

Communications should reach us not later than Tuesday, in order to insure publication in current issue.

The festival season is in full swing.

Mr. J. C. Alvey, of Baltimore, is visiting his old home at Morgantza.

Trout have begun to bite. Local fishermen are making fine catches.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Reeder, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives in St. Mary's.

Mrs. William Owens, of Redgate, is visiting friends near Brentland, Charles county.

The annual colored festival of St. Aloysius Parish has been postponed to Tuesday, September 21.

Rev. Mr. Bohanan will preach at Trinity Church, St. Mary's City, on Sunday, Aug. 15, at 11 a. m.

Don't forget the date of the Agricultural Demonstration Campaign—Friday, Aug. 20. Full particulars will appear in our next issue.

Brother Isidore, Provincial of the Xaverian Brothers, who was the guest of Leonard Hall for a few days this week, has returned to Baltimore.

Mrs. T. H. Buckler, of Washington, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Longmore, of Leonardtown, has returned to her home.

Rev. Edward I. Devitt, S. J., of Georgetown College, who recently spent several weeks at St. Aloysius Rectory, in historical research, has returned to Washington.

Mr. Leonard Wood, of Oranville, who has been spending some time in Altoona, Pa., has returned to his home. Mr. Wood was accompanied by his son, Chris, of Norfolk, Va.

In this issue we publish a contrast of the votes on the liquor question as submitted to the people of the county from 1884 to date. Some interesting comparisons can be drawn from the table.

The Leonardtown baseball team visited Solomons on Saturday last and was defeated by a big score in a loosely played game. A return game is scheduled for Saturday next on the local diamond.

The annual festival of Our Lady's Chapel, Beauveau, was well attended, and the financial returns were most flattering to the hard workers, whose efforts help make the affair so great a success.

Mr. A. Jack Spalding, of Syracuse, N. Y., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Lucy Spalding, Leonardtown. Mr. Spalding is in the employ of the Syracuse Electric Company, where he holds an important position.

On Wednesday last Hon. Hugh A. McMullen, one of the Democratic candidates for State Comptroller, accompanied by Congressman "Dave" Lewis, visited Leonardtown. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Ritchie are in Charles.

The price of a Ford Touring Car is \$154.75, delivered, at La Plata, Md., and the Roadster \$149.75. You can get one if you do not delay sending your order at once to The Matthews-Howard Implement Co., La Plata, Md.

The Postmaster-General has sent a letter to all Presidential postmasters, urging parcel post exhibits at county fairs and exhibitions throughout the United States this summer to educate the people to the usefulness of the Government's express service.

Mr. Clement S. Ucker, head of the colonization department of the Southern Settlement and Development Organization, is awaiting the arrival of representatives of the 50 Panama families that will come to make their homes in Southern Maryland.

The severe storm of Tuesday, Aug. 3, destroyed a number of barns in the lower section of the county and two dwellings were seriously damaged. The home of Dr. Hebb, near St. Mary's City, was wrecked and several of the household escaped with difficulty from the building.

"The Dunbar," Ridge, was the scene of a beautiful entertainment on Saturday evening last. The lawn and pergolas were brilliantly illuminated with lanterns and evergreens. The event was given for the benefit of the "Children's Play Ground," to be located at Ridge.

Upon the commitment of Justice Elmer R. Jarboe, of Mechanicsville, Salisbury Ford and James Tyles, both colored, were committed to jail for a further hearing on Wednesday last. They were accused of the larceny of a bicycle, and were caught after a long chase. Constable Graves made the capture.

We note that Mechanicsville has signs warning autoists that more than twelve miles an hour is unlawful through that village. Mechanicsville is a densely populous community and we trust that autoists will observe the warning, which is reasonable. Similar warning should be erected in other densely populated sections. Autoists appreciate them, as they are a protection to the public.

Headache and Nervousness Cured. "Chamberlain's Tablets are entitled to all the praise I can give them," writes Mrs. Richard Oip, Spencerport, N. Y. "They have cured me of headache and nervousness and restored me to my normal health." For sale by all dealers.—adv.

St. Aloysius' Festival.

The annual lawn fête and homecoming of St. Aloysius' Parish on Tuesday, Aug. 3, was quite up to the record of other years in attendance, equipment and service. By an unavoidable coincidence, it took place on the day of the local option election, and that made it difficult for many of our guests from distant points and parishes to attend. In the afternoon the little children entertained the guests in the big tent with some pretty drills; in the evening the lovers of the dance were in a fair way to have one of the best nights of the season, when the sky broke loose and before long one of the biggest storms in our history had the entire county, as well as the Atlantic Coast, in its grip.

