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THE local election contests in Kent are statu quo.

THE TAX-PAYERS of Queen Anne will petition the State Legislature to reduce the salary of the county treasurer. The salary of Treasurer Albert Story is $2,200. The tax payers ask that the salary be reduced to $1,600, but that it shall not affect the salary of the present treasurer.

MR. B. HOWARD HAMAN, the gentleman who would place 400,000 of water-covered area of Maryland in the hands of Baltimore money lords, at a rental of from one to two dollars per acre, now claims the honor of being an Eastern Shoreman. The income from leasing the "barren bottoms" is to be expended in road repairs throughout the State.

IF THE AMERICAN WOMEN in their crusade against intemperance are "doing the devils work," as has been asserted by an eminent American divine, there is some hope that even the Devil will wind up in being a christian. Just so soon as the women of the world abandon their splendid work for the uplift and betterment of the human race, just so soon may the men move out with no fear as to future conditions, for they will find nothing more chaotic or demoralized than a land in which the church and saloon have joined hands.

THE TAX PAYERS OF KENT will await with much interest developments in the proposed reassessment of personal property in the county by the county commissioners. Assessors are to be appointed on Tuesday next to do the work. If the reassessment is made on the same basis as some of the assessments already reported, it will be a fake of the higher class, for which tax-payers will have to pay. It strikes the average citizen as a case of tossing good money after bad with the advantage in favor of the politicians engaged in building up political fences at public expense.

A QUESTION OF TAXATION.

EDITORS OF THE TRANSCRIPT:—Please let us know in your next issue whether the commissioners have the right to tax property at full valuation when there is a mortgage or judgment on the same property, when that same judgment or mortgage is taxed to its full value? The Legislature, certainly, never intended such a law; it is unjust, pernicious and should be abolished at once.

A TAX PAYER.

There seems to be a wrong impression among the citizens of Kent county, as well as throughout the State, about mortgage taxation. On a farm assessed for $15,000 and mortgaged for $10,000, many suppose it is only liable to assessment for purposes of taxation in the sum of $5,000. On the contrary, if the farm be assessed for $15,000, the owner of the farm pays taxes on the $15,000. The man who lends $10,000 on mortgage has to pay taxes on the mortgage loan. Therefore, the statement is often made that the mortgaged land pays double taxation, namely: Taxes on the mortgage on it, and taxes on the land itself. If it were not for the mortgage tax in the State of Maryland at the present time there would be but little difficulty in securing good loans at 5 per cent. At present, parties who have money for investment are unwilling to lend it at 5 per cent. since the tax on mortgage would reduce the income to about 4½ per cent. It is to the interest of every farmer in Kent county, who is a borrower, to have this tax removed. It is questionable in principle, it is difficult of adjustment, it clouds the title to land, it causes in the county commissioners' offices in Maryland ten times more trouble than all the rest of the assessments in said offices, and the income from it is not sufficiently large to justify its continuance. As long as it remains on the books it is simply an additional burden on the backs of the farmer and land owner.

Bilious Colic.

H. Seever, a carpenter and builder of Kenton, Tenn., when suffering intensely from an attack of bilious colic, sent to a nearby drug store for something to relieve him. The druggist sent him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, three doses of which effected a permanent cure. This is the only remedy that can be depended upon in the most severe cases of colic and cholera morbus. Most druggists know this and recommend it when such a medicine is called for. For sale by M. A. Toulson.

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WANT SEPARATE CARS.

Mr. W. Trickett Giles, of Somerset, says that people from every section of the State are expressing their approval of the "Jim Crow" bill introduced by him and now in the Corporation Committee of the House of Delegates. These indorsements, he says, are from people irrespective of their political affiliations and opinions. Mr. Giles has received the following petition from citizens of Kent county:

"We, the undersigned citizens of Kent county, approve of the bill you have introduced, providing separate traveling compartments on railroads and on steamboats in the State of Maryland for the white and black races. We have indorsed this without regard to political considerations, and simply because it is a matter of justice to the white race and no injustice to the black race that the measure should be passed by the Legislature."

