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THE Baltimore "Reform League" is in favor of an *emblem ballot*. Is it not strange that an organization which prides itself upon its political independence should be willing to destroy independent voting? Or is it that they do not know better?

TAKE WARNING!

At Boyertown, a little city about the size of Chestertown, on last Monday night a horrible theatre fire occured in which nearly two hundred people were burned to death. Most of them were women and children. About five hundred were packed in a second story hall to enjoy a play when an oil tank was upset and took fire and lack of means of free exit lead to the terrible holocaust. The conditions at this Boyertown theatre were just as are to be found in most towns—indeed they were better there, as beside the main stairway the building contained two fire escapes, but these were only partially available because of the lack of knowledge of their location and the frenzy that followed the alarm.

The details of this calamity are horrible in the extreme, but the sad event will not be altogether evil if towns and villages will see to it that their public halls are properly provided with means of escape in case of fire.

GOOD ROADS AGITATION.

If Gov. Crothers and the Maryland Legislature succeed in giving the State a system by which public roads can be made permanently better, then they will deserve the plaudits of every citizen. Even if they did nothing else their pay would have been well earned.

The NEWS has been agitating this question of better roads for many years and we hope something practical will be evolved. We are working the roads today just as they were worked forty years ago and but little improved. Gov. Crothers says that he is in favor of a comprehensive plan of road improvement throughout the State and that he will advocate a bond issue for a considerable sum to raise money to use for this improvement.

The total mileage of public roads in the State is 15,956, including 500 miles of turnpike roads, which are mainly in the three counties of Baltimore, Frederick and Washington. Exclusive of the toll roads, there are in the State 2,032 miles that are classed by the Geological Survey reports as main roads, and it is these main roads which the State would undertake to improve. To improve 2,000 miles of road—that is, to make fairly good stone roads of them—would cost not less than $10,000,000, and possibly more. But there is within a mile of these roads more than 2,000,000 acres of land, and good roads would add $10 to the value of each acre, or the average acre, does not seem to be an extravagant estimate.

"But," asks the Sun, "how is the ten million dollars to be raised?"

The Legislature desires to hear from the Governor. The Constitution requires that whenever a debt is created a tax shall be imposed sufficient to provide interest and a sinking fund that will extinguish the debt in 15 years. If money were borrowed at, say, 4 per cent. a tax of about 1¼ cents on the $100 for each million dollars borrowed would be necessary. It would, perhaps, not be contemplated to expend more than $1,000,000 a year. But when the 10-year period had been reached there would be a considerable addition to the State tax. Possibly it might be better for the Legislature to adopt road improvement by the State as a settled and permanent policy, and then levy a special tax of, say, 5 cents for two years as a beginning. That tax would produce in two years nearly $700,000, and after that time we would know better how to proceed. Then if it should be determined to borrow money, perhaps it might be obtained at 3 per cent. interest—the rate that prevailed for a good many years.

The time is ripe for making a new step forward in this direction. Men of intelligence and public spirit, in every part of the State, have become familiar with the fundamental ideas of the subject, and are ready to follow them up. These fundamental ideas are, first, that good roads are not a matter of minor importance, but are essential to the welfare and progress of a civilized community; and secondly, that good roads cannot be obtained by any haphazard and patchwork method, but only as the result of systematic work, planned and carefully executed under expert direction. It was in recognition of these things that the Shoemaker bill was passed, providing for State aid to counties in the making of good roads, subject to the approval and supervision of the Highways Division of the State Geological Survey; and what Governor Crothers now contemplates, and the resolution brought forward by Messrs. Benson and Williams seeks to promote, is greatly to enlarge the scope of the State's good roads work, and, in particular, to provide for the construction of main arteries of travel at the expense of the State without co-operation of the counties.

JAMES RYDER RANDALL, the author of "Maryland, My Maryland," died Tuesday afternoon at Augusta, Georgia, aged sixty-nine years.

THE "White House View" of the Republican presidential situation gives Taft 521 votes on the first ballot. This would nominate him. And Maryland is left out. Who is Mudd for anyway?

GOVERNOR CROTHERS starts out grandly. He clearly shows his good sense by not talking too much. This was characteristic of the good Judge. It is equally so of the wise Governor.

THE intimation that because the Legislature proposes to appropriate a sufficient sum to pay the expenses of the session, certainly should not justify the inference among honest people that the legislators intend to steal.

IT is said that "accidents will happen" in the best regulated offices. We believe it for we had a practical demonstration of it last Friday evening. Just when everything seemed to be working nicely in printing the NEWS our big press broke. The edition was finished on the Transcript's press to whose editors we are indebted for special courtesies. It was the first incident of the kind since our connection with the NEWS. Machinists from the factory were in the NEWS office at 11 A. M. Saturday and the break repaired in time to go to press yesterday.

