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DR. SILAS B. SOUTHERLAND, one of the most distinguished members of the Maryland Conference Methodist Protestant Church, is a candidate for Chaplain of the Maryland Senate. Dr. Southerland is well-known to all the prominent people of the State, having been the Chaplain of the Senate during the last session of the Legislature. He would make a most excellent officer.

A ROUSING meeting of Anne Arundel Democrats in the interest of Hon. Isidor Rayner as a candidate for the United States Senate, was held in Annapolis on Tuesday. It was attended by many of the most prominent Democrats in that county and they were outspoken in favor of Mr. Rayner for that high office. Resolutions were offered praying the legislative ticket to vote for Rayner, and it is the belief that he will secure a part if not all of the Anne Arundel delegation. Other meetings of equal importance are being held all over the State.

A RESOLUTION significant of the policy to be adopted by the present Board of County Commissioners, was offered by Commissioner Harry Davis and adopted by the Board at its first meeting on Tuesday. The resolution is to the effect that no bills shall be passed or work authorized to be done until an investigation of the affairs of the county has been made. The Board acted very wisely in adopting such a resolution, as it will convince the people that the present Commissioners propose to conduct the affairs of the office as they should be conducted.

DR. JAMES W. CAIN, president of Washington College, has a letter in another column explaining in full the occurrence at the college on Sunday evening week. It is unfortunate that one of our local papers should attach such importance to the affair as to give it the name of hazing, especially as the papers have been full of the disgraceful acts of schools students lately. The occurrence was such as any college student may indulge in when actuated by the spirit of fun, and the fact that other students were treated in precisely the same manner as was the young man who had protested so strenuously is evidence of the fact that there was no attempt at hazing. The occurrence was simply a foolish prank to which college students are liable, and which should be stopped. We are quite sure that Dr. Cain was fully equal to the task of dealing with the offenders without the forced intervention of a police justice. Dr. Cain's letter will be found on the 8th page of this issue.

Ex-Comptroller Smith's Views.

"Ex-Comptroller Marion de Kalb Smith, of Kent county, was in town yesterday. He said:

"I believe the members-elect of the General Assembly from Kent county will favor Governor Smith for United States Senator. There is a great amount of fuss being made by certain people in behalf of Mr. Rayner in Kent, but it will not accomplish anything."—Baltimore *Herald* of Dec. 4.

The *Herald* has recently become the official organ of Hon. Marion deK. Smith, the defeated leader of his faction of the Democratic party in Kent. Mr. Smith evidently has no regard whatever for the overwhelming sentiment of the intelligent voters of Kent who are in favor of Hon. Isidor Rayner for the U. S. Senate.

THE NEW COUNTY MANAGEMENT.

The newly elected county officials were sworn into office on Tuesday. From our personal acquaintance with all of these officials, we are quite sure that our new management will exert every effort to give the people of the county a clean and thorough administration. The new officials are assuming control of the county at a critical period in its history, and upon their conduct of affairs in a large measure depends the future of Democratic control. Every official act of every officer will be watched with the closest scrutiny, and it therefore behooves every official to consider not only his personal interests, but the party's good in the future. Our county has not had a more competent body of officials than the present corp, and by reason of the business ability and their character as citizens, we feel sure that they will exert every effort to give the county's affairs their closest and most thorough attention. The TRANSCRIPT congratulates our officials upon their induction into office and we bespeak for them a profitable and prosperous administration of the county's affairs.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Perhaps it would be interesting to the taxpayers of the couty to know just what is the amount of indebtedness left by the retiring Republican Board of County Commissioners. An inspection of the books of the office by Commissioner Harry Davis and clerk Charles L. Dodd on Thursday, showed that the retiring Board leaves an indebtedness of $42,102.81 for the six months from June 2, 1903 to December 2, 1903, made up in the following manner:

Certificates issued to the amount of..	$40.401.81
Orders issued	1,701.03
Total	$42,102.81

Total expenditures for the past six months.

Certificates issued to the amount of..	$40.401.78
Orders issued	4,441.58
Cash Paid	2,151.32
Interest due on Debts	1,701 03
Total	$48,695.71

For the same period—from June 2, 1902 to Dec. 2, 1902 the Board expended $36,211.83.

Total expenditures for the same period this year $48,695.71—a difference of $12,483.88.

THE "MAJORITY" ARGUMENT.

