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COUNTY NEWS.

Localwise and Otherwise.

Note the new schedule of Potomac Steamers published in this issue.

John V. Camaller, of Washington, is visiting relatives in Leonardtown.

Recently, while fishing, F. A. Norris, St. Inigo's, killed fifty-four water-snakes.

Miss Lucie Barber, daughter of Dr. J. R. T. Barber, of Washington, is visiting relatives in St. Mary's county.

Mrs. Sarah Posey and her niece, Miss Mary Norris, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. J. H. Carroll, St. Inigo's, Md.

From 14 ewes, Dominic Raley, of St. Inigo's, raised, this season, 31 lambs. How is this for prolific sheep?

Tuesday last, Miss Althea Colison of Baltimore and Miss Fannie Joy of Hollywood paid the Beacon Office a brief visit.

The Matthews-Howard Implement Co. announce the opening of their new warehouse at Leonardtown on September 15.

Labor-Day will be celebrated at River Springs by a Pigeon Shooting and a Grand Ball at night. Oysters and crabs will be served free.

The primary of Tuesday was unusually dull, but the almost unanimous opinion of the voters was that the system was cumbersome, unnecessary and expensive.

The State road from the Leonardtown corporation limits to Sugar Hill has been macadamized and a little over half on the contract for this end of the road completed.

J. M. Padgett and Mrs. Harry Padgett, of Washington, are visiting the family of Mr. J. Richard Edwards, near Leonardtown.

Mrs. C. Bernard Edwards and son, of Mobile, Ala., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Edwards at "Settler's Rest," near Chaptico.

Rev. James M. Cotter, S. J., one of the professors of Loyola College, Baltimore, will take the pastor's place at St. Joseph's church, Morgansza, on September 4. Rev. Father Schmidt will be away on his annual retreat.

Miss Nellie B. Robinson, of Oakville, and Mrs. Robt. L. Graves, of Washington called at the Beacon office Tuesday. Mrs. Graves married a son of the late John N. Graves and, with her two sons, is visiting relatives near Oakville.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Katherine Thomas, youngest daughter of the late Capt. George and Ellen Ogle Thomas, to Dr. Henry Brouse, of New Martinsville, W. Va. The wedding will take place, September 14, at the home of Mr. Armstrong Thomas, Baltimore.

Aloysius F. King, Esq., of Leonardtown, was, August 12, 1910, admitted to the practice of the law in the Maryland Court of Appeals, and, on August 22, on motion of Robert C. Combs, Esq., was admitted to the St. Mary's bar. Mr. King has opened an office in front of the Beacon office, Leonardtown.

During the past week, there has been a re-union of Judge W. S. Coppage's children at the old home "St. George's Point." Those present were: Dr. W. G. Coppage and wife and children, of Church Hill, Md.; Dr. Ross Coppage and wife, of Baltimore, and Dudley Coppage and wife and children of Vanceboro, N. C.

Among the Summer guests who have been stopping in the Charlotte Hall neighborhood are the following:—Prof. and Mrs. Henry T. Harrison, College Park, Md.; Prof. Geo. Harrison and sons, of Howard Park, Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson Harrison, of Glyndon, Baltimore county, Md. They have been with their mother, Mrs. Julia A. Harrison.

The New Church at Beauveus, Medley's Neck.

The plans and specifications of the new church that is to replace Our Lady's Chapel have at last arrived and they are certainly notable specimens of architectural skill and elegance. These call for a church about 72 ft. long, with a front of 42 feet, and a rear elevation about 62 feet wide.

The number of pews will be sixty, thus rendering the seating capacity of the new edifice greater by one half than that of the present building which has for many generations been the shrine of the faith and consolation of many of the first families of Southern Maryland.

The style of the new temple is a mixture of the mission and the colonial designs, with a suggestion of the Renaissance here and there in the interior. At first efforts were

made to plan for either a brick or a monolithic concrete building, but as the price of such construction was found to be prohibitive, the architect, Mr. Leon Dames of Washington, who by the way, is one of the best in the capital city, has submitted drawings and specifications for a wooden frame church finished on the outside with what is known as pebble dash, a combination of Portland cement and beach sand. This presents a stone like appearance and is fireproof, thus materially reducing the insurance rates, and doing away with the need of painting.