SENATORS ELECTED.

John Walter Smith Sees The Fulfillment Of His Hopes.

In the presence of the Governor of Maryland and many representative citizens from all over the State John Walter Smith and William Pinkney Whyte were declared last Wednesday elected United States Senators from Maryland for the long and short term, respectively, by the Legislature, assembled in joint convention in the Chamber of the House of Delegates. Immediately afterward Gen. Murray Vandiver, for the fifth consecutive time, was chosen Treasurer of Maryland.

Governor Smith's victory came as the culmination of years of struggle, during which more than once he had been defeated.

At the conclusion of the rollcall the Speaker announced that John Walter Smith had received 86 votes and John C. Motter 38 votes; that as John Walter Smith had received a majority of all those present and voting, he now declared him elected to the United States Senate to succeed Senator Whyte. As the last word was uttered the enthusiasm broke loose and the applause continued for many minutes. The galleries and the floors rapidly cleared of all save the members. The people went on a rush to find the Senator-elect. Governor Crothers, who four years ago, was one of the warmest of ex-Governor Smith's supporters, left his seat in the House and went to the Executive offices, where he found Colonel Smith, and the two men shook hands with a degree of warmth that showed their friendship. Others came in, and the Senator-elect was escorted below to the lobby by a crowd of his friends.

In the vote for Senator Governor Smith received the vote of every Democrat present, including that of Senator Greenwell, of St. Mary's, who was not admitted to the Democratic caucus. Judge J. C. Motter received every Republican vote. There were four absentees, namely, Senators Moore and Linthicum, Democrats, and Lancaster, Republican, and Delegate Willing, of Wicomico, Democrat. The vote cast was 124, 63 being necessary for an election. Governor Smith received 16 in the Senate and 70 in the House—86. Judge Motter received 8 votes of Senators and 30 votes of Delegates—38.

CHURCH NOTES.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of St. James Church will meet next Wednesday at the parsonage. One of Worton's noted suppers will be served. Public invited.

Mr. William R. Huey, of Washington College, lead the song service in Christ church Sunday and read a fine paper on "Giving." Mrs Mamie Dodd sang a pretty solo.

The Dorcas Society of Emmanuel Church was entertained Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Physick on Princess street.

The annual meeting of the Maryland Conference Methodist Protestant Church will be held this April at Snow Hill.

There will be preaching at Grace Presbyterian Church, Kennedyville, Sunday January 19th at 10.30 a. m. by Mr. C. H. Schwenke, supply.

Chestertown M. E. Church.—Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 2.15 p. m. Revival services will be continued. All are cordially invited.

Bishop Coleman's estate amounted to twenty thousand dollars, half of it being proceeds from his life insurance. All of it is left to the Episcopal church and charitable causes except seven thousand dollars which goes to his son for his use during his life time, after which it all goes to the church.

Chestertown M. E. Sunday School elected the following officers Sunday January 12th: Superintendent, Mr. Herbert E. Perkins; assistant superintendent, Mr. H. H. Klinefelter; lady superintendent, Mrs. Grace Bordley; treasurer, Mr. John C. Davis; secretary, Mr. Thomas Eliason, Jr.; assistant secretary, Mr. Murrell Dunbracco; librarians, Messrs. Emerson Sparks, Earle Thomas and Wilmer Coleman; superintendent of Primary Department, Mrs. Wm. A. Smith.

Bond and Mowbray churches combined have elected Mr. Henry Brown as delegate to conference and Mr. James H. Baker as alternate.

The Rev. Samuel W. Thomas, D. D., editor of "The Philadelphia Methodist" will act as temporary presiding elder of the West District of the Philadelphia Conference until the examination of the Rev. William H. Shaffer in March. His appointment came Tuesday from Bishop Earl Cranston by mail from Washington, D. C., where the bishop resides.

A special meeting of the diocesean convention of Delaware, has been called for February 19 for the purpose of electing a successor to Bishop Coleman. A rumor is current to the effect that Rev. Floyd V. Tomkins, rector of Holy Trinity church, Philadelphia, is under consideration with the election of a bishop for the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Delaware, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bishop Coleman.

Rev. A. H. Covey will preach at Salem M. E. Church, Fairlee, Sunday January 19th at 10.30 a. m.

LOOKOUT FOR NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE "KENT NEWS" FOR THE NOTICE OF THE GREATEST

VARIETY SALE

THAT EVER WAS OFFERED IN KENT COUNTY CONSISTING OF THE CONTENTS OF THE

'OLD CURIOSITY SHOP"

OF THE LATE WM. McLAUGHLIN.

There will be offered for sale all the way from a homeopathic kit to a coffin and from a gun tube to a threshing rig. Everything will be sold and a large attendance is requested.

