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### MUST BE SIGNED.

The TRANSCRIPT each week receives unsigned communications. Last week an interesting news letter from Galena was with-held from publication because of the failure of the writer to sign his or her name to the communication. This week the interesting account of a wedding is with-held because no name was signed to the account. As an evidence of genuineness and good faith on the part of correspondents, and as a necessary precaution to themselves, the editors must insist that all articles for publication be signed. It is always with pleasure that news items are received, but they must have some mark as to the identification of the sender before they can be printed.

We have sent out a number of bills this week to which it is hoped our friends will give a prompt response.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT is made that Mr. Sidney P. Townshend, of Queen Anne County, is to locate in Chestertown and practice his profession, that of the law. The Queen Anne attorney and his wife have been in town this week looking for a house. Mr. Townshend is a republican and has once or twice been on the ticket of his party in Queen Anne, as a candidate for office. The appearance of another republican attorney in Kent may simplify Mr. John David Urie's arrangement of his ticket two years hence. It has been stated by a prominent republican that Mr. Urie is ambitious to figure in State politics. He considers that the State Senate would be the most practical way of enlarging his political sphere of action. With two winters spent at Annapolis, and frequent conferences with State leaders, the prosecuting attorney for Kent, it is claimed, thinks that he would be in position to play for greater stakes. One of the embarrassments which has heretofore confronted him was that there was no republican attorney in the county to fill the candidacy for the State's attorney ship against a democrat. The appearance of Mr. Townshend will enable Mr. Urie to fill the place on his ticket and make the race for the senatorship.

### AS TO PUBLIC ROADS.

MESSRS. EDS.—"Liberal," in last week's TRANSCRIPT opened for discussion one of the most interesting and important questions with which the tax-payers of Kent have to deal. Now is the time to act if action is to be taken in regard to those questions which so vitally concern the present and future welfare of the people of the county.

As the Legislature is in session, let the tax-payers ask for a law to put the roads in the hands of the tax-payers; let the tax-payers hold an election (say the second Tuesday in February) in each year and elect one of their members a Road Supervisor in each district, who is to repair the roads in their respective election precinct or district at a cost not to exceed $15 per mile. This amount in repairs on the roads (is not to include large bridges). If more money should be needed it must be recommended by not less than five of the large tax-payers out 20 of the largest in that election precinct or district, and no one to be entitled to a vote for a road supervisor except a tax-payer. In the year 1903 elect three County Commissioners to serve for two years. After the year 1905 there shall be only three County Commissoners in Kent County, and in 1905 there shall be elected three County Commissoners, one to serve two years, one for four years, and one for six years, and after 1905, one shall be elected every two years to serve six years, and if any new road or new bridge (costing over $150) shall be needed in any district or precinct, it must be recommended by at least seven out of the twenty largest tax-payers in that district or precinct. Now, I think this will do away in a great measure with the roads politically, and give it into the hands of the tax-payers where it should be.

A TAX-PAYER.

"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlains Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and ready to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years and have never known it to fail," says James Prendergast, merchant, Annato Bay, Jamaica, West India Islands. The pains in the chest indicating an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was undoubtedly warded off by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist, Chestertown, Md.

### FOR TAX-PAYERS TO CONSIDER.

**A Remedy Must be Found for This Outrage Upon the People.**

Conditions among a certain class in Kent, and particularly in Chestertown, continue to grow from bad to worse. The people are confronted by onerous tax bills to meet expenses which are an outrage and a disgrace. Some remedy must be found, and that at once, or no one can forsee the end. There is neither common sense nor common honesty in evading or varnishing the fact that some more effective curb must be placed upon the criminal classes in the county and sweeping reforms inaugurated, or present conditions, which are practically a robbery of the tax-payers, must continue to become daily a greater menace to the moral and financial welfare of the county's citizenship. Responsibility rests somewhere. Some inherent weakness in the laws or in their enforcement must exist. The question of greatest interest to the people is to locate the source and then the remedy should be comparatively easy.

SOME SUGGESTIVE FIGURES.

The magistrates' offices in Chestertown are at some hour of nearly each day crowded with the most worthless, shiftless and lawless elements in the community. The processes of the law are put in motion to grind out burthens in the form of court expenses which the people must bear.

These facts suggested to the TRANSCRIPT an investigation. This investigation resulted in the discovery of figures which speak for themselves and in great measure disclose the fact that the community is infested with an element which must be delt with along lines radically different from those now being followed.

