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Republican Primaries.

Republican voters of Talbot Co., Maryland, are requested to meet in Mass Meeting at usual places for holding Primaries at three o'clock, p. m., on

SATURDAY, JULY 3d, 1897.

to elect delegates to County Convention to be held in Easton, Maryland,

TUESDAY, JULY 6th, 1897.

at twelve o'clock.

The County Convention will consist of thirty-five members, appointed as follows:

District No. 1, 1st, 2nd and 3d Precincts jointly, Easton, 5 Delegates.

Dist. No. 1,	4th Pre.,	Unionville,	2	Delegates.
" " 2,	1st "	St. Michaels,	4	"
" " 2,	2nd "	Royal Oak,	2	"
" " 2,	3d "	Bozman,	1	"
" " 3,	1st "	Trappe,	5	"
" " 3,	2nd "	Oxford	2	"
" " 4,	1, 2, "	Cordova,	7	"
" " 5,	1st "	Wittman	5	"
" " 5,	2nd "	Tilghman,	2	"

The business of the Convention will be to elect four delegates and four alternates to represent Talbot county in the Republican Judicial Convention to be held in Centreville,

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1897.

at 12 o'clock m., to nominate one candidate for chief Judge and two candidates for associate Judges in the Second Judicial District of Maryland. By order of ISAAC A. BARBER,
GEO. H. TRAX,
H. CLAY DODSON,
PERCIVAL MULLIKIN
State Central Committe for Talbot County.

THE reduction of five and one-half cents on the one hundred dollars as compared with the tax-rate for 1896 is very gratifying to the public.

This has been accomplished by the Board of County Commissioners with great determination upon their part, not only to "take the bull by the horns," so to speak and make an honest levy, but to allow a sufficiency so far as able judgment based upon an estimate for three or more years, will warrant. They have not strained a point by leaving out items for political eclat for a succeeding board to provide for.

While they have had to contend with a decrease in the basis of over half a million, and to meet a deficit of four thousand dollars not provided for in the levy of '95, they bravely set aside increased amounts for court expenses, jail, machinery and bridges, which had last year fallen short of being adequate, and fix a decreased rate this year of 92 cents on the one hundred dollars.

We say this deserves favorable comment.

It has long been known that the previous levies for the past ten years were insufficient to meet the current expenses, and provide properly for the sinking fund. The present board have endeavored to do but one thing, and that is give a business levy regardless of onerous deficiencies saddled upon them.

In 1885 the rate was as low as 65 cents on the one hundred dollars, but that year only $15,500 was given the public schools. In 1886 the rate was 73 cents; in '87 it was 70 cents; in '88 and '89 it was 73 cents, in '90 and 91 it was 83 cents; in '92 it was 78 cents, going back in '93 to 83 cents; in 1894 it was 90 cents and just before the expiration of office by the Board then sitting in 1895 it was suddenly dropped to 84 cents, which was insufficient as shown by the statement by over $4,000 to meet the expense. In 1896 the present board advanced the rate 13½ cents and met the former deficiencies, at the same time this year increasing the allowence in many cases to cover contingencies, they have succeeded in dropping from 97½ cents to 92 cents.

Which, under the circumstances, we again say is a highly creditable showing.

CAPTAIN BALCH, in looking about him for material for the Faculty of the Nautical Academy at Easton, may be congratulated upon having acted both wisely and well in his selections.

Impelled with the belief that "Charity begins at home" the commandant of the Academy felt assured that the talent could be found in Easton, to organize and conduct the institution which is to be a new feature in this county, and invaluable in the great benefits it will render as a nautical seminary and scholastic academy for the youths of the United States, independent of section, and knowing no north, south, east and west, in truth expanding beyond all geographical lines. Could Easton not have supplied the classical timber for the appointments, it would have been well to have gone elsewhere, but Captain Balch recognized fully that just the persons he wanted were to be found here, and he got them, thus making a wise beginning, and having the corner-stone of the Academy "home patronage," cutting off in the start all adverse criticism and stamping as an untruth the well-known saying "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country."

We congratulate Captain Balch upon his wisdom, and feel assured that he will yet receive the thanks of Eastonions for having established in their midst the Nautical Academy.

