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NO COMPULSORY LAW

No Maryland Democrat can want Compulsory Education in the State. It makes still more difficult the solution of the Suffrage and the Negro Problems.

To the Editors:—

The Baltimore Sun of December 4th stated that at the meeting of school superintendents and commissioners in Baltimore, the "officials" of Kent county wanted a compulsory education law. Every Maryland Democrat should have no use whatever for any compulsory education law. It is supposed that every Democrat is kicking himself because the negro disfranchisement act failed of passage. And every Democrat knows, or ought to know, that compulsory education compels every negro to get an education to prepare him to vote—and to become an idler and a criminal at the same time.

Within the past year women's clubs, Republicans, Socialists and various charity workers have sought to fasten a compulsory education law on the States of Georgia and South Carolina. Senator Tillman told them the results of such a step as concerned the negro, and other liberty loving forces had a word on the matter also, with the result that the compulsory education bills were ignominiously killed.

Baltimore city is enough of a sample for Maryland of what compulsory education has done for the negro. Whole blocks of houses in residential sections have been vacated by whites and fallen in value because of the inrush of the negro. Only the strictest police surveillance suffices to keep the young negroes in anything like decent bounds. Educated away from work, they are determined to live somehow by their wits.

In all the Maryland counties the reflex of this educational move for the negroes is felt. Those who are as dumb as oysters at least see the example set by their educated brethren and seek to imitate them, let their surroundings and circumstances be what they may. Compulsory education without the negro is, of course, not thought of. Republicans are the most zealous for his educational uplift, but not all of these agree to it.

For some 12 or 14 years past there have been attempts to have passed compulsory education bills in our Legislature. They have ignobly failed, save in the cases of Baltimore city and Allegany county, and at this juncture, with the negro the especial object of attention, such a bill is past all hope.

Further, it is to be noted that the great educational heads are not pushing the matter. The fact is, men who are at all posted on public school matters know that they do not admit of discussion with their present internal troubles and external enemies—hence, they keep quiet.

There are any number of reasons why Maryland and every other Southern State should repudiate compulsory education. In the States of this Union and in foreign countries most akin to us, where compulsory education has had full trial, its results are now apparent. It is bringing the poor down to starvation and unemployment, while problems such as juvenile, divorce, tramp, pauper, insane, criminal, socialist and anarchist have arisen to baffle governments themselves.

Francis B. Livesey,
Clarkson, Md.

BUY NOW.

The Christmas season, now at hand, is naturally the busiest of the year for the stores. It is then that the regular volume of buying is enormously increased by a great flood of irregular shoppers, involving almost every one that has any spending money, from a nickel up to dollars untold, for the purpose of buying Christmas gifts.

Christmas shopping means hard work for all employed in the stores, for the reason that so much of it is delayed until the very eve of Christmas. This means that as the great day draws near: the volume of work imposed on the shopworkers increases daily and reaches monumental proportions during the closing hours. As a consequence, the final week before Christmas is one of terror to workers in the stores, as it means continued and enervating labor until the small hours of Christmas morning, leaving them in such an exhausted physical and mental condition that even Christmas has no joys for them.

It is possible to avoid this undesirable condition by a very simple remedy which the people all over the country are being asked to employ.

And that remedy is: Do all your Christmas shopping as early as possible. Don't put it off until the last week.

The storekeepers and their assistants would be mightily pleased if people would observe this easy precept and put it into general practice.

PROPOSED AUTOMOBILE LAW.

The Automobile Commission, of Maryland, has been laboring all summer to draft a state law regulating automobiling, and at last it seems to have reached conclusion satisfactory to the Commission, and to the Automobile Club of Maryland. Whether it will be satisfactory to the members of the legislature, remains to be seen. The law should be thoroughly studied and ventilated before action is taken.

The tax agreed on is as follows: For 10 horse-power, or less, $6.00; for 20 horse-power and not more than 40, $12; for more than 40 h. p., $18. A commissioner of motor vehicles is recommended, with a salary of $3000.00 a year.

The bill, as proposed, will allow a speed of 12 miles an hour in the heart of the city where the traffic is heavy. In the suburbs, the speed may be increased to 18 miles an hour, while in the open country a speed of 25 miles will be allowed.

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Worms and indigestion invariably cause your horse to be nervous and throw his head from side to side continually. Fairfield's Blood Tonic for Horses Only, fed regularly, perfects digestion, removes worms and removes most causes of nervousness. Ask for Fairfield's Free Book on Horses. Sold under written guarantee by dealers named in advertisement on page 1.

Connoisseurs and others who feel that they must hear *The World's Best Pianos* are requested to inspect the

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We also invite attention to our complete stock of other well-known makes, including



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Second hand pianos, which were taken in exchange and remade like new in the Knabe factory, at especially low prices.

