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WELL much has already been said about improved highways there is a great deal that hasn't and more that hasn't been done in the way of lasting improvement. At the last session of the Legislature a commission was appointed to investigate the highways of Maryland, which will report to the Legislature next month. The people throughout the entire State are interested in public roads and bridges and the Balto. Sun last week said that when the farmers generally take this matter of road improvement in hand something will be done. Already there are encouraging signs of this. The first thing is to convince the county taxpayers that it costs more to haul and drive over bad roads than it does to build good ones. This service the report of the Highways Commission should perform. Another thing is satisfy the county commissioners that it requires a skilled engineer to make good roads. Three plans have been suggested: 1st. To make the main thoroughfares of each of the counties, estimated by the commission to be about 2,000 miles, by concentrating upon them half of the road appropriations for, say 10 years, the State to contribute an equal amount. The cost of making these roads is estimated at about $8,000,000. 2d. To have the Highways Commission construct one mile of road in each county to serve as a model for general road construction, each model to be a portion of the principal highway. 3d. To have the Highways Department maintained as an advisory board to make suggestions and give engineering aid to the counties, many of which cannot afford the entire expense of a competent engineer. The first plan, that of State aid to the highways, has been adopted by New Jersey and, we believe, by other States, and the result has been an enormous improvement in the value of property and the prosperity of the rural portions of the State. The cost of the mile of model road in each county, 23 miles in all, is estimated at $100,000 which could be covered by an appropriation of $50,000 a year for two years. As to the third proposition, the Highways Department has already been useful as an advisory board in a number of instances, and has selected between road material in cases where one kind was worth twice as much for the purpose as the other

We present this matter again to our readers for their thoughtful and careful consideration, inasmuch as it is of vital importance to farmers and others, must received more attention in the future than it has done in the past. While the Republican board of commissioners have been in office only two years, yet in that short time the improvements on the roads and bridges in this county has been greater than during any four years in the past. The traveling public should communicate with the commissioners and let their wants be known. This board has made several decided improvements during its terms of office and we believe it is not saying too much to say the next two years will witness greater ones than the past has done.

THE decided stand taken by the Republican party on the side of an honest dollar, has done much to strengthen the party and renew great confidence in the ability of the present administration. For 20 years past the money question has been agitating both of the old parties, neither daring to come out squarely on either side until '96, when the old lines became more plainly drawn. Quibbling since then has about ceased and the G. O. P. says an honest dollar for an honest people, while the Democratic party, (or a portion of it), believe in a cheap money, the kind which has about one half the purchasing qualities of the present dollar. To have adopted such measures would have been suicidal for the business and farming interests of all sections. The Republican party in this and all other cases, showed its wisdom in chosing the right and then unflinchingly sticking to it. It means far more than the average mind can comprehend. The vote in the House last week practically settles the case and insures its becoming a law at no distant date.

THE recent vibrations in Kent county which set its inhabitants on the anxious seat, taking it for an earthquake, is now supposed to have been the firing of a 12-inch gun at Fort Carroll, to test the carriage and effect. The projectile weighed half a ton and the amount of brown ... der used was 185 ... Kentits smelt ... have had a d...

WHAT the German government is attempting on a large scale the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will not only attempt, but we have every reason to believe will be carried through after the present week, and that is a system of pensioning employes who have reached the age of 70 years or who are between the ages of 65 and 69 years, have been at least 35 years in the service of the road, and are now incapacitated for active duty, will be inaugurated. The amount of pension will be equal to 1 per cent. of the average monthly wages for the ten years preceding retirement. Thus, an employe with a record of 40 years' service, and who has had a salary for 10 years of $40 per month, will receive 40 per cent. of $40, or $16. This ratio will be maintained unless the sum distributed in pensions exceeds $500,000 a year, when a readjustment will be made. In the future no man will be employed after he has passed the age of 35 years. In order, therefore, that can employe may enjoy the benefits of the pension system, he must bring to the performance of his labor strength and energy. Corporate generosity is only for those who have devoted their best years to the company's business. The new system while fair and reasonable puts a handicap on age and lessens the chances for an individual to seek work where he pleases, but if he should become dissatisfied, he can't leave to accept another place without sacrificing a substantial consideration. The new system will place about 950 employes on the pension list to begin with and as time passes others will be retired.

