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THE SECOND SESSION of the Fifty-sixth Congress began on Monday. The session promises to be one of unusual importance to the American people. Many matters of great national interest will come up for action, and the general policy of Congress will be outlined.

PRESIDENT JOHN K. COWEN, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, is spoken of in connection with the Republican United States Senatorial nomination and a Cabinet position under President McKinley. That is rather a pretty fiction which classes Mr. Cowen as one of the gentlemen to reorganize the National Democracy. Mr. Cowen would doubtless enjoy the task.

THE WAR REVENUE TAX is to be reduced forty million dollars. Over nine million of this amount is to be taken from beer, three million from cigars. Bank checks, certificates of deposit, drafts, promisory notes, postal orders, express receipts, telephone messages, telegraph dispatches, insurance policies, leases, mortgages, protests, will be cut from the tax-stamp list.

THE CUTTING DOWN OF WAGES, the shortening of hours and the curtailment of the laboring force in a number of large mills, are not expected to have an healthful effect upon Mr. McKinley's campaign promise of the full dinner pail for the Christmas holiday. This is no after-election vision of dissappointed Democrats, but this partial impairment of the full dinner pail has actually taken place at a number of the big mills, and is a stern reality.

MR. JOSIAH L. KERR, the short term congressman as the successor of Governor John Walter Smith from the first district, will make a very flattering showing on the pay-roll of Congress. He will receive the $4,500 which his predecessor relinquished when he assumed the office of Governor, and in addition the $5,000 to which he is entitled for this years service. He will also receive the mileage for the full term, barring the amount that may have been drawn by Governor Smith. Mr. Kerr will take part in the proceedings of Congress only three months of the twenty-four, and therefore really earns only $1,252 50. The mileage will probably amount to nearly $500, so that Mr. Kerr will receive in round figures $10,000

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has sent his annual message to Congress. The paper deals with many national questions at great length, indeed the message is as remarkable for its elaborateness (embracing about 18,000 words) as for any other feature. The President has presented present conditions in the strongest possible light from the administration view point. As a tactician and a writer of messages, Mr. McKinley's most exacting critics cannot designate him an entire failure. He wants a standing army of not more than 100,000 nor less than 60,000; wants a cable to our new Oriental possessions, and enjoins caution in the use of our marvelous prosperity fund. With a great army now on actual conflict, and the increased navy represented in many distant ports, the president gives expression to this highly pleasing pen-picture,—"Let us keep always in mind that the foundation of our Government is liberty; its superstructure, peace."

PROF. W. L. AMOSS, director of the Department of Farmers' Institutes, is making every possible effort to give to the farmers of Kent county a Farmers' Institute which will more than make up for the failure to hold an institute in the county three years ago. The program proposed is one of the most interesting and profitable which can possibly be arranged. Gentlemen eminent for care and thoroughness in the departments of which they will treat, have been secured with a view to making their talks not only pleasant to hear but profitable as well. Both Still Pond and Kennedyville have had one of these institutes, both of which were largely attended. That at Still Pond was a Field Institute, and was attended by prominent farmers, fruit growers and dairymen from different sections; the institute held at Kennedyville last year, in spite of most discouraging weather conditions, called together a number of gentlemen prominent in agricultural and horticultural life of the county. The meeting this year will be in Chestertown, and it behooves the farmers and fruit growers to see to it that the meeting here is in every way a success. It is not now to early to commence arranging for the meeting.

THE TEMPERANCE ELEMENT of the country have scored a decided victory during the early days of Congress. An anti-canteen measure was passed by a vote of 159 to 51. The sale of any intoxicants at military posts is absolutely prohibited. Large delegations from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which was in session in Washington, saw the fight from the galleries. When the vote was taken the prohibiting amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority—159 to 51. Mr. Bartholdt attempted to secure a record vote of the House, but the peculiar parliamentary status shut him out.

THE PRESENT OUTLOOK is that George H. Phillips, the hero of the recent Chicago corner in corn, is preparing for another "squeeze" in the corn market for December. A Chicago dispatch says under date of December the fifth:

"Men who have been selling in the Corn Board of Trade heard to-day that George H. Phillips was again in control, and there was a rush to cover. The price rose from 36⅞ to 38 cents, and Phillips stopped the advance by selling 300,000 bushels.

There seems little doubt that conditions in December are ripe for a squeeze. Stocks of contract corn throughout the country are smallest known, and there is an excellent demand. Furthermore there is a heavy short interest. Nowhere in the country can any amount of corn that will pass inspection as contract be found. After hovering around the top all day the market closed at 37½."

