COMPETITION TO B. C. & A.

President Seth Introduces a Bill to Permit a New Corporation to Operate Steamers.

President Seth introduced a bill in the Senate, Wednesday amending the charter of the Baltimore and Ocean City Railway Company. The change is made in the sixth section of the act passed in 1906 and permits the corporation to construct and operate steamship lines between Baltimore city and points on the Eastern Shore and to construct such lines of road at each terminus as may be approved by the mayor and city council and the county commissioners of each county through which such road may run.

The original act gave only permission to construct a railroad. It was introduced by General Seth, and the intention of the incorporators as then announced was to install a monorail system. The change made would indicate an abandonment of an all-rail route and the establishment of a ferry system. President Seth's amendment applies to the old charter of two years ago, by which authority was granted to operate a monorail road between Baltimore and Ocean City. The monorail is still in an experimental stage. Gen. Seth and other Eastern Shoremen are interested in a line independent of the B. C. & A., and the M. D. & V. R. R. companies.

In connection with Gen. Seth's movement it is suggested that a system of trolley lines be established on the Eastern Shore to connect at Rock Hall with a line of steamers to ply between that point and Sparrows point. The only obstacle to the permanent success of the proposed railway system is ice in the winter. This is not as serious an obstacle as has been thought. To obviate the possibility of an obstacle it is proposed to connect the trolley lines with the Pennsylvania railroad at Elkton and with the B. & O. railroad north of Elkton. There is already available $ 8 000 for the construction of a line south of Elkton. It is a remnant of the bond issue of 1837.

If the amendment suggested by General Seth goes through, there is a prospect that new steamboat lines will be established between Baltimore and Eastern Shore points. Senator P. J. Campbell, of Baltimore, is a strong advocate of a line between Baltimore and Eastern Shore points by way of ferry between deep water at Sparrows point and Rock Hall, which harbor has been deepened by the government. With these connections established, it is believed that a trolley line from Rock Hall southward, through Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Dorchester and other Eastern Shore counties, will be possible, Ocean City being the terminal point.

General Seth, the author of the amendment, is the father of the movement by which the B. C. & A. line was constructed from Claiborne to Salisbury and thence to Ocean City. His connection with the movement, as developed on Wednesday, would indicate serious competition for the B. C. & A., and the M. D. & V. companies, which are subordinate corporations of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and which have a monopoly of the traffic between Baltimore and the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries.

Birds Know Nothing About the Weather.

Wild creatures of the fields and forests can do so many things impossible to men and women, in seeing, hearing, smelling, especially in finding their way home by the aid, it appears, of some other sense or source of guidance that it is easy to credit them with foreknowledge of nature which is wholly beyond human powers. The belief that this so-called instinct of beasts and birds is sufficient to read the secrets of the seasons far in advance is quite common among men. It will lead many who hear that robins and bluebirds have been seen in the last few days to cherish confident hopes of a very mild winter throughout and an early spring. But the birds do not know what the weather is going to be. Over and over that has been proved in sessions of abnormal warmth, changing later to intense cold. The song birds of early spring have gone far north in open Januaries, only to be killed by blizzards in February or March. The birds follow the weather, instead of foretelling it. They move with the season or the seeming changes of the year. They go where there is food, where the weather is mild enough to permit them to get enough to eat. In localities where there are special stores of ceder berries or animal life all winter, robins sometimes remains through the fiercest cold of Maine or Canada. Many birds go south in the autumn not to escape cold, but to find food.

Col. W. Hopper Gibson, of Centreville, is now an "Ex," unless Governor Crothers appoints him to his staff. This would not be an unusual procedure, and there is certainly no one better equipped or more deserving of the position. His many friends throughout the county hope that he will be appointed.

A Cure for Misery.

"I have found a cure for the misery malaria poison produces," says R. M. James, of Louellen, S. C. "It's called Electric Bitters, and comes in 50 cent bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee at J. S. Denny and W. E Collier.

It depends upon the pill you take. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills known for constipation and sick headache. J. S. Denny and Wye

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Local and Other News of Interest for Our Readers in a Brief Way.

