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There are lots of "told-you-soes" today.

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Bud knocked out Doc, but they are both good fellows and hard workers for the party, and will both work hard for the nominee. We wish we had more like them.

The politicians of both parties had things all to themselves and we hope they are happy. The "dear people" were not interested enough to even look in the door.

The election of Prof. George F. Morelock as superintendent of public schools was a deserved promotion to one of the best teachers of the state. Here's success to his adminstration.

Speaker Clark fooled the whole Democratic party of the county. The houn' dog did the business, Sherman once said if he had the making of the songs of a nation he cared not who made the laws. You Democrats have "just gotta stop kicking his houn' aroun".

We stated a few days ago that the Republican situation in Carroll county was some what mixed and results of the primary election proves that our statement was correct. The 'so called" organization was divided as between Mr. Taft and Col. Roosevelt and so was the "so called" anti-organization forces. The voters of the county,most of whom are farmers,were too busy with work to go to the polls and vote, the primary having come along during corn planting which has been made pretty late by the recent rains. Not more than one-third of the Republican vote was polled and more than one-fourth of the Democratic vote.

May primaries may suit people in the large cities but it is useless in the rural districts of the state. Politicians of both parties go to the polls under any conditions but the business men and farmers are hard to get to a primary election,especially if it comes in a busy season.

Mr. Taft's majority is small in this county and so is Mr. Clark's. A full vote may have changed the result but we doubt it. The people had an opportunity to express their choice and everyone should abide by the result.

REV. DR. S. SIMPSON

The sudden death of Rev. Dr. S. Simpson, superintendent of the public schools of this county, while expected for sometime was a shock to this community. He had been ill for some time but he did not make the fact known to even his friends. He was an honest and courageous public officer and the high plain upon which he helped place the schools of this county will be an enduring monument to his name.

Dr. Simpson was a christian gentleman and was faithful and true to his friends and charitable toward his enemies, of which he had few. He was often made to suffer for the political sins of others who should have stood up and acknowledged them; but he never winced.

His death was a crushing blow to his family to whom he was devoted. We have seen many families but not one where more true love and devotion existed among the members. They have the sympathy of the whole community.

While Mr. J. C. Gilbert was cranking his auto at his residence in New Windsor, Saturday evening last, it caught fire from the back fire and burned the tire off of one front wheel and the paint off of the hood and dash board and cracked the wind shield.

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DR ELDERDICE TO SEMINARIANS

Baccalaureate sermon in Methodist Protestant Church.
Obadiah, the Prophet of Obscurity, Furnished the Theme—Preacher pays Tribute to MaJor Butt, Col. Astor and Other Heroes of the Titanic Disaster—Pulpit is No Place for a Pessimist.

The exercises incident to the twenty-ninth commencement of Westminster Theological Seminary began Sunday morning with the baccalaureate service, which was held in the Methodist Protestant Church of this city. The ministers who participated in the service were Rev. Dr. Feeman and Rev. Dr. Claude C. Douglas, of the seminary faculty; Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Lewis, president of Western Maryland College and Rev. Dr. Hugh L. Elderdice, president of the seminary. Dr. Elderdice delivered the baccalaureate sermon. His subject was The Place and the Power of the Obscure Minister. His text was The vision of Obadiah. He said, in part:

"Obadiah is the prophet of obscurity. The names of his parents are unknown, the cradle of his birth is marked on no map, the age in which he lived is a disputed date, and no man knoweth his sepulcher. Even his name is obscure for it may be either a common noun meaning a worshiper of Jehovah or it may be a proper noun, the name of the author. There is no consensus of opinion as to his identity. He wrote no authobiography, concealed his personality and was content to live only in his short prophecy. This also is obscure. Its literary forms, historical references and ethical teachings are in the crucible of debate.