H. E. COOPER, Administrator.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

OF

REAL ESTATE

UNDER and by virtue of a writ issued out of the Circuit Court for Kent county to the undersigned late sheriff of Kent county, Md., at the suit of William J. Vannort against J. Frank Butler, colored, I have seized and taken into execution

All That Lot of Land,

located and lying in the Third Election District of Kent county, Maryland, in what is known or called Butlertown, adjoining the lands of Samuel Butler, Cyrus Worrell and others, and containing 3¾ ACRES and improvements, and will sell same on

TUESDAY, February 11th, 1908,

at 11 o'clock a. m., in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Md., to satisfy said writ.

It being the same property which was heretofore conveyed by Wm. Burgan, et. al., to John Frank Butler by deed dated May 30, 1884, duly executed and recorded in Liber S. B. No. 5, folio 481, etc., one of the land record books of Kent County, Md.

TERMS—CASH.

ANDREW MEDDERS, Late Sheriff.

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Through Stock Taking

Our Clearance Sale is in full blast Men's Suits, at $5, $6 and $7.50 in our ½ Price Sale, Small Lots, Broken Sizes and Odd Suits. A lot of Fine Mixed Cheviot Suits, at $10, made from goods from our discontinued Custom Department—Suits that were $20 ¼ off Heavy Overcoats, Suits and Trousers, Men's and Boys', all sizes. Makers' "Seconds" Shirt Sale; over 4000 shirts at 65 and 75 cents, all sizes and all kinds, slightly imperfect, but nothing to interfere with wear, worth from $1 to $2.50. Bargains in Underwear, Shoes and Hats.

Biggest Because Best MULLIN'S Clothing Hats Wilmington Shoes

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphan's Court for Kent county letters of administration c. t. a. on the estate in Kent county, Md., of

WILLIAM McLOUGHLIN,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of July, 1908, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under my hand this 14th day of January, 1908.

HARRISON E. COOPER, Administrator c. t. a.

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R. GROOME PARKS, Attorney.

Order Nisi.

R. Groome Parks, Assignee, vs. John F. Usilton.

In the Orphan's Court of Kent County, Maryland. No. 1599.

ORDERED, this 16th day of January, 1908, by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the sale of the personal property mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by R. Groome Parks, assignee, under power contained in a mortgage from John F. Usilton to Rufus F. Parks and duly assigned to R. Groome Parks, dated November 17th, 1905, and recorded in liber J. T. D. No. 2, folio 103, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 9th day of November next; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 10th day of February next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1987.90.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

True Copy—Test;

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

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FOR RENT FOR 1908.

6-ROOM HOUSE and 4-ROOM DWELLING; both have good gardens attached and located in Kennedyville.

SHAFER REDMILE & CO., Kennedyville, Md.

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PUBLIC SALE

OF

PERSONALTY

THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming, will sell without reserve on the farm where I now reside on the road leading from Massey to Sassafras, on

Wednesday, January 29th, 1908,

commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following Personal Property:

Eleven Head Horses,

Mules and Colts.

Two pair FINE YOUNG MULES well broken.
5 good work horses.
1 half Percheron Stallion.
1 Sorrel Colt 3 years old.
1 Bay Colt 2 years old this spring.

Sixteen Head of Cows

and Heifers.

SIX BROOD SOWS AND 11 SHOTES.
28 FINE EWES AND 1 BUCK.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS:

Consisting of Drill, Reaper, 1 good Osborne Mower, Fan, Corn Sheller, Harrows, Plows, Cultivators, Roller, 3 Farm Wagons, 2 Peach Beds, Forks, Shovels, Hoes and Harness.

TERMS OF SALE—On all sums of $10.00 and under, cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of Eight Months will be given on a bankable note with approved security and interest added from day of sale. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with.

C. S. HURLOCK.

J. FORD CAULK, Auctioneer. j11-ts

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PUBLIC SALE

OF

VALUABLE LOTS OF LAND

IN CHESTERTOWN, MD.

BY VIRTUE of the power of sale contained in a mortgage from Theodore F. Dill and wife to Carolene L. Hynson, dated on the 30th day of August, 1890, which mortgage was duly recorded among the land records of Kent county in Liber S. B., No. 13, Folio 563, etc., and was duly assigned by the said Carolene L. Hynson to Wm. M. Slay, as will appear by reference to said land records, the undersigned, as assignee, will offer at public sale at the Court House Door in Chestertown, Maryland on

Saturday, Jan. 18, 1908

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.,

All that Lot of Land

situated on the southeast side of College avenue extended, having a front on said avenue of fifty-seven feet and a depth of even width of one hundred and forty-eight feet, and adjoining the property of Walter Allcott and others. This lot of land is improved by TWO FRAME DWELLING HOUSES, one of which is a double house, usually occupied by two families, and the other is a single house which has recently been put in fair repair, and will be offered as a whole and also in two lots, with the frontage of each made known on day of sale.