Everybody reports business dull and money scarce.

The open winter has caused the buds on fruit trees to swell.

Can't say that this winter's backbone is broken, for it never had any to break.

The weather this winter is going on the theory that variety is the spice of life.

A neat five-room house for rent. Possession at once. Apply to M. W. Aker, Agent.

The finest line of underwear in the town at Aker's, and at less than what you pay elsewhere.

The small boy has decided that his skates are useless and has turned his attention to playing marbles.

All the latest styles in men's shoes at Aker's and, the price is about 25 per cent. below what others ask.

Want to rent a cottage in or near village, with one or more acres of land. Address Mrs. L. Wheeler, Chester, Md.

Muskrats are reported quite numerous on our marshes this season, and our trappers report good catches. The fur is quoted at 20 to 50 cents each.

M. W. Aker, administrator of J. M. Aker, deceased, gives notice to creditors to file their claims and to those indebted to the estate to pay up promptly.

Our public roads are easy to the horses' feet, but hard on their breast and shoulders. One of our philosophers thinks they will be in better order by next summer.

J. L. Goldsborough wishes to inform the public that he is still selling the Wooldridge fertilizers and also agent for Frederick ground commercial lime. Give him a call if you want to grow good crops.

Lorenzo D. Everngam has issued cards for the marriage of his daughter, Margaret Addison, to Harry F. Callahan, Wednesday afternoon, January 22, 1908, at 4 o'clock, at his residence at Wye Mills.

Revival services will continue tomorrow night at the M. E. Church at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. Oden E. James, the pastor, will preach on the subject, "Some of the Best Things of Life." Everybody welcome.

It will soon be time to sow clover seed. Don't forget to see Wright & Lowe, Centreville, before you buy. They have the very best seed that money can buy and, as they buy in carload lots, they are able to give you better prices than small dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. C. Thomas have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Ruth Anna, to Richard Bennett Carmichael Davidson, son of Mrs. Sallie D. Davidson, of Wye Neck, to take place Wednesday evening, January 22, 1908, at 6 o'clock, at Wye M. P. Church, Carmichael.

Captain Thomas of the local police boat arrested Capt. Alonza Evans, of the schooner Patrick McCabe, and Capt. James Evans, of the schooner Wm. Chestnut, in Chester river, last week. The captains were charged with having too many small oysters. They were given a hearing before Justice John O. Phillips at Love Point, and fined $25 and costs.

In our advertising columns will be found the announcement of the new grocery firm of William T. Crouch and Addison D. Rhodes. They received their stock Thursday and were ready for business yesterday morning in the storehouse lately occupied by E. J. Thompson. They say they want part of the trade and intend to get it if low prices and prompt service counts.

Queen Anne's countians who have applied to the State Shellfish Commission for the retention of oyster beds, held under the old oyster laws, are: Jonathan A. Bryan, Thomas W. Coulter, W. B. Earle, Elmer Golt, C. A. Greaves, Charles W. Hopkins, W. H. H. Hopkins, Mrs. M. E. Hoxter, Benj. F. Jones, Wm. E. Johnson, A. C. Lowery, James W. Marvel, W. L. Palmer, George T. Tull and Thomas H. Tull.

The complaint of the men against women having no pockets in their clothes has resulted in pockets in all conceivable and inconceivable places, according to the information we get from a woman's journal. There are to be pockets in the gloves, the belts, the knitted skirts, the night robes, the hats, the boas, the stockings, tailor-made suits, inside and out; and a knee pocket "made of Dresden silk and lined with chamois and tied about the leg with a satin ribbon."

State Fire Marshal MacGill is expected to have passed at the present session of the legislature a bill to prevent the sale of any kind of matches except those of the safety kind. In speaking of the danger of the matches now in general use Marshal MacGill says: "In Maryland carelessness with matches during last last year fired 146 buildings and burned to death eight children. The parlor match in common use is the greatest convenience and the greediest incendiary ever invented by man. In the state it has caused ten per cent. of the fires."