"The name of the obscure preacher is legion. Lincoln said: 'God must have loved the common people because He made so many of them.' So He must have loved the obscure preacher, for He has called him from every point of the compass and stationed him at every out of the way place in the land. He is holding the fort in a frontier town, organizing a mission in the slum of the city, resurrecting a dead church in a depopulated rural region, kneeling at the family altar on the bare floor of the home of a rough mountaineer, teaching the Lord's Prayer to a smeared savage in the hut of a Hottentot and telling the story of the Man of Galilee to the deep sea fishermen on the coast of Labrador. He lives, labors and dies 'to fortune and to fame unknown.'

'And yet he fills his place. If he does not recognize that it is a God-given place he falls; if he recognizes he succeeds. The larger fields have no charm for him, for he knows that all the sins and sorrows, pains and pleasure, trials and triumphs of the big world are in the little world in which he revolves. He finds an ample field for heroic service.

"There are heroes in humble life. Captain Smith was true to the best traditions of the sea when he stood on the bridge of the sinking Titanic and through a megaphone shouted: "Be British, my men." But his nameless sailors who obeyed the order even unto death were also true. Major Butt was every inch a soldier when he wrapped in a blanket Miss Marie Young, of Washington placed her in a lifeboat and said: Good-by; kindly remember me to all the folks back home.' But the 50 bell boys who sat for two hours on the benches of the main cabin to keep out of the way of the passengers were also brave. Colonel Astor exhibited a high type of chivalry when he turned from his young wife to give a woman his one chance of life. But there was also high chivalry when an English pastor and a German priest went down to the steerage passengers to pray and recite the rosary to mad men and frantic women.

"The obscure preacher has, like Obadiah, the power of vision. The normal preparation is not a passive state of irrational ecstasy, but of intelligent mental activity along the line of some social evil, political reform or religious movement. The vision was not primarily of some distant future, but of an immediate present. The prophet's main business was not to predict, but to preach, to deal with the sins at his door and to meet the crisis of his day.

"There is many a Mount of Esau-en-trenched evil in our day. It curses man and defies God. The most insolent is the liquor traffic fortified by the appetite of centuries, by the greed for gold, by the selfishness of politicians and by the laws of the land: it sneers in the face of our lawgivers; 'Who shall bring us down to the ground?' Our modern Obadiah replies: 'Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.

"The pulpit is no place for pessimist. His place is not on Mount Zion, but on the doomed Mount of Esau. The only vision that can save the world is that of Satan conquered and Christ crowned."

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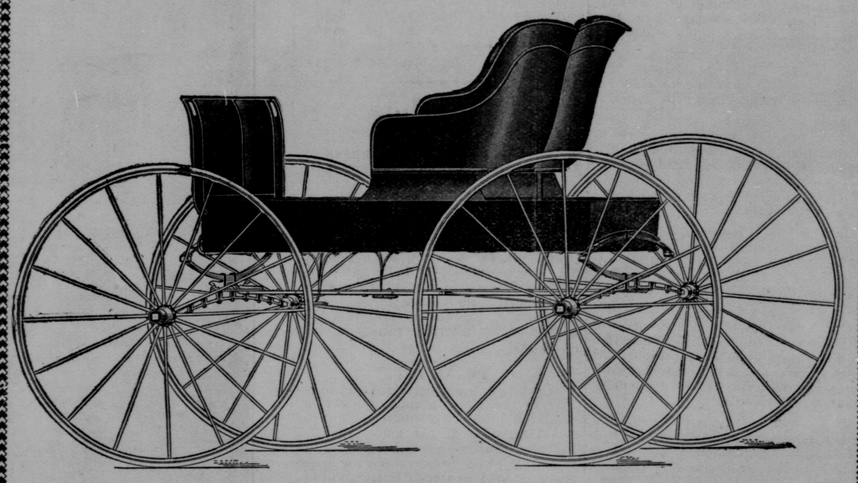
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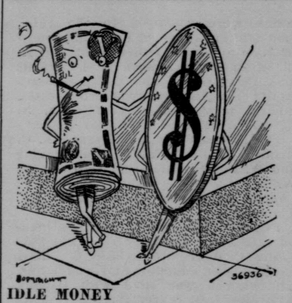


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