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SENATE SOLID FOR M'INTOSH

Baltimore County Member Was Elected President by Unanimous Vote

TOWERS G. O. P. LEADER

Annapolis, Jan. 2—Organization was the only business of importance attempted by the Senate of Maryland at its initial session today. Only one hour was required for this task and the consideration of routine details incident to the opening of the current term.

The body convened at 12:45 p. m., at the call of Emerson R. Crothers, chief clerk. All members were present.

Senator Orlando Harrison, of Worcester county, was elected unanimously as temporary chairman. He was escorted by Senator John S. McDaniel, of Talbot, and escorted to the rostrum by Senators Frick, of Baltimore county, and Towers of Caroline.

The session then was opened formally with prayer by the Rev. J. G. Carl, of Baltimore, following which Senator Harrison accepted the chairmanship in a brief speech. He told the senators the state is getting back to normal after several years of heavy expense and asked them to consider well all financial measures with the view to effecting the strictest possible economy.

After swearing in the 18 newly elected members the temporary chairman called for nominations for president. Senator Stephen W. Gambrill, Howard, presented the name of Senator David G. McIntosh, of Baltimore county, who was selected for the presidency at last night's Democratic caucus.

Senator Walter J. Mitchell, Charles, made the seconding speech, followed by short speeches by Senators Frick and Curran, the latter asked for a unanimous vote for Mr. McIntosh.

Towers Minority Choice

Complimentary to his party, Senator David A. Robb, Republican of Allegany county, placed in nomination Senator Lawrence B. Towers, who was the choice of Republican members for the presidency. A seconding speech was made by Senator Harry O. Levin, 4th district,, only Republican member from Baltimore city.

Senator Gambrill's motion that the nominations be closed then was adopted. After the roll call showed 21 for McIntosh and 6 for Towers the Republican candidate moved that Senator McIntosh's election be made unanimous. Mr. Robb seconded the motion and Senator McIntosh then received a unanimous rising vote. Senators Curran and Towers escorted the new president to the chair.

Towers on Eleven Committees

Lawrence B. Towers has been appointed to serve on the following committees: Agriculture and labor, Article 3, section 24 of the Constitution, Chesapeake Bay and tributaries, elections, executive nominations, finance, pensions (chairman), printing, roads and highways, rules, supervision of employees.

Will Move About Feb 1

On or about February 1st, H. S. Burns, who conducts a poultry business at the corner of Main and 3d streets will move his residence to the apartment on 3d street over the Durant Motor Co. sales room.

Lawrence B. Towers is erecting a packing shed on the rear of the corner lot at Main and 3d streets, next to the shed used by Mr. Burns, where the latter will handle his poultry business in the future.

Horse and Carriage Disappear

Last Friday evening William Stanford drove a team belonging to John A. Stanford of near Williston, to town and hitched it in front of the colored pool room about 8:15. About 10:15 he returned to the place where he had hitched the team and found it gone. Any one knowing of the whereabouts of the team kindly get in touch with the owner.

Caroline Game Warden Appointed.

Mr. Josiah A. Beck has been appointed deputy game warden for Caroline county. Notwithstanding that 23 applicants representing every district in the county, recently took the examination at Denton for the position, the appointment reverted back to the Third district where it was held for several years by James Temple. The office pays $1200 per year, with the necessary traveling expenses added.

WINTER WINDS

BY THE CRACKER

January chilling breeze comes wailing down the pike, competing with a million bees with ruthless stings and bites, it rakes my system fore and aft it penetrates my shirt, lays on my spine a chilling draught and fills my eyes with dirt. It tears the fodder from the shocks and scatters it around; it picks the corn crib from its blocks and blows the chimney down. from pump to chicken house I sail; and emit some healthy hoots; it blows the water from the pail into my rubber boots. When to escape its fiendish blast the house I seek repose; the door is hoisted from my grasp and hits me on the nose. It circumvents the weather boards and sweeps the kitchen floor, in every room its voice is heard in tones which chill my gore. I seek the stove with fond embrace; and stroke with feverish speed, and burn the whiskers from my face and shiver like a reed. A cord of pine goes up in smoke but all to no avail, my toes are rattling in my boots, all frozen hard as nails. And when the wind dies down at last and serenity abounds; I replenish up the wood pile fast to meet another round, for February's frosty rime, and howling zephyrs bum, will make us long for summer time a long while 'ere it comes.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC AT DENTON, TUES, JAN. 15TH

Dr. John M. Nicklas, medical consultant of the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, will hold a clinic in Denton, in the judges room of the court house on Tuesday, January 15, 1924, for the diagnosis of tuberculosis.