Dr. John R. Benton, of Stevensville, was among those advertised as delinquent taxpayers. The doctor mailed a check in December to the treasurer for his taxes and the letter failing to reach its destination, caused the doctor the embarrassment. The doctor is one of those persons who always pay promptly. Here is another instance where it would have paid to have had the name and address on the envelope. Such letters going astray occur every day and, if you are wise you will let us print you some envelopes. We can furnish the envelope and print them by the thousand at $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.25 (linen), $2.50 (crash).

THE DEATH RECORD.

Some Particulars About Those Who Have Departed From This Vale of Tears.

Mr. William E. Holiday, aged about 68 years, died at his home in Oxford, Talbot county, about 4 o'clock Friday morning of last week after a lingering illness of Bright's disease. Mr. Holiday was born and raised in this county. When about 21 years of age he married Miss Gould, daughter of Mr. John Gould, of this county, who died several years after the marriage. He then married Miss Embert, daughter of Mr. Henry Embert, also of this county, who survives him with one son and one daughter. His remains were interred in the Centreville cemetery last Saturday morning.

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Mr. William Hopper Emory, a prominent insurance broker, died Thursday night of last week at his residence in Baltimore. Mr. Emory had been in failing health for some time, having suffered a stroke of paralysis last March. He was 58 years of age. Mr. Emory was born in Baltimore and was a resident of that city for most of his life. He was a member of the Eastern Shore family of that name and was the son of the late Wm. H. Emory, of Centreville. The Emorys came to this country from England in 1660, having received a grant from the crown for a territory covering nearly all of Queen Anne's and Talbot counties. The home of Mr. Emory's father was at Ingleside. Besides his widow, Mr. Emory is survived by three sons, Messrs. W. H., German H. H., and John B. Emory, and three daughters, Mrs. S. P. Brand, Misses Laura H., and Elise Emory.

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Mrs. Annie M. Chambers, widow of the late William James Chambers, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Collier, near Ingleside, last Saturday morning at 7.30 o'clock, of paralysis. Mrs. Chambers was the eldest daughter of the late William and Mary E. Tarr, of this county, and spent most of her life in this section. Her husband was a farmer and was overseer on farms in this section until his death about 18 years ago on the "Dorsey Wright" farm. The deceased is survived by four daughters, Mesdames Walter Collier and John Munck, near Ingleside, Owens Chambers, near Church Hill, John Niemann, of Philadelphia, and two sons, Ozmon and Carroll Chambers, of Baltimore. Mesdames John M. Aker and W. J. Pinder, of Queenstown, are sisters. Funeral services were held at her late residence Monday morning at 10.30 o'clock and interment followed in the Centreville cemetery. Rev. Mr. Pope, of Ingleside M. E. Church, officiated. The pallbearers were Messrs. Eldridge Downes, Henry E. Cronshaw, George C. Collier, Chas. L. Brown, Charles R. Walls and Benjamin Taylor.

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Mr. James R. Randall, author of "Maryland, My Maryland," and other poems and song, died late Tuesday afternoon at his home in Augusta, Ga., aged 69 years. His death resulted from grip, and he had been ill a very short time. The funeral was held Thursday morning in Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Augusta. James Ryder Randall was born in Baltimore on January 1, 1839, and was the son of the late John K., and Ruth M. Randall. He became a student of Georgetown College, which he was forced to leave on occount of ill-health. He traveled in South America, and on his return began newspaper work in Louisiana, shortly before the Civil war. The news that fighting had taken place in the streets of Baltimore on April 19, 1861, between the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment and people in Baltimore moved him to write "Maryland, My Maryland," which was set to music and became almost as famous as "Dixie" during the war. At the close of the war Colonel Randall returned to journalism. He left Baltimore to go South. Besides "Maryland, My Maryland," he wrote "At Arlington," "Eidolon" and "Resurgam," the last named a hymn which has become widely known and other selections.

Talbot Farmers Heavy Losers.

