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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

STATE TICKET.

Governor:
HON. EDWIN WARFIELD.
of Howard county.

Attorney-General:
HON. WM. SHEPARD BRYAN,
of Baltimore City.

Comptroller:
DR. GORDON T. ATKINSON,
Somerset County.

COUNTY TICKET.

For State Senator:
GARRETT FOXWELL,

For House of Delegates:
ISAAC GIBBS.
CECIL R. ATKINSON,

For Clerk Circuit Court:
JAMES T. DIXON.

For Treasurer:
WALTER H. HADDAWAY.

For Sheriff:
LIONEL J. KEYSER.

For Register of Wills:
J. ELWOOD MORRIS.

For Judges of Orphans' Court:
E. S. MORRIS,
JOHN H. SIMPERS,
JOHN P. NICHOLSON.

For State's Attorney:
WILLIAM W. BECK.

For County Commissioners:
CHAS. BRADFORD DUDLEY,
HARRY DAVIS,
ALFRED C. LOUD.

For Surveyor:
MILTON MELVIN.

GRAND DEMOCRATIC

MASS MEETING

IN CHESTERTOWN,

ON MONDAY, OCT. 19th.

at 2.30 and 7.30 P. M.

The following prominent speakers will be present and will address the meetings:

HON. EDWIN WARFIELD,
Candidate for Governor:
DR. GORDON T. ATKINSON,
Candidate for Comptroller;
HON. WM. S. BRYAN, JR.,
Candidate for Attorney-General;
ISIDOR RAYNER,
EX-GOVERNOR E. E. JACKSON,
JOHN E. R. WOOD, Esq.

This is perhaps the greatest array of talent ever heard in Chestertown, and a rousing meeting is expected. A full band of music will be in attendance. Everybody invited to attend and hear the issues discussed.

By order
ADAM F. HUEY,
SAMUEL J. WICKES,
JOHN COMEGYS,
State Central Committee for Kent County.

A Democratic Mass Meeting will be held at Rock Hall on Friday, October 23d, at 7.00 P. M. Among the prominent speakers who will address the meeting is ex-Congressman Joshua W. Miles, the oysterman's champion. Everybody invited to attend.

There will also be a Grand Democratic Rally in Rock Hall on Saturday evening, October 31, at 7 o'clock. Prominent speakers will be present and will address the meeting.

THE OYSTER QUESTION.

Mr. Garrett Foxwell, Democratic candidate for the State Senate, defines his position on the oyster question in the following letter:

Black's, Md., Oct. 15th, 1903.

CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT, Chestertown, Md. *Dear Sirs*:—A number of gentlemen, especially those living on Chester River and at Rock Hall, who are interested in the Oyster Industry, have asked me what will be my course if elected as Senator from Kent county.

I have always stated my position when so asked clearly and frankly. I shall work and vote against any bill like the Haman bill, or any other bill which may be introduced for the leasing of the bottoms of the Chesapeake Bay, whether barren or natural beds.

Perhaps Rock Hall is as thriving a village as can be found on this peninsula; its inhabitants are industrious and thrifty, and, if elected, I pledge myself that they and others in Kent county interested in the oyster industry, may then rely upon me in regard to any proposed oyster legislation.

I shall be glad if you will publish this in the TRANSCRIPT on Saturday next.

Yours very truly,
GARRETT FOXWELL.

OYSTERMEN, turn out next Friday night at Rock Hall to hear Hon. Joshua W. Miles, the man who knows as much about the oyster question and the oystermen's rights as any man in the State.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY has protected the oystermen ever since there has been a legislature with power to do them harm. Most oystermen are Democrats. Can they not trust themselves, who have stood true for over half a century? Don't listen to sedition on the subject.

THE ENTRANCE of President Roosevelt into Maryland politics makes it absolutely certain that the "race issue" is the paramount issue in this campaign. You may rest assured that wherever President Roosevelt is, there is a negro somewhere near. Shame on the intelligence of our great country.

THE TRANSCRIPT met with a slight accident to its power press on Friday evening last by the breaking of a cog wheel, during the printing of last Saturday morning's issue. Through the courtesy of the editors of the *Kent News* we were enabled to make the issue as usual. New cog wheels were promptly supplied by the Campbell Press Company, of New York.

A VOTE for the Republican party means financial extravagance. A vote for the Republican party means negro domination. A vote for the Republican party means the enactment of such an election law as will render it impossible for the Democratic party to win another election in the State or county. Therefore, if the white man wants to maintain his political supremacy, vote the Democratic ticket.