Any person desiring to take advantage of this opportunity may do so by reporting in person at 10:30 a. m., at the place mentioned above.

The medical profession is invited to bring any cases they may desire.

J. R. DOWNES,
County Health Officer

MARYLAND WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Sharptown—New incubator with a capacity of 9,600 eggs installed on a farm near here.

Baltimore—New home of National Bank on Baltimore and St. Paul streets open for business.

Taneytown—Repairs on Trinity church completed.

Salisbury—Plans being made by Wicomico Woman's Club for erection of new club home.

Ocean City—New tate road from this city to Philadelphia open to traffic.

Baltimore—New Westport elementary school under construction.

Centreville—New filling station being erected.

Chestertown—New road through this city open to traffic.

Easton—Claiborne road completed.

Clayton—Hard surfacing of streets completed.

Baltimore—Two additional post office substations to be opened early in 1924.

Chestertown—Maryland, Delaware & Virginia Railroad Company improving wharf property in this city.

Rising Sun—New Methodist Episcopal church completed.

Salisbury—New daily newspaper, "Evening Times", begins publication here.

Denton—New parish house of Christ church in Caroline county completed.

Crisfield—New $100,000 Baptist church completed.

Baltimore—Mercantile Bank opens new banking house in this city.

Hagerstown—Crawford Automobile Company to operate plant of Maryland Metals Products Company. $1,000,000 order booked to manufacture taxicabs for Luxon Cab Company, New York.

Cumberland—Work being rushed on $1,000,000 hotel at Bedford Springs.

Denton National Re-elects

At the stockholders meeting Tuesday of the Denton National Bank, the same directors and officers of the bank were re-elected.

EMPLOYEES PURCHASING TELEPHONE STOCK

Approximately 1600 of the 3400 employees of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in the state of Maryland are buying stock of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The average number of shares subscribed for by each employee is four. All employees who have been in the service for six months or longer are entitled to subscribe for the stock. This plan permitting Bell System employees to purchase the stock through the Associate Companies is in effect throughout the country.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has its shares more widely distributed than any other institution in the United States. More than 270,000 people, living in every state in the Union, and constituting a representative cross section of American citizenship, own its stock. The average holding is but twenty-six shares.

The "Bell System" through the associated and connecting companies reaches more than 14,000,000 telephones; nearly a quarter of a million men and women are employed to give nation-wide telephone service.

A recent compilation of telephone statistics for all the countries of the world show that the total number of telephones in the world as of January 1st, 1922 is 21,948, 960. Of this total 13,875,183, or 63 percent are in the United States, of which 13,380,219, or 96 percent, are connected with the Bell System.

Maryland, with a population of approximateiy 1,500,000 and an area of 9,941 square miles, has more than 160,000 telephones in service, one telephone for every nine inhabitants. The company has in the state an investment of approximately $27,000,000, and it is increasing at the rate of about $2,500,000 per year. It is interesting to note that there are more telephones in Maryland than are in service in Central America, Mexico, Argentine, Austria, Belgium, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Roumania, Spain, Switzerland, British India, China and Africa.

CONFERENCE HELD ON PLAN TO BUY PART OF M., D. & V.

Representatives of Local Capitalists Meet With "Pennsy" Officials.

Preliminary discussion of a plan of Baltimore capitalists to purchase part of the defunct Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railroad were held last week. Jesse Rosenfeld and Harry E. Karr, attorney, and representatives of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company participated in the conference. Mr. Rosenfeld said that, in deference to the railroad men, he would prefer not to make their names public.

Mr. Rosenfeld declared the proposition made by him, representing the Baltimore capitalists, was to buy the portion of the road from West Denton to Lewes, Del., provided the Pennsylvania will grant trackage arrangements between West Denton and Love Point over the portion of the road which the Pennsylvania has offered to buy from the E. B. Leaf Company. This company purchased the road at a receiver's sale.

