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BALTIMORE'S new mayor who only a short time ago the country press thought infalliable,made a "misstep" the first thing in his inaugeral address, says the Kent News, by suggesting "as a relief to the city taxpayer to divert the city license money, now paid to the State, to the city treasury." We heartily agree with the News on this subject and pronounce it an injustice to the counties and more than a "misstep." Mayor Malster, while not a perfect man, we believe came as near measuring up to the standard of the "perfect man" as mayors usually come. He was not only a good mayor for Baltimore city, but a friend to the counties. Who ever heard that Mayor Malster advocated turning all the license money into the city treasury? If Mayor Hayes' scheme is carried into effect, it means more State taxes for all the counties, instead of lowering them to 14 cents on the $100 as proposed by Mayor Malster and Gov. Lowndes this year; it now looks as if the taxrate must go to 25¾ cents on the $100, in order to provide for the total loss of revenue to the State amounting to $490,000. The News being Democratic, views the situation with no little interest and then says: "How could the State meet its sacred obligations—the support of insane now costing $50,000 annually; the pay of its judiciary, $140,000; civil officers, $34,000; militia, $50,000; Legislature (biennial), $200,000, and its appropriatins to the various worthy institutions receiving State aid aggregating more than $400,000 besides the various other demands made upon the State treasury? Would not such loss embarrass and vitally affect the credit and honor of the State? If such a crisis should occur there is but one course to be adopted, viz: recoup this loss by direct taxation, which would necessitate the levying of an additional tax of 8 cents on each $100, or a total tax of 25¾ cents, as against 17¾ cents as now established, and that, too, at a time when the advisability of lowering the present tax rate is being seriously considered. Direct taxation is the most onerous of all, because it bears most heavily upon the owners of real estate, and if the legislation now sought by the city were enacted possibly the goose that lays the golden egg might be killed after all."

This indeed is far from encouraging to heavily burdened taxpayers in this county who today are carrying the highest taxrate in the State, caused by former boards of County Commissioners' mismanagement, and now to have another increase, would make taxation almost unbearable. Since the election it has looked very much as though the taxpayers must soon see their mistake in swopping horses at this time. The Lowndes administration saved the State half a million dollars during its term of office, yet this was considered nothing of importance and the old ring was reinstated. With Mr. Hayes, he is said to be the end of reform law, yet before he took his seat as mayor, we see him advocating a measure that will increase the State taxrate all over the State. If the reform mayor can do this with impunity, what better can be expected of State officer elect? It now looks as if the voters of this State made the same mistatke the voters made throughout the nation when Cleveland was elected to his second presidential term, and we imagine taxpayers will be just as anxious for a change in State affairs, as they were in national; both will prove hardships for taxpayers.

THE Democratic papers of Kent county have been looking around to see what struck their party on the 7 of November. At first they concluded the colored man was responsible for a great deal of the trouble. Several colored men were arrested at the instigation of the Democratic party and prosecuted, but to no avail, as it had no evidence against them, and now the taxpayers are up in arms over the useless expense incurred in the hearing. Their party was defeated, and to brake the force of the defeat figured to make the colored man the scapegoat. We hear no such doings in counties that went Democratic, neither would we have heard anything in this case had the county gone that way.

THE Democratic Legislature should beware of legislating too much. It is better to do nothing than to over do it.—Snow Hill Messenger. Julius Caesar, is the "devil" pushing the pen in the Messenger office? "Do nothing than over do it." Ha! ha! ha! Don't know his men does he?

WE notice with pleasure that many Democratic papers in various parts of the State look with more or less favor on the proposed new law gotten up by a reform league in Baltimore and indorsed by the Democratic party before the election, to suppress vote buying at general elections. The Republican party had a similar measure under consideration two years ago, but it failed to become a law. We believe the Republican party in the State will heartily indorse any law that will suppress the vote traffic, and as for this county the Grand Old Party will throw up her hat and say let such a law be enacted, as well as the better element of the Democratic party. The way this law has been abused has set men to thinking of the evils that result from it in more ways than one. The man who gains his election under the present system, comes off poor enough. In the first place it is degrading, as no one doubts, to buy and sell votes. Then why not abolish it and reduce the salary of many officials who endeavor to buy these offices, knowing full well if successful their salary will reimburse them, and at the same time placing the poorest men into office. When this is accomplished taxpayers will soon find that their money has gone through legitimate channels as intended, and that shortages in county and State affairs will soon be a thing of the past, and instead of taxrates running considerable over a dollar on the hundred, will soon drop to about one-half the present rate. Instead of taxpayers' money going to buy doubtful voters, it will remain in his purse, and while the office holder may not handle as much money as previously, yet at the end of his term he will have more to call his own. Of the many things which have contributed toward a suppression of the vote traffic, none has played a more important part than the present ballot system. The doubtful voter now understands that he can sell out to all parties if they will buy him, and then vote as he pleases. This is where all parties have come together and if the present ballot system has accomplished nothing but this, it is a valuable system for the State and worth several times what it has cost the State. All eyes will naturally be turned on the legislature when it meets to see if it has grit enough to formulate a law for the suppression of the vote traffic.

