewed their Baptismal promises.

**St. John's Church.**  
On next Sunday, there will be a High Mass at ten o'clock at St. John's church, Holly wood, and a Procession with the Blessed Sacrament in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Curtis on Monday morning, June 10, at 9 o'clock. Examination of Candidates will be held on next Tuesday afternoon. All must be present on that day unless it is stormy.

**Confirmation Services.**  
Right Rev. Bishop Curtis will administer Confirmation in the churches of St. Mary's county as follows:  
Monday June 3, p. m. Mechanicsville.  
Tuesday June 4, a. m. St. Joseph's.  
Wednesday June 5, a. m. Sacred Heart.  
Thursday June 6, a. m. Holy Angels.  
Friday June 7, p. m. Newtown.  
Saturday June 8, a. m. Medley's Neck.  
Sunday June 9, a. m. Leonardtown.  
Monday June 10, a. m. St. John's.

**Mad Dogs.**  
TALL PINE, Md., May 27, 1907.  
Mr. Editor:—Permit me to call your attention to the fact that mad dogs frequently pass through the district, biting farm animals, all of which die in horrible spasms. I give this fact as a timely warning to the citizens of other districts. I am assured that the human subject is not as liable to hydrophobia as the lower animals. This, however, should not make the superior animal careless.

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First National Bank of St. Mary's, Leonardtown, Md.

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Remember there is only one more week to have your property listed in our large new catalogue. Write quick for blanks.  
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**Dental Notice.**  
Dr. L. E. Payne, dentist, will hereafter be at his office in Leonardtown permanently, and will visit parties at their homes in all parts of the county on notification.

**Undertaking.**  
William C. Mattingly, of Leonardtown, Md., and A. C. Welch, of Chaptico, Md., having formed a co-partnership, under the firm name of

**William C. Mattingly & Co.,**  
for the conduct of the

**UNDERTAKING BUSINESS,**  
inform the general public that they are prepared to attend Funerals from Leonardtown, at short notice and on reasonable terms.

**EMBALMING A SPECIALTY.**  
Trimmings and ornaments of all kinds for Burial Cases kept constantly on hand. Ready-made Coffins, of all sizes and of various styles, always in stock. Personal attention given at funerals, and satisfaction guaranteed in all cases. March 7, '07—d.

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We take the great pleasure in informing the Public, our store is now stocked with the newest and most seasonable goods.

Our HATS are strictly up-to-date as is our DRESS GOODS, MILLINERY, LININGS, SILKS, &c.

Among our Boys Clothing can be found the NEW PLAIDS, INVISIBLE CHECKS and BLUE SERGES.

We have in our Shoe department the latest PATENT GOLF TIES, CANVAS OXFORDS in White and Gray also a few pairs of good BLACK OXFORDS for 75 cents.

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Leonardtown, Md.  
March 28, '07—d.

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March 14, '07—d.

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A good woolen suit \$7.50 value \$4.50  
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Black, single and double breasted \$9.00 value \$6.25.  
All colors, \$15.00 value \$10.50.  
The best on earth, \$18.00 value \$12.50.

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Mens suits, sizes 15 to 19, \$2.75 to \$12.00.

When you see my line of shoes you will be sorry if you have bought from the other man. Look at my prices:  
Ladies dress shoes \$1.25 to 4.00.  
Ladies dress shoes, good values, at \$1.75 for 1.25.  
Ladies Oxfords, the latest styles 1.25 to 3.50.

A full line of Misses and childrens shoes at the right prices. I have a full line of shirts that will make you happy. All sizes.  
Working and dress shirts .21 to \$1.  
Big line of dry goods; Linens, Gingham, Percales, Calicoes, Embroideries and so forth at the lowest prices.

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LEONARDTOWN, MD.  
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A full line of nuts of every variety.

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Our stock of cakes and candies cannot be beat.

**CANNED GOODS.**  
We have canned goods of every kind. A new stock of shoes just received. Give me a call.  
September 6—d

**WANTED.**—5000 cords of Poplar, Sweet Gum & Pine for Pulp. Will be in Leonardtown, March 18 and 19 to arrange contracts with parties who desire to furnish wood of this kind. For further particulars, address  
W. I. SUTHERLAND,  
Cross Roads, Md.  
Feb 21—3m

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Oct. 25—pd tf.

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March 28, '07—d

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of Dyson & Burroughs.

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