A number of farmers and others in Talbot county and adjoining counties have suffered heavy losses by the defalcation of H. R. Forbes, 27, 29, 31 Hewit Avenue, New York. Among the victims are Wm. Quimby, Charles Rigby, Wm. Hopkins, H. L. Lednum and Edward Hopkins, all of whose checks for poultry went to protest. Stewart & Jarrell, of Hillsboro, lose $900. The loss falls especially hard on farmers' wives, who had toiled a year to accumulate some money for Christmas use. Thursday morning of last week another batch of protested checks arrived in the mail. This time Gardner & Swartz, Wm. T. Callahan, H. M. Hopkins, of Cordova, and Harry T. Slaughter, of Longwoods, lose in the aggregate over $1200. Charles Jarrell, of Stewart & Jarrell, Hillsboro, and Homer Roe, of Cordova, went to New York after Forbes, but could not find him. He is reported sick but it is believed he has vamosed. His defalcations amount to $30,000. He has fleeced his best friends, including commission merchants of New York. Merchants and farmers in Chapel lose about $4,000 by him. Elliott, of Trappe, and others are victims.

It is very important and in fact it is absolutely necessary to health that we give relief to the stomach promptly at the first signs of trouble—which are belching of gas, nausea, sour stomach, headache, irritability and nervousness. These are warnings that the stomach has been mistreated; it is doing too much work and it is demanding help from you. Take something once in a while; especially after meals; something like Kodol for dyspepsia and indigestion. It will enable your stomach to do its work properly. J. S. Denny and Wye Mills drug store.

PERSONAL CHRONICLE.

Concise Items of Relatives, Friends and Acquaintances, Visitors and Visited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rhodes spent a few days with relatives in Baltimore, this week.

Miss Florence McConnor, of Baltimore, spent a few days with her parents, this week.

Ozmon and Carroll Chambers, of Baltimore, spent Tuesday night with their cousin, Michael W. Aker.

Mrs. Edward Gardner returned Monday to her home in Easton after spending several days with Mrs. T. Frank Gardner.

T. Howard Embert, son of Thos. A. Embert, Sr., of "Wheatlands," desires to be a police justice of Baltimore city. We hope Gov. Crothers will grant his application.

DeCourcy W. Thom, of "Blakeford," delivered an address, Thursday before the Maryland Prison Conference which was held in Baltimore, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Michael McNamee left Thursday afternoon for Kent county to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Emory Crouch who died of tuberculosis Wednesday morning.

Capt. P. S. McConnor, brother of William C. McConnor, of this town, is reported to be confined to his home in Baltimore by sickness. He has been unable to be at his post of harbor master for about thirteen weeks.

Miss Viola Chance returned to Centreville Wednesday morning after spending a few days with her cousin, Miss May Pinder, near town. Miss Pinder accompanied her home and is now her guest.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Shortall, Sr., were in Baltimore, this week, at the bedside of their daughter, Miss Nettie, whose arm was successfully operated on Thursday of last week at a Baltimore hospital. Miss Shortall, several years ago, had a similar operation performed on the same arm.

Good Roads at the Cost of the State.

Prompt action was taken Monday night in the House of Delegates upon the subject of good roads and there was a vigorous response to the recommendation made on these lines of Governor Crothers in his inaugural address. J. Dawson Williams, of Montgomery county, presented a joint resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House to confer with the governor on this subject, to secure from him his ideas in detail as to the proper method of road improvement and report back to the Legislature. It went through with but one dissenting voice.

Governor Crothers Monday night when asked what his plan for "good roads" is, said: "I do not advocate the repeal of the Shoemaker Road law, but I do and I always have favored a comprehensive plan of road improvement throughout the state and at the cost of the state. I will advocate a bond issue for a considerable amount for this purpose and will be glad to give my views in detail to the Legislature or its committee. I am not prepared just now to say for what sum bonds should be issued, but I believe the plan can be worked out without increasing the burdens of the people and in a way that will greatly benefit the whole commonwealth. In my judgment there are few questions with which this Legislature can deal that are of more importance to the whole people than good roads. I believe the piecemeal improvements should stop and a systematic and comprehensive plan, backed by the state, adopted. I will be prepared later on to give my views more in detail. The Shoemaker law is all right in many ways, and my idea is not to repeal this law, but to supplement it in such a way as to make the road improvements more far-reaching and extensive."