THE Democrat and News at Cambridge was vociferous in its denunciation of Gov. Lowndes for appointing Republicans to positions on the school board, saying the schools had been put into politics. This was before the election, and since then it dances to an entirely new tune, something like "turn the rascals down!" by putting new members on the old boards. As an evidence of this it says: "Gov. Lowndes, at every opportunity to appoint school commissioners, has always appointed Republicans. Now it advocates the passage of a law by the Legislature to increase the boards of county and school commissioners from three to five members." The object of this plan is very plain to be seen. At the last election the Republicans elected the county commissioners, which gives them the control of the board. They also have two members of the school board and it is under their control. Change these boards to five and their political complexion would also change. The Democratic party then would be in power when the people voted the Republicans to power. An exchange says the county has been well managed for several years with three commissioners and there is no need of an increase in number, as it will serve no purpose whatever, except a political purpose, and that kind is only sought by a few politicians of the News stripe for political pelf. Such revelalations as this and others that are springing up in different parts of the State, and of a similar nature, must be galling to reformers who voted the old ring back to power on the promise that "they would be good." A wave of general indignation is prevalent all over that county says the Standard, and no matter how much the Legislature may want to enact so unjust a law, it won't dare do it. It now looks as if public sentiment will have to be called out many times in order to keep political treachery under and if it does then the public will have cause for rejoicing, notwithstanding the State is Democratic today because it pledged itself for reform on all lines. Watch it carry out its promises.

GOV. Lowndes on Monday appointed the Chief Judges to the Orphans' Court for all the counties of the State except Kent. If the Governor has made as good selections in all the counties as he made in Caroline, he has done his work well. He has reappointed Judge John A. Sigler as chief Judge for another term.

THE anti-Gorman bugaboo has gone up the spout.—Snow Hill Messenger. Yes, the people sent the old man up some time ago and since the election he has pulled his bugaboo up for company.

CONGRESS convenes next Monday. While the Republicans have been in the majority in the Senate for several years they have not been able to control financial legislation because there were but seven Republicans of the 16 members of the Finance Committee, the other nine being Democrats and Silver Republicans who voted together. Now the Republican membership has increased on account of the greater portion of Republican Senators, the committee will stand during the next session of Congrers, nine Republicans of the 16 of all parties. There will be 51 Republican Senators, 28 Democratic, seven Silver Populists, four vacancies, California, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Utah when Congress meets. The first three should have elected Republicans; the Utah legislature was Democratic. The people may naturally expect to see some legislation at the coming session of congress that will settle the money question for some time.

THE esteemed Democratic county editors are busily engaged in indorsing one another for positions of trust under the new administration.—Baltimore News. To the victor belongs the spoils is the cry of politicians. It should be remembered that many of the editors throughout the State did a class of work they would not have done but for the plums they now seek, and therefore their indorsing one another for "snaps" under the new administration, is only a natural consequence. On the other hand there is a complaint from certain quarters because Gov. Lowndes has decided to make no appointment of an Associate Judge on the Western Shore. These two illustrations fairly represent the way the two parties act over public offices; one on the alert that all positions be filled by its party; the other party indifferent to a large extent whether filled by Republicans or Democrats.

SOME of the Democratic leaders disclaim any intention of trying to disfranchise the colored voters. Of course they do, because they want all of them they can get on election day and therefore are not going to say anything that would set the colored man who votes the Democratic ticket to thinking. The party now realize that it takes a two-third vote of the General Assembly to disfranchise them, and as they haven't it, propose to still feign friendship for them so long as they have to, but let the party get the whip-hand of them and they would find their vote taken from them. The Democratic party has no love for the colored voter and the sooner he learns it the better it will be for him.

GOV.-elect Smith went to New York last week and had a conference with Gorman and Boss Croker. It is said they are trying to supplant Bryan with a Gold Democrat as the presidential nomnee. Be their business there what it may, the following explanation tells where the Tammany chieftain stands. Before leaving the club Monday he said "that while he had taken ex-Senator Gorman for a drive through the park, and had entertained him at the Democratic club of which both are members, there was absolutely no truth in the story that he and Mr. Gorman were contriving to prevent Bryan's nomination. Mr. Croker repeated that he was still in favor of Bryan, and that he would not be likely to change his mind on his forthcoming trip. Mr. Gorman denies positively that he is in any combination looking to the overthrow of Bryan."

A Wilmington paper complains of its laws because it cost the city $50 to convict a 17-year old boy of stealing a $1.50 pair of shoes. While this may seem a large amount to defend justice, yet that State has a law doing the honest laboring man and farmer a far greater injustice by running its nefarious trust mill, licensing corporations that must eventually injure honest labor. Most of such reforms begin at wrong end. Talk against big wrongs first and smaller ones next. Close your trust mill and take care of honest labor, and shout no more against them while you are legalizing them every day.