THE House of Representatives passed the gold standard bill Monday. Every Republican voted for it and ten Democrats. Congressman and Gov-elect John Walter Smith was not present. If he had been he would have found full justification in voting against it as a partisan caucus measure. Col. Smith is as sound as any kind of dollar on the money question and is a Democrat to the core.—Kent News.

The News's argument is more ... spicuous for what it does'nt say than what it does. What the people want to know is why Col. Smith ran away from Washington when he knew that important bill was to be voted upon. If it was a "partisan caucus measure," all the more important that he should have showed his hand. The general report is that Col. Smith has sold out to both wings of the Democratic party. Why don't the Democratic press deny it? Mr. Smith is the only member of that body who failed to let their constituents know how he stood on this question. Let the News speak out and tell why the Colonel didn't register his vote.

IT is now proposed to submit a bill to congress, asking that body to appropriate $250,000 for the improvement of the grounds and residence and offices of the president of the United States. This is favorably received by the public generally. The only regret seems to be in destroying the beauty of architecture and historical association connected with the executive building and its surroundings, which should be no barrier to the march of needed and necessary improvements. With present conditions the privacy of the President's family is often unavoidably intruded upon and that the quarters in the mansion allotted to the transaction of public business are now inadequate to present demands. It is not likely congress will refuse to appropriate what money is needed to make the President and his family comfortable.

THE Wilmington Every Evening asks will President McKinley veto the gold standard bill when it comes to him from congress. Such a query is unnecessary and out of the line of reason. That paper founds its excuse for asking such a question or intimating such a thing is because he advocated silver 20 years ago. So he does today. He believes in the two metals with the most stable as the basis for value, and we believe the Every Evening does the same. To say men hold to the same ideas year after year and no others, means not true with either the President or the Every Evening. Take politics out of the gold standard question and the majority vote in the House a few days ago would have been more than a twice 40 majority.

THE Philadelphia Record has this to say of the South African war: "Sympathy with the Boers, who are fighting against a stronger power with undaunted courage and, so far, with remarkable success, can't be repressed. It need not be disguised. But let us not rejoice in the humiliation of England. Only a few months ago, in the day of our peril, she placed herself firmly on our side. The defeat of England, if her enemies should now turn upon her, would be a defeat of advancing freedom and civilization. It would be a calamity ... Our laws and ... blood and ...

THE Easton Star-Democrat, the oldest newspaper on the lower peninsula, reached its 100th anniversary, and shows no signs of mental decay. It is young, vigorous and newsy in its general appearance and promising for the future.

The Ledger has also recently passed its 25th mile-stone and also shows signs of prosperity. Talbot deals kindly with her many newspapers.

The Cecil Whig, of Elkton, has published a Christmas number of 20 pages, showing push and enterprise.

The Christmas number of the Baltimore Telegram was a fine production for any office.

THE Baltimore World, a Democratic newspaper generally recognized as a Gorman organ, has this to say of him in connection with the Western Maryland railroad deal: "Ex-Senator Gorman is the moving spirit in a well laid scheme to grab the Western Maryland railroad for almost nothing. He expects to secure the property for $2,500,000 while Baltimore will lose $4,000,000. A lobby to carry the scheme through was organized last Wednesday by Mr Gorman at the Hotel Rennert and plans all carefully laid, and that Mayor Hayes decided after a conference with Gorman that the old directors should give way to new ones, because Expert Little's report must be suppressed."

WHEN does this century end? Scientists disagree. Some say December 31, 1899. Others say December 31, 1900. Of all things for men of learning to differ on, this should be the last. It is just as reasonable to say that 99 cents make a dollar as to say 99 years make a century. January 1 we begin the twentieth, but it is not completed until the 31st day of the following December. Nothing is complete until it is finished; whether it be a day, week, month, year or a century. The first year after Christ began with 1 and therefore the next and every century must begin with 1 of course.

WON'T it be a root hog and die campaign for the Democratic ticket next year, anyway?—Denton Union.

O no, change that little word "and" to "or" and you're all right, neighbor. We hope to root and win. But a failure to root for once is not going to kill the Democracy.—Kent News.

In order to be accommodating we will submit to change and to or and make it "Bryan and Hogg or Die," versus "McKinley and Root or Live," which will be translated next November to read "McKinley and Root for President and Vice-President for four years."

