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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1903.

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.

There will be a Grand

Democratic Mass Meeting,

PARADE

and Torchlight Procession

AT MILLINGTON,

This (Saturday) Evening,

at 7 o'clock.

Prominent speakers from a distance will be present and address the meeting. Quite a number of ladies will take part in the parade. Everybody is invited to come and take part in the great demonstration. A Brass Band will be in attendance.

The following speakers will be present:
HON. ROBT. F. LEACH, of Baltimore City.
HON. J. HARRISON POWERS, of Carroll Co.

GRAND

Democratic Mass Meeting

AT ROCK HALL,

THIS EVENING, at 7 o'clock.

The following prominent speakers will address the meeting:

COL. WM. KILGOUR, of Montgomery Co.
JAS. J. JAMISON, Esq., of St. Mary's Co.,

and others. Both of the gentlemen are noted orators, and everybody is invited to hear them. Oystermen, turn out and hear the issues discussed by able speakers.

SOLID, courteous in office, dependable describes James T. Dixon, the Democratic candidate for clerk of the circuit court. His past record is beyond reproach, and there is no reason why he should not receive the vote of every Democrat in the county. Vote for him.

WALTER H. HADAWAY, the popular Fifth District Democratic candidate for Treasurer, will make an ideal officer. He is a fine business man, affable in his manner, is a prosperous farmer and a man of the people. His kindness to the people of his district last winter in supplying the needy with feul from his woods when the price of coal was such as to deprive many its use, will not be forgotten by the loyal people of the old Fifth. He deserves the vote of every Democrat and Republican as well. Give him your support.

THINK OF THIS running of the politics of the State of Maryland from the Executive Mansion at Washington. It is an attack upon the very foundation of our government, and the liberty and happiness of our people are not safe when we have in Washington a dictator, a czar, who can send for loyal Marylanders and tell them what to do and what not to do concerning the managemant of their State affairs. Bring your party people into line, he directs. Drive up your negro voters, and sustain me in my policy of equality, social and political, for the negro and the white man.

Remember that tax-rate of $1.35.

THE PEOPLE are beginning to see the threatened radicalism of the President of the United States. He sees the necessity or being sustained in his policy, and makes maryland the battle ground. Let us accept this challenge. Make Maryland the battle ground and we will save the liberties of the people in the end.

JAMES E. MORRIS, the Democratic candidate for Register of Wills, is one of the most popular young men in Kent county. He is a new man in politics, honest to a fault, conscientious in business, and will make a most able officer. He is worthy of the vote of every good citizen in Kent county. Vote for him.

LIONEL J. KEYSER would make a most excellent sheriff, being endowed with all the qualifications for the office. He, too, is a young man, a son of Mr. Wm. E. Keyser, one of the staunchest Democrats in Kent county. Mr. Keyser has been a worker in his party all his life, and will perform the duties of the sheriff's office to the satisfaction of the people of the county. Give him your support.

SHALL I, as a property owner and tax-paying citizen of Kent county, be benefitted by a change in the administration of county affairs? That is the question that every tax-paying voter should be asking himself about this time, and which more directly appeals to him than any cry of fair elections. We answer yes, as a Democratic administration means a more capable and economical administration.

WHERE COULD you find a more desirable trio of men in Kent county for Judges of the Orphans' Court than John H. Simpers, John P. Nicholson and E. S. Morris—all three men of the highest character, well-known throughout the county for their honesty, sobriety and democracy. These are the sort of men that are an honor to any county. They need no introduction. Their characters speak for them. Give them your votes.

WILLIAM W. BECK and Milton Melvin, Democratic candidates for State's Attorney and Surveyor, respectively, have no opposition because they are such strong men that the Republicans could not find men strong enough in their party to oppose them. Because they have no opposition is no reason that they should not receive the entire Democratic vote in the county. They are both true and loyal Democrats and should receive the full vote. They will do it too.

DEMOCRATS, look after the legislative part of your ticket as well as all the rest. The Republicans are making a desperate effort to capture the Legislature, and are bending every energy to send Baker, Trew and Smyth to Annapolis as Kent county's representatives. These men will be forced to vote for legislation in favor of the negro in Kent county, and their vote in the Maryland Legislature means a blow at white supremacy. Vote for Foxwell, Atkinson and Gibbs, and send a solid Democratic representation to Annapolis next winter.

