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DISASTRIOUS FIRES.

The barn, stables and enclosure on the Biggs farm tenanted by Mr. John Weist, one mile from Millington, were destroyed about nine o'clock Wednesday night. Mr. Weist lost three hundred bushels of corn, all his fodder and hay stored therein, saving only one small stack and most of his farming implements. All live stock saved. Fortunately he sold and delivered his wheat on Wednesday.

The residents of Rock Hall were alarmed Tuesday night about ten o'clock by the cry of "fire" from several boys. It proved to be the bowling alley owned by W. H. and Clarence Thompson on road to wharf. The boys had been playing ten pins but owing to a small crowd had closed early and had not been gone but a few minutes when the place was discovered on fire. Mr. Harry Lake's shoe shop adjoining was also burned but the firemen saved his tools, shoes, etc. He was at home during the fire. The loss will amount to about $2,000, insured as follows in J. G. Beck's agency: W. H. Thompson's bowling alley $775, Harry Lake's shop $300. It is thought the fire originated from a match or cigarette stump carelessly thrown down on the floor.

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DEATH'S DOINGS.

SAMUEL L. USILTON.

Samuel L. Usilton died at his home in Rock Hall, Thursday night, after a long illness, aged 80. He leaves a widow who was Miss Eliza Jane Plummer and one son, Dr. Charles, of Philadelphia. The deceased was born in Worton, learned the trade of carpentering but removed to Philadelphia soon after his marriage. For about twenty-five years he was employed in a large candy factory and his employes appreciated his faithfulness so much that for the past ten years they have sent him a monthly payment. On account of his health he built a home at Rock Hall where he has spent the last ten years in retirement. He leaves several brothers, viz: Wm. B. Usilton, of Chestertown; Lieut. Edw. L. Usilton, of Philadelphia; Gustavus, of Camden, and Albert, of Plano, Ill.

He was a citizen of sterling worth, upright character, honest and sincere in all his dealings. He was a Methodist in religion and a Democrat in politics but was of that quiet, retiring disposition. The funeral will take place Sunday from his late home in Rock Hall, interment in Union Cemetery, Worton.

MRS. JOHN C. LEGG.

Mrs. John C. Legg died Thursday night at her home in Rock Hall. She was about 60 years of age and a native of Baltimore city. She leaves a husband to mourn her loss.

MRS. ETTA AKERS.

Mrs. Etta Akers, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Edwards, died at her home in Chestertown Thursday night of Bright's disease, aged 35. The deceased was a former resident of Lynch and was always ready to add her strong sweet voice to the songs of the sanctuary and help in any way her Master's cause. The funeral will take place at 2 P. M. Sunday, interment in Union Cemetery, Charles L. Dodd, undertaker. The bearers will be Messrs. Harry Nichols, Edward Newsome, George French, Howard Dodd, Walter and Leonard Needles.

HIRAM G. TARBUTTON.

Hiram G. Tarbutton, one of the best known men in Queen Anne's county, and Judge of the Orphan's Court died at his home in Crumpton Thursday night after a long illness, aged 51. He leaves a wife and one child. The funeral will take place Sunday 1 P. M., interment in Crumption cemetery.

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Very respectfully,
WALTER H. HADAWAY,
mch20-tf. Edesville, Md.

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF KENT COUNTY.

Since it is impracticable to have a personal interview with each individual at an early date, I desire to announce to the Democrats of Kent County that I AM A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE COURT, and ask your individual support.

mch13-tf. DR. G. IRVIN BARWICK.

CANDIDATE FOR CLERK.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, subject to the Democratic primary and would like to have your individual support.

a3-3t F. P. COCHRAN.

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COMMISSIONERS MUST RUN THRU COUNTY

Primary Election Law As Interpreted By Attorney General Straus—State Central Committee Has to Obey The Law.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., MARCH 3, 1909.