Queen Anne's and Caroline Schools.

The Caroline county School Board on Tuesday agreed to pay the Queen Anne's county School Board for Caroline pupils attending Queen Anne's schools an amount per capita equal to cost per capita of Queen Anne's pupils in attendance at same school. The Queen Anne's commissioners will compensate Caroline county in like manner for Queen Anne's pupils attending Caroline schools. This plan will take the place of the joint school contract at Templeville, which required the annual payment of about $300 from Caroline county to Queen Anne's county. The action was brought about by an almost equal number of pupils in the two counties attending school over the county line.

Fourth Class Postmasters of Caroline.

The Caroline County League of Fourth Class Postmasters was organized at Denton, Tuesday. Geo. E. Lane, postmaster of Queenstown and district president of the National League, called the meeting to order. Permanent officers were elected as follows: President, H. C. Booker, postmaster at Goldsboro; vice-president, Eugene Lynch, postmaster at Downes; treasurer, R. M. Messick, postmaster at Bethlehem; secretary, Solomon G. Snowden, postmaster at Tuckahoe. The objects of the League are the improvement of the service, the care of the common interests of the postmasters and the well-fare of the public.

Kodol for dyspepsia and indigestion is the result of a scientific combination of natural digestants with vegetable acids and contains the same juices found in a healthy stomach. It is the best remedy known today for dyspepsia, indigestion and all troubles rising from a disordered stomach. Take Kodol today. It is pleasant, prompt and thorough. J. S. Denny and Wye Mills drug store.

When you want the best, get DeWitt's Carbolized Witch Hazel Salve. It is good for little or big cuts, boils or bruises, but is especially recommended for piles. J. S. Denny and Wye Mills drug store.

EASTERN SHORE TRADE

Is Being Diverted From Baltimore Says the President of M. & M. Association.

At the annual meeting of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association held last week, President D. H. Carroll sounded the keynote of the purposes of the organization for the new year. In the course of his address he said: The most important and vital work undertaken by the association was the investigation of the conditions in the matter of transportation—or rather lack of transportation—facilities pertaining particularly to the Eastern Shore. As soon as the association's intentions to look into this matter became known publicly, a vast amount of complaints from local people and those living on the bay shores fairly poured into our offices. The tenor of these letters was bitter and pathetic. The poor service rendered and aggravating neglect with which shippers were treated was unbelievable. It was determined that the association would have a thorough examination made. Accordingly, our secretary started on a personal investigation early in June, and went to those points on the Eastern Shore which seemed to furnish the most comprehensive feature of shipping difficulties.

The rumors of the almost ruinous methods of the Pennsylvania Company's water lines, both as to leaving perishable freight lying on wharves awaiting shipment and the failure to maintain schedules, was found to be true. There was not the least exaggeration. If anything, the true conditions were worse than the reports thereof. The commercial interests of Baltimore were involved. The railroads of the Pennsylvania on the Eastern Shore were being benefited at the expense of the boat lines. Trade was and is being diverted from Baltimore to other places in consequence of this plan. All these convincing facts, pointing clearly to the prime importance of increased facilities, were brought home to the business men and citizens of Baltimore.

It matters not who or what concern is to carry on this bay trade. What is needed is more boats. More boats, with square treatment in rates and service, will solve the whole problem. While it is fully realized that competition is a valuable feature, the chief matter concerning us is adequate service. The almost immediate results of our work was an extra steamer on the most congested run to meet the great outgoing freight in merchandise and fertilizers which goes to this territory during the fall season. Today the value of the products of the soil and the waters of the Eastern Shore of Maryland is between $7,000,000 and $10,000,000 annually. The country, if properly nursed, can be made to quadruple this in a decade. What will be Baltimore's share? This is for the people of Baltimore to answer.

