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COUNTY NEWS.

Localwise and Otherwise.

John T. Herbert and wife, of Leonardtown, attended the K. of C. reunion at Pen-Mar.

Miss Madeleine Bailey of River Springs has returned home after visiting Miss Rose Cunningham of Baltimore.

Miss Anna Dell Milburn, of Leonardtown, is visiting relatives in Washington, Baltimore and Montgomery county.

Dr. Sotheron Key, of Washington has been visiting his father, Judge Jos. H. Key at "Tudor Hall," Leonardtown.

We have been unable to get into type for this issue several mortuary tributes and favors of correspondents.

Mrs. J. C. Longmore and Mrs. Harry Peacock and daughter, Thelma, of Leonardtown, are visiting friends and relatives in Washington.

Recently George F. Wathen, Sr., of the "Branch" sold his crop of tobacco for over \$700. He had 10 bogs-heads, the best bringing 12 cents and the "tailends" 6 cents, the pound.

The primaries are to be held next Tuesday, the 30th, instant. There being but one candidate on the Republican side, there is no ticket for that party. Hon. Thomas Parran being declared the nominee. Messrs. J. Eos Ray, Jr., and Charles H. Stanley will contest for the Democratic nomination.

The Executive Committee of the Slavonic Society of America, have perfected arrangements for the purchase of about 3000 acres of land near St. Mary's City, this county, being the portion of the old Bromo estate owned by the Humbird family of Cumberland. The committee was brought to the county by A. F. Trappe, Esq., Secretary of the State Bureau of Immigration. It is said to be the intention of the purchasers to erect a big Orphan Asylum and a commodious Home for the Aged of their race overlooking the St. Mary's River. The lands are to be farmed.

Guests at Hotel Lawrence are as follows: Mr. John T. Herbert and wife; Mr. Joseph S. Matthews and wife; Mr. R. C. Moore and wife; Mr. K. M. Barnett and wife; Miss Ethel Moore; Messrs. R. B. Brown, Wm. H. Hess, Daniel Donnelly, Thos. Gaffney, T. L. Coffern, Wm. Buck, H. L. Jor, Jno. P. McCullion, Geo. F. Herbert, Master Dudley Barnett, Frank Fagan, G. A. Horney, O. M. Horney, O. M. Spurrier, B. J. Sbermantine, W. M. Kulliger, C. J. Russell, Wilmer Russell, Milton Jones. Mr. J. B. Grover and wife; Mrs. Henrietta Hammett.

A sad Death.

Lily Herbert is dead. That sounds harsh and strange to the ears of us who loved her and we repeat it over and over and think how strange, to our feeble minds, are the ways of God. A few days ago she was young, beautiful and full of life and hope and now she lies cold and dead and a mother's earthly hopes are buried with her. She was a noble, true girl and lived a consecrated life and died a Christian death with the blessings of Holy Church to speed her parting soul. She was about to enter upon her graduating year at St. Mary's Convent, and her future was full of hope and promise and we wonder why she was taken in her bloom unless it be as flowers are picked before a blighting frost, that we may not witness their decay. She was loved by a wide circle and during the week of her mortal sickness from many a lover's heart went up the silent prayer:

"Not here, O Death not here, Is there no other flower for thee to take All the world is thine, and for our sake Oh! come not here!"

But death loves a shining mark, and came, and in the new St. Aloysius' graveyard rest the mortal remains of Lily Herbert while her spirit, we trust and believe, is with God.

Robert Haydn Dead.

News has reached us of the death at his residence at Butte, Montana, of Robert Haydn, aged 54, a former resident of Leonardtown.

Mr. Haydn was born in this county and was educated at Loyola College, Baltimore, and Blinn College, Georgia. He was connected with the editorial staffs of the Baltimore American and the Herald for some years, afterwards going to Philadelphia, where he organized a news syndicate, embracing Philadelphia, Baltimore and Norfolk. He toured Ireland foot for the syndicate and on his return to this country he became managing editor of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. He was connected with other papers in the South and West. His father, George Haydn, Sr., was, for a time, editor of the Beacon. The deceased was a cousin of Mrs. Joseph H. Key, of this town.

COMMUNICATED.