WE CALL THE ATTENTION of all Democrats to the name of Mr. Charles Bradford Dudley, candidate for County Commissioner from the first district. His name has been published by the TRANSCRIPT as Bradford C. Dudley, when it should have been Charles Bradford Dudley. Mr. Dudley's name will appear on the official ticket as Charles B. Dudley and we want every Democrat in the county to remember this on election day.

IT IS REPORTED that the County Commissioners have purchased a new road machine for use in the Third District. It consists of a dog cart under which is a washing tub, the machine being worked by one of the prominent Third District negro politicians. It is claimed that this machine will run with less oil, and will carry less dirt than any other machine on the market, and for these reasons is more expensive to the tax payers of the county.

IF THERE IS ONE MAN in the United States who has done more than any one else to engender a race war in this country that man is President Roosevelt. He has labored strenuously to place the negro on a plane of social equality with the white people of this country, but the people of the State of Maryland with their Southern tendencies and after a long experience with negro labor, will administer a just rebuke to the politician-President by swamping his whole party in November. This is a white man's country and we shall have a white man's governor next year and a white man's President in 1904. Mr. Roosevelt's attitute on the race issue is absolutely disgusting to every intelligent citizen in Maryland.

THE INDORSEMENT of Hon. Isador Raynor for the United States Senate by the Baltimore City legislative candidates has infused vigor into the Democratic campaign throughout the State. It has added an element of strength to the party that will render more certain the election of the State and city tickets, and evidences the fact that the managers of the party are in accord with the people in their efforts to land Maryland in the Democratic column in November. This indorsement places Mr. Rayner in the same position as are Governor Smith and Ex-Governor Jackson so far as home support is concerned, and all these candidates will use every effort toward the election of a Democratic legislature. This is their duty to the Democratic party in return for the compliment conferred upon them.

THE NAMES of the Prohibition candidates for State offices have been ruled off the official ballot in all the counties and Baltimore city, under the opinion of Attorney-General Isidor Rayner, on the ground that said names were not filed within the time prescribed by law. This will afford the Prohibitionists a splendid opportunity to vote the Democratic ticket this fall.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is endeavoring to play a huge joke on the Republican party by pretending to want Ex Governor Lowndes as a running mate in 1904. This is done with a view to bringing about harmony in the party in the State. He will, of course, have a desire to give Cabinet positions to Messrs. Jackson, Mudd, Wachter and Gary. He will provide for Hiram Watty later. This is done with a view to sidetracking Mr. Lowndes in his fight against McComas for the U. S. Senatorship. We venture to say that it is the first time within the history of the United States that a President has so greatly sacrificed the dignity of his position as to engage in State politics. Mr. Lowndes will never see the Vice-Presidency, and Roosevelt can't fool Mudd that way. Roosevelt has a problem on his hands to harmonize a difference of which he was the sole cause. Mudd, Wachter, Jackson and Gary don't love Roosevelt one bit, and they are not going to be fooled again.

WHAT DR. GORDON T. ATKINSON SAW IN SOUTHERN MARYLAND.

Dr. Gordon T. Atkinson, Democratic candidate for Comptroller, who made the tour throughout Southern Maryland last week with Mr. Warfield and Mr. Bryan, the other candidates, in speaking of his trip said:

"During the campaign, although thoroughly familiar with the race question, I have avoided saying much about it; but I feel constrained to relate the observations which I made while in Southern Maryland. In some counties I found the people almost in despair over the situation. They have fought year after year and in many cases have exhausted both their time and means in the effort to secure relief. They have also appealed to the Legislature, but as yet have received little help.

WASTE THE ROAD FUNDS.

"That negro denomination actually exists in Southern Maryland no one who visits that section can doubt.

One of the most important aids to the farmer is the public road, yet these seem to be given over almost entirely to the management of the negroes, and the assertion of the white residents that the money which they pay in taxes for the repair of their highways is largely wasted was borne out by my experience in driving over nearly 100 miles of Southern Maryland roads.

"In Calvert county two of the three Road Supervisors are negroes. In Charles county I was informed that the Road Supervisors were negroes with one exception, and to these persons is intrusted the construction of new highways and the repair of the old ones, which duty is performed without skill and with no regard to economy. The jailer in Charles county and the janitor of the courthouse are negroes, the latter it is said, receiving two or three salaries for different employments as a reward for political services to the white Republican bosses

"I submit these facts without comment to the white people of Maryland, and ask them to consider if it is not the duty of those who are so fortunate as to live in sections where the negro population is small to come to the aid of their brethern in Southern Maryland by voting with the party which has boldly grasped this great race problem."

We hope the doctor will take the opportunity to observe conditions in Kent county when he comes to town on Monday, as we feel confident that he will find conditions similar in many respects to those in Southern Maryland.

