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Democratic Primaries.

Pursuant to the action of the State Central Committee, the Democratic voters will meet in their respective election districts and precincts on Saturday August 22nd, 1903, between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of appointing six delegates from each district to meet in Chestertown on Tuesday, the 25th day of August, 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m. to elect six delegates to Democratic State convention to be held in Baltimore on a date to be named for the purpose of nominating a Governor, Comptroller and Attorney General. If there be any contest for the election of delegates and a desire is expressed for a vote, each district shall select judges and two clerks and shall open and close the polls at the hours herein prescribed, and when the polls are opened, shall receive the votes of all Democrats offering to vote, whose names shall appear upon the registration books and who shall vote in the districts where they are registered, and shall also receive all the votes of all young Democrats, who, on account of their age are not now registered but who will be entitled to registration and to vote at the ensuing November election. And, upon the closing of the polls at the hours herein directed, the judges shall proceed to count the votes cast, and shall certify to the person receiving the highest number of votes as delegates. Whereupon it shall be the duty of said delegates to proceed to Chestertown on said Tuesday in August, and cast the vote of the district in convention and elect 6 delegates.

Should no desire be exprersed for a ballot, then the district meetings may select delegates by a viva voce vote, or by committee nominations. The mode of procedure here in prescribed will be strictly followed, any other method will not be legal, as this committee has full power so to decree.

W. W. BECK.
J. H. O. STOKES.
J. T. PENNINGTON.
State Central Committee for Kent County.

Base Ball.—Chestertown 7, Church Hill 2. Church Hill lost to Chestertown Wednesday afternoon in a hotly contested game on their home grounds, the feature of the game was the pitching of Ernest Barnes, who struck out 14 men and the support was excellent. The line up was as following: T. Kibler 2b, E. Barnes p, W. Burk 1b, H. Toulson 3b, J. Bartley lf, R. Simpers cf, S. Harley ss, M. Brown rf, C. Kibler c, represented Chestertown team and G. Massey lf, I Catlin c, C. Massey 2b, C. Parstans ss, N. Brown cf, J. Whaley 1b, H. Finley rf, A. Clark 3b, J. John's p, represented Church Hill.

PERSONAL TIDINGS.

Miss Mary Gross, of Baltimore, county, and Miss Mamie Buchanan, of Sassafras, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dadds, Calvert street.

Sidney P. Townshend, Esq., spent several days last week in Prince George's county on professional business.

Messrs. Wm. A. Burk, Wm. E. Ringgold and Wm. Valliant, left Saturday morning for Frederick City, Md., to attend the P. O. S. of A. Convention.

Mrs. John Kemp and daughter, Miss Maud, have a tent at pretty Woodlawn camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Pippin and children are spending a few days with friends in Baltimore

Miss Florence Jewell, of Worton, has returned from a delightful trip to Atlantic City.

Among those who went to Washington from the Still Pond Farmers' Club were: Mr. and Mrs. James S. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. T. Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jarrell, Miss Emma Shafer, Mr. Jos. W. Harper, Walter Harris and Baynard Harper.

Miss Ada Joiner, and Miss Lydia V. Apsley, of Rock Hall, have returned from a weeks visit to Stevenville, and Chester, Queen Anne's county, and Rehoboth, Del.

Mr. Wm. E. Saunders, wife and children, of Rock Hall, spent last Sunday with their uncle, Mr. Jefferson Saunders, Lankford.

Mr. Jefferson Saunders and wife spent a few days of this week with their brothers Mr. Wm. E. Saunders and Mr. George Hurtt, both of Chesapeake City.

Miss Annie Briarly Munnikhuysen, of Belair, Md., is the guest of Miss Louise Stam, on Queen street.

Mr. Walter Bennett spent several days at Atlantic City the past week. He reports Mr. Charles Greenly, formerly of Chestertown, as getting along finely and is considered one of the professional horse-shoers of that city.

Mr Harry Jefferson, of Sparks & Jefferson, is taking a well earned vacation and visiting friends on the Eastern Shore and Northern resorts.

Mrand Mrs. Chas. Vickers, of Broad Neck, have as guests the children of Mr. and Mrs. Watts, of Baltimore,

Miss Lucy Thompson, of Broad Neck, is visiting her sister, Mrs Freeman Gale, at New Freedom, Pa.

Mr. Roland Bennett, of Broad Neck, has been quite sick.

Mr. H. Theodore Jewell, clerk to the county commissioners, is quite sick at his home near Wortsn, Mr. W. H. Lambert, is substituting as clerk.

