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LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Senator Wm. W. Beck made a fine record at Annapolis. He was on some of the most important committees, to which he gave his faithful service, and introduced several State-wide measures. He voted with the temperance forces in bringing the Local Option Bill from committee and against the farce which finally passed the Senate. He introduced the "agent" liquor bill sent to him by State's Attorney Vickers, but it was killed in the House. Other measures will be noted later.

The greatest piece of legislative injustice and dictatorial bossism was that of killing the School House bills in the House. As noted heretofore at length, these bills were drawn at the request of the Kent County School Board, sent to Senator Beck, who, like the faithful representative of his people, introduced them and saw that they passed the Senate. The anti-faction at once got busy and injected as much politics and as much factionalism in them as it was possible to do. A referendum was added, to which no one objects, but the excellent commission, consisting of representative men without regard to politics, was stricken out and the Board of County Commissioners was substituted. Senator Beck, upon its return to him, accepted the referendum but again put in these names as the commission to take charge of the erection of the schools in case the people ratified the bond issue:

Millington—John P. Ahern, R. Wesley Moffett, Joseph Mallalieu, Charles M. Hurtt, Richard E. Feddeman.

Betterton—Howard Turner, John H. Gooding, Harvey Brice, Harry Willis, Horace F. Brice.

Rock Hall—Elmer E. Leary, James A. Casey, Jos. Downey, C. Frank Wheatley, Prof. Walter H. Davis.

Chestertown—Wm. F. Russell, Eben F. Perkins, Thomas G. Wroth, Charles S. Smith, John C. Davis.

We are confident that not one of these men desire to serve on these Boards, but being loyal citizens they would not refuse to do their duty towards their neighbors and fellow-citizens.

The objection raised to the men named above is found in the last issue of Mr. Barroll's paper as follows:

"WHICH COMMISSIONERS WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY DOMINATED BY THE ORGANIZATION LEADERS. IT IS A SLICK PIECE OF BUSINESS."

We do not believe there are ten men in Kent who believe any such assertion and we doubt that the man who charges it really believes it. Such conduct on the part of either faction is what breaks asunder party ties and weakens the party as a whole.

The following officials for Kent were confirmed:

Justices of the Peace—First District, John B. W. Adelotte, Millington; Irving L. Dempsey, Galena. Second, Leonard A. Pennington, Kennedyville; Thomas C. Morris. Third, Samuel C. Willis, William A. Crew. Fourth, Samuel L. Wright, Joshua A. Byrne, Virgil W. Kendall, Chestertown. Fifth, George P. Ashley, D. William Crosby, Rock Hall.

Notaries—Joseph Mallalieu, Millington; Jesse E. Ireland, Galena; Sidney P. Townshend, Chestertown.

School Commissioner—John D. Urie.

Coroner—Dr. Frank W. Smith.

Supervisors of Elections—Republicans, John C. Davis, Walter S. Tyler; Democrat, Samuel G. Caldwell.

Judge Kendall will likely have an office with Chapman & Lambert, opposite J. S. Vandegrift's shop.

Delegate Miller has the sympathy of his county in his affliction. He went to Annapolis, when, really not able, in order to vote on the Local Option Bill and against the Oyster Bill, for which he deserves credit.

Among farmers there is a disposition to credit the last Legislature with considerable legislation beneficial to their interests. The Agricultural Committee of the House of Delegates, of which Mr. W. Irving Walker, of Queen Anne's, was chairman, worked untiringly throughout the session. Among the bills enacted into law were the following: Creating a biological laboratory for the manufacture of serum for the prevention of hog cholera; inspection and analysis of phosphate and requiring all filler phosphates to be stamped "low grade;" codification of all laws affecting agriculture; inspection of seeds; registration of sales of all biological products; inspection of agricultural lime; requiring the State Board of Health to examine all heads of animals supposed to have been suffering from hydrophobia, at no expense to the senders, and creating a country life commission.

The Road Bills.

The Goslin road bills as passed are as follows:

1. The State road loan of $3,170,000. Of this sum $300,000 will be spent in Baltimore county, $625,000 in Baltimore city, $300,000 in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties, in addition to the regular apportionment to those counties from the general fund; $200,000 to State road No. 1 (the Baltimore-Washington road), $200,000 to the old Philadelphia road, $200,000 to the National road, $200,000 to the Frederick road, $200,000 to the Cumberland road, $200,000 to the Eastern Shore road, $200,000 to the Lower Counties road, $200,000 to the Southern Maryland road, $200,000 to the Western Maryland road, $200,000 to the Northern Central road, $200,000 to the Upper Counties road, $200,000 to the Baltimore and Annapolis road, $200,000 to the Washington road, $200,000 to the Philadelphia road, $200,000 to the Baltimore and Ellicott City road, $200,000 to the Baltimore and Washington road, $200,000 to the Baltimore and Philadelphia