IN KENT COUNTY the negro is $\frac{1}{7}$ of the entire Republican vote. A legislative ticket elected by this negro vote will be bound to support legislation in favor of the negro at Annapolis. If the white men of Kent county do not want such representation at Annapolis next winter vote for Garrett Foxwell for State Senator, a man of the people, a sterling Democrat and an intelligent citizen, and for Cecil R. Atkinson and Isaac Gibbs for the House of Delegates, men of unimpeachable character, broad minded in their views, and who will act for the very best interests of the people of the entire county.

CHARLES B. DUDLEY, Harry Davis, and Alfred C. Loud are the Democratic candidates for county commissioners We are confident that these young Democrats will administer the affairs of the commissioners office in the interest of the tax-payers of the county. Atwell and Hadaway, their opponents, are members of the present Republican Board of Commissioners that has nearly bankrupt our county. They are Republicans and they are a part of this Republican board. Are the tax-payers of the county willing to re-elect these men who have made themselves responsible for the county's enormous tax rate of $1.35? You cannot find three better business men than Dudley, Davis and Loud. They will administer the affairs of the county properly.

A PROMINENT REPUBLICAN made the following very significant answer this week in reply to a question asked him regarding his intentions at the approaching election:

"I shall lose none of my Republicanism by voting the Democratic ticket this year. I will be simply taking my place with my white neighbors in protecting my neighborhood and my county, and I shall have more respect for myself after I have done it."

There are many other good Republicans who feel that their interests, their homes and their wives and children will be protected by the Democratic party, and will also vote the Democratic ticket.

SENATOR Arthur P. Gorman delivered a masterly address on Saturday afternoon last at his home in Howard county before an assemblage of his neighbors. It is not necessary for us to say that it will have great effect for good, for all of the Senator's utterances are effective.

THE CRY of the Republicans on the oyster question is one of their many tricks to capture the legislative ticket for Boss McComas of Force Bill fame. The oystermen of the county are up to such tricks, and will not be fooled this time.

JAMES R. CATON, of Alexandria, has announced his candidacy for Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia. Col. Caton is a man of rare ability, and a staunch Methodist Protestant. His church in Maryland would be glad to see him raised to this high office.

DEMOCRATS! Don't vote for a Republican. He may be a very nice fellow and all that, but place him in the Legislature and he will vote to make Maryland a Black Republican State. When you go into the polling booth glance down the column for the word DEMOCRATIC, and when you see it put a cross in the square opposite every DEMOCRATIC candidate like this. Be careful and do not let your mark run outside the square.

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THE NORTH AND SOUTH are pitted against each other in this election in Maryland. Roosevelt, the reckless President, has endeavored to revive old scenes. The battle line is drawn up. On the one side stands Roosevelt and the negroes, on the other stands the white manhood of this grand old state of Maryland with the ballot as its weapon. White men, when the cry "charge!" is sounded on November 3rd, present a united front to this insulting President and his treacherous policy, and make Maryland, my Maryland a white man's State forever.

AN "Old Democrat" writes urging the white people to "wake up and not be deceived by Republican campaign lies." He says: "Talking about the cost of the extra session of the Legislature, I think the Republicans had better look back and see what they did. Go back to 1865 and see who was disfranchised. Our best citizens were kept from voting. I know how it was, for I was not allowed to vote; and in 1863 and '64 squads of soldiers kept voters from the polls, and they would like to do it again—if they could. Wake up, white men! Vote the white man's ticket!"

COUNTY FINANCES.

It was discovered last week that the present Republican Board of County Commissioners has spent **$8,000** more on the county roads than the levy of May 26th, 1903, actually shows. Instead of having spent $30,254.71, as the levy shows, they have actually spent **$38,254.71**. The levy also shows that the State's Attorney has received $2,319.20 as his salary for last year. It has been ascertained that he received an additional **$700** which does not appear in the levy. His salary for last year should be corrected to read **$3 019.20**. All of these errors will to be added to next year's levy, and the tax-payers can very readily see why the rate for next year will be more than $1.35. Has it ever occurred to the people that the Republican press has never said a word about these two items of the county's expense? They have not said one word about the enormous amount of the tax-payers' money that has been wasted on the roads for political purposes and for the State's Attorney's salary.

