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THE following interesting figures are taken from the town statement of Easton: assessable property, $1,549,641.00; tax rate 37½ cents; light, $1338.80; Water $1.071.00 balance in bank $1,007.71; dog taxes $175; work on streets and shells $1,378.16.

THE Democratic State Central Committee for Kent County has recommended the appointment of the following civil officers to Governor Warfield: Justice of the Peace—W. C. Townsend, at Millington; Henry Parr, Galena; R. W. Moffett, Worton; Arthur Harris, Betterton; Wm. M. Slay, police justice for Chestertown; J. Cordray Loud and J. Waters Russell, Justices for Chestertown; R. N. C. Ayres, police justice for Rock Hall; J. P. Ahern, school commissioner; G. W. Hatcherson, P. G. Wilmer, J. Thos. Fletcher and Chas. O. Cacy, election supervisors.

THE Baltimore Sun and Herald are both after the shyster lawyers. An anti-shyster lawyer measure is before the legislature and should have serious consideration. It does not reflect upon the many lawyers who transact business in a legitimate way. It is after the shyster lawyer and it is said there are twenty-five such black-mailers in Baltimore city alone. These men hunt up accidents and cases of various kinds and bring suits of the most ridiculous character hoping to get a fee by forcing a compromise. The "shyster" who wins such damage suits ought to be denied association with respectable lawyers. They are—as is well said by a city cotemporary—the ghouls and vultures of their profession.

Lower The Taxes.

We are told by the clerk to the Board of county commissioners that the expenses of the county for the past quarter is considerably less than for the same term last year, but, said Mr. Dodd, "we are not satisfied with this showing. The reduction is not what it should be and we must cut off every expense not absolutely necessary, and this I know our board intends to do." We are glad to note this purpose of the board. We feel sure they mean it and will give no sanction to any needless expense. Fortunately there are no special improvements to be made in county buildings or lengthy bridges, barring freshets or accidents. In any event it is certain that the present board of commissioners may be fully trusted to do right, and that the tax-payers' interest will be rigidly protected.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

How Chestertown Compares With the Other Towns in Cost—Sixteen Candle Power Lights on Streets.

The Salisbury News says: "The Mayor and City Council signed a contract last week with the Salisbury Light, Heat & Power Company to light the city of Salisbury for the next five years. Before contracting with the Company the Council looked carefully into the prices paid in other places for the same service, and at the expiration of their old contract on December 31st, entered into a new contract with the Company, which is considered very advantageous to the city.

The price paid for the lights are as follows: For 16 candle power incandescent lights $9.00 per annum; for 1200 candle arc lights, $60.00 per annum. The contract calls for the lights to be turned on from sunset to sunrise, each and every night in the year, and that the candle power shall be kept up to standard.

We take this occasion to give some of the figures paid by other places for the lights of same candle power as those contracted for by the authorities of Salisbury.

Elkton pays $18.00 per year.

Snow Hill pays $13.00 per year.

Crisfield pays $9.00 per year.

Easton pays $9.00 per year for a service to midnight only.

Pocomoke City pays $9.00 per year on a moonlight schedule; no lights on moonlight nights until the moon goes down.

Havre-de-Grace pays $8.75 on a schedule from 30 minutes after sunset until one hour before sunrise.

For arc lights of the same candle power as Salisbury, Crisfield pays $60.00 per year; Pocomoke City pays $72.00 per year for only 1000 candle power arc lights on a moonlight schedule; Havre-de-Grace pays $70.00 per year for the same arc lights as Salisbury pays $60.00 per year for. Baltimore pays $10.20 per year for the same lights Salisbury gets for $9.00, and pays $100.00 per year for 2000 candle arc lights. Norfolk, Virginia, pays $12.00 for the same lights Salisbury gets for $9.00, and Wilmington, Del., pays $14.88, Chester pays $15.00, and Ocean City, N. J., pays $17.25. Dover, Del., where the plant belongs to the City, allows the city the price of $60.00 per year for 2000 candle arc lights, until 3.00 a. m., and no lights on moonlight nights.

Supt. Russell says Chestertown has about 86 lights for which they pay $7 per 16 candle power. The town has 32 candle power lamps for which they get $14 per year.

Legislative Proceedings.

Mr. J. Waters Russell has been appointed and confirmed as justice, vice, T. Waters Russell, deceased.

Senator Foxwell has introduced a bill in the Senate amending the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county, Md.

Mr. Smith, of Queen Anne's has introduced a bill to incorporote the Church Hill bank, of Maryland.

A bill has been introduced to reduce the mileage on railroads to 2 cents and to release the purchaser of a mileage book from depositing the $10 now required.