Nothing definite was accomplished at the conference, Mr. Rosenfeld said, but it was agreed that the negotiations should be continued.

RITCHIE AGAIN TAKES OATH OF OFFICE WED.

Annapolis, Jan. 9—Sharp distinction between the functions of the Federal and state governments was drawn by Gov. Albert C. Ritchie in his address at his second inauguration today. He particularly questioned the wisdom of Federal appropriations for roads, schools, agriculture, health work and similar subjects.

There is nothing gained, he said, by receiving such appropriations from the Federal government, for the taxpayers pay in either case, and it simply is a matter of taking the money from one pocket and putting it in another. In passing through Federal hands, he said, it comes back with a demand for the right of supervision not only of the portion given but of the sum which must be given by the state to match it

CONCORD

Mr. Ernest Lord spent Saturday and Sunday with his uncle, Mr. Alfred Lord at Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Johnson have moved from Concord to their home in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lord were given a surprise party on Thursday night by their friends from American Corner.

Two Chimney Fires

About 5:45 last Saturday night, when the wind was howling and the air was cold and raw, the fire alarm sounded for a chimney fire at the residence of Mr. O. N. Dulin, corner 4th and Gay streets. The fire was stubborn and kept the firemen on the job until 8 o'clock.

About 7 p. m. the alarm again sounded and this time the fire was another of the chimney variety, at the home of Newman Rickards, on Main street. By the time the firemen had arrived it had practically burned itself out and required but little of their time.

RIDGELY

J. M. Jarrell

News reached here only recently, of the death of Mr. J. M. Jarrell, who passed away in a hospital at St. Louis, Mo., on December 26th, at the age of 74 years. Mr. Jarrell was a native of Greensboro, but went West about 51 years ago, where for a long time he was a traveling salesman, later, entering business for himself in St. Louis. He is survived by one brother, Mr. John Jarrell of Ridgely, and one sister, Mrs. J. H. Bernard, and a brother, Mr. Henry E. Jarrell, both of Greensboro. Having been born and reared in Greensboro, Mr. Jarrell is well known in this county.

Swing—Neff

A very beautiful and impressive wedding took place in St. Paul's Reformed church last Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Mulford Swing, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Swing, of Ridgely was united in marriage to Miss Sara Neff, a popular young lady of this town. Miss Neff entered the church leaning on the arm of her father, Mr. J. Neff, of Philadelphia, who gave her away at the altar. The wedding march was rendered by Miss Irene Neff, sister of the bride, and Miss Rebecca Swing sang "Thank God", to an accompaniment by Miss Margaret Swing, both sisters of the groom. Mrs. Roland Fountain, of Irvington, N. J., another sister of the groom, was matron of honor and Miss Jessie Erby, of Beaumont, Texas, was maid of honor. The beautiful ring service was used, Rev. E. L. Coblentz, of Reading, Pa., being the officiating minister. The ushers were, Mr. John Noble, Preston; Mr. Eugene Anderson, Denton; Mr. Paul Neff, brother of the bride, of Oak Lane, Pa., and Mr. James P. Swing, Jr., of Baltimore a cousin of the groom. The bride was becomingly attired in a brown crepe de chine dress with a hat to match and carried sunset roses. The church was artistically trimmed with laurel and pine. Immediately following the ceremony the bride and groom left by automobile for a trip north. The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Collins, of Narbeth, Pa., Mr. H. C. Randall, of Baltimore, Miss Rebecca Swing, of Maple Shade, N. J., Mr. J. Moyer, of Allentown, Pa.; Miss Valda Chapin, of York, Pa.; Mrs. Mollie Rickards, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Della Turner, of Oak Lane, Pa.

Martha Rosanna Matthews

Mrs. Martha Rosanna Matthews, wife of Rev. L. S. Matthews, of Ridgely, died at her home here, Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, at the age of 71 years. Mrs. Matthews had been failing in health for two years. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, the following children; Misses Ada and Elsie Matthews, of Ridgely; Miss Stella Matthews, of Detroit; Mrs. William Harrison, of Chestertown; and Mr. Frank Matthews, of Trainer, Pa. Funeral services were held at the late home, on Tuesday afternoon, at one o'clock, her pastor, Rev. M. E. Wheatley officiating. Interment was in Ridgely cemetery.