Senators and Treasurer Elected.

The General Assembly of Maryland, in joint convention at noon on Wednesday elected John Walter Smith a member of the United States Senate for the full term of six years, beginning March 4, 1908. At the same time, William Pinkney Whyte, who received a majority of all the votes cast Wednesday, was declared elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Gorman. There was no speech-making, and there was no demonstration of any kind until Ex-Governor Smith's election was announced by the Speaker. Then there was an outburst of applause that started on the floor of the House where the joint ballot was held, and spread to the well-filled galleries.

Here is a short history of the senators elected: W. Pinkney Whyte—Born in Baltimore August 9, 1824. Graduated at Harvard; admitted to bar in 1836. In Legislature 1847. Has been Comptroller, U. S. Senator, Governor, Mayor of Baltimore, Attorney General of Maryland, City Solicitor of Baltimore, and again United States Senator.

John Walter Smith—Born at Snow Hill on February 5, 1845. Started in commercial life at age of 16. Made a fortune in lumber. Elected State Senator from Worcester county in 1889 and re-elected for two successive terms. President of the State Senate in 1894. Elected to Congress in 1896. Elected Governor in 1900. Made three fights for the United States Senate, the last of which was successful.

As soon as the senatorships had been disposed of, Gen. Murray Vandiver was placed in nomination for state treasurer. Mr. Vandiver was praised for his conduct of the office of state treasurer during the four terms he has held the position, and he was commended for his services to the Democratic party. Mr. Vandiver was chosen for the fifth time.

The members of the cabinet of the Easton District Epworth League will hold a rally in Queenstown M. E. Church, Tuesday evening, January 21, 1908, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. Givan, of Odessa, Del., and other well known speakers will be present. A large attendance is desired.

A Higher Health Level.

"I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded by J. S. Denny and W. E. Collier. 25c.

Do you have backache occasionally, or "stitches" in the side, and sometimes do you feel all tired out, without ambition and without energy? If so, your kidneys are out of order. Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills. They promptly relieve backache, weak back, inflammation of the bladder and weak kidneys. J. S. Denny and Wye Mills drug store.

CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

Which Will be Introduced in the Senate by Senator J. Frank Harper.

In his inaugural address Governor Crothers put well to the front the Corrupt Practices act, indicating that, in his judgment, this is the most important of all the party pledges and should be the first one fulfilled. The bill embodying the ideas of the governor has already been prepared by Attorney-General Straus and will be introduced shortly in the Senate by Senator Frank Harper.

It is possible that some minor changes may be made by the Legislature, but the measure as drawn has already received the approval of the governor and, when presented, will be backed by the administration. This means that the Democratic party will place on the statute books a corrupt practices law which, it is believed, will prevent in this state the corrupt use of money in politics; put an end to bribegiving and bribetaking; bring about a far cleaner and more wholesome condition in the state, and carry out a most vital pledge made in the last campaign.

The bill sets forth that its requirements shall apply to all elections by the people of all officers of the General Assembly and to all primary elections, including elections held to nominate a candidate for any public office or delegates to a nominating convention. It also applies to nominating conventions of such delegates and to legislative caucuses, and also to all candidates to be voted for at any such elections or caucuses.

The act restricts the contributions which may be made by candidates and provides that no contributions shall be made by other persons except to a treasurer of a political committee or a duly appointed political agent. No person other than the treasurer or political agent is to be permitted to pay any of the expenses of any election or primary election, except that a candidate may pay his own expenses for postage, telegrams, telephoning, stationery, printing, expressage and traveling and board. The payments or liabilities which any candidate before nomination or election, or both, may make or incur shall not exceed in whole $25 for each 1,000 of the registered voters qualified to vote for the office in question at the next preceding election, all of which is to be paid, handled and disbursed by a treasurer or political agent and not otherwise, except the candidate's personal expenses for postage, etc., as above stated.

