Kent News.

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AN IMPORTANT STATE PAPER.

GOVERNOR LLOYD'S MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The State Finances—The Taxable Basis and Assessment of Property—Mortgage Exemption Made Up by Additional Burdens Upon the Landed Interests—The Proposed New Constitution—City Extension—Tobacco Inspection—The Oyster Question—A General Fish Law—The Public Schools—An Insane Asylum for the Eastern Shore, &c., &c., &c.

The following summary of Governor Lloyd's message to the Legislature is given by the Baltimore *Sun* and we adopt it in lieu of the full document for want of space: In his message the Governor after adverting to the change of national administration and to the death of Gen. Grant and Vice-President Hendricks, takes up first the question of his own succession to the gubernatorial chair. He disposes of the question of his title briefly by quoting the constitutional provisions on the subject.

After giving the figures of the comptroller's report, which show that the gross outstanding debt of the State has been reduced in the past two years by nearly $300,000, he states that by rigid adherence to the present policy of the treasury office, and applying the revenues derived from direct taxation to the interest and sinking funds of the respective loans for which the Legislature has made provision, the way becomes clear to the extinction of the defense redemption, Deaf-and-Dumb Asylum, Maryland Hospital and treasury relief loans, aggregating $4,190,000. Taxes levied for the payment of these debts cannot, he says, be applied to any other purpose, and there are not sufficient productive securities to offset the remaining portion of the debt. "The question of the time of its ultimate extinction," adds the Governor, "is clouded with uncertainty." The promptitude with which the State has paid her annual interest, he says, "and the premium attendant upon the sale and negotiation of her bonds, attests the high standard her credit has attained in the markets of the world and the faith of capitalists in her financial integrity."

The Governor suggests the wisdom of continuing the refunding process at a lower rate of interest, and expresses the opinion that if the amount thus saved is turned into general sinking fund, together with "all additional revenues that must come with the rapid extension and growth of our many and varied interests," a fund will eventually be produced which will equal the State's indebtedness.

The necessity for economy in legislative expenses is urged, and the hope expressed that the compensation of employes will not "exceed the amount demonstrably needed for the performance of public duties."

The attention of the Legislature is called to the fact that the taxable basis of the State is less than it was a decade ago, and the opinion is expressed that if the Legislature should make provision for taking the immediate sense of the people upon a new constitution, such vote ought to precede another assessment of property; but if the question of a convention is not submitted at an early date, a new and immediate assessment should be ordered, "under a law broad enough in its letter and spirit to enable the assessors to reach all manner of property, that the burdens of taxation may be more equally distributed and substantial equality and uniformity of taxation may prevail throughout the State."

The Governor estimates that there "are at least $200,000,000 of capital secured by mortgages in this State upon which no taxes are levied, and further investments in mortgages are being made, which curtail State revenues." The "discrimination," he thinks, "not only imposes additional burdens upon the landed interest and the working classes of the State, but presents possibilities of further reductions of our present meagre basis of taxation."

With regard to the proposed call for constitutional convention, the Governor holds that the Legislature has the power to submit the question to popular vote at any time, that the people are in favor of material alterations in the constitution, and that if there is need for changes, "there is no reason why such changes should be delayed until 1889." The alterations suggested are a revision of the present system of taxation, the abolition of uniform registration, the granting to the Governor of the power of vetoing particular items in an appropriation bill, the creation of a separate Court of Appeals, and the readjustment of consitutional provisions in relation to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, which the Governor thinks "cannot be properly improved and made effective as a means of internal commerce until it is sold, free from the liens of the State, and bought by parties able to improve it and extend its operations."

With reference to the question of city extension the Governor says: "It is evident that the provision in the existing constitution which is supposed to declare in effect that no part of a county shall be separated from the remainder of said county without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the part intended to be separated from such remainder is unreasonable, and ought not to remain a constitutional provision. It makes the wishes of the people in a section of a county, or perhaps even in a neighborhood, paramount to the proper authority of the people of the whole State, exercised by their General Assembly. In its existing form, it operates as a limitation upon the growth and prosperity of the city of Baltimore."

By submitting the question of holding a constitutional convention at the congressional elections to be held in the autumn of 1883, the Governor thinks a full vote would be insured and the expense of a special election could be avoided. If the convention is ordered by popular vote, it should, in the Governor's opinion, assemble in Annapolis on the first Wednesday of January, 1887.

The State inspection of tobacco is the next subject taken up, and the fact is pointed out that it is not a source of revenue. The Governor contents himself with merely stating this fact, without making any recommendations on the subject.