It was found that one Justice of the Peace had had brought before him in the less than four weeks between December the eleventh and January the seventh, THIRTY CASES, aggregating **248** WITNESSES. Another Justice had had FIFTEEN CASES with a total of **113** witnesses, making a grand total of forty-five cases and **381** witnesses in two magistrate's offices, in less than one month. The officer serving these summonses received twenty cents for each one served, and more than seventy-five per cent. of these witnesses received *thirty three* cents in fees. The magistrates received ten cents for swearing each witness. These interesting figures are given that the tax-payers may make their own calculations. Of course, in many cases the offenders were placed in the jail or sent to the House of Correction, all of which expense fell upon the people, in addition to the items given above.

THE CAUSES.

In the first place, we have in our midst a large number of a worthless and shiftless class who prefer the warmth and food of the jail at the public expense to remaining in the cold, cheerless surroundings of miserable hovels in which they would be forced to spend the winter, did not the jail offer a refuge. These appeal to the tender mercies of the magistrate's court. In the next place, the "professional witness" has sprung up und r the present system, and it is a fact that one "star witness," a negro woman, earned 99 cents in one day, the equivalent of two days work, by appearing as a witness in petty cases of disorder. It is another fact that many cases find their way into the magistrates' court (a fact which Judges Pearce, Martin and Brown felt constrained to call especial attention to) which should never have been brought at all. Where the responsibility rests we do not pretend to say. The magistrate only sets in motion the process of his court when the cases are brought before him. The officers only arrest, it is claimed, upon ample cause. Yet it is a fact that something is radically wrong somewhere.

THE REMEDY.

The remedy is a matter of greater difficulty than the simple discovery of conditions which hourly force themselves upon the attention of the people.

The efficacy of the whipping post as a restraning force upon the lawless, promptly suggests itself. Let the parties who daily make the corridors of the jail ring with their gladsome song, and who spend the daylight hours in "cracking jokes" from cell to cell, and the nights in refreshing slumber (with the tax-payers paying for their luxurious ease) feel the cat-o-nine-tails vigorously laid on, and the jail will cease to be so popular as a winter resort.

The commissioners of Chestertown annually pay about $275 for work on the roadways of the town. Why should not the people who are constantly running up expenses for the people in the magistrates courts or in the jail, or in both, be made to keep up these street repairs and thereby pay their own board. As stated in last week's issue, one negro woman twenty-three years of age, testified to having been in jail **12** times certainly, and she "did not know how many more times."

These facts certainly make a *prima facie* case of sufficient importance to justify the people in going before the Legislature for relief. Something should be done, and that promptly. Those who bear the burden of this glaring and unjust expense should seek redress in such changes of present laws as will remedy, or at least, check the tendency to pile up tax-rates which are unreasonable and oppressive. Action in this matter should be prompt and decisive.

## GORMAN WON OUT.

### His Nomination Unanimous But There Were Three Against Vandiver.

**The Caucus.**

The Democrats of the Legislature of Maryland in caucus, on Wednesday nominated Hon. Arthur P. Gorman, of Howard county, for United States Senator, and Murray Vandiver, of Harford county, for State Treasurer.

The Republicans in caucus nominated Hon. William H. Jackson, of Wicomico county, for United States Senator, and General Thomas J. Shryock, of Baltimore city, for State Treasurer.

Mr. Isaac Lobe Straus, of Baltimore city, called a halt in the House of Delegates until the committees are announced. Under his leadership the House adjourned till Friday evening, by a vote of 48 ayes to 45 nays. Five Democrats and the Republicans voted with Mr. Straus for the adjournment. Two Republicans were absent.

Hon. A. P. Gorman was nominated for the United States Senate, and Murray Vandiver for State Treasurer by the Democratic caucus on Wednesday night. No other names were mentioned in the caucus, and so far as the Senatorship was concerned action was unanimous. That of Mr. Vandiver was enthusiastic, but not quite so unanimous, three Delegates declining to vote for him. They were Messrs. Shepherd and Linthicum, of Dorchester county, and Shipley, of Anne Arundel. These gentlemen, however, were present in the caucus and are considered by the Democrats bound by it. The absentees were Messrs. Isaac Lobe Straus, of Baltimore city; Messrs. Hackett, of Dorchester, and Leatherbury, of Anne Arundel county. Mr. Hackett is a strong organization man and there was no doubt of his vote. Mr. Leatherbury, it was said, was called home because of the illness of his child.