The expenditures which the treasurer or political agent may make are limited to the following purposes: Hiring halls and music for conventions and meetings and for advertising the same, printing and circulating political articles, circulars, etc.; printing and distributing specimen ballots, renting rooms to be used by political committees, compensating clerks, stenographers, typewriters in the committee rooms and challengers and messengers at the polls; the traveling expenses of political committees, agents and public speakers, necessary postage, telegrams, telephoning, printing expenses and conveyance charges for carrying sick and infirm persons to and from the polls.

Full itemized and detailed statements of all expenditures, receipts, promises and liabilities, etc., are to be sworn to and filed by the treasurer and political agent with certain public officers, and such statements are to be open to public inspection and to be preserved for a considerable time; and "account books" are to be kept by every treasurer and political agent containing entries of all receipts and disbursements and liabilities, etc. Similar statements under oath are to be publicly filed by every candidate in any general election, primary election, or any convention or caucus, and no candidate shall enter upon any office if such sworn statements upon his part have not been filed. Any false statement or false entry in reference to the above matters is to be perjury.

Giving, offering or promising any money, gift, advantage, preferment, entertainment, aid, emolument or any valuable thing whatever to induce anyone to vote or refrain from voting at any election, primary election or political convention or caucus or to receive any of the above is punishable as corrupt practices. The payment by any employer of salary or wages in "pay envelopes" upon which there is written or printed any political motto, device, threat, etc., to influence or intimidate the employes in voting is also punishable. The bill provides that corporations shall not in any manner whatsoever make any contributions to any person, treasurer, political agent, political committee, organization, etc., for political purposes.

Senator J. Frank Harper, who is deeply interested in the passage of a corrupt practices act and will take a leading part to bring about such legislation, has made a careful study of the existing legislation on the subject and has expressed himself as heartily approving the bill which Mr. Straus has prepared. He said: "The measure which Attorney-General Straus has prepared is the most thorough bill that I have yet seen on the subject of corrupt practices, and I have examined critically a great many statutes bearing on it. It covers every phase of the subject, and if passed would effectually end bribery in every form as well as all other improper conduct in connection with our elections, both primary and general. Such an act upon the statute books of the state would accomplish, without any doubt, what Gov. Crothers in his inaugural s[illegible] earnestly urged upon us, [illegible] the cutting up by the roots [illegible] evil practice in question. I have sug[illegible]ted some slight verbal inser[illegible] several places in the text of [illegible]us' measure, but so far as [illegible] scope and substance [illegible] his bill are concerned, I have concluded after a careful examination of it and of the subject generally, that the measure is a masterpiece."

PINEY NECK ITEMS.

An Up-to-date Correspondent Sends us the Happenings in This Section.

Professor and Mrs. A. J. Bolin have two sick children.

Mrs. Benjamin Blunt and daughter, Clara are on the sick list.

Mrs. James McCready, who has been sick with grip, is much better.

Mrs. Prue Thomas will entertain the Winchester Y. W. C. T. U., on Monday evening.

Linwood E. Thomas, one of our prominent merchants, has been quite ill with grip but is better at this writing.

The Piney Neck W. C. T. U., held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. James McCready on Wednesday afternoon.

Jonathan Bryan is very ill at his home. His daughter, Miss Lillian, who has been quite sick, is now much improved.

The Y's of Winchester gave a very interesting and enjoyable surprise party to Mrs. Marion Coursey on Friday night of last week.

Rev. D. J. Givan will address the Epworth League at Perry's Corner Church next Wednesday night. The public is cordially invited to attend. Besides Rev. Givan, the president, other prominent ministers will be present.

Mrs. Prouse, mother of Mrs. Annie Ford, met with a very painful and what may prove a serious accident on Sunday afternoon when she stepped on a loose plank in the porch floor which threw her heavily to the ground. It is thought she has broken her leg.

Church Notice.

Services will be held at the three M. E. Churches on Sunday, as follows:

QUEENSTOWN M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday-school, 9.15 A. M.
Public Worship, 7.30 P. M.
Special music will be rendered by the choir at this service.
Epworth League service, 7 P. M.
Prayer service, Wednesday night, 7.30 P. M.