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May seem very perplexing while you think about it at home, but all the difficulty vanishes the minute you see our Furniture display.

It fairly bristles with suggestions.

The error you are most likely to make is to conclude that you cannot afford to give Furniture. The truth is that you cannot afford NOT TO.

Give Furniture and you give not only for this Xmas, but for years and years to come.

Give Furniture, and it will stand in some home a constant reminder of you and a lasting tribute to your good judgment.

You don't have to spend a lot of money, either, if you don't want to. Why we have articles of usefulness, artistic in appearance, articles that make ideal gifts, yet that cost only a trifle. Let us show you how easy it is to pick out Xmas presents.

JOHN BARTLEY
CHESTERTOWN, - - - MARYLAND

The Up-to-Date Veterinarian prescribes the Fairfield Blood Tonics because there is a separate preparation for each kind of animal. Results are guaranteed when you use the Fairfield Blood Tonics according to plain directions. Ask for Fairfield's Free Book on Stock. Sold under written guarantee by dealers named in adv. on page 1.

Fifty cent butter before New Years is predicted by the leading dairymen. Fairfield's Blood Tonic and Milk Producer for Cattle Only increases the butter-fats in milk and increases the milk production. Ask for Fairfield's Free Book on Stock. Sold under written guarantee by dealers named in advertisement on page 1.

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What They Will Do for You

They will cure your backache, strengthen your kidneys, correct urinary irregularities, build up the worn out tissues, and eliminate the excess uric acid that causes rheumatism. Prevent Bright's Disease and Diabetes, and restore health and strength. Refuse substitutes.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS AND J. T. POWER, Millington, Md.

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At the end of 6½ years the Company will pay you a gratifying sum. We have the best investment you can get.

T. H. TOPPING, President.
J. W. RUSSELL, Secretary.

DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP IS THE best remedy for coughs, colds, sore throat and grippe. It never fails to cure promptly.

Maryland, Delaware & Virginia R. R. Co.

CHESTER RIVER LINE.
SCHEDULE
IN EFFECT OCTOBER 25th, 1909.

Steamer will leave Baltimore Pier 7 Light St. Wharf, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 11 a. m. weather permitting, for the following points:

Rock Hall, Queenstown, Bogles, Spanlard's, Cliffs, Indiantown, Ashland, Quaker Neck, Booker's, Wilmers, Riverside, Ralph's, Piney Grove, arrive Chestertown 5.30 p. m.

Returning steamer leaves Chestertown for Baltimore, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 o'clock a. m., weather permitting, stopping at all the above landings, arriving in Baltimore about 2.00 p. m.

Steamer will leave Baltimore, Pier 7, Light St., weather permitting, Monday and Friday at 6.00 p. m., stopping at Quaker Neck, Booker's, Rolph's, Chestertown, Buckingham, Berry, Deep Landing, Crumpton.

Returning steamer will leave Crumpton weather permitting, for Baltimore, Tuesday and Saturday at 1.00 p. m., Chestertown 4.30 p. m. stopping at the above landings.

This time-Table shows the times at which steamers may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several wharves, but the Company will not be responsible for any delay or any consequence arising therefrom.

WILLARD THOMPSON,
General Manager.

F. MURDOCH,
General Passenger Agent.
Baltimore October 25th, 1909.

Tolchester Company.

FALL SCHEDULE
(Weather Permitting.)

SASSAFRAS RIVER LINE.
In effect October 2nd, 1909.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays steamer will leave Fredericktown at 7 a. m., Betterton 8.15 a. m., Rock Neck 9.10 a. m., Gales 9.45 a. m., Tolchester 10.15 a. m., arriving in Baltimore about 12.40 p. m.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays steamer will leave Baltimore at 2.45 p. m., for above landings. Does not stop at Rock Neck after Dec. 3rd, but does stop at Gales.

PORT DEPOSIT LINE.
In effect October 2nd, 1909.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays steamer will leave Baltimore 2.45 p. m. for Tolchester, Betterton, Havre de Grace and Port Deposit.

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays steamer will leave Port Deposit at 7 a. m., Havre de Grace at 7.30 a. m., Betterton at 8.45 a. m., Tolchester at 10.15 a. m.

For any other information apply to agents on wharves, or

TOLCHESTER COMPANY,
Pier 16 Light St., Baltimore, Md.

Time grows short! Don't delay your Xmas Shopping

The Retail Merchants of Baltimore are paying the full round-trip fare to Baltimore and return for shoppers from this section who make purchases amounting to $20 or more from any of the following firms:

You may make all your purchases at one store or you may make your purchases from any number of different stores—just so your total purchases at the stores named amount to $20 or more, the Retail Merchants' Association of Baltimore will refund your full round-trip fare to Baltimore and return, or will refund half your fare if you purchase $10 or more.