There were 65 members present and 61 is sufficient to elect on joint ballot. The question of the next Senator and State Treasurer is thus considered settled and there was great rejoicing among the Democratic leaders after the caucus.

The caucus was presided over by Senator John P. Moore, of Worcester county, with Mr. Peter J. Campbell, secretary.

Senator Jacob Rohrback, of Frederick county, in nominating Mr. Gorman, reviewed the history of the Democratic party in Maryland and Mr. Gorman's record in the Senate. Mr. John G. Rogers, of Howard county, seconded the nomination, paying a splendid tribute to the statesmanship and leadership of Mr. Gorman.

Senator Olin Bryan made an appeal for the casting of every Democratic vote in the caucus for Mr. Gorman. By sending him back to the Senate, he said, Maryland honored herself as well as Mr. Gorman. He spoke of his acquaintance with him and of his qualities as a leader and statesman.

## INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

The piling and boarding for the bulkhead of the fine Chester river wharf was completed on Wendesday. The driving of the big piles, some of them 76 feet long, is now being vigorously pushed. The man who manipulates the driving, handles the 29,000 pound hammer as easily and as quickly as a strong man could handle an ordinary sledge. Many persons have watched the work as it progressed. The piling for the new wharf were towed from the upper waters of the Patapsco and are now boomed near the wharf.

Contractor Culp is dressing up the interior of the new public school building. The plastering is finished, the floors laid, and the big building is nearing the point at which the finishing touches will be put on.

The new school building at Massey is nearly completed.

Mr. George W. Smith has built a spacious implement ware house near his home, on Queen street.

Builder Robert N. Boston, is making substantial repairs to Chester bridge.

**A Good Recommendation.**

"I have noticed that the sale of Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets is almost invariably to those who have once used them," says Mr. J. H. Webber, prominent druggist of Cascade, Iowa. What better recommendation could any medicine have than for people to call for it when again in need of such a remedy? Try them when you feel dull after eating, when you have a bad taste in your mouth, feel bilious, have no appetite or are troubled with constipation, and you are certain to be delighted with the prompt relief which they afford. For sale by M. A. Toulson.

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## STATE LEGISLATURE.

### "Jim Crow" Bills Applauded--Queen Anne Well Taken Care of--To Help Farmers.

The State Legislature resumed its sessions on Tuesday night.

Delegate W. Trickett Giles, of Somerset county, introduced a twin "Jim Crow" bill providing for the separation of white and negro passengers in railroad coaches and steamboats.

Senator Brewington introduced a joint resolution tendering the thanks of the State to Rear Admiral Schley for his services in the battle of Santiago and authorizing Governor Smith to present him with a $50,000 silver service on the part of the State.

Straus giving trouble and siding with the Republicans adjourned the Legislature.

Game laws to be attended to.

The Legislature of Maryland resumed its sessions Thursday night and several interesting measures were introduced. Among the first was a blow at the City Charter, the measure introduced by Delegate Stanley A. Foutz being the first of an expected series of proposed amendments to the new Charter of Baltimore City.

"JIM CROW" BILL APPLAUDED.

Another important measure—a double one—was the "Jim Crow" bill, which is fathered by Delegate W. Trickett Giles, of Somerset county. It provides for separate compartments for whites and negroes on all steamboats and railroads in the State of Maryland, and was greeted with enthusiastic applause when introduced in the House.

The Democratic Delegates clapped their hands. Mr. Giles, himself enthusiastic over the bill, says there is no excuse for any Democratic member of the Legislature voting against it. The minority it is expected will oppose the bill as a unit.

One of Mr. Giles' bills provides separate compartments on steam passenger cars and the other makes a similar provision for steamboats. The first bill requires all railroad companies and all persons operating cars or coaches to provide separate cars or coaches for white and colored passengers without any difference or discrimination in the quality or convenience or accommodation. It is permissible to erect partitions in cars, thus providing separate compartments for the two races. Each compartment is to be labeled for white or colored persons. The conductors or managers of railroads are required to assign the white or colored passengers to their compartments. Should any passenger refuse to occupy the coach to which he is assigned the conductor can refuse to carry the passenger, and may, in fact eject him. Any conductor refusing to perform this duty can be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and fined. Exceptions are made in the cases of colored nurses or attendants. The law is not intended to apply to Pullman cars or to through express trains that do no local business. Penalties are provided for failure of the railroad companies to have separate coaches.