Honorable Murray Vandiver, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee, Eutaw House, Baltimore, Maryland, Dear Sir:—As Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of Kent county, I desire an opinion concerning the Primary Election Law, in so far as it relates to the nomination of candidates for the office of County Commissioner in Kent county and I will refer you to the Acts of Assembly regulating their number and duration of office.

The Acts of 1876, Ch. 99, codified in the Local Laws of 1888, title "Kent County", Section 79, provides that "There shall be five commissioners for Kent county."

Their terms of office were two years, and all were elected at the same time.

Constitution of Maryland, Art. VII Section 1

At that time (1876) there were five election districts in Kent county, and it was the practice to nominate a candidate from each of the five districts.

In 1879, the Democratic Primary Election was called by the County Executive Committee and required that nominations of candidates should be determined by the popular vote of the Democratic party, a plurality of voters to determine who should be candidates; and also provided "that the candidates for County Commissioners shall be one from each district to be determined by a plurality of voters of the district in which the candidates reside."

By the Act of 1894, ch. 177, Sections 79 A, 79 B and 79 C, the terms of the County Commissioners for Kent county were changed and Section 79 B provided that "Five County Commissioners of Kent county shall be elected at the general election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1895, three of whom shall hold office for the term of four years, and two of whom shall hold office for the term of two years." The Section also provides for the method of ascertaining those who so elected shall hold office for four and two years, and after the election of 1897 they all hold office for four years, two going out at one time and three the next time, at intervals of two years.

The five Commisrioners of Kent county were always selected from the five respective districts of the county, one from each election district, until after the passage of the Act of 1896 ch. 289. This Act divides Kent county into seven Election Districts, and since that time the Commissioners have been selected as before, except that the territory assigned each Commissioner under Code Local Laws, Kent county, Section 80, was somewhat changed though the Commissioners in each district was and has since been assigned practically the same territory as was formerly embraced under the five district divisions.

After 1879 and until 1907, as far as I am advised, the Democratic party in Kent county has always made party nominations by the district plan, and not by popular vote through the county.

Under the district plan, each district selected a certain number of delegates who aftewards met in County Convention and nominated candidates for office. Candidates for County Commissioner were nominated from the localities where there happened to be a prospective vacancy.

In 1907, the County Executive Committee issued a call for Democratic primaries which provided for a popular vote and contained this direction:

"The nominations of candidates shall be determined by the popular vote of the Democratic voters, a plurality of voters to determine who shall be candidates of the Democratic party; provided that the candidates for County Commissioners shall be one from each of the First and Second Districts, and one from the Fourth and Seventh Districts combined, to be determined by a plurality of the votes of each of the said First and Second Districts and a plurality of voters of the Fourth and Seventh Districts combined."

There has never been any primary election law for Kent county, and all primary elections have been conducted by the party committees.

This year there is a popular demand for the Crawford county plan of primaries and the call for primaries will be under that plan, as provided in the State Primary Election Law, passed by the General Assembly of 1908.

The terms of two county commissioners expire this year, one a resident of the Sixth Election District and taking in the Third Election District and the other a resident of the Fifth Election District, and consequently two commissioners will have to be elected.

The inquiry arises whether under the present law candidates for the office of county commissioner will have to submit their candidacies to the voters of members of the party throughout the entire county or to the voters of the members of the party of the district (or to voters of two districts combined as the case may be) in which the candidates reside?

And has the State Central Committee of this county the discretionary power to determine which method shall be adopted in nominating candidates for county commissioners under the Crawford county plan?

I shall be very much obliged for an official opinion in this regard, as it is a matter of public interest, which it is desirable to have definitely determined.

Very truly yours,
LEWIN W. WICKES.
Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee for Kent county.

BALTIMORE, MARCH 5, 1909.

Lewin W. Wickes, Esq., Chestertown, Md., Dear Sir:—Your favor of the 3rd inst received in this morning's mail. I have referred the same to the Attorney General, and as soon as I hear from him will write you.

Very truly yours,
MURRAY VANDIVER,
Chairman.

