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THE ELECTRIC RAILROAD is *statu quo* at this end of the line.

AFTER JULY THE FIRST the war revenue tax will be repealed on bank checks, certificates of deposit, bills of lading, express receipts, telephone messages, telegraph messages, mortgages, etc.

THE STRENUOUS Senator L. P. McComas is making a reverberant campaign against Democratic suicide at Annapolis. The Senator should call the Hon. Syd Mudd into the field, so that there may be "two of a kind."

TO THE ETERNAL CREDIT of the people of Delaware, J. Edward Addicks has again been defeated in his avowed purpose to buy a United States Senatorship in that State. Delaware now has no representation in the United States Senate when she is entitled to two. It was "Addicks or nobody," and many republicans and all good Democrats preferred "nobody."

EX-PRESIDENT Benjamain Harrison died at his home in Indianapolis, on Wednesday afternoon. The funeral will take place at two o'clock to-morrow, in the First Presbyterian church, of which General Harrison was a member. The body will lie in state in the rotunda of the State capitol at Indianapolis to-day. Benjamin Harrison was the twenty-third president of the United States, and was one of the strongest men in his party. An orator of unusual ability, he soon became a conspscious figure in republican politics. He died commanding the admiration and respect of the members of all parties.

THE EXTRAVAGANT EULOGIES of the so-called Australian ballot by Republican leaders and Reform League purists to the contrary notwithstanding, every one knows that it has been more prolific of political corruption and fraud than any devise ever passed under the auspicious name of *Law*. It is not necessary to go beyond the experience of Kent county to learn that the claim of secrecy has been a mere catch-word and an absolute sham. Bribery has flourished as it never flourished before, and the corrupt use of money has increased with each year, and as has been truly said, elections have become battles of dollars instead of batties of ballots and the honest sentiment of the people. These facts are known as well to republicans as to democrats, and the hysterical wails of republican leaders in opposing an intellectual standard of suffrage means simply an effort to maintain a supremacy based entirely upon the illiteracy of its constituency. As a sound political principle, in no case has any prominent republican of Kent county, so far as we know, denied the soundness of the proposition that the intelligence and representative element of every community should decide as to who should make and enforce its laws. Of course there will be individual cases of hardship, yet because of this, it can not be justly demanded that the whole body politic should suffer to alleviate the embarrassment of the few. When the average republican leader commences to take economy and purity in elections, the people have only to pause and contemplate the stupendous record of the Congress just closed, and a few of the bewildering charges made against the tax-payers of our own county.

THE QUESTION OF LABOR.

The TRANSCRIPT last week made reference to the question of whether local or foreign labor would be used in the construction of the proposed electric railroad, stating that the employment of local hands would have a tendency to generally disorganize labor. Prominent farmers in several sections of the county have stated that already the effects are being felt in anticipation of the commencement of the work. A number of the best farm laborers in their respective neighborhoods refuse to hire, in anticipation of employment by the railroad builders, and some others who have taken places propose to give up their employment should it be decided to use local labor. It is no difficult task, though an unpleasant one, to picture conditions in the county during the busy spring and summer season, should two hundred of the best farm laborers be drawn from their occupations in agricultural pursuits. The direct loss to farmers would be large and their embarrassments great. This phase of the situation should be duly considered by those having the work in charge. Should the road be built, this question of labor will be one of serious importance to the farmers of Kent county. The probabilities are that the skilled Italian labor usually employed in railway construction, will be found both more economical and more satisfactory, and will be used on the local work. No one appreciates the advantages of expert workmen to a greater extent than do contractors, and it may be stated that conditions largely favor the use of foreign laborers.

DEMOCRATS WIN.

The Election Bill Passed by the Maryland Senate.

REPUBLICAN EFFORTS VAIN.

They Make a Determined Fight, But Are Beaten By Party Vote of 14 to 11—The Bill in the House.

After a continuous session, lasting from 11 o'clock Thursday morning until nearly 8 at night, the Senate at 7.35 o'clock on Thursday evening passed the Election bill by a strict party vote of 14 to 11.