GEORGETOWN says it has the biggest case of whooping cough on record, in the person of Hirm S. Short, who weighs 300 pounds. Delaware always was noted for her fishey stories and this is another one we will credit her with. For snake stories she is superb. We'll not be surprised to hear her announce that she has tame mad dogs.

HONEST Democratic rule and free silver will bring prosperity.—Milford Democrat.

This State had Democratic rule for about 40 years; but honesty was never dreamed of. Free silver died in 1896.—Dover Sentinel.

Look at facts as they really exist in that little State and take your choice of opinions as expressed in the two papers.

WILMINGTONIANS say their city clock appears to be in a chronic state of disorganization. It goes on strike at unreasonable times and when it ought to strike it is as dumb as an oyster. Sad, isn't it? Don't suppose it has overheard some of the powwows that have been going on in the city hall?

SOME 500 cats are to be shipped to Manila, says an exchange, to "assimilate" the Philippine mice. As this town didn't furnish a man for that war, we can fill the bill on cats and furnish the full amount if it is necessary.

IT strikes us that the selection of Philadelphia as the place for holding the next Republican National Convention, is another straw going to show that the convention is expected to be a tame affair.—Cent. Observer.

That's an awful one on Philadelphia, isn't it?

THE charter mill has turned into the treasury of the State of Delaware $80,000, and yet the Democratic party condemns trusts. Moral: Point out Democratic consistency.

LET us hope the anti-expansionists will not "gloat" over Lawton's death. —Balto Herald.

O no, they will simply point to it "with pride."

Smallest Farm in United States.

The smallest farm in the United States, if not the world, is to be found in Molina, Ga. It is owned by a stock company of six men, and contains one foot of land. It is known as the "dottle farm." A few years ago an exciting local election was to be decided by the vote of the freeholders, and a politician deeded one foot of land to six men jointly, thus giving each of them a vote. Six men can vote by virtue of owning one of foot land between them; but the woman possessing in her own right the largest land estate in Molina ... vote. This is one of the an... Equal Suf...

A Good Man Gone.

Mr. D. L. Moody, the famous evangelist, died at noon Friday. He had been ill for weeks past, but his condition was not regarded as dangerous until a week or two ago, when heart trouble manifested itself. Dwight Lyman Moody was born in Northfield, Mass., February 5, 1837. His educational facilities were limited and he was in a large degree a self-made man. Before entering the ministry he had done farm work and clerked in a Boston shoe store. Going to Chicago in 1856 he engaged in missionary work and soon built up a Sunday-school of over 1000 children.

During the Civil War Mr. Moody was in the service of the Christian Commission and later was a missionary of the Chicago Y. M. C. A. With the singer, Ira D. Sankey, Mr. Moody went all over the United States and Great Britain conducting revival meetings, in which he was remarkably successful. The funeral services were held at his late home Tuesday. Mr. Moody was recognized as the most successful evangelist the world ever knew.

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TRUSTEES' RE-SALE
—OF—
REAL - ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of an order of re-sale, passed by the Circuit Court for Caroline County, in equity, on the 21st day of July, 1899, the undersigned trustees named in a decree passed by said court in a cause therein pending, where in Harry W. Temple, and others, were complainants and Thomas C. Stayton, administrator, and others, were respondents, on the twenty-third day of July, 1897, will offer and re-sell at public sale to the highest bidder on

Tuesday, January 16th,

1900, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock p. m., in front of the Court House door in the town of Denton, Maryland, all that tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the First election District of Caroline County, on the East side of the county road leading from Templeville to Mt. Zion Church and known as the "Guessford Farm" adjoining the home farm of the late John W. Temple, lands of H. S. Daily, Emory Vane and others, and containing,

125 ACRES OF LAND,

more or less.

Said trustees will next offer a tract of woodland, adjoining the property of R. F. Roberts and others, containing the quantity of

25 ACRES OF LAND,

more or less, and is together with the above farm or tract of land, fully described by courses and distances, metes and bounds, in a deed from Lucy A. Temple to Emma Jump, dated December 8, 1892, and recorded in liber E. C. F., No 58, Folio 354, etc., one of the land record books of Caroline County. Your trustees will then offer the above tracts as a whole and will sell the same in which ever way the most money is realized.

The improvements on the tract of 125 acres consist of a Two Story Frame Dwelling House, a barn, stable and other outbuildings all in good repair.

Terms of Sale.

