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DANGER.

The Baltimore News Repudiates the Action of Maryland Reformers (?)

If the reform pretensions of the Republican party in the State election were not wholly fraudulent, it is about time for some sign of it to be shown at Annapolis. As yet the spirit in which the campaign was conducted has failed to materialize at the State Capital. Where something like statesmanship and an intelligent regard for public sentiment were expected, we have had so far the same old folly and stupidity which for many years up to the campaign of last fall had made the Republican party obnoxious in this State and enabled the Democratic ring to hold on without serious menace to its supremacy. The result would not have been different last fall but for the belief of the people in the reform pledges of the Republican party. There was a new and apparently more trustworthy leadership, broader and better ideas and an absolute committal of the party in case of success to the carrying out of certain specific reforms.

That public confidence in the State administration, executive and legislative, has been visibly diminished is perfectly evident. If to the causes of this change of sentiment be added a failure to elect the new Police Commissioners from among the very best citizenship of Baltimore, there will be a still further loss of confidence, which, in the event of the choice of such candidates as "Sam" Davis and "Bill" Henderson, would increase to the point of public execration.

The *News* does not wish to judge the Republican administration harshly or hastily, but after supporting it in the last election we deem it a public duty to hold it to strict accountability. The information that comes from Annapolis is not in any particular encouraging from the point of view of the independent citizen, and in regard to the Police Commissionerships it is distinctly discouraging. It is none too soon to sound a note of warning. The supporters of good government, comprising as they do, a vast majority of the people of Baltimore, ought to know the conditions which exist. Unless a totally different spirit should appear at Annapolis, it may become advisable for public sentiment to assert itself by mass-meetings in the interest of the reform programme, which, as matters now stand, is in imminent danger of defeat because of the weakness and irresolution of those who should be its uncompromising friends and the determined opposition of the spoilsman and political mercenaries.—*Baltimore News.*

CALIFORNIA'S BLIND WHEELMAN.

An Expert Rider on the Bicycle Makes a Long Journey.

J. C. Perry, a blind man, has just completed a trip to San Jose and return on a bicycle. The sightless man was in company of a friend, Gilbert S. Walker, of Oakland, who led the way, and the only guide the blind man had was the little tinkling bell attached to Walker's wheel. With this for a guide, Perry kept out of the rough places along the road, which are many, and received no more falls than an ordinary wheelman who has good eyes.

The trip was made on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and people along the road looked with astonishment at a blind man scorching along the road with just as much confidence as any other of the numerous wheelmen.

Perry is a graduate of the Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, and has been blind for fourteen years. He is an expert wheelman and a remarkably bright young man. He requires a guide only on those roads with which he is unacquainted, and is accustomed to go about on his wheel on known paths just as does the man with good eyes. He has had few accidents.

The blind wheelman is modest, and said, in speaking of the matter: "I don't see that there is anything wonderful about a man riding a bicycle. It is a perfectly natural thing, and there is nothing in it calling for mention." Perry is now a senior at the University of California, and will graduate next May with the class of 1896. He stands well is his studies, and is highly spoken of by his fellow students. He is especially strong in intricate problems in mathematics, and in this line is a source of wonder to his classmates. Perry takes long trips alone, and is often to be seen on the lake boats from San Francisco. In learning to ride, he said he went at it in the usual way. He had a number of tumbles, but no more than those who see, and simply persevered until he mastered the bicycle, and now enjoys it hugely.

SENATOR GORMAN.

It is Said That He Does Not Wish to Go to the National Convention.

"Senator Gorman has declined to serve upon the sub-committee of the national Democratic committee, which was appointed by Chairman Harrity to proceed to Chicago and make arrangements for the national convention. The Senator believes that there are plenty of other men who would feel it an honor to secure a position upon this sub-committee, and he does not intend to stand in their way.