A tower some 40 feet high and surmounted by a gilded cross, will still further set off and enhance the graceful lines of the new chapel. This will face the road, and have three entrances or exits. A confessional and a baptistery each set under deep arches, will be placed on either side of the main vestibule leading into the church, while the choir will be in an elevated recess in the wall running along side of the sanctuary. This last arrangement will obviate the necessity of the conventional choir gallery usually found at the end of church buildings. The study and sleeping room of the Pastor and a duplicate of these apartments an assistant visiting priest will be on the 2nd floor near the main tower and directly opposite on the other side of the church. Under these rooms are the large sacristies.

Wishing to use all the available materials at present in the old building Father Fink and Father Stanton have decided to tear it down, as it is thought there are bricks enough in it to completely lay the new foundations, while many believe the old sills can be made to do yeoman service in the new structure. At all events the old lumber can serve for scaffolding and perhaps for sub-flooring. Many have expressed a wish to have a photo of the old chapel, so endeared to the parish by a thousand sweet and uplifting recollections, and steps may be taken to get a good picture of the ancient fane and its historic altars.

The scheme of demolishing the old church, however laudable it may be from the view point of economy, cannot be carried out till the early Spring—say the latter part of March. It is too late now to throw down the old chapel and scatter the congregation. Winter would be upon them before the new building would be sufficiently advanced to house them for worship. So if those who have so yearned to greet the spire of a new temple to religion will be patient for a few months longer, they will as soon as the snow goes, see the corner stones of the much desired shrine laid with all the pomp and rejoicing the event deserves. In the meantime, the Pastor while gratefully acknowledging all the help received so far in the projected undertaking from the advice and direction of the Rev. Father Fink, Superior at Leonardtown, will amass the materials needed for the proposed building. He expects, following advice of the architect, to start in right away at piling up for seasoning all the lumber he can get—pine, oak, and poplar and to cut and shape as much of it as possible. If necessary he will pay for the cutting down and sawing of the timber, unless he can do better, but he wants his parishioners to invite him to go into their woods and choose his supply. He is confident that as they are not asked to contribute anything beyond the old fund to erect the new church, they will do a lot of free hauling of sand, gravel, logs, etc. Most of them have already promised to give a certain number of days free labor and they can be depended on to help largely. It is only by such generosity and co-operation on their part, that the new temple to God can go up and its cost be kept within the limits of the donation of the founders, Mrs. Archibald Barkle of Philadelphia, who has pledged herself to give \$5000 for the new chapel of Our Lady. The old fund for building, and which has been accumulating so slowly for years, will be all needed to furnish the new church with altars, altar rail, baptismal font, furnaces and piping, a confessional, 60 pews, sacristy furniture, vestment cases and lockers, and to build the sexton house.

Mrs. Barkle, known in her childhood here as Belle Armstrong, asks return for her splendid allowance only the prayers of the congregation for herself and husband, and for the repose of the soul of her stepmother, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Combs, repose in their last sleep near to the door of the present church. Daughter of the late Gen. Armstrong, a distinguished officer in the Confederate Army, Mrs. Barkle has made possible the new Our Lady's Chapel with its subtitle, "The Armstrong Memorial." It is no desire of hers to erect a monument to her family, but only to found a house of prayer. Yet this is truly a monument to her faith and filial piety, and by her contribution she revives the olden days, when zeal for the multiplication and glory of God's houses was in full flower, and true Catholics thought it a

greater gain for humanity to erect an altar to the religion of Christ than to invent smokeless powder, subsidize fleets, open dubious libraries, or ambitious speedways, found empires, or even discover new continents. Our Lady's Chapel takes this occasion to publicly thank its benefactress, and her husband and to assure both of many prayers and undying best wishes. When she comes to us next Summer to stand beneath the arches of the new church that will lift its adorning head above the woods of Beauveus she will be given the welcome she deserves and receive the honors she has merited. May all the "Old Guard of the parish be there on that and on the auspicious day of dedication; the devout, the loyal, the generous adherents and supporters of their church whose eyes perhaps are growing dim with years and watching and whose heads are silencing as they near their eternal goal; and as the old bell in the new tower rings out its familiar call may all the assembled through the young, the old, the rich, the poor, and even the dead in their consecrated graves. If this were possible, exult in the Lord that a new ark of salvation has been placed in their midst, that a new stone of perpetual sacrifice has been set before them, that a fresh adornment has come to their fields, and an everlasting protection to the homes they love. All the former pastors will be united to attend the dedicatory ceremonies, and surely Father Lancaster, who has done so much to bring about the golden prospects that are on store for Our Lady's Chapel, Beauveus, cannot be away.