The fact that Governor Smith beat Mr. Rayner 1816 votes in the entire State when one was a candidate for Governor and the other for Attorney General in 1900, is a very poor argument by which to measure the popularity of the two distinguished gentlemen. When Gov. Smith was a candidate for Governor, his home county, Worcester, gave him a majority of 1000; this year when the Governor exerted every effort to carry his county, it gave him a majority of only 400, when the normal Democratic majority in Worcester is between 600 and 800. It would seem, therefore, according to the argument of the *Kent News* in its last issue, that Gov. Smith is not so popular at home as he was in 1900. Gov. Brown's majority over Hon. Marion deK. Smith in 1891 was considerably more than was that of Governor Smith over Mr. Rayner in 1900, but that does not signify Mr. Smith's unpopularity. Gov. Warfield's majority over Hon. W. S. Bryan in the last election was larger than was Gov. Smith's over Mr. Rayner in 1900, but that does not signify Mr. Bryan's unpopularity. There is quite a difference between the Governorship and the Attorney-Generalship. The best and surest way to test the popularity of Gov. Smith and Mr. Rayner is in their present capacity as candidates for the U. S. Senate, and if the choice of a U. S. Senator could be dicided by a direct vote of the people, Rayner's majority would be away above *1816 votes* The most significent proof of this fact is the overwhelming sentiment that exists in our own county as well as throughout the entire State for Rayner. No, the whole thing about the U. S. Senatorship is just this. It is not a question of popularity. If it were, Mr. Rayner would have a walkover. It is simply an "argument" between the politicians and the people. Gov. Smith is the "pet" of the politicians and Mr. Rayner is the "pet" of the people. The politicians are moving heaven and earth to elect Smith, the people are clamoring for Rayner. The question is who will win? The people should, and we believe they will.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

MESSRS. EDITORS—Now that the Democrats are in possession of the Board of County Commissioners, the strictest economy is demanded and the people expect it. From the report of the expert and from the knowledge of every person who drives the public roads, as well as statements made by farmers from one end of the county to the other, it is likely that the Republicans during the last three months of their holding power have left a very large political road indebtedness against the County. Before our new commissioners begin work it strikes the ordinary taxpayer that they should ask a full investigation so that they may show every dollar that was owed by the county on Dec. 1st, 1903. If hereafter any bills come in, let the page or pages on which said accounts are kept show what part of said bills were due prior to Dec. 1st, 1903, and what part was incurred after that date. All bills subsequent to Dec., 1st, 1903, ought to be seperate and apart from all bills, or any part of bills incurred prior to that date.

The taxpayers expect our present board in 1904 to declare a rate of $1.35 or whatever rate in excess may be necessary to wipe out the present accumulated indebtedness left by the Republicans. It will come hard the first year. But in 1905, when the Republican debt is cleared away, some light will come through the cloud and perhaps the rate will be reduced to a normal one, and the people freed from the past and present blight of Republican misrule.

One of the best things that can be suggested is the publication in our county papers of the minutes of the board of County Commissioners each week, showing an itemized account as we pass through the year. The tax payers thus know just how the people's money is spent. Heretofore it has been impossible for the papers to get this information. But Democrats invite publicity, and this information will be an advantage to all of us in the future.

TAX-PAYER.

CHRIST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.
9.30 A. M. Love Feast.
10.30 A. M. Sacramental Service.
2.30 P. M. Sunday School.
6.45 P. M. Christian Workers' Hour of Song.
7.30 P. M. The Congregation will worship in the M. E. Church in the final services of the Union meeting.

COUNTY AFFAIRS IN NEW HANDS.

The new county officials were sworn into office on Tuesday and for the first time since 1897 the entire county administration is in the hands of the Democratic party. All of the officials except the Clerk to the Circuit Court and State's Attorney took the oath of office, and these two officials, Messrs. Dixon and Beck, will be sworn into office by Judge Pearce today. The new Board of Commissioners, Messrs. Louis Ayres, Bradford C. Dudley, Harry Davis, Alfred C. Loud and Perry B. Rasin, organized by electing Alfred C. Loud President, Charles L. Dodd, Clerk, and Lewin W. Wickes, Esq., counsel to the Board. Dr. H. G. Simpers was appointed Health Officer to succeed Dr. Messick, the present officer. Messrs. Ayres and Rasin are the holdover members of the Board.

We are confident that this Board of County Commissioners will give the county a thorough and business-like administration. They are all business men of excellent ability, and with the assistance of their clerk and the advice of their counsel, they will legislate in the very best interests of the tax-payers, whose servants they are. The three newly elected members of the board will serve for four years; the two hold-over members' term expires in 1905.