The oyster question, the Governor thinks, has not yet been satisfactorily solved, and "much remains for the study of the Legislature, both of a practical and scientific character." The total number of men engaged in the catching of oysters is stated to be 26,072, and with those employed in the canning houses give a total of over 40,000 persons who depend for a livelihood for themselves and families upon the oyster industry. About 9,000,000 bushels of oysters were caught last season, aggregating in value at the low figure of 25 cents per bushel, the sum of $2,255,000. The primary object of the oyster law, adds the Governor, should be to protect the oyster beds and guard as far as practicable against their now rapid depletion. Further restrictions, he thinks, should be imposed and enforced as to the localities and times of dredging, and artificial culture should be encouraged, to assist nature in providing a supply equal to the demand. The Governor condemns the carrying clause of the oyster law of 1884 as a great hardship, since it gives nothing of value in consideration for the money exacted, and curtails the opportunities of sale and facilities for getting to market.

With regard to the State fishery force, he thinks the sailing vessels should be supplied by two or three good steamers of light draft and fair speed.

Among the additional recommendations of the message are the repeal of all fish laws and the enactment of one general system; the enlargement of the powers of the State board of health, and an increase of the funds at its disposal; the granting of additional powers to the State veterinarian to prevent the spread of contagious diseases in cattle; the adoption of more stringent regulations to prevent the adulteration of food and the sale of diseased meats; the revision of the Maryland code; the restoration to the courts of exclusive jurisdiction of all offenses for which confinement in the penitentiary is or may be the penalty; provision for employing vagrants upon the public streets and roads, and for relieving the present overcrowded condition of the House of Correction; the building of another State insane asylum, to be located on the Eastern Shore; an increase of land office fees, and the creation of a bureau of immigration in conjunction with the office of land commissioner. The message is a clear and interesting exposition of State affairs, and many of the Governor's recommendations will doubtless receive the careful consideration of the Legislature.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The following is the Governor's reference in full to the Public School question:

The State school system continues to enlist popular and general favor, and has almost supplanted private schools and former methods of education. In many sections of our State, private schools are no longer known, and the interest of the people centres with growing hope and faith around the modern public system. Much of the prejudice of earlier days, attributable in part to the peculiar relations of ante-bellum times, has passed away, and a general awakening to the realization of the right of the people to a free and full public education at State expense has arisen from the ashes of that prejudice.

Isolated cases of outspoken individual opposition sometimes occur, but the people, generally approving of the system, are divided in opinion only as to the limit or extent to which the State should afford public instruction; some contending for the rudiments, as once taught in the log schoolhouse, while others are loud in demanding a higher and more liberal course of studies. The State may well place herself in the van of those who are seeking to raise our standard of education and extend its blessings, for education stands second to liberty itself.

In 1884 the State expended from all sources, including receipts from State school tax, free school and academic funds, State appropriation to colored schools, college donations, county tax and fines, $1,669,040.69, and enrolled upon her school registries during the year 170,393 pupils. I trust not one jot or title of State aid will be abated by the Legislature at the present session, and that all institutions of learning, purely public in their character, will receive proper support and consideration.

Under our present rule of distributing the State school tax, separate funds are appropriated to the white and colored schools. The colored schools first receive $100,000 per annum, and the white schools the balance collected from said tax. No injustice is done the colored schools by this appropriation, for in proportion to population they receive more than their full share. I believe the uniformity of the system requires no division of appropriations upon the *color line*. Separate schools must be maintained and impartially operated, but they should be under one system, and paid from one and the same fund. They should be opened and kept open for the same period as the white schools in the counties and city, and colored teachers should be placed in charge when desired, if competent.

No changes have been made in the school law since 1874, not because improvements could not be suggested, but because a feeling of stability and permanence was worth more than any trifling changes, and no radical changes appear desirable.

I unite with the State board of education in recommending "that necessary text-books for use in the school room should be supplied without charge." By so doing, in addition to facilitating school work, we will remove the last invidious distinction which separates, in our public schools, the children of the poor from the children of the rich. The city of Baltimore has already adopted the recommendation in reference to text-books, and the counties should follow its example.

Letter from Denbeigh.