THE TERMS OF SALE will be one half of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the balance, with interest on the deferred payment, in six months from day of sale, and to be secured by note with approved security; or all cash, at option of purchaser.

WM. M. SLAY, ASSIGNEE.

At the same time and place, and on the same terms as above set forth, the undersigned, as attorney for Mrs. Carolene L. Hynson, will offer at public sale the following properties:

NO. 1.—ALL THAT DESIRABLE LOT, PART OF A LOT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, situated on the southeast side of Front or Water street, opposite the residence of Charles J. Reiche, and known or called the "REDUE PROPERTY," adjoining the property of the heirs of the late Hiram Brown and others, having a front on said Front street of 67 feet, more or less, with a depth of even width of 148 feet. The improvements are in ordinary repair and consist of an OLD STYLE BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, but the lot of land is a very desirable site on which to erect a cosy home, having a deep lot running back to the steamboat wharf property.

NO. 2 is the leasehold interest in ALL THAT LOT OR PART OF A LOT of Washington College land, situated on the east side of College Avenue, adjoining other college land and the leasehold property of the heirs of the late James White, deceased. This lot was formerly held and occupied by Alexander Taylor's heirs, and fronts on the avenue 125 feet and runs back 70 feet, and is without improvements. The annual of rent on this land is thirty-one cents during the term.

WM. M. SLAY, ATTORNEY.

Dec. 21, 1907—ts.

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S. SCOTT BECK, Administrator.

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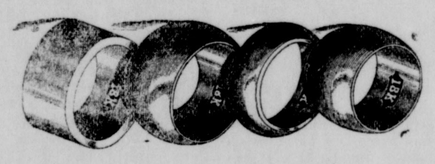
A Successful Wedding



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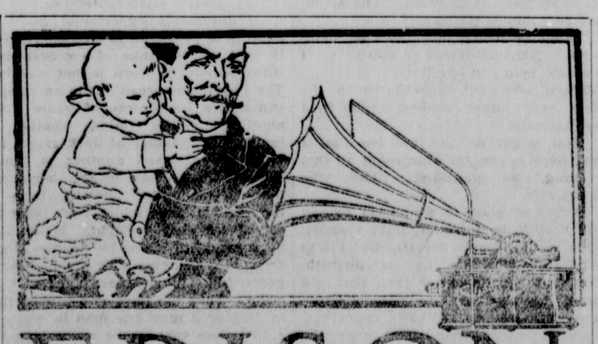

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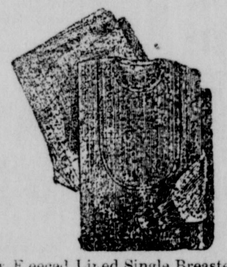
Boot Bargains

Leather Boots, Carroll & Adams, were $3.00, now...$2.50
Rice & Hutchins, were $3, now....$2.50
Boys' $2 Leather Boots, now....$1.65
Youth's $1.50 Leather Boots, now....$1.30
Men's $2.50 Rubber Boots, now....$2.10
Ladies' and Boys' Rubber Boots, were $1.50, now, $1.15
Ladie's 50c Storm Rubbers....39c
Ladies' Cloth Top Storm Rubbers....59c

Underwear Bargains



Men's Heavy Fleeced Lined Single Breasted Shirt, were 45c, now....35c
Heavy Double Breasted Shirt, were 60c, now....39c

Dry Goods Bargains

O N T Spool Cotton....5c
Outing Flannel, good pattern, dark, were 8c, now....5c
Outing Flannel, good pattern, light, were 10c, now...6¼c
Flannelettes, were 12c, now....9c
15c Men's Heavy Fleece Lined Hose, now....10c
59c Corduroy Caps, now....39c
Mendall's $1.25 Wrappers....$1.00

Grocery Bargains

AT A 10% SAVING

Condensed Milk....9c
1 Box Cocoa....9c
1 Jar Syrup....9c
1 Bottle Pickles....9c
1 Can Soup....9c
1 Bottle Salad Dressing....9c
1 Box Oats....9c
1 Box Puffed Rice....9c
2 Boxes Cream Corn Starch....9c
1 Box Egg O See....9c
1 Box Corn Flakes....9c
1 Bottle Rumford Yeast Powder....9c
2 Bottles Davis Yeast Powder....9c
1 Dozen Bananas....9c
1 Plug Schnapps Tobacco....9c
1 Plug Early Bird Tobacco....9c
1 Plug June Tobacco....9c
1 Plug What Nnox Tobacco....9c
2 Bars Oleine Soap....9c

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