September Jurors.

St. Inigo's—
J. Dallas Evans,
Lawrence P. Williams,
D. Bruce Taylor,
George L. Smith,
J. Spencer Dameron,
W. Wallace Dunbar.

Valley Lee—
James A. Jordan,
J. Wesley Freeman,
Harry W. Adams,
Columbus O. Adams.

Leonardtown—
J. Stanley Johnson,
Joseph I. Gough,
John F. Raley,
Solomon Abell,
J. Clyde Abell,
George C. Abell,
Edward B. Norris,
Berj M. Garner,
Edward B. Harrison.

Chaptico—
Philip O. Budd,
Lewis H. Davis,
J. Frank Russell,
John B. Key,
Charles L. Johnson.

Charlotte Hall—
Sam'l L. Adams,
Jesse Turner,
James D. Hayden,
Charles P. Herbert,
George H. Long,
Harry O. Roeder.

Patuxent—
E. Carroll Knight,
James T. King,
Frederick A. Norris,
J. Raley Wathen,
William D. Hoard,
G. Wilson Deard.

Milestown—
Robert M. Freeman,
John F. Simpson,
William T. Huseman,
Eugene Hall,
Francis G. Stone.

Bay—
John S. Jones,
John A. Evans,
P. Bennett Ford,
Alfred G. Sanner,
William T. Bennett,
John L. Hilton.

Island—
Edward T. Adams.

RIDGE, Md., Aug. 13, 1910.

Editor BEACON:—Sometime ago, I was shown a letter written by Mr. W. P. Powell, of Airdele, near the Ridge, stating that on a certain date he, in company with Mr. Duke, was on the way to Miller's wharf, and saw an assistant of mine on the roads, whom he claims ought to have been at work, but instead was with a companion sleeping peacefully under the old gum tree and his oxen grazing a nearby pasture, and about a quarter of a mile down the road two colored men were at work and, as he supposed, were digging out about three or four rods a day. And he also wants to know if my assistant in question was allowed his per diem for that day.

Now, Messrs. Editors, that is certainly a great reflection upon me. Yet, what the gentleman from Airdele has said, in part is true. My assistant, meeting with a friend or two did imbibe a little too freely, and though he had put in nearly a half a day [himself and oxen] still he was straightforward enough to say before those that were at the store that he would not charge for what he had done, as my friend from Airdele could find out by coming to see me.

In regard to the two men who were at work that day, will say, my assistant had plowed from Clarke's store, to some distance below the hill, which friend P. claims is about a quarter of a mile, but I can't agree with him as I think an eighth is very much closer to it. My assistant had laid off this work for them before the above unfortunate occurrence, and I think anyone with fair judgment would say he had done a pretty fair day's work.

Now, Mr. Editor, one word for myself: Since I have been Road Supervisor for the First District, I don't think anyone can truthfully say that I have not striven and toiled conscientiously to improve the roads in my care. And I ask fair-minded men to consider the means at my disposal and to view the work I have done before charging me with failure to perform my duty.

STRENUOUS C. BEAN,
Road Supervisor.

Isalah Center Dead.
Isalah Center died at his residence, Charlotte Hall, last Saturday, aged 73 years. He was one of the best and most prominent citizens of St. Mary's county. He was a man of great personal magnetism and was esteemed and admired by all who knew him. He served his county as County Commissioner, Judge of the Orphans' Court and in other offices and made an enviable record in all the positions he held. He was a model husband, father, friend and citizen and his death is a great loss to the community in which he spent a long, honored and useful life.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24, 1910.

Editor BEACON:—I am somewhat impressed with racing and breeding conditions in St. Mary's County, since my recent visit to Leonardtown, that I am impelled to present some views for the consideration of all, and especially for the consideration of merchants and business men generally of the town.

I shall attempt, through the columns of your widely circulated newspaper to state my case briefly. The inhabitants of St. Mary's, have, in large sense, inherited the sport loving instincts of their ancestors. This is manifested by the way they patronize contests between horses. Way back in Colonial days, Southern Maryland owned and bred blooded horses; some of the citizens of the section named, imported from England some of its best blood. The effect of the blood can be quickly detected in modern horse-kind, by persons conversant with blooded horses.