Eidtors Kent News:—Your correspondent from Rock Hall informs you of the improvements going on there and at south Rock Hall or Alexville, but says nothing about the improvements of the north end, formerly known as Denbeigh, a name familiar to the oldest residents of this district, and in the days of whiskey had no enviable reputation. Its haunted house and delapidated condition gave it a neglected look. But things have changed. The old houses have been rebuilt one by one. Our enterprising neighbor, Capt. E. Apsley, who, by a new story and addition to one of the oldest houses, has presented to view a neat, convenient house and had no trouble to find a tenant on the first of the year. Adjoining it our friend Bob Denny, after being a renter all his life, has built a home and now occupies it with a happy family, to which he gives credit to the absence of the old enemy next to him. Our well digger, Charles Denney, has built a comfortable home and for the first time in his life can say, "I am master of all I survey." Mr. Ayres has also remodled and improved his home and other homes are under way, and soon all the old property of George Maslin, which was sold in lots, will be built upon. This was formerly known as the Copper property, and the old hip-roofed house, the former resort where money was spent freely about election time, is all that remains to remind one of those days, and this must soon give way to the age of progress, after standing a hundred or more years. What a tale of misery it could tell if it had the power of speech! We all hope and pray the "days of old" will never return. The neat front porch, with other improvements put upon Capt. Apsley's house has very much improved the appearance of it, and like his old partner in the carriage business at Rock Hall, has the finest residence in the village, and runs the largest and best schooner belonging to Rock Hall, employed in fall and winter dredging and in summer running coal to his coal yard. His wagon scales proves a great convenience in weighing cattle, hay, fodder and stock.

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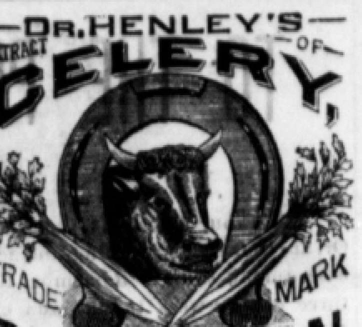

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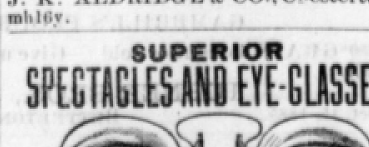

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WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.

On and after Monday, Dec. 14, 1885, until further notice, (Sundays excepted), Trains will run as follows:

GOING NORTH. Pass&Fr't No1 daily. A M	Pass&Fr't No3 Thurs P M		GOING SOUTH. Pass&Fr't No 2 daily. P M		Pass No. 4 No3 Thurs P M
6 30	2 25	lv Chestert'n arr	2 00		6 30
6 47	2 40	Worton	1 40		6 12
6 53	2 50	Lynch's	1 30		6 07
7 00	3 05	Still Pond	1 25		6 02
7 12	3 20	Kennedyville	1 15		5 55
7 27	3 35	Black's	1 00		5 45
7 41	3 50	Lambson	12 45		5 35
7 53	4 02	Masseys	12 30		5 25
8 06	4 15	Delaney	12 15	O P	5 10
8 12	4 25	*Bingham	12 08	Exp	5 05
8 30	4 30	ar Clayton	10 03	11 57	4 55
8 43	4 50	lve Clayton	12 00	12 00	4 53
9 04	5 18	Middletown	9 36	11 35	4 33
9 42	6 15	Wilmington	8 35	10 58	3 50
10 32	7 20	ar Philadelphia lv	7 32	10 17	3 01
12 35	8 25	ar Baltimore lve	6 35	8 20	12 10
1 20	10 05	New York	4 30	8 00	11 00
1 40	10 10	Washington	7 15	7 15	11 00

☞ The Thursday afternoon trains will leave Chestertown and other stations ONE HOUR EARLIER than schedule time during peach season.

Stations marked thus (*) have no agents. Freight for Bingham's and Nicholson's must be prepaid.

The morning trains make close connection at Clayton with trains on Delaware Railroad going North and South.

Passengers on morning train for Baltimore change cars at Wilmington.

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Excursion Tickets issued at reduced rates.

FRED. GERKER, Lessee.

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DELAWARE DIVISION.