WHISKEY IN THE CAMPAIGN.

Today practically closes the campaign in the State. It has been a hard one, every inch of the ground being fought desperately. So far as the Democrats of the county are concerned, we are proud to state that it has been a campaign entirely free from abuse of any candidate on the Republican ticket, and free from the use of intoxicating liquors. We have yet to hear of a single Democrat in Kent county using or paying for the use of a single drop of liquor in the entire campaign. We regret to say that such cannot be said of our Republican friends. It has been reported from very reliable authority that three of the candidates on the Republican ticket went to Eastern Neck Island some weeks ago, taking with them a keg of beer and a gallon of whiskey, and every man and boy with whom they came in contact was made beastly drunk, and it is also reported that the candidates were drunk. Such methods as these to win votes are greatly to be deplored, and no candidate who practices such methods as these, has a right to the votes of the intelligent citizens of the county. We were not informed of this incident by one man. It has been stated by people who know it to be a fact, and we regret to know that any man on the Republican ticket should countenance such procedure. If there is any one thing that is subversive of good government and damning to the morals of our men and boys it is to attempt to purchase their manhood with a draught of whiskey. The Republicans have made some grievous mistakes in this campaign, but this one rises above them all. The Republicans have sprung this issue in Wednesday's issue of the *Enterprise*. Let them take their medicine.

CLOSE OF THE CAMPAIGN.

We have reached the close of a hard fought campaign. On Tuesday the Battle of the Ballots takes place, and on the result of this battle depends the future of the State and county. Shall our county and State be Democratic or Republican? Shall the affairs of our county be entrusted longer to a party that has demonstrated by practical experience that it is incapable of administering them to the interest of the tax-payers, and shall we indorse the policy of a party that is composed almost exclusively of an irresponsible and non-taxpaying element of our population? These are questions which the voter has to face when he goes to the polls to cast his vote on Tuesday, and these are the questions which make this election different in many respects from all other elections held in the county. The responsibility of the voter is a grave one. Upon his decision rests the preservation of his home and property interests. It must be remembered that a vote cast for the Republican ticket means an indorsement of the financial policy of that party, and of the domination of the county government by a party that owes its existence to 1760 negroes who pay less than $2000 of the county's taxes and are guilty of four fifths of its crimes. We do not believe that the people of the county are willing to endorse such policies any longer, and they will manifest a desire for such a change as will place the affairs of the county in the hands of competent officials by casting a vote for the entire Democratic ticket. The questions involved in the approaching election are of too much importance to cause any Democrat to swerve from his duty. The Republicans have saddled upon the county an outrageous tax rate of $1.35; they have spent the tax-payers' money in ways that have been of the least possible benefit to these tax-payers, and they have fostered a spirit of lawlessness and idleness that will make life and property unsafe in the county should they win this election. A much more deplorable condition of affairs could scarcely exist. No Democratic administration of the county's affairs ever produced such a condition, and if the Republican party in four years has brought the county to such a state, where will we be at the end of another four years of Republican rule. Everybody realizes the importance of a change. The best thinking Republicans admit it, and will vote for a change by voting for the candidates on the Democratic ticket. We believe Kent county will be Democratic after November 3, but we must not be over confident. Every Democrat in the county must do his duty. Do not simply go to the polls and vote the Democratic ticket yourself but take some one else with you to do the same thing. Do not think the Democrats will win without your vote. Go out to the polls and vote a straight Democratic ticket. Put your **X** opposite the name of every Democrat on the State and county ticket and that will mean a vote for good government. The party is thoroughly united and aroused to the necessity of putting an end to extravagance and lawlessness. But let us make the victory decisive by voting for *every* man on the Democratic ticket from Warfield to Melvin. Let the cry be "Remember that **$1.35** tax rate," and stamp it out with your vote. The Democrats have fought a good fight, they have conducted a clean campaign, endeavoring to enlighten the minds of the voters upon the true conditions of our county's affairs, without resorting to vituperation and abuse, and every one of the party's candidates are all the more worthy of the support of every citizen who loves good government. Vote a straight Democratic ticket.