On this foundational stock of three and four millers, has, from time to time, been grafted trotting blood of more or less excellence. Without going too far back, I will begin with old Garrison, son of Orange Blossom, 2:26 1/2. Later the blood of Happy Russell was used. This horse represented one of the families founded by Mambrino Chief II. His sire was Mambrino Russell, by Woodford Mambrino, 2:21 1/2, and his dam was the famous Miss Russell, dam also of Maud S., and the only mare, living or dead, that has five generations in the 2:10 list, and is represented by six generations in the 2:30 list.

Following Happy Russell, and, in some measure or incident with his owning, came Combs Don Cozine, 2:10. Within the past year have been imported into the county, Lord Bingen and Bedworth Jr., representatives of race winning families. Now, there you are. These two horses, and others to come, are expected to take up the work of strengthening and vitalizing the blood already in existence; and there is not the slightest evidence in sight that they will not be successful. The recent meeting demonstrates that the public will patronize racing when properly conducted. It does not matter with them so much whether the time is slow or fast, provided every driver "tries" and drives his mount as if his life was at stake. What enthuses the public is close finishes, and to produce this result horses must be deftly and skillfully classified.

Betting on races is a more incident of the sport, and, if not carried to extremes adds to its zest. Betting is much like strong drink, a good servant, but a dangerous master. Betting is a form of gambling on results, and when the appetite of man is once whetted by speculation, it is apt to grow into a strong passion that gets beyond one's control; hence its danger. Another proposition I lay down is this: When racing becomes a business, instead of a sport, it becomes a public nuisance; it passes beyond the border-line of sport and becomes a menace to the morals of a community, where bookmaking and pool-selling is conducted. The moral sense of every well regulated Christian community is rising against it, and, in some states, stringent laws have been passed against it. I am well aware that book making adds to the revenues of racing associations; but, to do evil that good may come from it, is a false and a dangerous doctrine. "Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil!" is the closing sentence of the Lord's Prayer. Again: "What profit it to a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

Having said all this, I pass on to the object of this letter, which is an appeal to the business men of Leonardtown. They are as much interested in a well conducted race meeting as those who are directly associated in getting it up. The meeting brings large number of people to Leonardtown from St. Mary's and contiguous counties. These people spend more or less

money in the town among merchants and hotel managers. "In this sense the St. Mary's Racing Association is a direct financial benefit to the merchants etc. of the town. By the parity of reason it is their duty to aid, in a way, the association either by donations, or subscriptions to purses that are given. Why cannot the merchants of Leonardtown guarantee a stake and call it the "Merchants Stake". The entrance fees will almost fully, if not quite, equal the amount of the stake. Let the hotels also guarantee a stake and let it be known as "The Tavern Stake," or stake. If the owner of St. Mary's Hotel Mr. Bernard Duke, preferred he could guarantee a stake for a certain amount and call it the "The St. Mary's Hotel Stake" or stake, just as he wished.

As I understand it, the St. Mary's Racing Association, proposes to hold a meeting sometime in October. Now is the time to work up the scheme and put it in operation for the coming meeting. If it can be pulled off, it would redound to the glory and benefit of the merchants and other business men of Leonardtown. I am anxious to see the plan put into execution; not for my sake, for I have only a sentimental interest in it, but because it looks to me an excellent proposition.

L. D. SALE.

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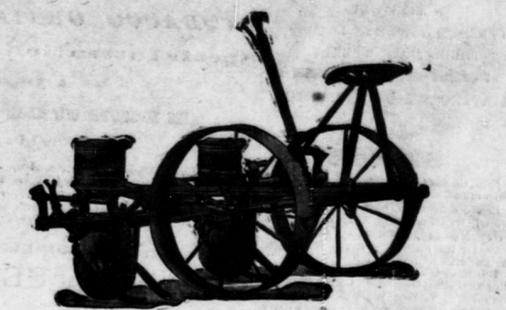
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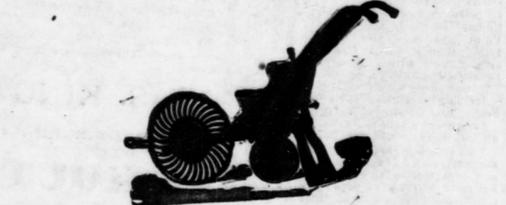
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