BALTIMORE, MARCH 10, 1909.

Lewin W. Wickes, Esq., Chestertown, Md., Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 3rd inst was submitted by me to the Attorney General, and the following is his reply under date of March 8th, 1909:

"Replying to your inquiry of March 5th with regard to letter of Mr. Lewin W. Wickes respecting the election of county commissioners in Kent county, I beg to say that the State Central Committee of that county may determine, under the Acts of 1908, Chapter 737 whether the nominations of candidates for county commissioners shall be by Convention or by the direct vote of the Democratic voters of the county (Crawford County system. If the State Central Committee of the county decides that these nominations shall be by the *Direct Vote (Crawford County System)*, then *all* the Democratic voters of the county will have a right to participate in these nominations at the primary elections, and the candidates for the nominations in question will have to submit their candidacies to the voters of the party *throughout the entire county.*"

(Signed) ISAAC LOBE STRAUS.

Very truly yours,
MURRAY VANDIVER,
Chairman.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., MARCH 11, 1909.

Hon. Murray Vandiver, Eutaw House, Baltimore, Md., Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 10th instant containing a copy of the reply of the Attorney General to my inquiry of March 5th, regarding the nomination of County Commissioners is duly received, and I thank you for presenting this matter to Mr. Straus.

It is my understanding, from the opinion of Mr. Straus, that if the State Central Committee of Kent county make a general call for nominations to be held under the Crawford County system, that the candidates for the nominations of County Commissioners will have to submit their candidacies to the voters of the party throughout the entire county.

I would like to know however, whether the State Central Committee of this county has the power to issue a call for a primary election under the Crawford County plan and at the same time and in the same call provide that candidates for the office of county commissioner shall be from certain named and designated districts and that the nominations of such candidates shall be determined by a plurality of the voters of such districts, so named and designated.

I shall greatly appreciate your kindness if you will present this question to the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,
LEWIN W. WICKES.
Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee of Kent county.

BALTIMORE, MD., March 22, 1909.

Hon. Murray Vandiver, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, Eutaw House, Baltimore, Maryland. Dear Sir:—Replying further to the inquiry of Mr. Lewin W. Wickes, of Kent county, with respect to the method of nominating candidates for county commissioner in that county, I beg to say that I was under the impression that the point was distinctly covered by the opinion heretofore sent you in reference to it. If it is not distinctly defined in that letter, I beg to add that if the State Central Committee for Kent county adopt the Crawford County System, or the direct vote as the method of nominating county commissioners in that county it will be necessary for the candidates for the nomination for county commissioner to submit their names in the Primary Election to *all the voters* of the entire county, that is to say: it will be necessary for each candidate for county commissioner, under that system of nomination, to make his run and his fight throughout the entire county, and the nomination, under the system mentioned, cannot be made by any limited number of voters in any particular district or districts of the county or any part of the county to the exclusion and virtual dis-franchisement of the other party voters in other parts of the county not included in the section or district to which the nominating power is sought to be limited.

Such an aarrangement as the latter would be so entirely repugnant to the direct vote or the Crawford County System as to be an absolute violation of the system. The method and incidents of that system are now well established, and it is undoubtedly these methods and incidents which the Primary Election Law of 1908 contemplates when it declares that the State Central Committee may provide that nominations shall be made by direct vote. This undoubtedly means that every Democratic voter in the county shall have a right to cast his ballot in determining who shall be the nominee of the Democratic party for any county office, that is to say: an office whose functions are not limited to some part of the county, but extend and apply to the whole county. I hope this is now clear.

In order to facilitate the Primary Election in Kent county, where this question has arisen and where Primaries are now impending, I am taking the liberty of forwarding directly to Mr. Wickes a copy of this letter, which I trust is agreeable to you. I think, however, that it will be well if you also will let him know the views herein expressed.

Very respectfully yours,
ISAAC LOBE STRAUS,
Attorney-General.

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