Mr. Editor, Dear Sir:—In the "Southern Planter" of July 1910, an article which reads thus—is self explanatory and instructive. A splendid object lesson in the value of Good Roads was given, and the advantageous use that may be made of the Motor Car supplementing the transportation facilities offered by the Railroads to the great benefit of Farmers and owners of Industrial Plants and Mines not located directly on rail lines, has been demonstrated in a striking manner by the movement of a car of coal from the tracks of the Southern Railway at this point to Sperryville, a distance of twenty miles. A three-ton Motor Truck being used. The eighteen tons of coal were hauled to the Tannery in two and a half days, six trips being made. In the past it has taken a good six mule team two weeks to do this work. The road over which the hauling was done is a good hard road but leads into a mountainous country and has many long and heavy grades. The saving of time and labor in this case shows what can be done to reduce the cost of moving farm, mineral and industrial produce to rail or water lines for shipments to markets.

Statistics show that while freight rates are lower in America than in any other country, the American Farmer loses the advantage that this should give him over his European competitor chiefly through the high cost of transporting his products from the farm to the railroad.

Reports by United States Consuls from twenty three points in Europe show that the average cost of carrying a ton over a mile of dirt road is between ten and twelve cents. In the United States it is twenty five cents. It has been stated that it costs as much to haul a bushel of wheat five miles to a railroad in Illinois as it then costs to send it eleven hundred miles over the railroad to Buffalo.

In the tobacco regions of West Virginia it costs five times as much to deliver that product over eight miles of mud road as it then costs to send it more than four hundred miles to Richmond.

An improved wagon road from a farm to a market or shipping point is equal to moving the farm nearer the market or shipping point, said President Finley of the Southern Railway in addressing the Mississippi Society of Washington City, in this Mr. Finley urged that every possible means be taken to rid the farmer of the South of this bad Road Tax. Where does this strike you, brother farmer and taxpayer, in the chin or back of your neck, do you not haul tobacco grain and other products to very distant markets or shipping points, year after year over bad muddy roads, and can you not deliver these products over ten miles of good hard road as cheaply as you can over seven miles of bad muddy roads. Then now is the time to consider. Now see what the "Sun" of July 27th, 1910 says.

Denton July 26 h, 1910. The annual report of County Road Engineer Hibbard A. Payne to the County Commissioners shows that during the year just ended, he earned for the county within \$135 00 of his salary of \$1500 00 by work done for various towns in grading streets and for corporations. His charges for services were paid into the County Treasury and the showing made has gratified the Board.

The total amount spent on the maintenance of County Roads and Bridges during the year was \$13,503 86. In the past two years the Engineer has cleared, widened and plowed and put into excellent condition one hundred and thirty five (135) miles of old road besides maintaining the large mileage of improved dirt road under his charge, at a cost of a little over one hundred (100) dollars a mile. Some stretches have been placed under fine shape, rounded and hardened and made entirely adequate to the traffic. The general condition of Caroline County's Highways is yearly vastly improving under the engineer system at no greater cost than was necessary under the Supervisor System, when in very rare instances were any results obtained for the money spent.

Will every body groan? For this seems to me, to be one of the loudest claps of thunder I ever heard; possibly our Commissioners Court heard this also; wonder if they did. Had they not better heed, stop one moment and then get down to business.

Can words speak louder than those just quoted. Could language be more convincing. What better evidence should any court wish. Would President Finley and the court of Caroline make incredulous statements pertaining to roads or otherwise uncalled for. Would one tell all the people that this old road system of road taxation and the method of mending them was bad medicine, rotten to the core, and the other condemn the Supervisor System to a degree of nothingness, and that here in St. Mary's where it blossoms as do the flowers of spring

time, like them it is doomed to die, should not these blessed people thank God for deliverance from a grave of mud, and should they not congratulate such a court for its disinterested interest, the push exerted; the pride they have at heart for the unbending of their county and its public highways.

Is it not a wonder that our supervisors do not throw down their worn out tools and quit their hopeless job in disgust, I wonder how very well gratified our Commissioners Court can feel at the splendid work done by their engineers (supervisors).

With \$4000 more than we are spending, the people of Caroline have plowed widened rounded and hardened 135 mile of a road and maintained many miles of improved roads at a cost of \$100 per mile. Their Road Engineer paying through services rendered on the outside within \$135 of his \$1500 salary, while we are throwing away upwards of \$15000 during the short summers of 1909 and 1910. Economy where art thou; who out of Mr. Good-judgment nose to spoil his face. Speak Commissioners, speak. Can you point to the \$8000 spent in 1909 with the slightest degree of pride, and are you at work today trying to make a better showing with a like sum at your disposal.