PERRY'S CORNER M. E. CHURCH

Sunday school, 2 P. M.
Public Worship, 3 P. M.
Epworth League service, 7.30 P. M.

WINCHESTER M. E. CHURCH.

Sunday school, 9.30 A. M.
Public Worship, 10.30 A. M.
Epworth League service, 7.30 P. M.
The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

A thunderstorm, with lightning and hail, visited Queenstown about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Notwithstanding the season—midwinter—the lightning flashed vividly and wrought destruction in its path like a storm in August after a hot day. An unusual feature of the storm was the large amount of hail which fell. The hailstones, in some places, were as large as chestnuts. There is no previous record of hailstones as large falling in January. In several towns on the Shore the hail broke a number of windows and wrought other damage.

If a cough once gets into your system it acts on every muscle and fibre of the body and makes you ache all over. It especially affects the intestines and makes you constipated, so in order to get rid of a cold thoroughly and without delay you should not take anything that will tend to constipate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system. It contains no opiates—it is pleasant to take and is highly recommended for children. J. S. Denny and Wye Mills drug store.

Rank Foolishness.

"When attacked by a cough or a cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery," says C. O. Eldridge, of Empire, Ga. "I have used New Discovery seven years and I know it is the best remedy on earth for colds and coughs, croup and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Known the world over as the king of throat and lung remedies. Sold under guarantee at J. S. Denny and W. E. Collier. 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

To all People who like Pure Food.

We take this method of notifying the public that we have opened the grocery store formerly occupied by E. J. Thompson, in Queenstown.

OUR STOCK is strictly new, fresh and pure and those who like good food can always depend on what they get from our store.

OUR MEATS are always of the choicest cuts and can always be found to be fresh.

GROCERIES. Our stock of Groceries is full and complete and we are selling at a very close margin for we believe in quick sales and small profits.

Asking the public for a share of their patronage, and hoping by strict attention to business to continue same, we [illegible]

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To the Trad[illegible]

We extend to you the greetings and compliments of the New Year. It is our sincere wish that it may bring you health and happiness.

There are a few things to which we want to call your attention.

Winter it seems has just begun, and indeed, you who have not bought may consider yourselves fortun[illegible] as we intend to clean our shelves of hundreds of dollars worth of goods regardless of cost.

Blankets worth $1.25 go at 99c
" " 75c. " " 69c
Flannels low at 7c. per yd.
Outing worth 10c. go at 7c yd
Dress Goods black, dark worth 60 cents 39 c[illegible]
Dress Goods worth 25 cents go at 15 cents yer yard.
Comforts (large) worth $1.[illegible] go at $1.10.
Dress Ginghams worth 10c. go at 7½ cents.
Dress Ginghams worth 12½c go at 10 cents.
Dress Ginghams worth 15c. go at 12½ cents.
Men and Boys' Underwear, worth $1.00 go at 69c.
Ladies and children's Underwear greatly reduced.
Best prints apron gingham, 8c
A cheaper grade at 7½c.
We have quite a nice lot of Jerseys on hand which will go at 50c. on the dollar.
Men and Boys' Leggings, go at 40 cents.
Corduroy pants worth $3.00 go at $2.00.
Corduroy Pants worth $3.50 to $4.00 go at $2.99.
Boys Corduroy Suits worth $4.00 go at $2.49.
Boys nice Cassimere Suits $2 to $3 each.
Men's Suits worth $10 go at $5 to $6 50.
Rubber Boots greatly reduced.
We have the only independent Boot made in the United States and without doubt the best.
We are headquarters for Men and Women's Shoes.
A few heavy all wool Double Breasted Blue Shirts worth $1.50 go at $1.00.

Our Sales for 1907 were one thousand dollars larger than 1906, and we are determined to make them two thousand more this year.

This is no FAKE but, a genuine honest, upright sale to make room for our immense stock which is due to arrive during the month of March. These goods quoted will be sold strictly for the CASH. It will pay you to call early—get your choice. Only one way to save money: buy where you get more goods for less money.

We sincerely thank you one and all.