Among those who signed are:

Willard Melvin, J.P.,	E. F. Perkins,
Wm. E. Jarrell,	C. C Hopper,
Chas. P. Hodgkin,	Wilbur W. Hubbard,
Hope H. Barroll,	Richard D. Hynson,
Harry L. Boyd,	Joseph N. Wheatley,
J. Cordray Loud,	T. W. Russell, J. P.,
W. B. Usilton,	George W. Smith,
J. K. Aldridge,	Moody & Lusby,
William A. Wheatley,	W. B. Copper,
C. W. Wroth,	W. C. Sutton,
George Brice,	Henry T. Deaver,
George S. Biddle,	W. F. Russell,
William R. Aldridge,	J. D. Bacchus,
J. H. Simpers,	J. H. Sides,
William Morris,	H G. Simpers,
Emory S. Wroth,	R. H. Collins,
R. M. Beauchamp,	James T. Dixon,
Samuel Hicks,	Samuel G. Fisher,
John F. Howard,	John N. Dodd.
S. R. B. Lusby,	

ELECTION CONTESTS.

Southern Maryland Election Contests Have Been Summarily Dropped by the Legislature.

The House Elections Committee met, and after considerable discussion, disposed of the contests in Carroll, Prince George's, Charles and Anne Arundel counties. The seats contested before the committee were those of:

Frederick Dallam, Robert W. Brown and Robert W. Wells, all Democrats, of Prince George's county.

William T. Leatherbury, John A. Watts, Fred L. Shiply and James R. Brashears, all Democrats, of Anne Arundel county.

Jesse W. Fuss and Henry J. Hoffacker, Democrats, of Carroll county.

Charles J. H. Granter and Harry F. Baer, Republicans, of Charles county.

The action of the committee was unanimous, although Mr. Broening, Republican, of Baltimore city, fought for postponement.

The contest being made by Mr. Herman S. Platt against State Comptroller Hering, it is almost certain, like the others, will be dismissed at once, as there has been no testimony taken at all.

Judges Pearce, Martin and Brown sustained the demurrer of the contestees in the Cecil county contested election cases of Spence (Rep.) vs. Davis (Dem.) for long-term County Commissioner; Terry (Rep.) vs. McAllister (Dem.), for the office of Sheriff; Cristie (Rep.) vs. Hohn (Dem.), for County Treasurer. The demurrer affirmed that no specific charge had been brought and the averments were too general in character. Counsel for the contestants asked leave to amend their petitions, which was granted. The case will be again considered by the court.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

All Arrangements Completed for the Meetings of Next Monday and Tuesday.

It is hoped that the farmers of Kent, accompanied by their wives, sons and daughters, will attend the Farmers' Institute meetings to be held in the Court House in Chestertown, on next Monday and Tuesday. Miss Jacobs and Dr. Purnam will be present and give talks which will be both valuable and interesting to the ladies. Miss Jacobs will give exhibitions of cooking and Dr. Purnam will give valuable hints on an interesting subject. Sketches of the speakers and their work have been several times given in the TRANSCRIPT together with the programs for each day.

The success of the agriculturist of the future will depend largely upon a higher enlightenment of the farmers as a class. The day has forever gone when the agriculturist can afford to rely upon the methods of his father or grandfather. He must become a thinking, reasoning actor, ever ready to avail himself of the experience and experiments of the intelligent and the most aggressive and up-to-date members of the great fraternity of agriculturists and horticulturists.

These meetings of farmers are of inestimable benefit to each person who will attend. There is nothing which so brightens and makes active the intellect as the friction of mind against mind of men engaged in the same occupation.

Let us have splendid meetings on Monday and Tuesday.

PROGRAM.

Afternoon of the first day—A Session for the Home and for the School.

Morning of the second day—The Live Stock and Fertilizer Session.

Afternoon of the second day—The Fruit and Poultry Session.

At the evening session, hour 7.30, only on the first day—A popular lecture will be delivered for both town and country people, combining entertainment with instruction. Whenever practicable the lectures will be illustrated by lantern slides. Subjects change daily.

Morning session, 10.00; Afternoon sessions, 1.30; Evening sessions 8.00.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

Interesting Measures Before the State Law Makers.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

A stringent and sweeping compulsory education bill made its appearance in the House of Delegates, fathered by Mr. John P.T. Mathias, of Frederick county. It provides that every child between 7 and 14 years of age shall attend some public day school in the town, city or county in which he resides, during the entire time the schools are in session. Cases of necessary absence can be excused by the superintendent, and children who attend private or other day schools are exempted. If the physical or mental condition of the child renders attendance inexpedient, the child is exempt, but every person having under his control a child shall cause such child to attend school as required by the bill. The bill compels the keeping open of schools in each school district at least 32 weeks in a year, free to all white youths over six and under 21 years. The maintaining of a certain number of evening schools is provided for in all towns of 10,000 or more inhabitants.