Will you not find every single dollar of this money into mud holes and shakely bridges. The people, the taxpayers plodding over them as best they can. Is there any reason why we should not build 500 miles of good hard road in ten years entirely adequate for all traffic in St. Mary's, if Caroline builds 135 miles in two years or 675 miles in ten years. In a letter written to our county papers on July 11th I predicted building 180 miles of hard road in ten years and maintain our old roads at a cost of \$10,000 00 per annum and my ideas it seems were not in the least exaggerated.

We can do still more, build 500 miles in ten years under the supervision of a thorough road engineer, or from 35 to 40 miles yearly with the present sum assessed for this purpose. And although this present Board hesitates to pay the tremendous sum of \$800 per annum for a competent engineer. In my opinion they would please the people much better by getting on the hunt at once for such an engineer even at a salary of \$2000 per annum.

The drawbacks discomferts wear and tear of vehicles teams which are subjected to daily means more than mind can comprehend. Defying progress hindering wealth and handicapping our future prosperity at such vital points are facts which cut like a two edged sword and to submit to such intolerance is impossible. We must have the right system and better roads. The taxpayer has a very short distance to go to prevent this squandering of our road funds, doubtless our Court knows what they are now doing is strictly contrary to law, each laying himself liable. Let us then act immediately demanding a strict fulfillment of the law, pushing this good roads movement to the front to stay.

Under adverse boat and rail facilities we are more than 100 years in the background. Our hauls to and from these shipping points are long and hard and for these great reasons we should insist more strongly than our neighbor counties upon having good road laws and that every dollar of these monies be spent in a way proving most lasting in effect.

Reader you must remember that good roads bring transportation points nearer to your farm, then your farm must necessarily be nearer to your point of transportation, this means much to you, dollars in your pocket which can be laid aside for a rainy day, or spent profitably on that farm. Either is by far a better investment for you than buying teams, vehicles etc., to be jerked to pieces on muddy roads.

Now Mr. Commissioners Court this progressive road wagon is waiting, yes knocking at your door. Give us relief or we will continue to bombard that fort until completely knocked out of existence. We desire to know what you propose doing. Continue your Supervisor System under a repealed law or improve the highways of St. Mary's County under a progressive live County. This very grave matter is up to your wise consideration at this moment. Speak!

Yours for roads,

W. P. POWELL.

LOST!

On the road from Leonardtown to Medley's Neck, a small black book in a black leather pouch. Return to St. Aloysius' Rectory and get reward.

Religious Nettles.

On account of the absence of regular pastor, Rev. Wilson Jarboe, of Frederick, Md., will hold service at St. Paul's M. E. Church, Leonardtown, at 10.30 A. M., Sunday, Aug. 22. Also, Mt. Zion at 3 P. M. same day.

St. Nicholas Festival.

The annual festival for St. Nicholas Church will take place at the new St. Nicholas Hall on Wednesday, August 31. The ladies and gentlemen of one of the oldest parishes in the county know its traditions and will not fail to be true to them in every detail this year.

Dinner will be served at 12 o'clock, under the supervision of Mrs. Abell Armstrong and a generous band of ladies and gentlemen.

The Confectionery and Ice Cream stand will be presided over by Mesdames Donald Hayden Enoch Norris and Blanche Yates.

Fancy stall is under the management of Mrs. Lizzie Cox.

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A few novel features will be introduced. Two handsome silver-headed canes will be offered for the most popular among the senior and junior gentry of the parish.

The seniors are: Frank Ford, J. W. Rowles, J. W. Freeman, John Hilton, W. W. Cecil, Harry Shade.

The Juniors will be left to the choice of the young ladies present.

Votes, 10 cents each, will be deposited at one of the booths, where a public bulletin, indicating the progress of the contest will be kept. A young lady's hat, trimmed and pressed to the order by Mrs. Oscar Morgan, will be contested for by young ladies selected on the day of the festival.

Friends of old St. Nicholas are cordially invited to receive her hospitality. A feature of the day will be a baseball game between the St. Inigo's and Cedar Point Nines.

Tournament at Solomon's.

Tournament at Solomon's, Thursday, August 25, beginning at 2 P. M., followed by a Ball at the Parish Hall in the evening. Supper will be served near the parish House for 50 cents. Knight's fee, \$1.50.

Music from Baltimore.

Prizes will be awarded the two best riders. Queen and five Maids are to be crowned.