MAYOR Hayes has started off well as a reformer(?) if we can judge anything from the appointment of Bernard Carter, a noted corporation lawyer, as City Solicitor. Mr. Carter is counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad, Western Union Telegraph Co., Chesapeake and Potomic Telephone Co., and consulting counsel of United railways, all of which are said to be antagonistic to the interests of the city. The reform mayor starts off well, eh!

IT is reported on good authority that prominent Democrats have taken hold of Mormon Roberts' case and in spite of protests from christian people all over the land, will endeavor to seat him when congress meets. Mormon Roberts is a Democrat and therefore his party in endeavoring to seat him is living up to "its christian" duty; that is all.

BOSS Rasin was closeted with Mayor Hayes at City Hall for three hours one day last week.—Balto. Ex.

The above explains itself.

IF Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, is seated as senator from that State, then Mr. Addicks should be made senator from Delaware. Both of these gentlemen received the largest vote from their respective States, and if majority rule counts for anything then they should be respected. Delaware's Democratic governor will, no doubt, stand in way of the later, but if he really believes in the majority ruling, then he should follow Gov. Stone's example and carry out the wishes of the largest number of the last legislature.

WHO shall be Col. Smith's congressional successor is agitating the Democratic press on the Eastern Shore, but out of the large number of available candidates, none are better qualified to fill the position than is ex-Senator Thomas A. Smith, of Ridgely. We wish, however, a special election might be avoided, as the extra cost to this county would foot up a large amount, and have to come largely from farmers' hard earned money.

The Hessian Fly.

Prof. W. G. Johnson, State Entomologist, says: "Many farmers are congratulating themselves upon their fine stand of early sown fall wheat. They say: 'It is unusually green and well stooled.' They are correct in their observation, but they have not seen the most important factor, which is the direct cause of stooling A few weeks hence or perhaps a few days, the green blades will fade to a yellowish, sickly color, and at or below the surface of the ground, behind the leaf sheaths, will appear a knotty swelling showing more or less darker color through the sheath. If the sheath or blade is stripped off, a number of brownish object will be seen. In size, shape and color they resemble flaxseeds. They look harmless, but within this brown case snugly tucked away, sleeps the greatest enemy of the wheat grower. It is the cradle of the Hessian fly. From this 'flaxseed' the adult fly, a gnat-like creature, will appear next spring and deposit its tiny eggs upon the leaf for another brood. If the wheat is 'well stooled' and remains green this fall look out next spring, as it may ripen before it heads.

"Under ordinary circumstances the field might be pastured with sheep this fall; but if the wheat is very yellow at this time it might just as well be plowed down in the spring, rolled and harrowed and planted in corn. I would not advise plowing up badly infested wheat this fall. If you consider it a hopeless case, pasture it this fall and plow early next spring before the sleeping beauties come out for a sun bath.

"In the future be more cautious about seeding and do not sow too early. There are years when late-sown wheat is affected with fly also, but these periods are rare exceptions. A few notes about the habits of this notorious pest may not be amiss at this time.

There are but two broods of the Hessian fly over a large area of the United States, one appearing in the spring and the other in the fall. There is no question of doubt, however, about there being supplemental broods, both in the spring and fall, particularly in the Southern wheat belt area. In the extreme Northern belt, where spring wheat is largely grown, there may be only a single brood.

The flaxseed that have passed the winter in the fall wheat produce the winged individuals which appear in the spring during April and May more abundantly about the middle of the latter. The eggs are deposited usually on the upper surface of the leaf. With the spring brood, however, they are sometimes thrust beneath the leaf sheath on the lower joints. A single female produces from 100 to 150 eggs, and they are deposited in irregular rows of from 3 to 5 or more.

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The object of this suit is to procure a divorce, a vinculo matrimonii, by the complainant from the respondent.

The bill states: "That the Complainant and Respondent were married on or about the Fifteenth day of August 1894, at Smithville, Caroline County, Maryland, by the Rev. Mr. Green; that she and the Respondent resided together in the State of Delaware for a period of about seven months after they were married when they separated and she returned to her parents at Smithville, Maryland, and has continued to reside in this State ever since; that at the expiration of the said seven months after their said marriage, though the conduct of your Oratrix toward the said Charles Voss had alwsys been kind affectionate and above reproach, the said Charles Voss without any just cause or reason, abandoned and deserted her and that such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for more than three years, is deliberate and final and the separation of the parties beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation; that the said Charles Voss is not a resident of the State of Maryland but your Oratrix believes resides in the State of Delaware, and that your Oratrix is advised and believes that she is entitled to be divorced a vinculo matrimonii, from the said Charles Voss."

It is thereupon, this 29th day of November, 1899, ordered by the Circuit Court for Caroline County, In Equity, that the complainant bycausing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Caroline County, once in each of four successive weeks before the First day of January, 1900, give notice to the said Charles Voss of the object and substance of this bill, warning him to appear in this Court in person or by solicitor on or before the 18th day of January 1900, to show cause if any he has, why a decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

CHARLES W. HOBBS, Clerk,

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