IN ANOTHER COLUMN OF THIS ISSUE will be found a communication from Eben F. Perkins, Esq., relative to the evil of vote-buying so prevalent, not only in Kent, but in each and every county of Maryland. Indeed, from reports from other counties, it would appear that the trouble is neither so widespread nor deep-rooted in Kent as in some other sections of the State. Mr. Perkins and some of the political leaders of the county, are inclined to think that the estimate of seven hundred white vote-sellers in Kent is overdrawn. Certainly it is to be hoped that it is. Making all possible deductions for an overestimate, the conditions are bad enough. The elaborate suggestions of Mr. Perkins if carried into effect would certainly be a stumbling block in the way of the vote-buyer as well as the vote-seller. Mr. Perkins does not pretend to offer a perfected scheme by which the evil can be totally eradicated, but merely outlines certain ideas to be modified or eloborated as necessity might require when put into practical use.

A well-defined feeling of apprehension has manifested itself throughout the entire country relative to this constantly growing evil, and while it may be next to impossible to totally blot it out, there is no doubt that it may be curbed and held in check to a great extent.

ELECTION BRIBERY.

Eben F. Perkins, Esq, has Collected Some Interesting Statutes Bearing Upon This Long-established Evil.

In the Baltimore *Sun* of Monday was published the following communication from Eben F. Perkins, Esq., upon the subject of bribery at elections:

Messrs. Editors:—The large number of venal voters in the State of Maryland recently disclosed by the special correspondence in your columns from various sections of the State, is cause for the most serious consideration.

The condition in Kent county, though in the opinion of some leading political workers, considerably overdrawn, is lamentable in the extreme. I presume it is hardly questionable that the purchasable vote of the county holds the balance of power. The purchase of votes in this county and at large figures is no recent innovation. In the early forties I have from an eyewitness that in Chestertown just before the close of a spirited county election, within 60 feet of the polling place, a voter was publicly auctioned to the highest bidder and received $60 and a saddle to vote as dictated by the successful bidder.

I find in a collection of the acts of Assembly of the Province of Maryland, published in 1759 by James Bisset, attorney-at-law, passed July 11, 1732, an "Act to prevent bribery and corruption in the election of citizens and burgesses or delegates in Assembly for the city of Annapolis." The act is unique among acts to prevent bribery at elections, and I think may be made the basis for an enactment which would almost eliminate corruption from our elections. I give some extracts from the old law.

"Upon the election of any member or members to serve in Assembly for the city of Annapolis every freeholder or others claiming shall, before admitted to poll at the same election, take the following oath, or, being one of the people called Quakers, take the solemn affirmation appointed for Quakers, in case the same shall be demanded by any candidate or any two of the electors, viz.:

"'I. A. B. do solemnly swear (or, being a Quaker do solemnly affirm) that I have not received or had by myself or any person whatsoever in trust for me or for my use, directly or indirectly, any sum or sums of money, office, place or employment, gift or reward or any promise or security for any money, office, employment, gift or reward for giving my vote at this election.'"

The act contains provisions for punishing the briber and the bribed, and also a provision for a violator of the law not convicted being indemnified by discovering some other person offending against the law.

In our code of ethics there is no difference between the thief and the receiver of stolen goods. Now what is the ethical difference between the briber and the bribed? Surely if there were no contributions for bribery there would be no purchasable vote. Who will undertake to demonstrate the moral obliquity between the man, ignorant or otherwise, who sells his elective franchise, and the honorable candidate or other citizen who contributes to the fund by which the venal voter is corrupted? The corruption fund is the seat of the moral cancer, the malignant growth which requires the use of the scalpel.

I suggest an act of Assembly requiring the Circuit Courts of the State for the counties and the Superior Court of Baltimore city for the city to appoint ——— days before every national, State and municipal election, four sober, discreet voters for each election voting place, not less than 40 years of age and who have resided at least 12 months in the voting precinct, to serve without pay, and to be required to serve, one of whom shall administer to every registered voter on the day of election before he shall be entitled to vote the following oath or affirmation, and furnish him with a printed official certificate to be left with the judges of election when he offers his ballot—and to be evidence.

"In the presence of Almighty God I do solemnly promise, declare, and say that I have not asked, taken or received any money or other reward by way of gift or loan or other device, or agreed or contracted for any money, gift, employment or other reward, by myself or any person whatsoever in trust for me or for my use, directly or indirectly, nor will I hereafter ask, take or receive any money or other reward by way of gift, loan or other device or agree or contract for any gift, employment or other reward to give my vote or ballot or to refuse or forbear to give my vote or ballot at the election to be held this day where I shall offer to vote. I will not at any time hereafter, nor have I myself or by any person employed, solicited or permitted by me, offered, given or contributed any money or other reward by way of gift or loan, employment or other device or by any promise for any gift employment or reward solicited or endeavored by threats or mence, by myself or by anyone whatsoever, to induce anyone to give his vote or ballot for any particular candidate or candidates or for any particular political measure or measures at the election to be held this day."