Proceeds for St. Peter's P. E. Chapel

Leonardtown Races.

The meeting, which ran three days, was one of the best attended in the history of the ancient county of St. Mary's, and from a financial point of view, one of the most successful.

In the first heat of the first race Russell Cosine drew the pole, Black Maria second place, Palm Cosine third place, and Wolverine the extreme outside.

The race was conceded to the fast but lame Palm Cosine from the start, as he had been for the heavy work of J. C. Mott, of Washington. Therefore, public interest centered in the fight between Wolverine, Russell Cosine, and Black Maria for place honors.

Mott drove Palm Cosine an evenly raced mile and won in a raight heat. The battle for second money was between the Wolverine and Russell Cosine. Black Maria had plenty of speed, but was unsteady. In the end, after a hot contest, Russell Cosine won second place over the Wolverine.

The next race on the card was the 2.18 trot and was attended by a large crowd. Redworth, Jr., Trizie, and Redwood horse are trotters, Trizie a pacer. It was quietly thought among quite a number of persons present that the Washington mare would take the measure of the home stallion, Redworth, Jr. and she ruled a slight favorite before the start, as it was rumored that he was a trifle soft when plucked.

Bowling, however, took the handsome bay stud out in front at the word, and he soon showed that he was not to be trifled with. During three heats trotted and paced, he was Mott did to head him. Harry Bowling, of Washington, drove the son of Redworth in a superb manner, the last stepping out mile in 2.26, ceased up, over a rather heavy trap, Redwood, Jr., trotted a game mile, but was outclassed.

In the second heat Mott made another effort to win with the mare, but soon gave up the battle and only conceded himself with second money, which he won with ease.

In the running race, half mile dash, of Washington, which was also won over Henry Southern, who is also owned at this point. Elaborate is the property of Napoleon B. Plunket. Time, 57 1/2.

(Note.—The Leonardtown track, twice around in eight years over a mile.)

The opening feature of the second day was a special race for three-year-olds, in which the black filly Black Maria had the advantage, the race of the day previous having apparently put her on edge, as the saying goes. Then, too, Combs—sent to have got a line on the capricious miss, who did not want to pass the draw line on the way to score down. Black Maria is a well-turned filly and was going when on her stride, but at present wears the Indiana pajamas to make her go around the turn at speed. She won as it was expected, chased out the mare by the handsome bay filly Grace Russell, by Harry Russell.

Two special races, one between the sorrel gelding, Tredro and Redwood, Jr., in which Tredro won, and another between Palm Cosine and Redwood, in which the former won, concluded the card of the day.

The piece de resistance the big card of the meet, was on Thursday, which concluded the season. The race was a three-year-old meeting faced the horses and horsemen; there was a tang in the air and the track, all the way to the wire, was a hot one. The track was fast enough to permit Redwood, Jr., to win in 2.26, his first heat in 2.26, and a third in 2.31 hat, with 1 1/2 mile. The record made over the track, many think the fastest mile ever trotted or paced over it.

He is owned by Harry M. Jones, of Leonardtown, who bred him, and who, teamed with exceeding skill and judgment, and who held him in his lap most of the way. At that Redworth, Jr., stepped the last half in and it is believed that he can trot the mile in 2.18.

The special race, which preceded the free-for-all, was a heat of five and excited the greatest enthusiasm on the part of the gathering, as all the animals engaged were locally bred. It was five miles in all, which Russell Cosine and the two-year-old, Tredro, had to win every inch of the five miles hammer and tongs. The winner, Tredro, always a dangerous factor, and, while in the distance, but, when a smoke of battle lines, the game two-year-old boy got tremor and did not do so well. A. L. Pickett, with his long and telling stride, trotting each heat without a break, proved the victor in one of the most exciting races ever trotted or paced over the Leonardtown track.—Washington Herald.

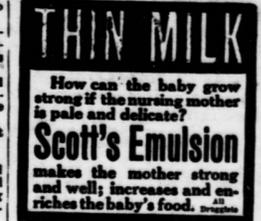
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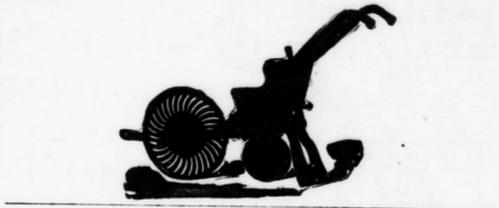
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