Mr. Wm. Hodges, of Balto., has been the guest of Chestertown friends this week.

Mrs. Harvey and daughters, Mary, Agnes, Margaret and Josephine, of Washington, D. C., are guests at Mrs. Jervis Spencer's, on Water street.

The Misses Geoghegan, of Cambridge, are the guests of their sister, Mrs C. W. McAllister, corner of High and Mill streets.

Mr. Ira D. Edmundson, wife and two children, of Pittsburg, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Evans at the Imperial Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heintz, Millville, N. J., are guests of Rev. and Mrs. Milton McCann, Pomona.

Mrs. Dr. J. T. Twilley and granddaughter, Miss Bessie Ball, are in Baltimore visiting friends and relatives.

(Other Personals on 8th Page.)

GRAND JURY REPORT.

Evidence of Unwarranted Extravagance Specially on the Roads of Kent County—Floating Debt of Over $70,000—High Tax Rate for Coming Years.

The Grand Jury of Kent County comprised of the following citizens, T. Romie Strong, Wm. G. Smyth, Geo. W. Owens, Wm. E. Willson, Samuel Burgess, Chas. M. Brown, J. Page Gale, Arthur M. Brown, Geo. T. Williams, Geo. Spencer Boulden, Wm. T. Nicholson, W. Tylden Brice, Jos. W. Harper, James L. Beck, Edw. W. Emory, Wm. R. Price, Josiah Massey, Jr., James W. Wood, Richard Groves, Clifton Hurtt, Hiram M. Brown, Ellsworth Bowers and Walter Francis, met in the court house, Chestertown, Monday and after receiving a brief charge from Chief Judge Pearce, retired to consider Mr. John H. Blacklock's report. Mr. Blacklock is the expert accountant employed to examine and report on the indebtedness of Kent County. The Grand Jury's report is as follows:

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Circuit Court.

The Special Report of the Grand Jury respectfully shows: that a committee composed of Messrs. Richard Groves, Elsworth C. Bowers and Edward W. Emory, was appointed to employ an expert accountant to examine the books and Records in the office of the County Commissioners, and to furnish a complete Report of the financial condition of the county, this we felt constrained to do in deference to the expressed wish of a very large majority of the tax-payers of the county who believed that the public for some time past had not been fully advised of the indebtedness of the county—in fact that a large floating indebtedness had accumulated and was annually increasing.

The complete and comprehensive report of Mr. Blacklock, the expert accountant, employed by the committee of the Grand Jury is herewith returned to your Honorable Court.

It is not our purpose to give here more than a mere summary of some of the things shown in the report, which begins with the year 1892 and runs to the present time. The *increased annual expenses* of the county is one of the matters which we desire especially to call attention to. The figures hereinafter given are the date of making the levy.

For the year 1892 the total expenses were $79,627.82. For 1893, $66,355,92, while the average annual expenses for the year 1892 to 1903 both inclusive, were $78,486.04. When you compare these figures with the total annual expenses for 1902 and 1903 which are respectfully $94,326 55 and $92,588.40 the inquiry is natural, *what occasioned this increase of $15,000 in each of the last two years over the average for eleven years?*

We further find in 1902 by the expert's report the enormous expenditure of **$30,254.71** not including $7929.13 expended in Chester and Sassafras River bridges, for roads, making a grand total of **$38,183.34**, a sum exceeding any previous year. It seems to us with about 400 *miles of road in the county to keep in repair, $30,254.71 seems to us a fabulous sum to be expended; and if the present practice of mending our roads with man and shovel continues we need not expect any relief in that direction.*

We also find in the expert's report although the heavy rate of $1 35 has been fixed allowing for the usual expenses for this year, when we come to the levy of 1904 the county will still face a FLOATING DEBT APPROACHING **$70,000.**

The accountant reports the loss of the Levy Ledger from 1892 to 1902 and the removal of leaves from the Minute Book. The Ledger was known to be in the commissioners office within thirty days before the investigation began.

The custody, care and preservation of the Books and Records in the office are upon the commissioners; no valid excuse or explanation has been made by them for this loss and mutilation, and the severest censure of the people will be upon them, until some valid reason is given for misfeasance.

The total expenses of the expert accountant will be $402.

We desire to further report to your Honorable Body that we have examined five witnesses and further recommend that the summary of the report of the expert accountant on page 1 and the side note on page 24 be published 3 times in two of the county papers, and that the detailed report itself be placed in the Treasurer's office for the inspection of all interested parties. [The summary may be found in another column of the News.]