NO BETTER or more economical administration has been seen in the entire history of the State than the present Democratic administration. The financial affairs have been so well and carefully managed that the State debt has been practically wiped out, and the next General Assembly will be able, as a result of this care to reduce the State tax to a minimum, or what is better, do away with it altogether. This excellent showing is entirely due to the ability of the Board of Public works which is composed of the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer. Why should there be any necessity for a change to the scenes of 1896 and 1898? The legislation, passed by the General Assembly during these four years of Democratic rule has been of such a character as to commend it to all clear-minded citizens, not biased by political prejudice. In fact all that the Republicans have been able to bring against the Democrats as a reason for a change in the party administration of the State has been the alleged unfairness of the Ballot Law. They would like to change this Ballot Law in such a way as to enable every ignorant and non-taxpaying negro in the State to vote it with such ease as to perpetuate the Republican party in power. They want a ballot law that will make the intelligent and taxpaying vote of far less importance in an election than the negroes who put them in power, and a vote for Baker, Trew and Smyth will assist very materially in this plan. The Republican legislative ticket, Baker for the Senate, and Trew and Smyth for the House of Delegates, if elected, will be compelled to vote for such a Ballot Law as will assist the ignorant negro to mark his ballot all the more easily and which will make it absolutely impossible for the Democrats to gain another election in Kent county or the State of Maryland. This State must be a white man's State, it must be governed by white people, and it will be if the intelligent voters of the county will see to it that Foxwell, Atkinson and Gibbs are sent to the next legislature to help make it so. Democrats by all means elect your Democratic legislative ticket, Foxwell, Atkinson and Gibbs, and thereby preclude the possibility of the State falling into incompetent hands and McComas, of Force Bill fame, being returned to the U. S. Senate.

BETTING in Baltimore city is 2 to 1 in favor of the election of the Democratic State ticket.

VOTERS, you cannot solve this race question unless you send Democrats to the legislature next winter. Therefore vote for Foxwell, Atkinson and Gibbs, who will assist in maintaining white supremacy in the State and County.

MR. WARFIELD'S POSITION ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

In his speech at Centreville on Oct. 20th, Mr. Warfield dwelt particularly upon the Public School System. Among other things he said:

"I believe that the public schools of the State should be kept free from political influences. Our schools are for the children of the whole people.

"If I am elected Governor, and I believe I will be, I shall see that the school commissioners are men of the highest character, and whatever appointments I may make will be with a view to bringing about such a result. I will want men of ability, men interested in public education, and their political affiliations and activities shall not be a condition precedent to their appointment.

"In order to encourage competent and intelligent persons to enter and remain in the ranks of the profession, adequate salaries should be paid to teachers, and not a renumeration—as in many cases—less than that paid to janitors and persons occupying such positions in the public service. The Legislature should fix a minimum salary for the teachers, to be placed as high as all the conditions of the problem will admit.

NEGROES AS LAW-BREAKERS.

The negro vote in the State of Maryland comprises nearly one-half of the entire Republican vote. In 1895, 11,026 negroes were arrested in Baltimore city, in 1897, 12,160, and for this year up to Sept. 30, more than 8,000 had been arrested. Since 1895 there have been 98,055 negroes arrested in Baltimore, *within a few thousand of the total Republican vote of the State.*

At the last session of the Circuit Court for Kent county, there were eight cases against negroes for disorderly conduct, stealing, etc. Each of these cases could and should have been settled in the magistrates' court. The decision of the magistrates' court was affirmed in each case, proving conclusively that there was no reason for such appeals, except to increase the tax-payers burdens. Not a single one of these culprits pay one cent of taxes, and yet every year the tax-payers are forced to pay *twice* for one offence. It is high time that the people of Kent county were waking up to such a state of affairs. So long as the Republican party, of which the negro is by far the greater part in Kent county, remains in power, so long will the tax-payers be burdened with the payment for the negro's lawlessness. This is not a question of politics. It is a question of economy and every honest man, whether a Democrat or Republican owes it to his county to put a stop to this thing. The only way to do it is to deprive such negroes of the right of franchise, and the only way to accomplish this purpose is to send Democratic representatives—Foxwell, Gibbs and Atkinson—to the Maryland Legislature, who will vote for the white man's supremacy and good government. The negro who owns property and pays his taxes is, as a rule, a lawabiding citizen, and we admit that *his* vote is a proper vote, but the negro who does not pay one cent of tax, and commits the greater part of the county's crime is the negro who has no right to a vote, nor to the enjoyment of any privilege to which he does not contribute a penny. These are the class of negroes who will make life and property unsafe in Kent county should the Republican party win at the approaching election. Their own people admit it, and the white Republicans admit it. The only thing then for the white people of Kent county to do is to rise up in their might and stamp out this element of our population by voting against Baker, Trew and Smyth. Make them know their places by curtailing their unmerited rights and privileges.