"LIVE AND LET LIVE"

is the thought often given to the fact that the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is most excellent as applied to every day life, in our dealings with thoseabout us who are struggling to make an honest living.

Can we not help each other more in our different lines of professions, trade and work. Can not our purchasers find in Easton many necessary articles for household, personal wear, and which they make excursions to Philadelphia and Baltimore to get, and all things considered, at equally as cheap rates?

Many things it does not pay our merchants and others to keep on hand for an occasional demand, but the aim of all is to have for purchasers what is most needed, and if given time, what there is a demand for can be readily gotten for them.

It is often noted that one person will buy largely away from home, and then feel slighted that those whom he has not purchased from right here in Easton do not come to him for *what he has to sell*.

"You can't get it in Easton," is often asserted without an earnest trial to find out.

"Easton is so expensive," is another reckless assertion without examination into facts, yet it is well known that there is no cheaper living center than in our town, and this includes the county of Talbot.

Our merchants keep first class goods, and a large stock, as all commercial travellers who visit here attest unasked.

Our markets are full of the best of edibles, and just compare prices with other places to find out how much cheaper they are. What is needed by our people those in trade in Easton can furnish, and this applies to all kinds of first-class printing which THE GAZETTE office can supply at most reasonable rates, and in a style equalling the work done in the large cities. Come to us and we will prove what we say.

THIS is the time of year when strangers visit our town and county, and there are more reported here now, and coming, than any other season, in spite of the cry of "hard times."

One always wishes to present an attractive appearance in home and surroundings to greet the visitor's eyes, and if a squad of men could be put to work cutting the grass out of the streets, filling up the holes, cleaning out the gutters and otherwise making the town attractive, it would be a wonderful improvement.

Then too, there are so many pretty homes here that a little paint would add so much to the appearance of. Let everybody put their best foot foremost and add to the general attractiveness of our town.

While on this subject it will be well to speak of the exceedingly rough and uneven pavements on our most frequented streets, and to add that the nuisance of hitching horses on the principal thoroughfares still continues.

Will not these hints be duly considered by those who can do so much to make a change for the better?

A LETTER from Washington has this to say: "Certain gentlemen, notably Mr. Claus Spreckels, the California sugar king, have been expressing more confidence in the rejection of the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii, to which they are violently opposed, than there is anything in sight to justify. But there is a reason for their confidence, as will be fully apparent before Congress meets next winter. It lies in the manipulation of a big corporation fund to create a public sentiment against the treaty with the hope that enough Senators can be influenced to prevent the necessary two-thirds vote being obtained for ratification of the treaty. And all of this corruption fund will not come from American sugar men. A considerable portion of it will come from the secret fund of European governments. There are at least two European nations which are more interested in the failure of the treaty than Japan is. But being smarter than the Japs, they have not protested and will not protest against the treaty, but will try to accomplish its defeat by the use of money, just as they have before tried to influence the course of the United States. It is really a great pity that this scheme could not be headed off by the ratification of the treaty by the Senate at this session, but it is known that the opponents of the treaty would not allow a vote to be taken on the treaty at this session, even if it were possible to keep a quorum of the Senate in Washington for any considerable time after the tariff bill has been passed."

THE shrewd and keen old politicians are laughing over the muddle that ex-Candidate Bryan has got himself into with the donations to the parties that supported him. Out of the proceeds of his book, "The First Battle," he set aside one half for the democratic, populist and silver republican campaign funds. The sum was handed to Senator Marion Butler the populist chairman. But he dropped it as if it were hot. Then the fund was turned over to Senator Allen of Nebraska to be used where it would do the most good.

On top of this comes one Bateman of the State of Maine, a middle-of-the-road populist with charges that this was a bribe to the immaculate populists. It has taken all the time of the Bryan leaders for the past week to explain this mix up. "It seems that the populist price was a little more than $1.500," said one old political war horse. "Bryan is a young man or he would have known this," he continued. Altogether its a pretty mess. Its a democratic muddle and the Republicans can afford to laugh.

THE Senate has completed the consideration of the wool schedule of the tariff, leaving only the silk and tobacco schedule to be passed. It will then take up the accepted paragraphs one by one and pass them.

The indications now are that the bill will become a law by August 12, if not somewhat sooner.