The second bill provides for separate accomodations for white and colored passengers in the sitting, sleeping and easing apartments of all steamboats plying in the waters within the jurisdiction of the State.

HOUSE EMPLOYES.

The House Committee on Organization made its report naming the employes for the House of Delegates. They are as follows:

Postmaster—Frank H. Philips, of Queen Anne's county.

Assistant Postmaster—John S. Dale, of Dorchester county.

Assistant Engrossing Clerks—Edward L. Carter, Cecil county; Clarence V. Lannan, Baltimore city, and George A. Shower, of Carroll county.

Keeper of Cloakroom—James E. Hobbs, of Howard county.

Doorkeepers—William Hamilton, Baltimore city; James A. Dowling, Harford county, and Aaron Hudson, Worcester county.

Pages—William F. Cox, Baltimore city; Howard H. Sheriff, Prince George's county, and Clarence Guy, St. Mary's county.

Folders—William Maher, Allegany county; Joseph M. Etchison, Montgomery county; Alphæus L. Carver, Somerset county; Jas. T. Hopkins, Wicomico county, and John G. Friedhoffer, Anne Arundel county.

Policemen—William T. Highnutt, Caroline county, and Thomas Quinby, Talbot county.

Chaplains—Rev. W. W. Davis, Rev. Mr. Wisham and Rev. J. Earle Maloy, each to serve 30 days.

Comptroller Hering made his report on Thursday night which shows a most gratifying condition of the State finances.

Mr. Isaac Lobe Straus, with sudden and unsuspected strength, surprised the Democratic managers in the House on Wednesday. Backed by five Democrats and the Republican vote, he succeeded in upsetting completely the plans of the leaders and adjourned the House until Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Straus' main object in the adjournment was to frustrate the Democratic caucus at night, the particular aim being to postpone immediate action by the caucus on the State Treasurership and to defeat Mr. Vandiver. Mr. Straus won his preliminary fight with the aid of five Democrats and the solid Republican vote.

There was a distinct sensation among the delegates, and the roll call was watched with intense interest. There was a murmur of surprise as the five Democratic votes were given for adjournment. The Republicans voted in a solid body with Mr. Straus.

The vote—48 yeas to 45 nays.

The Democrats voting with Mr. Straus were Messrs. Sheppard and Linthicum, of Dorchester, and Messrs. Leatherbury, Watts and Shipley, of Anne Arundel County.

FOR THE FARMERS.

Mr. Frederick Dallam, of Prince George's county, has a bill appropriating $60,000 for the Maryland Agricultural College and Experiment Station. With this the dormitories are to be enlarged so as to accommodate double the number of students now at the college. A general Assembly hall is proposed. Provision is made for free scholarships—one from each county and nine from Baltimore city. The bill will also provide for increasing the interest in the Federal endowment as recommended in the Governor's Message.

GAME LAW.

Another bill introduced by Mr. Rogers imposes a fine of from $2 to $10 for killing or having in possession partridges, quail, phaesants, game hare, woodcock, squirrel, dove or flickers between November 24 and October 15, or to kill plover or snipe between May 1 and February 25.

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### ORDER NISI.

George E. Leary, Elmer E. Leary,
vs.
Joseph L. Elburn, Harriet E. Elburn.

*In the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity.*

No. 1448.

ORDERED, this 17th day of December, 1901, by the Circuit Court for Kent county in equity, that the sale of the mortgaged real estate of Joseph L. Elburn and wife made and reported by Richard D. Hynson, attorney named in mortgage from said Joseph L. Elburn and Harriet E. Elburn, his wife, to the said George E. Leary and Elmer E. Leary, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 24th day of February next—provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 23th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $200.00.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:—
d21-4t. JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

### ORDER NISI.

Richard D. Hynson, Mortgagee.
vs.
Whitely Johnson and Annie E. Johnson, his wife.

*In the Circuit Court for Kent county, in equity.*

No. 1408.

ORDERED, this 17th day of December, 1901, by the Circuit Court for Kent county in equity, that the sale of the Real Estate made and reported by Rich. D. Hyuson, mortgagee under the power contained in mortgage from Whitely Johnson and wife, to the said Richard D. Hynson be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 24th day of February next;—provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 23rd day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $250.00.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

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2.50 buys an exquisite Marsailles white Spread
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