"To a personal friend the Senator declared that he not only does not want to have anything to do with the arrangements for the convention, but he does not now intend to attend the convention, either as a delegate or in an unofficial capacity. He says he has never shirked when there was work to be done, but in the present instance he will stand aside in order that other men may participate in the work.

"He further declares that he has a great deal of work to do, and that he cannot give up his time now for the performance of services which other men can perform satisfactorily.

"The announcement that the Senator does not intend to go to the convention probably means also that he will not attempt to interfere in any way with the election of the Maryland delegation."

Talbot's Conscientious Doctor.

We congratulate Dr. Isaac Ambrose Barber upon the possession of a conscience. It is a rare commodity these days among men who dabble in politics. The doctor refused to vote for Wellington because he was conscientiously opposed to the violation of the Eastern Shore law. If the conscience can withstand the crack of the party whip for sixty more days its next notice should be at top of column next to reading matter.—*Easton Ledger.*

ADDS CHANGED.

The Transcript's Advertisers Commence the New Year With New Stocks and New Prices.

WATCH THEIR CHANGES.

There could be nothing more gratifying and complimentary to a wide-awake and aggressive newspaper than the success of its patrons. As will be seen by consulting the advertising columns of the TRANSCRIPT, the old stocks of county advertisers were exhausted by Christmas sales, and the New Year finds them stocked with even finer goods and lower prices than ever before.

Thomas G. Wroth opens the New Year with a "challenge" to the entire State to show a more complete line of shoes, slippers, etc., in all kinds, styles and descriptions.

H. L. Chew throws down the gauntlet to all competition by announcing that *all* goods of his splendid stock are offered at "*reduced prices.*" Chew claims that *bargains* win every time and he has them.

Jake Thompson says, "Yes, the longest pole knocks the persimmon," but advertised facts and bargains catch the judicious and wide-awake purchaser. "Short prices" for fine goods is his suggestive business motto.

Medders declares that his store at Still Pond is like a bee-hive, active and rushing with business at prices which startle the purchaser. To *buy* goods of Medders is cheaper than finding them.

Great gunboats! hear R. F. Parks—he has taken in the situation from beginning to end, upside and downside, in the declaration that "now is the time to save the dollars—Cash is a mighty lever." Parks' original space was not large enough to begin to tell of his magnificent stock, so he has had an annex added to his old add. Don't fail to read it.

M. M. Rasin, proprietor of Melitota's great dry goods emporium, is still in line with new features and new prices, or as the hustling merchant puts it in his comprehensive way, "prices for all."

Mrs. D. Gruber, after a splendid Christmas trade, has not gone out of business by any means, but the always reliable and time-honored bakery will be found to-day just where it has remained for nearly thirty years, filling a much-needed want. Pies and cakes and splendid confectionery.

F. H. Harper & Son, at Still Pond, struck the nail on the head when they placed the word "economy" at their mast head. These gentlemen practice economy themselves in order that their patrons may receive the benefit. Economy must win, and the Messrs. Harper know it.

J. H. Sides, the jeweler, is "Ready for work," but was forced to apologise to some of his customers for delays because of a tremendous run of business which swept his old stock from his shelves, and he commences the new season with a magnificent line of new goods at new prices.

[TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.]

SAVED BY SERUM.

Value of the Discovery of Dr. Behring and Prof. Pasteur.

At the December meeting of the Paris Medical Society, Dr. Henri Monod lectured about the influence of the diphtheria-serum upon the mortality in France. The statistics given included 108 cities of more than 20,000 inhabitants, with a total population of 8,150,000. It has been found that for the years from 1888 to 1894, that is, previous to the introduction of the diphtheria-serum, there was an annual average of 2627 fatal cases of diphtheria. In 1895, all other conditions being the same as in previous years, the mortality from the dread disease has been reduced to 904 deaths, although the number of cases treated was superior to the average of the preceding seven years. Since diphtheria is as virulent in the country districts as in the city, Dr. Monod estimates the number of lives saved by the diphtheria-serum up to date at about 15,000. These statistics were received with great acclamation, and a vote of thanks was passed for the German physician, Dr. Behring, the inventor of the diphtheria-serum, while Pasteur's memory was also honored, the members rising from their seats in testimony of their estimation of the dead scientist.