With regard to their position on the oyster question, according to their statements as given by the Baltimore Sun, some of the Republicans stand simply on their party platform, others are non-committal, some are diplomatic and evasive, others still are for progressive oyster culture and some decline to show up.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Do not forget the supper and festival to be held in Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Go and get a fine supper.

J. K. Aldridge & Co., the reliable hardware firm has a change of add. in this issue. Read it and see what they have to offer.

A RARE ATTRACTION.

The citizens of Chestertown and vicinity will have an opportunity of witnessing one performance only on Wednesday evening next, Oct. 21, of Simvelle's elaborate presentation of Shakespear's great immortal tragedy of love and passion, "Romeo and Juliet." It was thought at first that it would be almost an utter impossibility to have such an attraction as this to appear in Chestertown, but satisfactory arrangements have been made and the magnificent production will take place Wednesday evening next. Citizens of Chestertown are backing the enterprise. Mr. Laws M. Mortelle, of Philadelphia fame, will appear in the title role as Romeo, supported by Miss Louise Clarke as Juliet. Every act and scene will be specially staged. Tickets on sale at The Stam Drug Co. See advertisement for full particulars.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

COUNTY FINANCES.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., Oct. 14, 1903.

TO THE EDITORS OF TRANSCRIPT,

GENTLEMEN:—Mr. Eliason in a letter, commenting upon the report to the grand jury made by Mr. Blacklock, gives the result of a thoughtful reading on his part of the report showing that thereby, there can be no misunderstanding as to the report's meaning.

Mr. Eliason proceeds at once with a statement showing that the average annual expense of Kent county for eleven years has been..... $78,486.04
and for the past five years, an average,..... 83,000 00
Expert's estimated claims outstanding against the county up to June 1904..... 94,705 75

Mr. Eliason adds these together and shows a levy for all expenses, up to June, 1904, will be..... 177,705 75
From this he deducts our levy for this year, which all the tax-payers have their bills for, at the rate of $1 35, amounting to 111,646.01

And finds a balance of..... $66,058 84

Now, of course, the above figures are correct, and one can understand them. But they are mischievously misleading, and Mr. Eliason will as quickly recognize this as will your humblest reader. We are not living eleven years ago, nor six, nor four years ago. We all remember how, when the Republicans came in power in 1896, and 1897 they reduced the levy in 1896 of..... $83,341 02
In 1897 to..... 69,114 68

We all have memories. We recollect in 1897 the trumpet's blast blown into the ears of every tax-payer, "that by extraordinary financial mangement the Republican Board of County Commissioners had reduced the tax-rate," and the tax-payers were called upon to note that the Republicans had done this! The extravagance of the Democrats, compared with the economy of the Republicans, was held out as a most striking lesson to all the voters. Many believed this. Many were fooled. They were not told of the deceipt and fraud which permeated the Commissioner's yearly levies by their withholding annually thousands of dollars from the levies, so that they might produce a small axe t!

Mr. Eliason, I do not think for one moment, could have had in mind the idea of misleading a single citizen by the letter he furnished to the press. As a most successful business man; as a respected citizen, he commands the respect of all of us, because of a most successful and conservative business career. As a rule, when we talk to Mr. Eliason, or speak of him, one does not think of his politics. And yet, at the same time, there is as much and as deep partisanship in Mr. Eliason as in myself or any citizen of Kent county. I admire him for it. He believes in his party strongly and firmly, just as I believe in mine, but, I think he will certainly agree that his comparison of figures for five years is neither just nor safe. I am sure that the tax payers of this county will likewise agree for the following reasons:

For three years prior to the levy of 1901, the commissioners levied respectively:
In 1898. ..... $76,379 89
In 1899 ..... 76 396.19
In 1900..... 75 393 36

These small levies for these three years were so wholly and totally inadequate and the accumulating indebtedness staring the commissioners in the face so appalling, that in 1901 the commissioners jumped from the levy of $75,393 36 to..... $94 326 55
In 1902 they levied..... 92,588.40
In 1903 they levied..... 111,646 01

Total for three years..... $291,560 96
Average annual levy for three years past, average as shown above..... $99,520 32

We know now that the expenses of Kent county are annually increasing, and that next year it will be necessary to raise more than the average of the last three years, because, we know the items which have always heretofore been levied for in advance, are not included in the levy which produced the unusual sum of over $111,000.00, to wit, roads and bridge bills, $5,000; over $5,000 for schools, almshouse over $2,000, etc., etc. How, then, can Mr. Eliason in the face of the facts, with the absolute knowledge on the part of the tax payers of the fact that our levy, if we are going to provide in a proper way for the expenses which we know will be incurred, and which will necessarily appear in the levy for next year, because omitted in the levy for this year, fail to recognize, as do the tax-payers, that the levy for 1904 must far exceed $99,000.00 unless we are to be kept in the uncertainty of a hop, skip and jump, from low to high, and from high to low, as the Republicans have done for nearly eight years?