Senator Goldsborough, of Caroline county, will shortly introduce into the Senate an anti-cigarette bill, the principal clause of which will be as follows:

"That it shall be unlawful for any person, by himself, clerk, servant, employe or agent, directly or indirectly, upon any pretense or by any device, to manufacture, sell, exchange, barter, dispose of or give away any cigarette, cigarette paper, or cigarette wrappers, or any paper made or prepared for the purpose of being filled with tobacco for smoking.

An "anti-tip" bill has made its appearance in the House of Delegates so as to make it a misdemeanor for any person in Maryland to fee any waiter, porter or servant connected with any hotel, restaurant, lunchroom or public-service corporation.

The bill also makes it a misdemeanor for any waiter, porter, servant or employe of hotels, lunchrooms, restaurants or public-service corporation to receive any fee or gratuity for the performance of duties for which they are paid by their employers.

Mr. Anders introduced a bill in the House which is modeled on the Illinois Divorce law. It provides that when a man or a woman is divorced in this State neither shall marry until a year has elapsed from the time of the granting of the decree. In case the cause of the divorce is adultery, the guilty person cannot marry for at least two years. The bill provides, however, that the divorced persons may remarry each other at any time. A penalty of from one to three years in the penitentiary is provided for violation of the law.

Capt. C. E. Crane has been made a member of the Democratic steering committee of the House.

The Oyster Question.

MESSRS. EDITORS "NEWS."

Before the convening of the State Legislature I ventured in your columns to manifest my interest in the oyster question, about which so much has been said from one point of view for several years just past. Now that the law-making body is in session, I wish to indulge again in this connection.

The agitation for oyster culture has been of such a character recently, it seems to be the uppermost topic in all gatherings whether they are political or social, and the fact cannot be denied that the demand is strong enough to effect a change of some kind in the oyster law. What will it be?

Some of the most prominent writers and agitators, are full of suggestions as to what changes should take place, but are very shy when on the print of protection. There are too many citizens of this state together with their loved ones around them—directly and vitally interested, for the question to be solved from a theoretical point of view alone. Practicability must play a large part indeed before justice can possibly be done. It has been the ambition of thousands of heads of families engaged in this industry to build up a home for themselves and their posterity. They have succeeded to a very wonderful extent. Many towns have been erected all down this peninsular, and not a few of them incorporated with from 1000 to 4000 inhabitants. The taxes by virtue of these constant accumulations in the form of property has annually helped to a large degree to defray the corporate, county and state indebtedness. The merchants of these many towns and the farmers for miles around them have a very direct interest in the solution of the oyster question. For example take the merchants in Rock Hall a town of 1500 inhabitants and the smaller towns in this county that have been built almost exclusively out of the oyster and fish industries, some of them having thousands of dollars in goods on their shelves and counters and who are contributing largely toward the support of roads, schools and all other necessary county and state expenses. Would it be reasonable or would there be any sense of justice to impoverish these citizens, by one strong stroke of the law. Namely—leasing the oyster bottoms of the state in such manner as will destroy the local citizens interest?

The farmer *too* is directly interested, because with such towns in the community and the oystermen busy, there are no such markets in Maryland for country produce of all kinds. The farmer delivers his goods, gets the cash and is not worried with any middle man. Strike down this industry in the *Haman* way, and you drive these farmers in the arms of the middle man that he may get sale for country produce. This is a serious matter. It is not a matter that should be subjected to only trifling handling. The oystermen and members of the legislature should approach and deal with it in a strictly conscientious way and with a definite purpose in view, i. e., the most good to the most people. There is no room, however the subject may be approached, for the selfish oysterman to attempt his absolute control, inasmuch as those rocks and bars are the property of the state; neither is there any reason under the sun why a paid trust attorney may seek to enact a law whose effect will virtually scatter thousands of families, made homeless and houseless, that graft may have pecuniary control of this industry for their own enrichment; while if proper and legitimate legislation were made and *protection* given to those engaged therein, this people would continue year after year to accumulate property, thus increasing the taxable basis in every town and county on this shore and those bordering on the bay of the western shore. Baltimore city too enjoys a large share in all these particulars, and when the legislature shall have *yielded to the Haman* idea for a change in the law, these many thousands of citizens will become the menial servants of a greedy trust. The country is almost damned now from Maine to California by the grinding hand of the trust influence.

History is going to repeat itself. The iron hand will develop and coercion unless a change takes place will have sway over the great masses, as in all older countries than ours. Our fathers started out with this democratic-republican form of government for the express purposes of giving every individual equal priyilege to seek a livelihood and special privilege to *none*.