The act should embrace a penalty for violation, making either party a competent witness, and I would add the provision of the old law to indemnify a violator before conviction who would discover another offender.

Other desirable details will readily be suggested. The main feature of the suggestion is to deter those who contribute to corruption funds.

I have not attempted to draft a law, but simply to offer a suggestion for the basis of a law to enforce the constitutional provisions in reference to the elective franchise.

EBEN F. PERKINS.

Chestertown, Md., Dec. 1st.

WELLINGTON A REPUBLICAN STILL.

United States Senator George L. Wellington, has had his after-election say and puts himself on record as an unqualified Republican in all things but the President's Philippine policy.

"I am opposed to the President's policy in the Philippines," he said, "but on other matters I am still a Republican. I have been quoted as saying I would not attend any Republican caucus. This is inaccurate, as what I said was that I did not care to attend any Republican caucus. Any caucus which will be held will probably be called to consider matters in connection with the Government's foreign policy and it would be useless for me to attend. In other matters I expect to act with the Republican party, reserving the right to vote against bills of which I do not approve."

Mr. Wellington said he did not think the Ship Subsidy bill would pass at this session.

"While I favor the improvement of the American merchant marine," he said, "and will do all I can to further its interest, I cannot say that I favor the proposed measure, for I believe it favors four or five companies to the exclusion of others. I doubt if it will pass at this session.

"In regard to the Nicaragua canal, I don't believe that bill will pass. I don't think we should act on such an important matter hastily, and, in the absence of a direct recommendation of the canal commission, I doubt the advisability of selecting a route without proper time for consideration. Personally I have preferred the Panama route, believing a sea-level canal to be better than one with locks."

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss
LUCAS COUNTY,

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALLS CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December A. D. 1886.

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SHERIFF'S SALE
—OF—
PERSONALTY.

BY virtue of two writs of fieri facias issued out of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Md., one at the suit of W. Denney Hall, and one at the suit of T. R. Hubbard and Wilbur W. Hubbard, trading as T. R. Hubbard & Son, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Joseph A. Rickards and Sarah E. Rickards, to me directed, I have seized and taken in execution all the estate, title, interest, property, claim and demand at law and in equity of the said Joseph A. Rickards and Sarah E. Rickards in and to the following property:

40 Acres of Corn,

7 BLACK AND WHITE SHOATS,

1 white MULE Dick; 1 BLACK MULE, Dove, 1 Bay Horse, Ike; 1 Bay Horse, Tom; 1 Brown Mare, Maud S.; 1 Black Horse Oscar; 1 Black Mare, Tennie; 1 Iron Gray Mare, 1 Yearling Bay Colt, 1 year old,

11 Milch Cows, 6 Heifers,

ONE SHEEP,

12 White & Black Hogs, 2 Brood Sows,

1 Reaper (Milwaukee), 1 Corn Planter, 1 Mower (McCormick), 1 Tomato Planter, 4 Oliver Chilled 3-Horse Plows, 2 Twin Harrows, 2 Farm Wagons, 1 York Carriage, and all other Farming Implements; also 8 Oak Chairs, 6 Chairs Oak Stained, 1 Parlor Stove (Dewdrop), 30 Yards Rag Carpet, 3 Feather Beds, 3 Bedsteads, 6 Cane-Seat Chairs, 35 Yards Ingrain Carpet, 1 Extension Table, 1 Cook Stove.

And I hereby give notice that on

Thursday, December 20, 1900,

at 10.30 o'clock, A. M., on the Theodore Dempsey Farm, situated on the left hand side of the public road leading from Galena to the head of Sassafras, I will offer for sale said property so seized and taken in execution at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said writs, interests and costs due and to become due thereon.

JOHN C. DAVIS, Sheriff.

Trustee's Sale
—OF—
A VALUABLE FARM,

Near Millington, Kent Co., Md.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, passed in Chancery cause No. 1388, entitled James Orr and others vs. John Orr, wherein Hope H. Barroll was appointed trustee for the purpose of selling the real estate in said proceedings mentioned, the undersigned will offer at public sale in front of the Court House Door in Chestertown, Kent county, Md., on

Tuesday, December 18th, 1900,

ALL THAT FARM OR TRACT OF LAND, containing, or supposed to contain,

102 Acres, 3 Roods and 24 Perches

between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock noon,

of land, more or less, situated, lying and being on the north side of the public road leading from Millington to Chestertown, in the first election district of Kent county, Maryland, adjoining the lands of the late Benj. T. Biggs, on the east and the lands of Sarah Smyth on the west, and described in a deed therefor from John Smyth, et al, to James Orr, and John Orr, dated the 11th day of March, 1872, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber J. K. H., No. 10, folios 440, etc., one of the Land Record Books for Kent county, Maryland, as on reference thereto will more fully and at large appear.