As tax-payers, as citizens, it is the duty of the people of Kent county and of our press to proclaim to the world that the condition of our finances is in such a shocking state of mismanagement that radical measures must be adopted and that at once, so that we may be put on a proper footing. The tendency of such statements will show to all, and especially to our own tax-payers, that the people should be ready and determined to correct the evil now pressing so heavily upon us. When corrected, the values of real estate will not be depressed, but everything will be as it is, and not as it seems. Such a condition will reflect credit upon the character of the good citizens of Kent county.

Very respectfully yours,
HOPE H. BARROLL.

RICHARD D. HYNSON, Att'y.

ORDER NISI.

Citizen's National Bank of Middletown, Del., Assignee,
vs.
Stephen Boyer, Jr.,

In the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity.

ORDERED this 16th day of October, 1903, by the Circuit Court for Kent county in Equity, that the sale of the personal property of Stephen Boyer, Jr., made and reported by Joseph Biggs, President Citizen's National Bank of Middletown, Del. the assignee, under power contained in mortgage dated April 2, 1903, and recorded in Liber J. R. No. 8, folio 28, etc., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 19th day of November, next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper, printed and published in Kent county, once in each of two successive weeks before the 14th day of November next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1,416.41.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.
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Comparative Tax Rate

Figures Showing the Difference in Amounts of Taxes in 1902 and 1903.

Following up the letter of Hope H. Barroll, Esq., published in our columns recently on a comparative tax rate of last and this year, we take at randum a number of individual tax-payers from the seven districts of the county, that the people who pay the taxes of the county may know by practical illustration what Republican misrule in Kent county means.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Sthephen Boyer, Sr.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	$25028	
County tax at $1.35—amount		$337.87
Assessment for 1902—amount	25028	
County tax at 95c		237.77
Richard W. Cochran.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	10.400	
County tax at $1.35		140.40
Assessment for 1902—amount	10,400	
County tax at 95c		98.80

SECOND DISTRICT.

James W. Lambert.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	11,645	
County tax at $1.35		157.21
Assessment for 1902—amount	11,645	
County tax at 95c		110.63
J. Frank Willson, Howard Turner, Agent.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	6,400	
County tax at $1.35		86.40
Assessment for 1902—amount	6,400	
County tax at 95c		61.80

THIRD DISTRICT.

Norman P. Massey, et al.		
Assessment for 1903—Amount	9,370	
County tax at $1.35		126.50
Assessment for 1902—amount	9,370	
County tax at 95c		89.02
Mrs. Sarah E. Stewart.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	10,888	
County tax at $1.35		146.19
Assessment for 1902—amount	10,888	
County tax at 95c		103.44

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Edward Lusby.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	13,090	
County tax at $1.35		176.72
Assessment for 1902—amount	13,090	
County tax at 95c		124.36
W. W. Hubbard.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	14,055	
County tax at $1.35		189.74
Assessment for 1902—amount	14,055	
County tax at 95c		133.52

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Budaway Simmons.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	10,200	
County tax at $1.35		137.70
Assessment for 1902—amount	10,200	
County tax at 95c		96.90
Dr. A. P. Sharp.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	10,000	
County tax at $1.35		135.00
Assessment for 1902—amount	10,000	
County tax at 95c		95.00

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Mrs. Harriett L. Hill.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	27,190	
County tax at $1.35		367.07
Assessment for 1902—amount	27,190	
County tax at 95c		258.31
Josiah Lusby.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	25,395	
County tax at $1.35		342.83
Assessment for 1902—amount	25,395	
County tax at 95c		241.25

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Thomas G. Wroth.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	12,697	
County tax at $1.35		171.41
Assesement for 1902—amount	12,697	
County tax at 95c		120.62
Mrs. A. M. Wilkins.		
Assessment for 1903—amount	22,974	
County tax at $1.35		310.15
Assessment for 1902—amount	22,974	
County tax at 95c		217.25

MOVED

To our new store, next door to J. K. Aldridge & Co.'s hardware store.

We invite you to call and see the largest and most complete Jewelry Store that has ever been in Chestertown.

Opening Days,
Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 19th and 20th.

A Souvenir to every lady caller.

J. H. SIDES,
JEWELER AND OPTICIAN, Next Door to Sparks & Jefferson

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