The Community club's New Year's eve party attracted a large gathering of both men and women, and was one of the most successful social events of the season. The old-time games that we played many years ago were indulged in, to the amusement of both old and young. There was music, both vocal and instrumental and Mrs. Harvey Sewell, who was chairman of the affair, and her assistants are congratulated on a most successful evening of enjoyable entertainment. Later in the evening the company met at the Methodist church to watch the old year fade into the past.

Miss Lora Lynch, of Kingston, N. Y., and Miss Lucy Lynch, of Blue Ridge College, have been visiting the home of their father, Mr. J. K. Lynch.

Rev. Howard Smith, East Palmyra, was married on New Year's day to Miss Alta Fitzenberger of the same place. Mr. Smith is a brother of Wm. H. Smith, of Ridgely, and frequently visits here where he has many friends and acquaintances.

Rev. Mrs. M. E. Wheatley recently entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wheatley and daughter, of Cambridge, and Mr. E. L. Morris and family, of near Federalsburg.

Mrs. Addie Porter, of Wilmington, has been visiting at the homes of her sisters, Mrs. A. W. Thompson, and William Cannon.

Mrs. George Kirch, of Plainfield, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Thompson.

Mrs. Annie Hall, of Marydel, has been visiting Mrs. H. C. Robinson.

Miss Pauline Elliott has been spending a few days with Miss Mabel Porter, Stevensville.

Mrs. Earl Callahan and children, of Linwood Heights, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hammond.

Miss Emily Koeneman has returned

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COST OF PRODUCING ACRE OF TOMATOES

In a recent issue of the county papers an article was published estimating the cost of producing an acre of tomatoes. It was stated that this was an estimate of three Queen Anne farmers from the vicinity of Sudlersville. The cost was set forth as follows:

Plowing	$1.50
Discing	.89
Planting	1.33
Four Cultivations	3.16
Hoeing	1.00
Fertilizer	5.66
Cost of plants	3.00
Harvesting	5.96
Overhead on farm per acre	5.00
Total cost per acre	27.00

The growers of Caroline county are interested in knowing how they do it. Plowing an acre of ground is estimated at $1.50 the market price paid for plowing by the acre in the county is $3.00. We doubt very much if the ground can be disced for $ .89. For planting they allow $1.33. It takes a full day for one man to set an acre of tomatoes not to mention working the ground. The current wage for labor to perform this operation can hardly be secured for $2.00 a day and board. One dollar an acre for hoeing. We rise to state that they certainly do swing a wicked hoe in the vicinity of Sudlersville. The current price for picking the past season was four cents a basket. Our neighbors allow $5.96 for this operation. They must have based this estimate on 2½ tons to the acre a yield could not be made profitable under present day conditions. It is also a matter of some concern to learn from our neighbors how the crop got to market. Furthermore, they are complimented on keeping down overhead expenses in these days of high land values and high tax rates.

The writer desires to submit for the readers examination and criticism an estimate of the cost of producing an acre of tomatoes in Caroline County. This estimate was discussed as accepted as conservative by 12 dirt farmers who grew tomatoes. This setimate is bassed on the cost of growing, harvesting and marketing a five ton crop of tomatoes. While it is true the average yield per acre in this county is not five tons to the acre it can hardly be hoped to grow less at a profit.

Ploughing	$3.00
Harrowing	3.00
Plants	4.50
Setting	4.00
Cultivating	4.00
Picking	12.00
Manure	6.50
Hauling	9.50
Fertilizer and appiying	5.00
Baskets	1.50
Interest on investment	10.00
	$62.50

There is certainly a wide difference in the two costs of production but it is felt the latter is reasonable and conserative and each item can be justified. Change is made for labor at current price and not thrown in as is often the case when farmers estimate the cost of production. Labor has the same value when a farmer, his wife and children are working on their own farm as it would have if they were selling their services to a neighbor. If the price of picking paid hired help is four cents a basket then the same charge must be made against the crop when the operation is performed by the farmer and his family. Therefore their labor is entitled to full market value and it cannot be ignored.