The proceeds (gross) were nearly \$900—considerably short of last year's top-notch record. For this in the circumstances and comparatively hard times, the committees and the parish are heartily grateful.

We give below the list of the various committees:

Dinner Table—President, Mrs. Charlotte de C. King; Cashiers, Messrs. F. F. Gough and Geo. W. Joy; Vice-Presidents, Messdames Joseph M. Mattingly, S. Paul Hayden, Geo. W. Joy, W. C. Mattingly, A. F. Fenwick, F. F. Greenwell, James F. Mattingly, L. E. Payne, W. M. Loker, Aides, Messdames Nettie Morgan, Carrie Spalding, Marie Buckler.

Fancy Table—President, Mrs. J. T. Duke; Aides, Misses Grace Greenwell, Mary Duke and Mrs. Mary de Waal.

Paddle Stand—President, Miss Madge Fenwick; Aides, Mrs. Clarke Abell, Miss Lizzie Towson.

Ice Cream Table—President, Mrs. Lucy Spalding; Cashier, Mr. Sam'l Wallis; Aides, Mrs. B. H. Camaller.

Confectionary Table—President, Miss Evangeline Greenwell; Aides, Mrs. Web Layton.

Soda and Cigars—President, Louis Fenwick; Aides, Cuthbert, Allie and Worbert Fenwick.

Civic Pageant Wednesday, Sept. 8.

All automobile owners invited to attend and requested to decorate cars. Prize given to owner of best decorated car.

Citizens of our town are requested to decorate homes and public buildings.

All public officials of town and county invited to take part in parade.

All business houses and manufacturers in county invited to send floats, advertising their business, to be placed in pageant.

It is desired by the management of the Chautauqua to make this pageant an extensive advertisement of the resources of St. Mary's county. The hearty co-operation of every citizen of the county is requested to make this the greatest boosting event for St. Mary's the county has ever had.

Any one desiring to take part in this pageant can obtain information by communicating with the Chautauqua Executive Committee, Leonardtown, Md.

Formation of pageant will take place at Leonard Hall at 10 a. m. Further particulars given in next issue.

Dear Editor, St. Mary's Beacon: As a point was raised several months ago regarding the validity of the Act of the General Assembly of 1914, empowering the voters of St. Mary's County to take the question "License" or "No License" and as the validity of that law and the election held by virtue of it has again been called in question, the subpoenaed letter from the Attorney General of Maryland to Senator Chesley, who submitted the law to the Legislature and had it passed, will be of interest to your readers and to all who voted against license at the recent election.

In every Act of the General Assembly there is a clause setting the date on which (when the Governor's signature) it becomes effective, i. e., a law or statute of the State. In the Act in question, this date is fixed as May 1, 1915, when one would have expected April 1 or May 1, 1914. But as the effect of the law (to empower the voters to decide for or against licensed saloons) was not to be in force until the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August, 1915, instead of May 1, 1915, they could have written Aug. 2, 1915, or another date prior to Aug. 3. On the other hand, the effect of the election of Aug. 3 was not to be binding until May 1, 1916, as is elsewhere expressly stated in two other sections of the Act. Briefly, the situation is this: The Act of Assembly empowers the voters to choose between license and no license on Aug. 3, 1915,—said Act becoming a law May 1, 1915. The choice of the voters, be it "wet" or "dry," becomes a law May 1, 1916. The two effects of the law and the dates should not be confused.

L. J. K. April 15th, 1915.

Wm. F. Chesley, Esq., St. Mary's, Charlotte Hall, Md. My dear Sir:—

I have yours of the 13th in reference to the validity of Chapter 851 of the Acts of 1914, submitting to the people of St. Mary's County the right to vote on the question of license or no license. The law, in my opinion, is a valid enactment and its validity is in no wise affected by the provision that it shall not take effect until the first days of May, 1915.

Very truly yours, EDGAR ALLAN POE.

Religious Notices. There will be Archdeaconary Services at St. Mary's County as follows: St. George's Church, Valley Lee, Tuesday, August 17, at 11 a. m., and 2:30 p. m.

Trinity Church, St. Mary's City, Wednesday, August 18, at 11 a. m., and 2:30 p. m.