The entire session was devoted by the Senate to the Election bill, and the struggle was a spirited and at times somewhat personal one. The Republicans made a determined fight, but they could accomplish nothing against the solid Democratic majority, which, however, used its power with moderation and courtesy.

The Republicans endeavored to secure the postponement of the bill for a few hours on the plea that the minority members of the Engrossing Committee had no opportunity to see that it had been properly engrossed. Mr. Peter, chairman of the Engrossing Committee, explained that notice of the meeting of the committee had been given in the customary way and declared that if the minority members did not attend it was their own fault. He said that Senator Brewington and himself had read and compared the bill carefully and returned it in regular form.

The vote on the final passage of the bill was as follows:

Yeas—Senators Hubner, Applegarth, Beasman, Betts, Bouic, Brewington, Bryan, Crothers, Kirwan, Moore, Moses, Peter, Rohrback, Williams, of Anne Arundel—14.

Nays—Senators Baker, Dennis, Dick, Dodson, Gray, Marsh, Messick, Putzel, Wilkinson and Williams of Harford—11.

In explaining his vote, Mr. Baker, of Kent, observed that if emblems were retained on the ballot the picture of Jackson on the Democratic ticket should give place to the picture of a pillory and whipping post.

IN THE HOUSE.

The election bill passed the Lower House of the State Legislature on Tuesday, by a vote of 56 to 28.

Five Democrats refused to vote for the measure and are recorded against it. These are Garner of St. Mary's, Pattison of Dorchester, Keys of Cecil, and Buckley and Lakin of Frederick.

Fully four hours were spent in discussing the bill.

Republican leaders rejoiced at the reported disaffection of Senator Applegarth, of Dorchester, about whose attitude as regards the election bill, there was some doubt. On Wednesday the Dorchester Senator declared his intention to support the ballot bill. This practically smoothed the way for the passage of the measure.

The new Census bill, designed to correct the errors in the Federal census and to secure an accurate enumeration of the population of the State, passed the House of Delegates on Wednesday, by a vote o 57 to 23. It received the support of every Democratic member except one—Mr. Lakin, of Frederick county—who voted with the solid Republican minority.

SINGULAR FIGURES.

Mr. Lehmayer said that the evidence was overwhelming that the Federal census had been padded. He spoke of the singular increases in Repulican counties in Southern Maryland, just sufficient to give an additional representative in the House of Delagates. He cited the following figures: The returns from Anne Arundel county were 40,018, the 18 being sufficient to give an additional representative; Charles county, 18,316, the 316 being sufficient to give the additional representative; St. Mary's county, 18,136, the 136 sufficing to give an additional representative.

He commented on the fact that the great Democratic counties, such as Harford, Cecil and Queen Anne's, show a decrease, which is highly significant. Mr. King, of St. Mary's county, was called upon to testify to what he knew of the enumeration in his county. Mr. King recited the coming of two census enumerators into St. Mary's county and said: "An uncle of mine who left St. Mary's county in 1899 was on the enumerator's list. His wife's family was enumerated and enumerated again under the name of her first husband, and one of them was actually enumerated the third time under the name of her second husband. People were enumerated who have long been dead, whom I helped to bury and have seen the dirt thrown upon their coffins."

Mr. Lehmayer gave further figures and statistics to show the padding of the census. He spoke of the discrepancies in the returns from Charles county and of the palpable indications of padding in other counties.

AMENDMENTS.

The election bill has been amended so as to do away with a mixing up of the names.

Mr. Putzel explained his amendment and showed how it would operate at the next election by placing the Democrats first, Republicans second, Prohibitionists third, and so on, according to the size of the vote cast at the last State electoin.

Mr. Moses offered an amendment requiring the party designation to be placed immediately after the name of the candidate. This amendment was accepted by the minority and adopted without division.

Mr. Williams' amendment for uniform type in printing the ticket was adopted.

TO PREVENT BRIBERY.