TERMS OF SALE:—As prescribed by the decree, are one-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale, and the residue in two equal installments, payable respectively in 12 and 18 months, all unpaid purchase money to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by the note or notes of the purchaser or purchasers to the satisfaction of the trustee. All title papers at the cost of the purchaser.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Trustee
JOHN H. GREENWOOD, Auct. n24-ts.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
—OF—
Valuable Real Estate,

LYING IN CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.

BY VIRTUE of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, passed in Chancery Cause of Caroline V. Jones vs. Peter Elizabeth Demby, et al., No. 1118 Chancery, and in pursuance of an order and decree of said Court, dated November 13, 1900, ordering and directing the trustee to sell what in the proceedings in said cause is described as "The Clower Lot," with the privilege to Whiteley Johnson to remove the buildings placed by him on said lot, within 30 days from the day of sale, the undersigned trustee will offer at public sale in front of the Court House in Chestertown, Maryland, on

TUESDAY, DEC. 18th, 1900,

between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock noon all the following part of the valuable real estate of which the late James A. Jones, colored, died seized and possessed, consisting of all that vacant lot of land about 28 by 57 feet, directly in the rear of the property devised unto the said Anna A. Clower, as is described in the Will of James A. Jones, filed in the papers of this cause. The said lot of land is claimed to be the lot fronting on the North side of what is known as Smith's Alley, in Chestertown, Md, and in accordance with the terms of said order of November 13th, 1900, leave is granted Whiteley Johnson to remove the buildings on said lot within 30 days from the day of sale. Reference to the proceedings in said Chancery Cause is made for a full and accurate description of said lot of land, as set forth and described in the proceedings in said cause and in the will of the said Jas A. Jones, and the codicil thereto, which is duly recorded in Wills Liber T. R. S. No 1, folios 360 etc of record in the office of the Register of Wills for Kent County, Maryland.

TERMS OF SALE:—One-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale, and the residue in two equal annual installments, payable in one and two years from the day of sale. All unpaid purchase money to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the Trustee. Title papers at the cost of the purchaser.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Trustee.
JOHN H. GREENWOOD Auct. n24-ts.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, letters testamentary upon the personal estate of

JOHN BRICE,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of May, 1901, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 20th day of November, 1900.

RICHARD D. HYNSON,
n24-4t. Executor.

DR. H. BENGE SIMMONS,

HOMOEPATHIC Physician and Surgeon.

Office and residence in the house recently vacated by Mr. W. O. B. Knight, opposite Market Space, Chestertown, Md. a28-3t.

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We have selected our stock with a view to meeting the wants of every one, and a visit to our store will convince you that we have succeeded. Our stock is more complete than ever before, and prices never were marked so low as now. Below we name a few things that may help you to make up your mind.

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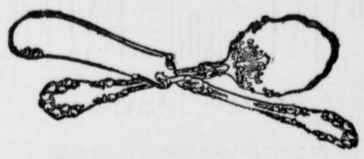
The sale of first-class timekeepers is always an important feature of our business, but just at this time we have eclipsed all our former efforts. We have a very large assortment of fine solid Gold 14 K. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Watches, and all reliable makes of gold filled Watches, solid Silver and Nickle Watches. Our stock is the largest to be found outside the largest city stores, and OUR PRICES ARE LOWER.



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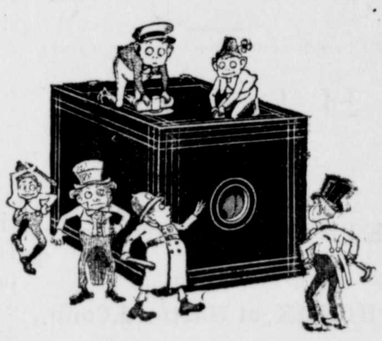

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Nail Files,	Scales,	Pocket Mirrors,
Nail Knife,	Stamp Boxes,	Salve Boxes,
Nail Tweezers,	Manicure Scissors,	Powder Boxes,
Nail Polishers,	Embroidery Scissors,	Gold and Silver Mounted Umbrellas and Canes,
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We have only named a few of the many nice things in our big Xmas stock; we would be glad to have you call soon as possible and see how low the prices are.

J. H. SIDES,

Opp. Stam's Hall. JEWELER, Chestertown, Md.

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