Statement of Bank

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the statement of the condition of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank at the close of business December 31st.

GOLDSBORO

Thomas Jones

Mr. Thomas Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones near Goldsboro, died at his home last Saturday about ten o'clock, aged 17 years and eight monts. Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. H. Schooley and Rev. N. T. Tartrauft. Interment was made in the Jones burying ground, near town.

Mr. Noble Jarrell and family spent the week end at Wilmington.

Mrs. A. G. Dennison has returned from visiting Mrs. Craig, near Wyoming.

Mr. Noble Dhue and Miss Helen Boyd, of Dover, were married at Dover last Monday.

Mrs. Craig, of Wyoming, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. N. Snively.

COLDEST MARKS SINCE 1918 NOTED IN STATE

Frigidity, with the lowest temperatures recorded since 1918, laid an icy hand on Maryland Saturday night and Sunday with a little warmer weather Monday and warming up gradually during the week. Accompanied by a high wind at many points in the state, the rapidly dropping mercury brought suffering and discomfort to many.

Altamont, Garrett county, the highest point in the state, reported the owest unofficial mark—12 degrees beow zero. Baltimore's lowest official reading was made at 4 a. m., Sunday, when 8.9 degrees above was reported. The lowest temperature in this vicinty was reported at 10 above.

Skating is reported in many sections of the state. The boys did some skating along the edges of the Choptank which was partially frozen.

Rescue Fire Company, of Cambridge responded Saturday night to five fire alarms in three and a half hous, most of them caused by burning chimneys.

Lower Delaware experienced Saturday night the coldest weather since 1912, according to a dispatch from Seaford. Several thermometers in Seaford registered as low as 4 above zero. but the government thermometer registered 9 above.

PRESTON

Mrs. J. O. Arthur and son Jack Jr. of Brooklyn are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Hollis.

Miss Lillian Cox has returned to Washington after spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Jerome A. Cox.

Mrs. S. E. Douglas has returned after spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Saulsbury Garey in Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Grace Dennis, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Dennis has returned to Plainfield, N. J. where she is teaching.

Mrs. W. O. Lednum of Denton has been apointed as teacher in Preston Grammar school to fill the vacancy made by Miss Elizabeth Phillips, who has resigned on account of ill heath.

Miss Mary Wright and Martin Wright of Easton, spent the week end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Wright.

Mr. Robert Downes has returned to the Naval Academy, Annapolis after spending Christmas with his parents Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Downes.

Miss Louise Harriss has left to resume her work at Delaware University, Newark, Delaware.

Mrs. Charles Bradley and Mrs. Sadie Merrill are in New Haven, Conn. for the winter months.

Mr. Burton Procter has returned to John Hopkins University, Baltimore after spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Proctor.

Mr. Nelson Fooks and Mr. Lloyd Fooks were called to Wicomico County this week on account of the sudden death of their father.

Miss Blanche Alderson who has been visiting her parents has returned to her school work in Prince George County.

Miss Rachel Payne has returned to Goucher College after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Payne.

Miss Deliatte Noble left Tuesday to return to Eastern College, Manassas, Va. after spending Christmas at her home.

Mrs. Albert W. Sisk is visiting in Baltimore as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Preston Ostun.

Miss Louise Wright has returned to Hood College after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Wright.

Misses Cornelia Cannon, Lillian Cheezum and Agnes Dulin have returned to the State Normal school, after spending the holidays with their parents.

Miss Hazel Wright, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Downes, has returned to Prince George county where she is teaching.

Mr. David Cheezum and family have moved to Choptank, and Mr. and Mrs. B. Washington Wright, formerly of Choptank, are occupying the home vacated by Mr. Cheezum.

The regular monthly meeting of the Preston School Community League was held Monday evening, January 7th, in the high school auditorium. At the meeting several matters of vital interest to the patrons, were discussed and many suggestions were made for the improvement of the school building.

The Preston Community club will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Reynolds. The program committee has arranged a very interesting program for the occasion and it is hoped that there will be a large number present.

Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Alderson for the annual election of officers. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Jerome R. Cox, president; Mrs. Fulton Noble, first vice-president; Mrs. Margaret Parker, second vice-president; Mrs. Lacy Fluharty, secretary and Mrs.

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