Terms of sale as prescribed by the decree of the court are: one-third cash on day of sale, residue in two equal instalments of one and two years, defered payments to bear interest from day of sale and to be secured to the satisfaction of the trustees. all notes or other securities taken, to be properly stamped. Title papers at expense of purchsers or purchasers.

HARRY W. TEMPLE,
ALBERT G. TOWERS,
F. P. Covey, Auc. Trustees.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE
—OF—
Real Estate.

Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage from William T Collins and Emily V. Collins his wife, to John Collins, bearing date the Twentieth day of November, Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-three, which said mortgage was on the Seventh day of November, Eighteen hundred and Ninety-six, assigned to James E. Todd, whichsaid mortgage and assignment are duly of record in Liber L. H. G., No. 42, folios 335 and 336 one of the land record books for Caroline county, the undersigned assignee will offer and expose to the highest bidder in front of the post-office in the town of Federalsburg on

Saturday, the 13th day of January,

1900, between the hours of two and four o'clock, p. m., the following real estate, to wit:

All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Fifth Election District of Caroline, county, Maryland, adjoining the property of J. P. White and L. S. Davis, containing the quantity of

5 ACRES OF LAND,

more or less, and being the same property more fully described in a deed from said John Collins to the said William Tilghman Collins, and of record among the land records of Caroline county.

Terms of Sale.

The terms of sale are cash on day of sale. Title papers at expense of purchaser.

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F. P. Covey, Auct. Assignee.
Albert G. Towers, Solicitor. 12 21 td

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ORDER NISI.

William F. Towers and others,
vs.
Charles H. Towers, and others.

In the Circuit Court for Caroline County. In Equity.

Ordered, this 7th day of December, 1899, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by

Albert G. Towers, Trustee.

be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the

12th DAY of FEBRUARY,

next,—Provided a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Caroline County, once in each of three successive weeks, before the 9th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $2,815.

CHARLES W. HOBBS, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
CHARLES W. HOBBS, Clerk.
12 14 4t.

Order Nisi.

In the matter of the Real Estate of Jacob R. Kephart, deceased.

In the Orphans' Court of Caroline County.

Ordered, this 12th day of December, 1899, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by George M. Russum, administrator cum testamento anexo of said deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 12th day of February 1900; provided a copy of this order be published in some newspaper printed and published in Caroline county, once in each of three successive weeks, before the First day of January, 1900.

The report states the amount of sales to be $2,500.00.

JOHN A. SIGLER,
A. R. WRIGHT.
Judges of the said Court.
True Copy—Test: ROBT. J. JUMP,
Register of Wills for Caroline County.
12-14 4t

Order of Publication

Mary J. Simeon vs. Isaac L. Simeon.

In the Circuit Court for Caroline county In Equity. No. 994.

The object of this suit is to procure a divorce a vinculo matrimonii, by the said Mary J. Simeon from the said Isaac L. Simeon.

The bill states: "That on the sixth day of July 1887, the said Mary J. Simeon (then Mary J. Matthews) was married to the said Isaac L. Simeon in Caroline County, in the State of Maryland, near the town of Greensborough, at her father's home, by the Reverends Matthew H. Horsey and J. W. Cook and that they lived together as man and wife until the Third day of August, 1895. That though the conduct of the said Mary J. Simeon toward her husband, the said Isaac L. Simeon, was always kind, affectionate and above reproach, the said Isaac L. Simeon has, without any just cause or reason, abandoned and deserted her, and has declared his intention to live with her no longer, and that said abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for at least three years, is deliberate and final, and the seperation of the parties beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation. That the said Isaac L. Simeon is a resident of Kent county, State of Delaware.

It is thereupon this 12th day of December, 1899, ordered by the Circuit Court for Caroline county, In Equity, that the said Mary J. Simeon, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Caroline County once in each of four successive weeks before the 15th day of January next, give notice to the said absent defendent of the object and substance of this bill, warning him to appear in this Court in person of by solicitor on or before the 31st day of January next, to answer the premises and show cause (if any he has) why a decree ought not to pass as prayed.

CHARLES W. HOBBS, Clerk.
True Copy.
Test: CHARLES W. HOBBS, Clerk.

Order of Publication.

SADIE VOSS vs. CHARLES VOSS,

In the Circuit Court for Caroline County In Equity.

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 always 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.

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