The bill introduced by Delegate Bennett, of Wicomico county, to amend the election law in regard to bribery, proposes to compel every voter before being given his ballot to take the following oath:

"I hereby swear (or affirm) in the presence of Almighty God that my name is ——, that I am the person entitled to vote under that name, as set forth in the registration books of the —— precinct election district No. —— (or of —— precinct of the —— ward of Baltimore city) and that I have not changed my residence since such registration so as to disqualify me from voting at this election; that I have not offered, either directly or indirectly, any money, gift, bribe or promise or reward, nor have I attempted to coerce or intimidate or in any way unduly influence any voter to vote for or against any candidate at this election, nor will I do so, and that I have not myself accepted any such bribe, gift or promise of reward, and I am not influenced thereby: and further, that I will inform against any person or persons whom I may know to have violated any part of the provisions of this obligation to the proper authorities."

The failure of any voter to subscribe to the oath shall disqualify him from voting at any general election held hereafter.

A PRIMARY ELECTION LAW.

The party leaders seem to have determined to enact a primary election law for the whole State. The general sentiment of party men in both houses is that such a law should accompany the ballot bill.

The main features of Senator Bryan's bill, which is a very voluminous measure, are as follows: The primaries are to be conducted under the State Central Committees of the respective parties, the expense to be paid by the city and counties in part, and a part of the expenses to be borne by the respective parties and to be collected from the candidates by uniform assessments. The provisions of the General Election law are to be applicable as to the character of the ballot, manner of voting, etc. The registration lists are to be followed. A stringent oath is prescriben for the clerks and judges. The return judge is required to go before the grand jury of the city and counties respectively, next succeeding an election and be examined under oath and file an affidavit, to be placed on the record of the county. Heavy penalties are prescribed for bribery, neglect or failure of duty on the part of the judges, clerks and members of the State Central Committee. All nominations of parties polling 10 per centum of the total vote shall be made by primaries held in conformity with the provisions of this bill.

MR. WALLER'S BILL.

Mr. Waller's bill is made to apply to counties alone, and it is left with the party Central Committee of the county to have charge of its operation. The committee must make written application to the election supervisors, and the primary is then to be held under the regular election officials, who are members of the party holding the primary. Candidates must file an application, accompanied by a graded fee of from $7 to $100, in order to have their names put on the ballot. Candidates are to be voted for directly in every district, but the vote of each district must be cast by delegates to a county convention at the convention for the candidates who have received the highest number of votes in the district. The delegates are named by the Central Committee and have no choice but to cast the vote of their district for the people's choice. The primary is to be held as nearly under the election law as is possible. The ballot is to be made up by the supervisors and to conform to the new ballot law as near as possible. The primary of two parties cannot be held within one week of each other. The rights of the minority are secured by giving the minority supervisor a veto in all questions concerning the primary of his party.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Mr. Senart's Hot House Burned Out.

The hot-house of Florist C. B. Senart was gutted by fire on Thursday night. The fires were left supposedly perfectly safe, but in some unaccountable way the woodwork of the interior became ignited. In addition to the injury to the house, Mr. Senart had plants and flowers injured, increasing the total of his loss to between $50 and $100.

Rock Hall had a narrow escape from fire damage on Thursday. Mr. William Biggs was awakened at about 4.30 o'clock, to find his bed-room filled with a blinding smoke. Upon going down stairs it was discovered that the fireboard in the kitchen was completely destroyed, having caught from an overheated stove. The floor was bably burned and the flames were spreading.

The roof of the home of Mr. James H. Thomas, in Rock Hall, was discovered on fire. The flames were seen just in time to save the building.

NEW METHODS IN ADVERTISING.

Within the past year there has been a great revolution of methods in the out of town or "foreign" advertising methods of the best newspapers of Maryland. Heretofore county newspapers of Maryland, and of other states as well, have been under the control of the advertising agencies throughout the country, and it has been a game of 'hold-up by them' in which the newspapers had but little choice between selling its space at a very low rate or of not getting much business. Time and again have the newspapers tried to remedy this by getting together and upholding a respectable rate, but each time these efforts have resulted in disaster and things went back to the same old way.