If it is true the enactment of a law to lease the oyster grounds of the state would prove to be a good thing, that millions of dollars may be gotten out of it as the result, why may not the state go into the oyster business, pay off her indebtedness, be self-sustaining from this source alone? It doesn't take so many millions to meet *all* her requirements. But the state is not going into this business and the legislature has more knowledge of human greed than to tumble at the argument which is seeking to show these glittering *millions*.

Nonsense! who is silly enough to give a second thought to such tom-foolery? Why did not Mr. Haman and his friends avail themselves of the act as passed by the last legislature, begin their pet theory and demonstrate to the public beyond a doubt that the barren bottoms can be made productive?

They have had two whole years in which they might have been convincing the ignorant (?) oysterman of Rock Hall, St. Michaels, Oxford, Chrisfield, Cambridge and many other towns and communities on both sides of the bay and too, Baltimore city, that nature doesn't know half as much about this business as Mr. Haman does. What is the use of dodging the truth? They then wanted the *depleted* and not the barren bottoms, and I think their failure to demonstrate or attempt to do so within the two years is sufficient evidence to convince any one what the real purpose was and is.

Mr. Haman and a few business men in Baltimore city choose to deal with this important subject as tho they are the real thing, they are the head and foot in discussing public questions. The giant minds interspersed here and there in the oyster districts and who have years to their credit in the acquirement of knowledge concerning the oyster and its characteristics, cuts very little figure with Mr. Haman & Co. Scientific oystering and the real taking of them off the bars are not twin brothers by any means. If Mr. Haman was out to locate a bar or oyster rock he'd strike a chairman as quickly as a bar—such is his knowledge from a practical view-point.

The commission (his selection) would probably know as much about it as he does. If the legislature concludes to have the bars located, and I think it should and protect them, it would never commit the folly of selecting Mr. Haman or advisers, no, they would consider competency from the very first. The oyster bars should be located and marked, if for no other purpose than to ascertain their probable production in the near future. If a competent commission entrusted to that work thought it wise that certain depleted (not barren) bottoms needed rest, and that it would be for the welfare of those making a livelihood, and a more certain means of continuing the supply for markets, I think it would be well to have such plans formulated and thus empower that commission. The tongers and dredgers are alike endeavoring to feed hungry mouths and should have some consideration at the hands of those who make and unmake laws, and I believe they will.

The idea that a commission may hold up a depleted bar occasionally and prohibit work for a season in order to give it a chance to reseed itself and may be meanwhile have some shells returned I think is altogether proper. May be tough on those dependent on that particular bar but it will eventually prove a blessing, their hearts would rejoice the next season.

It may be well too for the legislature to take into consideration the wisdom of permitting some kinds of instruments that are now being used for taking oysters. The whole thing is a momentous question and broadness of mind is the need of the hour.

J. FRANK WHEATLEY.

A Curious Find.—The mystery surrounding the "infernal machines" found in Christ Church, Chestertown, has not yet been explained. The things look like dry batteries but have a cap on them unlike any seen in this section. They are harmless as far as we can learn for we have taken one apart and tried to burn some of the black ingredients which looks like carbon. The party who placed same in the window is evidently afraid to own his property.

SAYS the Annapolis correspondent of the Baltimore Herald: "Most notable among those antagonizing the canal demands is former Senator William T. Hepbron, from Kent county. An indefatigable worker, shrewd and affable, the old politician is putting in some heavy blows."

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JAMES E. NEWCOMB,

late of Kent county, Md., 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 27th day of July, 1906, 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 subscribers.

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Administrators c. t. a.

Jan. 27, 1906—4t.

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Tuesday, Feb. 6th, 1906,

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON.

ALL THAT PROPERTY conveyed by way of said mortgage situated in the town of Betterton, Kent county, aforesaid, adjoining the lands of Eben Crew and Florence E. Jester, and fronting on the public road or street leading from the M. E. Church to Howell's Point, and containing ONE-QUARTER OF AN ACRE OF LAND, more or less.

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We, the undersigned, tax payers and citizens of the 7th Election District of Kent county, Md., do respectfully petition your honorable board to widen road in Broad Neck leading from Lankford and extending to the colored church. Signed:—

GEORGE BECK, THOS. W. TREW,
I. F. WALBERT, T. J. VICKERS,
W. T. BRICE, P. JUMP,
W. B. STRONG, JAMES BELL,
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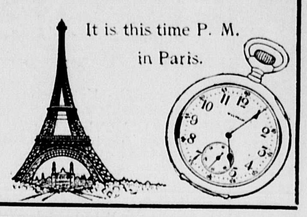

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