SIXTEEN weeks is a very short time for the completion of great reforms in national matters. But President McKinley and his administration have in that time more nearly accomplished the reforms promised in their platforms than any previous administration ever did in double the time. The chief pledges of the platform were a protective tariff, international bimetalism if this could be had, the annexation of Hawaii, a reform of the currency, and a better state of affairs in Cuba. The protective-tariff pledge is now so nearly carried out that there is good reason to believe that the bill will be upon the statute books early in July; a currency commission which shall devise plans for the reform of the currency system is to be recommended to Congress, and the proposition will doubtless meet with favor in that body; a commission has been sent abroad to negotiate for international bimetallism; an annexation treaty with Hawaii has been signed; the doors of Cuban prisons opened to citizens of she United States who were imprisoned, and other reforms in Cuban matters are about ready for definite consideration and action.

NEWSPAPERS of all classes are recognizing and announcing an improvement in business matters generally. These announcements come from all sections of the country and from newspapers of all political parties. A concise summarization of conditions as pictured by information from all parts of the country is presented in Dun's Review of June 19th, which says: "There is evidence of a gradually enlarging business in every important department. More establishments have been set at work and more hands employed. Reports from the various cities show a very general progress and a continuing large distribution through retail trade.

"To be or not to be" is Senator Wellington's position as dictator in Maryland politics. He propos to run the machine or wash his hands of it. There are many in dancing attendance ready to hand him the necessary toilet articles for a clean washing.

"M" stands for our next Associate Judge from Talbot county. Some may think it means "Martin" but the knowers say it stands for "Mullikin" beyond the shadow of a doubt.

ATTEND the Republican Primaries to-day. Send good, clean men to the Convention.

ORDER NISI.

In the Matter of the Sale of the Leasehold Anna R. Leonard, deceased.

In the Orphans' Court for Talbot County, June Term, A. D. 1897.

It is ordered by the Court, this 15. day of June, A. D. 1897 that the sale of the Leasehold Estate of Anna R. Leonard late of said county, deceased, as made and reported by Charles F. Stewart, Administrator be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 2 day of August 1897; Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Talbot County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 12 day of July, A. D. 1897.

The report states the amount of sales to be Ten hundred and Fifty Dollars.

JOHN C. BARTLETT,
EDWARD T. ROE.

True Copy. Test:
EDWARD H. ROE.
6-19-3t Register of Wills for Talbot County.

Notice to Farmers.

We are prepared to sell phosphate this fall as cheap as any reliable house. Our goods were never in finer condition than they are this season. It has been rumored that we are not going to sell Fertilizers this fall which is not the case. We are prepared to serve our customers with all Fertilizing material, as usual, in fine drilling condition and at figures that will prove satisfactory.

You will do well to see us before placing your orders.

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Vacant Scholarship.

The Ophans' Court will fill the vacant scholarship in Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, to which Talbot county is entitled, under Resolution 34 of the year 1845, the Act of 1856, Chap. 219, and the Act of 1874, Chap. 282, on July 28 inst. All applications must be filed on or before July 28, 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m. Applicants should be at least fifteen years of age.

E. H. ROE,
County papers copy 2t. Register of Wills.

OVERSEER WANTED.

The undersigned desires a single man, who can give good recommendation, to take charge of her farm for 1898. Apply to,

MRS. E. V. COUNCELL,
7-3-4t Cordova, Md.

Notice to Delinquents.

All taxes for 1896 must be paid before the fifteenth of August 1897. Otherwise I shall be compelled to schedule according to law.

JNO. L. FISHER,
July 3-4t Collector for 4th Dist.

For Rent for 1898.

The store on Market Space now occupted by C. H. Leonard. Apply to

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The Auburn Steel Axle Farm Wagon, The South Bend Farm Wagon.

Just received a Car Load of Farm Wagons and a finer stock we never had. Prices lower than ever. Don't think of buying until you have seen us. REFRIGERATORS—Don't let meat spoil or milk sour when we can sell you a first class refrigerator at such astonishingly low figures. Also Ice Cream Freezers and Water Coolers.

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Lucas' and Johns' celebrated Paints, in all colors, and any quantity you want. The public is finding out that our stock of Paints, Oils and Varnishes is the largest in Easton and prices most reasonable. We are selling large quantities for that reason.

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F. A. SHANNAHAN,
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