St. Andrew's Church, Thursday, August 19, at 11 a. m., and 2:30 p. m. St. Peter's Chapel, Leonardtown, at 8 p. m.

All Saints' Church, Oakley, Friday, August 20, at 11 a. m., and 2:30 p. m. The President of the Archdeaconry of Southern Maryland will be assisted by the Rev. W. J. D. Thomas, of Washington, and the local clergy.

MILLARD F. MINNICK, President.

A Bit of St. Mary's County History.

SOME ELECTION FIGURES.

Table with columns for 1884, 1912, and 1915, showing Local Option and High License votes for various districts.

N. B.—The "Wet" vote is in left-hand columns. Note the progress in every one of the districts.

Official Election Vote. The following table gives the official number of votes cast for license and against license on Tuesday last:

Table with columns for Districts, For License, and Against License, showing totals for 1915.

Majority for "Against License", 556.

(COMMUNICATED) Hermandville, Md., Aug. 7th, 1915. With all due respect for the so-called Cedar Point Literary and Debating Society, I would suggest that one of their members be more careful in the future how he attempts to read out to said Society and the public, whoever may be present, that the officials for the public were lax in regard to enforcement of the Liquor Law; and, further, that the Editor of said Society Journal was going to see that the laws on liquor violations were enforced.

I hereby publicly assert that such reference is without foundation and absolutely false, to my knowledge, so far as in the 8th Election District of St. Mary's County; and further say that the party who made such unwarranted personal and false reflection may be forced to prove what he read out on last Friday night, Aug. 6th, or pay the penalty for such.

JAS. A. WATTS, Public Officer for 8th Dist.

(COMMUNICATED) Editor St. Mary's Beacon, Leonardtown, Md. Dear Sir:—St. Mary's County, beautifully named, as beautifully located, amidst its fertile lands and noble rivers: Whence the merry ringing of bells! They herald a new manhood to this good old county—an abatement of idleness, through whiskey drinking and card-playing, and the putting on of a new armor of industry, thrift and well-being, towards the building up of happy homes, with their vines and fig trees; and a development of its varied and great agricultural possibilities.

Nowhere in the United States, do I believe, there offers for a mixed system of cultivation, greater opportunities than exist in the counties of Southern Maryland Peninsula, with its boundaries, the Chesapeake Bay, the Potomac River, the Patuxent and other rivers. Its temperate climate, its kindly soil, its easy excess by land and water, to all the great Eastern and Western markets. It offers a great opportunity to colonization in the way of the unfortunate, homeless and hopeless Belgians, our climate being very much the same as theirs, with flat lying lands and a mixed system of husbandry.

Yours truly, GEO. H. CALVERT.

(COMMUNICATED) St. Mary's Gone "Dry." May God bless the men of old St. Mary's. And hoist their flag on high—Unfurled their banner to the breeze, For the county—"it's gone" "dry." That 563 majority Show that nearly every mother's son Did his very best To destroy that demon—Rum.

Now you will see old St. Mary's moving up the line. That little shack with an old pair pants stuck in the window for a pane will give way to a nice four-room cottage in a respectable neighborhood. Our old whiskey soaks will become thinkers instead of scotch-less beings. They will build homes for their families and lighten the burdens of their wives, provide their children with more of the things which makes life worth living. Education, farming, stock-raising and all branches of industry will go forward; and in a few years this cursing, fighting liquor-crazed element will disappear and respectable men will occupy their places. Oh! think of the thousands who will be lifted to manhood and from whom temptation will be removed altogether when we have prohibition. God hasten that happy day!

My native country thee Land of the noble free: Thy name we love— We love thy rocks and hills— Thy woods and templed hills. Do we love it enough to work and fight and pray for the overthrow of its greatest enemy—the liquor traffic—especially the Sunday traffic? Then from this time forth let us press on and on and do away with this Sunday whiskey selling, so the Star Spangled Banner shall wave "O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave." GABRIEL.

Best Diarrhoea Remedy. If you have ever used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy you know that it is a success. Sam F. Guin, Whitley, Ala., writes: "I had measles and got caught out in the rain and it settled in my stomach and bowels. I had an awful time, and had it not been for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I could not possibly have lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy, I am now well and strong." For sale by all dealers.—adv.

WINTER LEGUMES. By G. H. ALFORD, State Agent, College Park, Md. Now is the time to get busy on winter legume work. The best seeds should be purchased and the soil thoroughly prepared. Such crops as alfalfa, crimson clover and vetch should be planted at an early date.