The establishment of truant schools in every county and city is provided, to which habitual truants—that is, every child between 7 and 14 years who willfully absents himself from school contrary to the law—may, upon complaint of a truant officer and upon conviction thereof, be committed, if a boy, for a period not exceeding two years, and if a girl to one of the industrial schools for girls, unless said child is placed on probation. Any child between 7 and 16 years found growing up in idleness and ignorance is to be committed in the same way. The court or magistrate having jurisdiction shall fix the cost of support of any such offenders thus committed upon the parents.

Provision is made for the arrest and punishment of runaways and unruly and immoral children. A fine will be imposed of not more than $25 and imprisonment in jail for default or failure of parent or guardian to cause the children under their control to attend school.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Delegate Jas. H. Brashears, of Anne Arundel county, has introduced a bill appointing a special justice of the peace in each district of Anne Arundel county to try petty criminal cases, which, it is said, will be followed by similar bills applying to other counties. The bill provides that the special justice shall receive a stated and fixed salary and shall not be paid by fees. The object of the bill is to take away from the justices now trying such petty cases the power of making fees. It is claimed that the present system tends to corruption and is expensive. It is alleged that in many counties small and unimportant cases are taken up and pushed to the limit in order to increase the fees of the officials and witnesses. The abuse of the law in such manner, it is asserted, has been extensive and it is said quite a traffic is waged in the commitment of tramps to the House of Correction for the fees.

There is some talk of a general bill along the lines of the one introduced by Mr. Brashears to apply to the whole State. It is not thought, however, such a bill can be passed at this session and considerable opposition is expected from the justices of the peace, who now try these cases. The State Bar Association may be asked to take the matter up and draft a general bill.

TAX ON MORTGAGES.

Delegate Robt. W. Wells, of Prince George's county, will introduce a bill to repeal the tax on mortgages.

Mr. Wells makes the following points in favor of his bill, which has been before former Legislatures, but failed of passage.

1. The tax on mortgages clouds the title of property.

2. The law is practically unenforceable.

3. It makes necessary all sorts of affidavits.

4. Thousands of rich and poor alike are anxious to see the mortgage tax repealed.

5. Drives capital away from the State.

9. Not 10 per cent. of the tax is collectible, and the law is a failure as a revenue raiser.

7. It increases the rate of interest on borrowed money.

8. In many counties no serious attempt to collect the tax is made, as mortgages are treated much as notes and bonds in the course of trade and the County Treasurer is unable to fix upon the real owner of the mortgage.

9. It complicates the conveyance of property, and is an unwise piece of legislation.

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Order of Publication.

Susie J. Shallcross
vs.
Johntie W Shallcross.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity

No. 1455.

THE object of this suit is to procure a decree for divorce a Vinculo Matrimonii in favor of Susie J. Shallcross, and to retain the custody of the minor child.

The Bill of Complaint states that Susie J. Shallcross and Johntie W. Shallcross were married on or about the 9th day of January, 1885, and that the said parties lived together in the States of Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, until the 23d day of November, 1897.

That the said Johntie W. Shallcross, without just cause or reason, abandoned and deserted the said Susie J. Shallcross, and that such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for at least three years, and is deliberate and final, and the separation of the parties beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation

That one child has been born to them from said marriage, who is a minor. That said Johntie W. Shallcross is a non-resident of the State of Maryland.

It is thereupon this 23d day of January, 1902, by the Circuit Court for Kent county, in equity, ordered that the complainant, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in said Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 24th day of February, 1902, give notice to the absent and non-resident defendant of the object and substance of this bill, and warning him to appear in this Court in person or by solicitor, on or before the 18th day of March next, to show cause, if any he has, why a decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
j25-5t. JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

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—OF THE—
FINANCIAL CONDITION
—OF THE—
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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 31, 1901.

RESOURCES.