A committee to arrange for the publication of the summary has been appointed consisting of Messrs. Richard Groves, Ellsworth Bowers and Edward W. Emory.

The jury are very much gratified to find that there is no indications of misappropriation of funds of the county during the period covered by the accountant's report.

T. ROMIE STRONG,
Foreman.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

—ANNUAL—
STATEMENT of EXPENSES
AS PER LEVY.

Year.	Expenses paid in cash out of the levy.	Expenses provided for in Levy of following year plus omitted bills	Total expenses as per Levy and omitted bills
1892—1893	$ 41,512 85	$38,114 97	$79,627 82
1893—1894	34,289 12	32,066 80	66,355 92
1894—1895	36,334 72	37,016 90	73,351 62
1895—1896	37,238 70	39,232 44	76,471 14
1896—1897	35,085 94	48,255 08	83,341 02
1897—1898	26,687 14	42.427 54	69,114 68
1898—1899	30,297 55	46,082 25	76,379 80
1899—1900	27,486 98	48,909 21	76,396 19
1900—1901	26,953 87	48,439 49	75,393 36
1901—1902	24,850 00	69,476 55	94,326 55
1902—1903	18,575 00	74,013 40	92,588 40
Total.....	$339,311 87	$524.034 63	$863,346 50

Total Levy Expenses for 11 years	$863,346 50
Average Levy Expenses for 1 year	$ 78,486 04
May 26, 1903, Outstanding Claims	$ 94,705 75
Levy Based on Estimate of 5 years	83,000 00
Levy should have been to provide for all claims up to levy of 1904	$177,705 75
Actual Levy	$111,646 91
Deficency	$ 66,058 84
Add Outstanding Claims Omitted in the Levy of 1903, and for which Provision will be made in the Levy of 1904	$ 5,811 58
Total Outstanding Claims for which Provision will be made in Levy of 1904	$ 61,544 78
To Pay Expenses Each Year Estimated at	$ 78,486 04
Requires Tax Rate of	$ .974
To Pay One-tenth of Deficency Each Year Requires a Tax Rate of	$ .076
Total Rate Requires to put the County on a Cash Basis in Ten Years	$ 1.05

Note Estimated Tax Rate Based on Assessment in Levy of 1903.

Estimate for Five Years Average	$ 83,000 00
Cash	22,752 84
	$ 60,247 16
Add	5,811 58
	$ 66,058 74

☞Detailed Statement of Report can be found in Treasurer's Office.

BY ORDER OF GRAND JURY OF KENT COUNTY.

PROPRIETOR TEACHES.

Attendance: 1st year, 208; 2d year, 333; 3d year, 444
Positions secured for Graduates.
26 with one firm alone in this city Aug, 8th.

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WILMINGTON, DEL

☞*Send for Journal.*

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A STRONG TICKET.

Senator:
GARRETT FOXWELL.

Legislature:
ISAAC GIBBS,
CAPT. CECIL R. ATKINSON.

Clerk of Court:
JAMES T. DIXON.

Register of Wills:
J. ELWOOD MORRIS.

Treasurer:
WALTER H. HADAWAY.

State's Attorney:
WILLIAM W. BECK.

Sheriff:
LIONEL E. KEYSER.

Orphan's Court:
JOHN P. NICHOLSON,
JOHN H. SIMPERS,
E. SHEPPARD MORRIS.

County Commissioners:
BRADFORD DUDLEY,
HARRY DAVIS,
ALFRED C. LOUD.

Surveyor:
MILTON MELVIN.

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NOTICE TO TRACTION ENGINES

The traveling public are hereby warned that the bridge across "Mullin's Branch" near Lambson's Station, is unsafe for Traction Engines. By order of Board.

Jy11-tf. H. THEO. JEWELL, Clerk

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COMMISSIONERS NOTICE.

The County Commissioners hereby notify the public that the bridge over Mullen's Branch, near Lambson's Station, will be off for repairs, on and after Monday, until further notice. By order.

a8 tf. H. THEO. JEWELL, Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS NOTICE.

The County Commissioners hereby notify the public that the bridge over Clark's Branch, on the road from Rodenhizer's to Lynch's, is being repaired and the road closed until further notice. By order.

a8 tf. H. THEO. JEWELL, Clerk.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS IN KENT COUNTY HAVING FARM LANDS FOR SALE can have them listed with the

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This Company runs excursions of Western land buyers to the East about every three months, and if enough desirable land in this section can be listed an excursion will be run to the Peninsula during the fall.

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1t. Eastern Agt. Great Northern Land Co.

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