There are numerous reasons why the acreage devoted to winter legumes should be largely increased. The grazing when may be obtained between, say November 15 and April 15, is of importance to live stock farmers in a large part of the State, but of by far greater importance is the fact that the roots of the growing plants fill the soil, bind its surface particles and reduce leaching to a minimum. As fast as the plant food becomes soluble, the roots of the growing plants utilize it and prevent leaching by winter rains.

The fact that our open wet winters, when the lands are bare, is the largest single factor in the depletion of our soils should be continually stressed, but we should also rejoice continually to know that we can utilize our winter growing season in many counties for the growing of such crops as clover and vetches.

The winter legumes not only furnish some grazing, reduce washing and leaching to a minimum, but also transfer nitrogen from the air to the soil to be used by succeeding crops, fill the soil full of much needed humus and furnish large quantities of the most valuable feed. If we could only be made to realize the full value of winter legumes, few acres on the farms of this State would be bare this winter.

Cured of Indigestion. Mrs. Sadie P. Dawson, Indiana, Pa., was bothered with indigestion. "My stomach pained me night and day," she writes. "I would feel bloated and have headache and belching after eating. I also suffered from constipation. My daughter had used Chamberlain's Tablets and they did her so much good that she gave me a few doses of them and insisted upon my trying them. They helped me as nothing else has done." For sale by all dealers.—adv.

Some Coming Festivals. Following is a partial list of festivals to be held in the upper part of the county this season: WHITE. Aug. 17—Newtown. Aug. 25—Mechanicsville. COLORED. Sept. 21—St. Aloysius. Aug. 18—St. Joseph's. Aug. 24—Our Lady's Chapel. Aug. 24—Sacred Heart. Sept. 15—Mechanicsville.

IN MEMORIAM. In sad but loving remembrance of our devoted son, MERTON STONE, who departed this life April 2, 1915. Gone, but not forgotten. We never shall forget him, while on this earth we stay; We will soon pass on to meet him, When God calls us away. And his well remembered footsteps We were always glad to hear; But now since they are silent, Not dead, only sleeping, His spirit softly whispered: Weep not; in heaven we'll meet again. —By HIS MOTHER AND FATHER.

Died at the residence of Mr. Pelham Long, in this county, on July 24, 1915, VIRGINIA ELIZABETH, aged 22 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. and Mrs. C. Sophy Long Barnes, of Baltimore.

This has been safely gathered into the garden of Paradise, to bloom more fully, one of the loveliest, most attractive buds that ever graced a happy, earthly home. The bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of their many friends who would like to bid them to lift up their broken hearts and say: "My God, my Father, while I stray, Far from my home on life's rough way, Oh, lead me from my heart to say: Thy will be done!"

Better Than Life Insurance. Twenty-five cents invested in a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will enable you to protect your family from any serious consequences resulting from an attack of colic or diarrhoea during the summer months. Is that not better than life insurance? Buy it now! It may save life. For sale by all dealers.—advertisement.

JUELG Piano Co., 13th and G St. N. W., Washington, D. C. Pianos & Player-Pianos. Write and Secure Our Terms. 7-13m. For Sale! —1 Large Bay Horse; good sound buggy and work horse; will sell cheap. Mrs. R. V. RICHARDS, 7-23-1m. Ridge, Md.

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Foxwell & Foxwell. GREAT REDUCTION IN ALL SUMMER GOODS! Foxwell & Foxwell, Leonardtown, Md. Our Prices of Lumber For the year 1915 are much lower than last year. We keep everything needed in your immediate neighborhood. We prefer the out-of-town trade to any other. We have the right prices now. Clear Flooring, T & G, at \$2.50 per 100 sq. ft. But good grade of Flooring at \$2.00 per 100 sq. ft. Cypress Pailings, dressed and headed, at \$2.00 per 100 pailings. Clear 5-cross Panel Doors, 1 1/2" thick, at \$1.60. Clear Cypress Shingles from Florida, \$6.50 per 1000. We have 300 attractive house plans, with ready estimates of cost, for those who can come and make a selection. Plans are free with the lumber. FRANK LIBBEY & COMPANY, Lumbermen, Sixth and New York Avenue, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