On and after Dec. 21, 1885, (Sundays excepted), trains will leave as follows:

SOUTHWARD. Passenger Trains. pm	pm	am	am		NORTHWARD. Passenger Trains. am	am	pm	pm
5.21	3.01	11.35	7.31	Philadel'a	9.42	9.42	1.40	7.31
3.55	12 10	10.05	6.40	Baltimore	12 25	12.25	3 10	9 05
6.25	3.50	12.35	8.35	Wilming'n	8.55	9.42	12.40	6.30
6.33				Hare's Corn'r	8.45		12.27	
6.40	4.02	12.49	8.49	New Castle	8.37	9.31	12 23	6 14
6.46		12.55	8.55	State Road	8.31		12.16	6.08
6.53		1.00	9 00	Bear	8.25		12.11	6.02
7.01		1.05	9.06	Porter's	8.20		12.05	5.56
7.06		1.09	9.10	Kirkwood	8.13		12.00	5.52
7.16		1.18	9.27	Mt Pleasant	8 04		11.50	5.44
7.18			9.31	Armstrong	8.00			5.40
7.25	4.33	1 27	9.36	Middletown	7.56	9.04	11.40	5.37
7.35		1.36	9.45	Townsend	7.46	8.56	11.30	5.28
7.40		1.41	9.50	Blackbird	7.41		11.25	5.23
7.47		1.48	9.56	Green Spring	7.33		11.18	5.17
7.53	4.51	1.53	10.03	Clayton	7.29	8.43	11 14	5.13
7.43	4.40	1.44	9.50	Lve Smyrna	7.19	8.33	11.04	5.03
7.58		1.58	10.07	Brenford	7.24		11.07	5.08
8.04		2.04	10.12	Moorton	7.20		11.02	5.03
8.07				Dupont	7.14			
8.15	5.11	2.14	10.22	Dover	7.11	8 25	10 54	4.53
8.21	5.17	2.22	10.29	Wyoming	7.04	8.19	10.46	4.46
8.28		2.29	10.34	Woodside	6.57		10.40	4.39
8.32		2.33	10.44	Viola	6.53		10.34	4.36
8.37	5.30	2.38	10.49	Felton	6.49	8 08	10.29	4.32
8.45	5.40	2.52	11.06	Harrington	6.39	7.59	10.18	4.22
8.53		2.59	11.14	Farmington	6 27		10.00	4.11
9.02		3.06	11.24	Greenwood	6.19		9.51	4.03
9.12		3.22	11.34	Bridgeville	6.11		9.41	3.55
9.18		3.27	11.39	Cannons	6.03		9.35	3.49
9.28		3.44	11.50	Seaford	6.00		9.28	3.40
		3.55	12.03	Laurel			9.16	3.33
		4.05	12.15	Delmar			9.05	3.21

New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad Express.—Leave Philadelphia 10 17 am week-days, and 11 10 p m daily. Leave Baltimore 8 20 a m, 7 35 p m, Wilmington 10 58 a m week-days and 11 53 p m daily, stopping at Dover and Delmar regularly; and at Middletown, Clayton, Harrington and Seaford to leave passengers from Wilmington and points North or take on passengers for points south of Delmar.

The 10 19 a m train also stops at Laurel, and the 11 10 p m train at New Castle, to leave passengers from Wilmington and points North, or take passengers for points south of Delmar. 11.10 p m. train also stops at Laurel to leave passengers from Wilmington or points North.

North-bound trains leave Delmar 1 35 a m daily, and 2 38 p m week-days, Dover 2 52 a m and 3 57 p m, regularly, arr'g Wilm'n 4 05 a m and 5 10 p m. Baltimore 6 45 a m and 8 25 p m, and Philadelphia 4 50 a m and 5 53 p m. The 3 38 p m train also stops at Harrington regularly; and at Laurel Seaford, Clayton, and at Middletown to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilmington and points North.

The 1 35 a m train also stops at Seaford, Harrington, Clayton and Middletown to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take on passengers for Wilmington and points North.

New Castle Accommodation Trains.—Leave Wilmington at 2 50 p m. Leave New Castle at 3 35 p m.

Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Branch Trains. —Leave Harrington for Lewes 11 06 a m, 5 45 and 8 45 p m; for Franklin and way stations 11 06 a m. Returning, trains leave Lewes for Harrington 6 35, 8 45 a m, and 3 00 p m Leave Franklin 9 55 and 8 00 a m.

Connection.—At Porter, with Newark & Delaware City Railroad. At Townsend, with Queen Anne's & Kent Railroad. At Clayton, with Delaware & Chesapeake Railroad and Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad. At Harrington, with Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Railroad. At Seaford, with Cambridge & Seaford Railroad. At Delmar, with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk, Wicomico & Pocomoke and Peninsula Railroads. CHAS. E. PUGH, General Manager.

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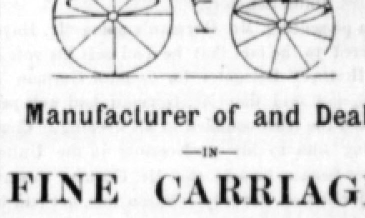

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