STEVENSON A. WILLIAMS.

His Record in the State Senate.

Mr. Williams was in the State Senate when the Federal census frauds were undertaken and exposed. He knew the full extent of the infamous fraud that had been attempted, of the great wrong which such a padded census would work upon the people of this State, and yet, knowing all this, he stood by it and voted with his party to bind this padded and false census, with its false representations, upon the people of Maryland.

"Another thing he knew—he knew that there had been an influx of negroes toward our State from the Southern States. In West Virginia they have captured the State almost beyond redemption. He knew the conditions in the gas-ridden State of Delaware, and he knew what the effect would be of the provision we had drawn providing that when a negro came into this State he must go before the clerk of the court and make affidavit of his intention to become a permanent resident here before he was entitled to vote. This provision, drawn by that distinguished lawyer and sterling citizen, John P. Poe, he knew, was the one way to check this colonization of negroes within our State; the one way to check this influx from the South, to maintain the rights of the white people in our lower counties—yet Mr. Williams, knowing this, sat in the Senate and combatted it, fought for the negro against the white man and followed his party's lead, in spite of his knowledge of the circumstances.

Election Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the General Election will be held in the several election districts or precincts of Kent county, between the hours of eight (8) o'clock in the morning and six (6) o'clock in the evening, on

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1903,

The places wherein such Election upon the date aforementioned will be held in the respective Districts or Precincts, are as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT,
Millington Precinct,
G. O. CACY'S STOREHOUSE, MILLINGTON,
ON SASSAFRAS STREET.

FIRST DISTRICT.
Galena Precinct,
BAND HALL, GALENA.

SECOND DISTRICT,
FIRST PRECINCT,
AL L. P. KELLEY'S STORE, Kennedyville.

SECOND DISTRICT,
SECOND PRECINCT,
AT HOTEL, KENNEDYVILLE.

THIRD DISTRICT,
H. E. COOPER'S STORE, WORTON STATION.

FOURTH DISTRICT,
FIRST PRECINCT,
COURT HOUSE, CHESTERTOWN.

FOURTH DISTRICT,
SECOND PRECINCT,
J. F. Thompson's Store Room, High Street, Chestertown.

FIFTH DISTRICT,
FIRST PRECINCT,
B. F. MORRIS' HOUSE, ROCK HALL.

FIFTH DISTRICT,
SECOND PRECINCT,
SAMUEL BURGESS' CARRIAGE BAZAAR, EDESVILLE.

SIXTH DISTRICT,
WALTER B. BARNES' STORE, FAIRLEE.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.
WM. S. SCOONE'S STORE, POMONA.

Said election is to be held for the purpose of voting for public officers as follows:

One person to be Governo rof the State of Maryland.

One person to be Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Maryland.

One person to be Attorney-General for the State of Maryland.

One person to represent Kent county in the Maryland State Senate.

Two persons to represent Kent county in the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland.

One person to be Clerk of Kent County for the term of six years.

One person to be Treasurer of Kent County for the term of two years.

Three persons to be Judges of the Orphans' Court for the term of four years.

Three persons to be County Commissioners of Kent Connty for the term of four years.

One person to be Sheriff of Kent County for the term of two years.

One person to be State's Attorney for Kent County for the term of four years.

One person to be Surveyor of Kent County for the term of two years.

The Return Judges shall make their returns before twelve (12) o'clock noon, the second day after the election, that is to say, before noon Thursday, following the Tuesday of the election, in the manner prescribed by the law, to the clerk of the Circuit Court, to the County Commissioners, to the Board of Supervisors of Elections and to the Register of Wills of the county aforesaid.

By order,

J. RAYMOND BOWERS, Pres't:
D. J. McCAULEY,
JOHN C. DAVIS.

JOSIAH MASSEY, Clerk.

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