SEMMES MOTOR LINE. Service Started July 1, 1915. DAILY AND SUNDAY. Leonardtown and Intermediate Points to Washington AND RETURN SAME DAY. Leave Leonardtown 6 A. M. Arrive Washington 10 A. M. Leave Washington 4:45 P. M. Arrive Leonardtown 8:30 P. M. —VIA— Leonardtown Loveville Morgantza Mechanicsville New Market Charlot Hall Hughesville Brantown Beantown Waldorf T. B. Surrattville Clinton Redd's Corner Camp Springs Silver Hill

Round Trip Fare From Leonardtown to Washington \$3.00. Stop, Think and Listen! The Ladies' Aid Society of Choptico Parish will hold their annual Festival at Choptico Hall on TUESDAY, AUG. 10. All the delicacies of the season will be served and every effort will be made by those in charge to make it surpass all former affairs of the kind ever held at the hall. Don't fail to attend and have a good time. Dance at night. By order of the Ladies' Aid Society of Choptico Parish. Per Theo. B. Carpenter. 6-24-15. 1-7-15-15. DRAYDEN MD.

THE CHEVROLET "Baby Grand" \$750. The J. P. Greenwell Implement Co., will have on the floor this week a Chevrolet Five Passenger with actually 34 H.P. Engine, for \$490.

Leonardtown Bargain House! Great Reduction in Prices! Specials in Clothing! Men's \$8 Suits, \$4.98. Boys' \$4 Suits, \$2.25. DRY GOODS! 10c. per yard, Bleached Cotton, 6 1/2 cts. yard. 1 Grand Wide Brown Cotton, 22 yds. for \$1. 10c. Dress Gingham, 6 1/2 cts. yard. 8c. Apron Gingham, 4 1/2 cts. yard. Men's Underwear! Shirts and Drawers, regular price 25c. 17c. Men's 50c Fine Shirts, 35c. 50c Overall, 35c. Men's 10 and 12c Hose, 4 pairs for 25c. Boys' 25c Caps, 16c. Great Reduction in Shoes! \$2 and \$2.50 Ladies' Oxfords and Pumps, \$1.29. \$3. Also Children's Shoes, the Lowest Prices. LEONARDTOWN BARGAIN HOUSE, (Millison's Old Stand.) Leonardtown, Maryland. 9-26-15.

LEONARD HALL For County Treasurer. LEONARDTOWN, MD. Boarding and Day School for Boys. Affords opportunity for excellent training in the High School Subjects, Agriculture and Commercial Branches. Terms moderate. Location most healthful. Sanitary arrangements perfect. Registration Sept. 7. Catalogue on application. 7-311f. Mr. Editor:—Please announce Mr. R. MATTINGLY SWANN, of Budd's Creek, a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic primaries, and say if he will be a candidate he will receive the vote of his many admirers. DEMOCRATS.

W. H. Moore & Co. GROCERS AND Commission Merchants. 106 SOUTH CHARLES ST., BALTIMORE. Mr. Editor:—Please announce Mr. OLIVER B. MILBURN, of the Second District, as a suitable candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff, and say that he will be staunchly supported by the Democrats of the county. DEMOCRATS. 610f.

For County Treasurer. Mr. Editor:—Please announce Mr. FRED. C. DAVIS, of Choptico, as a suitable candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Treasurer, and say that if he consents to run he will receive a very flattering vote. 4-22-15. DEMOCRATS. For County Commissioner. Mr. Editor:—Please announce Mr. LEO M. WATSON as a suitable candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the Democratic Primaries, and say that if he will consent to serve he will receive the hearty support of all those desiring an economical administration of county affairs. 2-25-15. THIRD & SIXTH DISTRICTS.

For House of Delegates. Mr. Editor:—Please announce Mr. WILLIAM H. MATTINGLY as a suitable candidate for the Democratic nomination for the House of Delegates. Mr. Mattingly is eminently qualified to fill this important trust and is one of the most prominent younger Democrats. DEMOCRATS. [422f]. For Clerk of Circuit Court. I announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court at the ensuing Primary election, and ask the support of my friends throughout the county. Respectfully, ENOCH B. ABELL, 7-29f. For Judge of Orphans' Court. Dear Beacon:—Please suggest the name of Mr. SAMUEL HAYDEN, of the Fourth District, as a most suitable one for the Democratic candidacy for Judge of the Orphans' Court, and say that if elected he will fill that office as creditably and capably as he did that of County Commissioner. Mr. Hayden's record as Commissioner stands out as one of the most enviable that the county has ever had, and beyond a doubt, the confidence reposed in him will be evidence by a very flattering vote. ADMIRE.

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