"Foreign" advertising, is that which comes from other than the local advertisers, and over and over again has it happened with some newspapers that the local advertiser was charged more for the same space than was the "foreign" advertiser and there seemed no remedy for this, except to lose a great deal of advertising, which some papers could not afford to do. About a year ago, our attention was brought to the plans of a Baltimore concern, the Armor Bowen Co. and after careful consideration, we concluded that if this company could carry out its plans and fulfill its promises it would accomplish a tremendons good to the county press. We carefully investigated the concern, found that its officers were young men of ability and good reputation among the business people of Baltimore, so we decided to enter into a contract with them, as did a large majority of the other papers in this State. After nearly a years trial, we have found the Armor-Bowen Co.'s plan to be everything we could desire. They have brought us a large amount of advertising, they have upheld our rates and they have been prompt in all their financial dealings.

We understand that the Armor-Bowen Co. is planning to extend its list of papers to include those of eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and northern West Virginia and we heartilly commend it and its plans to every newspaper in these States.

Change of Methods Suggssted.

EDITORS OF TRANSCRIPT—GENTLEMEN:—Would it not be well for our Legislature while in session, to enact a law requiring all equity cases and those not triable by jury, to be docketed first by the circuit court clerk? Such a law would save our State thousands of dollars, I expect as much as one thousand dollars per county, by virtue of the fact that the petit jury would not be summoned until they are needed, and not be sitting around the court house with nothing to do.

Owing to the lavish expenditures made nationally by the Republican party, as well as in our own county, I think that our law-makers should enact such laws as will protect those who have the brunt to bear.

TAX-PAYER.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease repuires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonals.

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PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
WOOD LAND in Piney Neck.

THE undersigned, by virtue of a power of attorney from the heirs of the late James P. Wickes, will offer at public sale in front of the store of H. Freed, in Piney Neck, on

Saturday, March 30, 1901, at 2 o'cl'k p.m.,

all those

2 VALUABLE TRACTS of WOOD LAND,

situated, lying and being in Piney Neck, in Kent county, Md.

LOT NO. 1 is situated on the easterly side of the public road leading from Edesville into Piney Neck, and contains 19 Acres and 11 Perches of lands, more or less, and adjoins the lands of C. C. Wood on the east, the lands of the M. E. Church on the south, and William Burgess on the north.

LOT NO. 2 lies on the westerly side of said public road, and contains 5 ACRES and 10 PERCHES of land, more or less, and adjoins the lands of C. C. Wood on the west and the lands of Burgess Brothers on the north. The surveys of each of said lots were made by H. H. Gresham, surveyor, and the plot and survey can be seen at the office of the undersigned.

It is the same land which was deeded to Jas. P. Wickes by Richard P. Spencer, by deed bearing date the 8th day of February, 1842, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber J. N. G. No. 8, folios 99, etc.

TERMS OF SALE:—One-half of the purchase money cash on the day of sale, or within 30 days thereafter, and the residue in two equal installments, payable in 6 and 12 months from the day of sale. 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 undersigned. Or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. All title papers at the cost of the purchaser.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Attorney.
John H. Greenwood, Auct. m9-ts.

ONE of MACBETH'S is worth a dozen "cheap" Chimneys.
For sale by WM. R. ALDRIDGE.

Mortgagee's Sale
OF VALUABLE
Houses and Lots
OF LAND, IN CHESTERTOWN, MD.

THE undersigned, by virtue of the power contained in mortgage from Whiteley Johnson and Annie E. Johnson, his wife, to Richard D. Hynson, bearing date the 28th day of March, in the year 1898, and duly recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, in Liber J. T. D. No. 1, folios 34, etc., will offer at public sale at the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Maryland, on

Tuesday, April 2nd, 1901,

at eleven o'clock A. M.,

ALL THOSE PIECES OR PARCELS OF

Valuable Real Estate,

lying within the limits of Chestertown, aforesaid, and described in said mortgage as follows:

No. 1 Being
All that Parcel of Land

situated on the southwest side of Hight street and northwest side of Smith's Alley, between Cross and Mill streets, adjoining the property of Joseph W. Edwards and the lot of land devised by Jas. A. Jones to his daughter, Anna A. Clower, having a front on said High street of about 60 feet, more or less, and a depth of even width of 125 feet. A part of said parcel of land was conveyed to said Whiteley Johnson by James A. Jones by deed dated the 23d day of December in the year 1884, duly recorded among the Land Records of Kent county aforesaid in Liber S. B. No. 11, folio, 147, etc., and the other part was purchased by said Johnson at public sale from Hope H. Barroll, trustee, on the 30th day of July, in the year 1895, as on reference to above mentioned deed and the report of sale filed in the case of Caroline V. Jones vs. Peter E. Demby, et al, pending in the Circuit Court for Kent county in equity, will more fully and at large appear.

No. 2 Being All That Lot

of ground, having a front of 24 feet on Cannon street, with a depth of 100 feet, adjoining the property of Isaac Brown and another lot of land formerly owned by John N. Usilton, which was conveyed to said Whiteley Johnson by R. Hynson, new trustee, by deed bearing date on or about the 30th day of May, in the year 1887, duly recorded among the Land Records aforesaid, in Liber S. B. No. 11, folios 149, etc.

No. 3 IS A LOT OF LAND

also lying on said Cannon street, having a front of 32 feet and a depth of 100 feet, adjoining lot No. 2, and the property of Andrew Smith, being the same property which was conveyed to said Whiteley Johnson by Sarah M. Usilton and John W. Corey, administrators of John N. Usilton, deceased, by deed dated February 18, in the year 1888, and duly recorded among the said Land Records in Liber S. B. No. 11, folios 151, etc.

No. 4 is All that Lot of Land

lying on the northeast side of High street aforesaid, having a front on said street of 16 feet with a depth of 84 feet, being the same property which was conveyed by Willard Melvin and wife to said Whiteley Johnson by deed duly recorded among aforesaid Land Records in Liber S. B. No. 11, folio 174, etc., adjoining lands of the heirs of Geo. B. Westcott and others.

LOT No. 5

lying on the northeast side of Cannon street aforesaid, near the corner of Kent street, fronting on said Cannon street 40 feet, with a depth of 107 feet, adjoining the property of Capt. J. T. Brice, John F. Howard and others, and being the same property which James W. Rollison conveyed to said Whiteley Johnson by deed duly recorded in Liber S. G. F. No. 3, folios 573, etc., as on reference to said several deeds will more fully appear.

LOTS NO. 6 and 7.
Also Those Two LOTS
OR PARCELS OF LAND

lying on the northeast side of Cannon street aforesaid, between Cross and Mill streets, one of which being the property on the corner of Cannon street and Smith's Alley, having a front on said Cannon street of about 28 or 30 feet with a depth of even width of about 100 feet, and improved by a

Two-Story Double
Dwelling HOUSE

with Shed Kitchens, now occupied by Wesley Broadway and James Diggs as tenants, and the other lot or parcel of said land being improved by a

One-Story Double
Dwelling HOUSE

with Shed attachments, and one side of which is occupied by Mary Augusta Neal as tenant. This piece of land having a front on said Cannon street of 40 feet and a depth of 60 feet, more or less.

These two parcels being a part of the same property purchased by said Whiteley Johnson on the 30th day of July, in the year 1895, from Hope H. Barroll, Esq., trustee to sell the real estate of James A. Jones, deceased.

Several of these pieces of property lying on High street are good business fronts, being improved by

Large Store Rooms

in which good business has been done, suitable for Butchers, Bakers and General Stores, and the other parcels of land are improved by Dwelling Houses, etc., all in good repair.

TERMS OF SALE:—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on day of sale, or within sixty days thereafter, at the option of the mortgagee, and the residue thereof in two equal annual installments in one and two years from day of sale, to be secured by the bond or notes of the purchasers, with sureties to the satisfaction of the undersigned, and bear interest from the day of sale, and all interest due to be paid with each installment of the principal sum, or the purchase money may all be paid in cash, at the option of the purchaser.

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