Par Value.		Book Value.
	Real Estate (Fidelity Building)	$600,000 00
125,000	State of Georgia 4½ per cent Bonds, 1911-1912 1916	140,000 00
100,000	State of Maryland 3½ per cent. Bonds	105,000 00
30,000	State of Tennessee 3 per cent Bonds	28,500 00
1,120,000	Baltimore City Stock, 1928-1930-1936-1940 1945	1,258,360 00
200,000	City of New York 3½ per cent. Export Dock Gold Bonds	218,000 00
50,000	City of Buffalo (N. Y.) 3½ per cent. Bonds	51,500 00
25,000	City of Mobile (Ala.) 4½ per cent. Bonds	27,000 00
10,000	City of Norfolk (Va.) 5 per cent. Bonds	11,200 00
21,000	City of Westminster (Md.) 3½ per cent. Bonds	21,000 00
39,500	City of Frederick (Md.) 4 per cent. Bonds	41,080 00
10,500	City of Rockville (Md.) 4 per cent. Bonds	10,500 00
25,000	City of Petersburg (Va.) 5 per cent. Bonds	27,500 00
25,000	City of Richmond (Va.) 4 per cent. Bonds	26,000 00
25,000	City of Havana (Cuba) 6 per cent Bonds	25,500 00
18,000	Hyattsville (Md.) Waterworks Bonds (4 per cent.)	18,595 00
30,000	Lucas County (Ohio) 4 per cent. Court House Bonds	34,050 00
30,000	Montgomery County (Alabama) 5 per cent. Bonds	33,300 00
500,000	United Railways & Electric Co. of Balto. 4 per cent. Bonds	475,000 00
100,000	Baltimore Traction Co. (N. Balto. Div.) 5 per cent. Bonds	120,000 00
48,000	City and Suburban Railway Co. of Balto. 5 per cent. Bonds	54,480 00
35,000	Lake Roland Elevated R. R. of Baltimore 5 per cent. Bonds	42,000 00
25,000	Charleston City Railway Company 5 per cent. Bonds	25,875 00
10,000	Balto., Catonsville and Ellicott Mills Ry. 5 per cent. Bonds	11,880 00
25,000	Atlanta (Ga.) Consolidated Street Rys. 5 per cent. Bonds	26,250 00
10,000	Second Avenue Traction Co. (Pittsburg, Pa.) 5 per cent Bonds	11,500 00
532,500	Monongahela Riv. R. R. and other 5 per cent Car Trust Bonds	532,500 00
100,000	Charleston and Western Carolina R. R. 5 per cent. Bonds	108,000 00
103,500	Baltimore & Ohio S. W. Division 1st 3½ per cent. Bonds	91,080 00
50,900	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R. 1st mort. 4 p. ct. Gold B'ds	51,000 00
50,000	Wilmington and Weldon R. R. 5 per cent. Bonds	59,500 00
30,000	Raleigh and Gaston R. R. 5 per cent Bonds	33,600 00
11,000	Georgia Pacific Railroad 6 per cent. Bonds	13,750 00
10,000	Petersburg Railroad 6 per cent. Bonds (Class B)	13,050 00
11,000	Virginia Midland 1st Mortgage 6 per cent. Bonds	11,770 00
30,000	Virginia Midland 2d Mortgage 6 per cent. Bonds	34,800 00
150,000	Consolidated Gas Co. of Baltimore 5 per cent. Bonds	168,000 00
12,400	310 shares Farmers & Merchants' Nat. Bank Stock of Balto	20,615 00
11,000	110 shares National Union Bank Stock of Baltimore	12,980 00
15,250	1525 shares National Mechanics' Bank Stock of Baltimore	45,750 00
200,000	Georgia and Alabama 1st Consol. Mortgage 5s	216,000 00
100,000	United States Government 3s	108,000 00
£53,675	British Consols	244,718 00
$12,000	St. Michaels (Md.) 4 per cent. Waterworks Bonds	12,060 00
	Agents' Debit Balances (less commission)	73,913 23
	Premiums in course of collection (Home Office)	8,993 76
	Cash in Office and Banks	387,644 06
	Total	$5,691,794 05

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$2,000,000 00
Surplus	2,500,000 00
Premium Reserve Requirement	704,698 55
Claims Adjusted (Checks out)	966 87
Claims Admitted (in process of adjustment)	46,178 43
Claims reported, but proof not filed, etc	26,843 14
Claims not admitted	134,256 40
Undivided Profits	278,850 66
Total	$5,691,794 05

(Good Assets not included in above over $100,000.)

FACTS.

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