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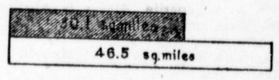
Taxable Basis Proposed To Be Annexed Greater Than That Of Six Counties Of Southern Maryland Combined.

(Prepared by the Baltimore County Non-Partisan Citizens' Protective Committee.)

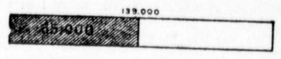
Many persons who do not object to the annexation of a moderate part of Baltimore county to the city, including only the closely built-up suburbs, say the territory, population and wealth to be taken from the county by the bill proposed by Mayor Preston are unreasonable and excessive, and that the result will be disastrous to the county.

According to the statement of the Non-Partisan Greater Baltimore Extension League, as published in the League's official pamphlet, the area to be taken from Baltimore county is 46.5 square miles. The area of Baltimore city at present is 80.1 square miles. The relative sizes of the city and the proposed annex are readily grasped by looking at the figure below, in which the shaded portion represents the city and the white space the portion proposed to be taken from the county:

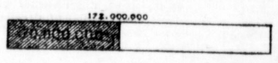


A large part of this area proposed to be taken from the county is composed of woodland and farming and grazing country.

The Annexation League's estimate is that 65,000 people will be taken from Baltimore county by the proposed plan of city extension. The whole population of the county is now 139,000. The following figure indicates the whole population of the county, the shaded portion represents the portion that would be lost to it by annexation as proposed:



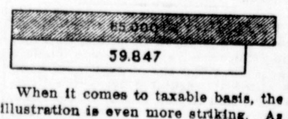
According to the report of the State Tax Commission, published by the Annexation League, the assessable basis of Baltimore county is $172,494,370.68, and the estimate of the League is that the city will take $70,000,000 of this. The figure below shows the whole taxable basis of the county, the shaded part representing the portion that the city proposes to take:



To give a fuller comprehension of the population which the city proposes to take from Baltimore county, comparison is made with the populations of the following other counties:

County.	Population.
St. Mary's	17,050
Charles	16,886
Calvert	10,325
Howard	16,106
Total	59,847

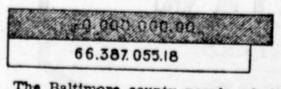
The following figure shows a comparison of the population proposed to be taken from Baltimore county (shaded) with the combined populations of St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert and Howard counties (white):



When it comes to taxable basis, the illustration is even more striking. As stated above, the basis which the annexationists propose to acquire from Baltimore county, is $70,000.000. The county people claim that this is an underestimate. But, taking the figures of the Greater Baltimore League as a basis, the county people compare them with the basis of the following counties, using again the State Tax Commission's report:

County.	Taxable Basis
St. Mary's	$ 5,011,363.44
Charles	5,549,664.96
Calvert	3,042,376.22
Anne Arundel	22,000,001.07
Prince George's	17,057,445.97
Howard	12,805,883.49
Total	$66,387,055.18

The figure below indicates the basis which it is proposed to take from Baltimore county (shaded) and the combined taxable basis of St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, and Howard counties (white):



The Baltimore county people admit that certain expenses will be reduced by the taking away of this large population and basis, but the overhead expense, or cost of management, will remain the same, as all the territory left the county is comparatively thinly settled. The road and school systems of the county, which are among the best in the country, will necessarily suffer badly. The Baltimore countians insist that the condition is precisely similar to the one presented when some railroad corporation needs but a few acres of a man's farm, but those acres contain all his buildings. He is left a large area, but it is of little comparative value.

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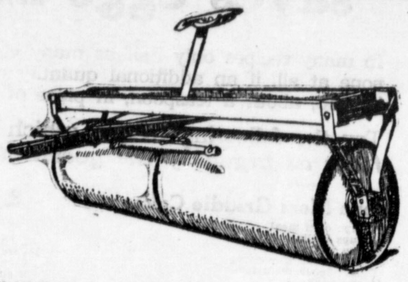

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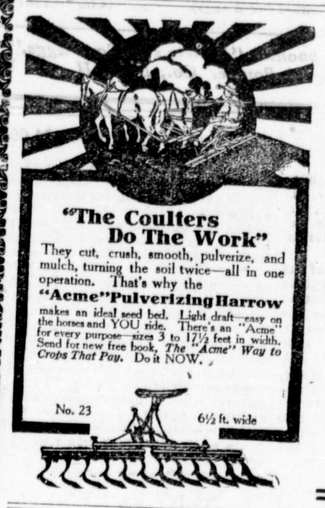

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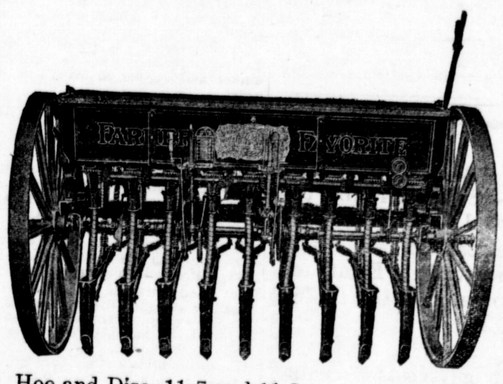

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