A Snake With Feet.

The question as to whether snakes have feet has always been a mooted one, but it seems to have been settled by a farmer near Sylvania, Ga. He was clearing up and burning off a piece of ground, and killed a medium-sized snake, which he threw into a burning brush heap. To his amazement, four feet immediately came out from the under part of the snake's body. The feet were small, but they explain how it is that the reptiles are enabled to travel along so fast over the ground. This phenomenon was seen by several persons, but, unfortunately, the snake was consumed by the fire before the farmer thought of drawing it out for preservation.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

Ground-Hog Day.

Last Sunday was the day which rural myth and local tradition assert marks the annual reappearance of the ground-hog or woodchuck after his cold winter stay under ground.

If the sun is shining and he sees his shadow, so the story runs, he promptly goes back where he came from and stays there six weeks longer, for weather lore has taught him that it is sure to be cold and disagreeable above ground.

36 Children, 1000 Grandchildren.

Rutland, Vt., Jan. 30.—News has been received here of the death of Macomber, a leading Indian of the Caughnawaga reservation, near Saranac lake. He was 103 years old and left considerable wealth. The old man had been married three times. His first wife bore him six children; by the second he had fifteen, and by the third the same number. He had over 1000 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Fixed And Movable Festivals.

The fixed and movable festivals for 1896 are as follows: Epiphany, January 6; Septuagesima Sunday, February 2; Shrove Tuesday, February 18; Ash Wednesday, February 19; First Sunday in Lent, February 23; St. Patrick's Day, March 17; Palm Sunday, March 29; Good Friday, April 3; Easter Sunday, April 5; Low Sunday, April 12; Rogation Sunday, May 10; Ascension Day, May 14; Whit Sunday, May 24; Trinity Sunday, May 31; Corpus Christi, June 4; Michaelmas Day, September 29; First Sunday in Advent, November 29; Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

Lent will soon be here.

Leap year parties are quite the vogue.

Straw rides are quite the thing in Kent county.

William Staats spent last Tuesday in Chestertown.

The thermometer has taken a slight drop to itself.

Builders are taking advantage of the open weather.

It looks as though we were not going to have any winter.

Tree trimmings for the spring opening is going on here.

Mrs. William Staats has been very sick for the past week.

Mrs. Ruth Vansant has been very sick for the past week.

Florist's say that the midwinter trade is now at its best.

Mrs. John F. Ernest has been quite poorly for the past week.

The lovely spring-like weather has started the fishermen here.

Walter Aikens, of Warwick, was the guest of Alexander T. Laws on Tuesday.

Mr. Fred Echenhofer, of Middletown, was the guest of Jessie Hartley on Sunday.

Mr. J. J. Lockwook, Jr., is paying quite an extended visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

The supply of oysters has not been hardly equal to the demand during the past two weeks.

Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross has been seriously sick for some weeks, though much improved to-day.

John Lockwood, of near Chesterville, visited Sassafras on Monday and visited Elkton also on Monday.

Rev. B. P. Truitt and Rev. Bichell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry on Tuesday for tea.

Roy Caulk has procured a situation with his brother-in-law, Robert Townsend, Esq., as clerk in this place.

Miss Lydia Echenhofer, of Middletown, is the guest of Miss Jennie Brice, at her beautiful home, near Sassafras.

William K. Lockwood, of near Warwick, was the guest on Tuesday of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Griffith, near town.

Mrs. Augustus Dreaka was taken suddenly ill on Saturday night last. She is much better we are pleased to state to-day.

The first prize for Maryland corn was awarded to Wayne Reynolds, of the eighth district of Cecil county, by the Atlanta Exposition. Good for old Cecil county.