Department Stores

JOEL GUTMAN & CO.
112 to 122 North Eutaw St.

HUTZLER BROS. CO.
210 to 218 North Howard St.

LAUER'S
446 to 458 North Gay St.

BRAGER'S
Southeast Corner Eutaw and Saratoga Sts.

BERNHEIMER BROS.
Fayette St. Through to Lexington.

HOCHSCHILD, KOHN & CO.
Northwest Corner Howard and Lexington Sts.

EISENBERG'S Underselling Store
213 to 219 West Lexington St.

STEWART & CO.
Northeast Corner Lexington and Howard Sts.

THE LEADER
Southwest Corner Lexington and Howard Sts.

THE HUB
Northeast Corner Baltimore and Charles Sts.

Jewelry

CASTELBERG National Jewelry Co.
106 North Eutaw St.

Furniture, Carpets, Etc.

MINCH & EISENBREY
212 to 220 West Lexington St.

POLLACK'S
Northeast Corner Howard and Saratoga Sts.

GOMPRECHT & BENESCH
316 to 322 North Eutaw St.

GUSDORFF & JOSEPH
117 to 121 North Howard St.

Clothing, Etc.

ISAAC HAMBURGER & SONS
Northwest Corner Baltimore and Hanover Sts.

LIKES, BERWANGER & CO.
8 to 12 East Baltimore St.

NEW YORK CLOTHING HOUSE
102-104 East Baltimore St.

Shoes, Etc.

N. HESS' SONS
8 East Baltimore St.

L. SLEISINGER & SON
106 North Charles St.

M. WYMAN
13 West Lexington St.

Pianos

WM. KNABE & CO.
Southwest Corner Park Ave. and Fayette St.



SPECIAL NOTICE

The Rebate Office
HAS BEEN REMOVED TO
116 N. Howard St.
(Half Block from Lexington)

which is in the heart of the shopping district and conveniently located for out-of-town visitors. Office open daily from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. (Saturday included).

DIRECTIONS:

When you arrive in Baltimore, go to any of the stores named here and ask for a

Shoppers' Certificate

Have your name written on it, and at each store when you make purchases have the amount of your purchases stamped on the Certificate.

When through shopping, take your Certificate to the rooms of the Retail Merchants' Association, 116 North Howard Street and show your railroad or boat ticket to the secretary in charge, and your FULL ROUND-TRIP FARE WILL BE REPAID YOU if your total purchases at the stores printed thereon amount to $20 or more.

If your total purchases amount to $20 or more (but under $20), half your fare will be repaid you.

REBATE OF FARE IS LIMITED TO 100 MILES IN ANY DIRECTION FROM BALTIMORE.

SHOPPERS MUST APPLY IN PERSON WHILE IN BALTIMORE TO OBTAIN REBATES.

This offer of a free trip to Baltimore and return extends clear up to December 31st, 1909. It is made to prove to all by personal observation and experience the greater advantages Baltimore stores offer for shopping--greater--far, far greater, than any other stores offer anywhere else on this continent.

These facts stand undisputed

Baltimore stores sell the same goods at lower prices than any other stores in America.

Baltimore stores provide unsurpassed assortments in every line of desirable merchandise.

Baltimore stores are live, hustling, up-to-date, reliable, offering every convenience and advantage intelligent progressiveness can suggest.

Members of Retail Merchants Association of Baltimore
Free Transportation for Out-of-town Shoppers.

Those of you who have not yet done so should come to Baltimore for a shopping tour now—AT ONCE—at the invitation and expense of the

Retail Merchants of Baltimore

After exposure, and you feel a cold coming on, take Foley's Honey and Tar, the great throat and lung remedy. It stops the cough, relieves the congestion, and expels the cold from your system. Is mildly laxative. Sold by all druggists of Chestertown; J. T. Powers, Millington, Md.

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Sold by all druggists of Chestertown; J. T. Powers, Millington, Md.

A hen infested with lice will, in one day, waste vitality sufficient for the production of several eggs. This is why the egg season is so often cut short. Your hens need not be in this condition. Fairfield's Lice Killer will rid your fowls of the pest. Sold under written guaran-

This is Worth Remembering.

Whenever you have a cough or cold, just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and refuse substitutes. Sold by all druggists of Ches-

The Hub, Millington, will move in 30 days from their present quarters to the Bottomly store where they will continue their big department store bargains.

Xmas goods of every kind at the uptown store of Owen B. Crow. Besides the staple

Foley's Kidney Remedy will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. Cures backache and irregularities that is neglected might result in Bright's