Father P. I. Hughes, the popular pastor of Galena Catholic Church, spent several days in Chestertown the past week, being the guest of Father McSweeny.

Enoch Norton, colored, of Middletown, has been committed to New Castle jail on a charge of stealing a horse, harness and buggy from Fletcher Caulk, near Sassafras, on last Wednesday evening.

Rev. B. P. Truitt began extra meetings in the M. P. Church on Monday night in Sassafras, Rev. Mr. Bichell, of Baltimore, assisting him. I wish them all the success imaginable and trust they will have much success. How could they have otherwise with such an able assistant as Rev. Bichell? He has such a lovely, sweet, soft voice, which I think is every evidence of a Christian. His singing is most beautiful to listen to, and on Tuesday night the church was quite full.—*New Era.*

STATE BRIEFS.

No wonder Senator Wellington is ill—he must have seen his picture in the rural papers.

Home for friendless children at Easton wants $5,000 a year from the State for the next two years.

A specimen of the "new woman" in Chambersburg kicked her "old man" out of a lodge meeting recently.

The new shirt factory at Hagerstown is now running smoothly, the 22 machines requiring the attention of 50 hands.

Vandals broke into the cornerstone of the old M. P. Church at Union Bridge Thursday night and stole the Bible and documents therein deposited, but found no coin.

Prof. Totton has invented a calendar that will run 1,600,000 years, or until the Hagerstown street railway is built.—*Cumberland News.* Or until Baltimore centennial directors settle down to work.

The tempest in a teapot has been subdued by Capt. J. A. Turner's suspension of a week from the fishery steamer McLane for not opening a letter from Gov. Lowndes, and gubernatorial dignity is safe, safe!

War in the sanctum of the Annapolis Examiner will probably result in two Examiners being published hereafter.

The failure of the ice crop at Havre de Grace has kept hundreds out of employment and entailed a large pecuniary loss to merchants.

If the revival services are not soon closed at Centreville there will not be enough sinners left there to shovel a hodful of coal in the nether regions.—*Baltimore World.* The *World* sanctum may be able to supply the shovelers.

Dr. G. F. Nickerson, of Easton, bet $150 to $50 that Col. Mullikin would not be elected to the U. S. Senate. Nerve wins, doctor.

The Republican slate of Talbot county has been arranged and forwarded to Annapolis.

A Talbot county minister has created an uproar in the vicinity of St. Michaels by walking through a quadrille with his hostess on the occasion of her silver wedding.

Talbot county farmers want $6 per ton for tomatoes.

Three fine Percheron stallions valued at $1,200 each, only brought a total of $164 at the sheriff's sale of T. F. Colby's effects at Hagerstown.

Louis Marchand, of Pennsylvania, is in search of his ancestors, or what remains of their remains at Clear Springs, and will erect a handsome monument over them.

At a meeting of Elkton citizens the proposition to bond the town for $20,000 improvements was voted down, as was also the construction of a sewerage system.

Washington county farmers are holding the wheat for a rise, and Hagerstown mills are now running on half time. Elevators paid 67 cents for all the good grain they could get, which was very little.

At a meeting in Annapolis the Lowndes colored Republican club didn't do a thing but change its name to the Reform League club, and deposed President Young for accepting the assistant janitorship of the state house.

Manager Hanlon has signed a Baltimore county boy to pitch for the Champions the coming season. He is Otis H. Stocksdale, and lives at Freeland, near Towson. He was formerly pitcher for Washington and Boston, but ill health compelled him to quit work for awhile. Stocksdale is a left-handed batter, a right-handed pitcher and a sprinter from Sprintersville.

Senator Gibson on a Wheel.

Among the notable people who ride wheels in Washington is the junior Senator from Maryland, Charles H. Gibson, who is a recent convert to the bike, but a very enthusiastic one. He does not ride to and from the Capitol, but is often seen spinning over the smooth pavements toward some country lane.

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