The newly elected members of the Orphan's Court, Messrs. John H. Simpers, John P. Nicholson and E. S. Morris, also organized and assumed control of their office. By the designation of Gov. John Walter Smith, Mr. John H. Simpers assumed the Chief Judgeship. The people of the county may rest assured of an excellent administration from this court. They are all men of excellent business capacity and fine address.

Register of Wills J. Elwood Morris, qualified before Clerk Dixon and named Mr. William H. Ford as his deputy. Mr. Morris bonded for office to the sum of $7,000. The retiring register, Mr. Hurlock, has proven himself a very efficient officer and will leave the affairs of the office in good shape. Mr. Morris will undoubtedly prove a worthy successor, and if there are any phases of the business with which he may not be familiar, his very efficient deputy, Mr. Ford, will furnish him valuable assistance.

Sheriff Keyser took the oath of office and moved his family into his new quarters in the jail on Wednesday. The sheriff bonded in the sum of $25,000, and named Mr. Samuel Start, Jr, as his deputy. Ex-Sheriff Fletcher has removed to his farm in Broad Neck. The people of Chestertown regret so much to lose the genial Sheriff and his mother from our midst. He has not only proven himself to be a most capable and obliging officer, but he has been a worthy and valuable citizen and such citizens are a loss to any community. We feel quite sure, however, that his successor, Sheriff Keyser, and his estimable family will prove themselves worthy to come after the genial Ex-Sheriff, and that Sheriff Keyser will make a most efficient officer.

Treasurer Hadaway will not take charge of his office until July 1st, 1904.

James T. Dixon, our "new" Clerk needs no introduction. He and our County Surveyor, Milton Melvin, are well-known for thier ability, affable manner, and stability and they have proven themselves worthy to enjoy the further confidence of the people.

W. W. Beck, Esq, the State's Attorney, will give the office his closest attention. He is one of our rising young lawyers and we feel sure that he will use his best efforts to represent our County with dignity and honor on all occassions.

Now the county goes forth on a new mission—to foster and perpetuate competent and businesslike methods in the administration of the county's affairs—and with such officials in our offices, the public have a right to expect a clean and thorough administration. We are confident that our officers will not betray the trust reposed in them.

Bilious Colic Prevented.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be warded off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by M. A. Toulson, Druggist.

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50c to $1.50.

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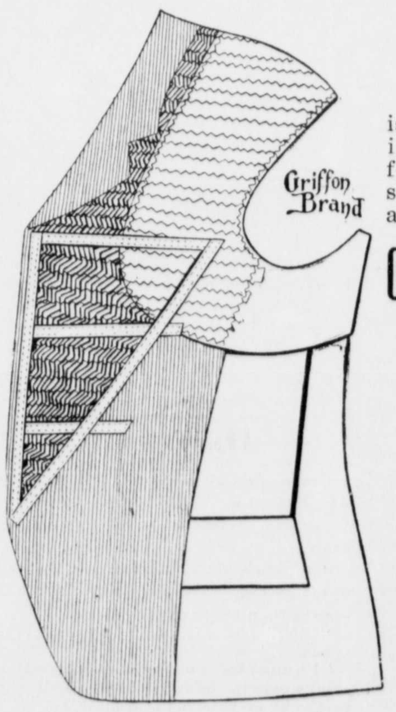

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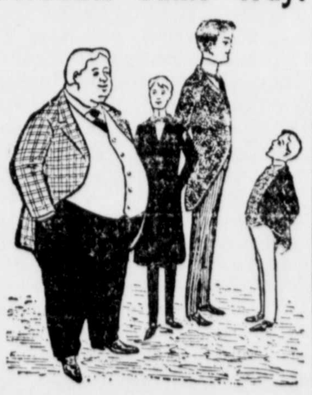

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Nov. 5, 1903. Directly Opposite Court House.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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Call and Get BARGAINS.

Carriages.

Were	$90.00,	now	$80.00
"	75.00.	now	65.00
"	65.00,	now	57.00
"	55.00	now	50.00

Extension Top.

Were 130.00 now 100.00

Farm Wagons.

Were	45.00	now	40.00
"	35.00	now	30.00

Dearborn.

Was 42.50 now 35.00

Corn Sheller.

Was 6.50 now 5.25

Grain Fan.

Long Handle Shovel.

Was 60 cts. now 45 cts.

Short Handle Shovels.

Were 60 cts. now 45 cts.

STOVES.

Were	$20.00	NOW	$19.00
Were	$18.50	NOW	$17.00
Were	$14.50	NOW	$13.00
Were	$12.00	NOW	$11.00

RANGES.

Were	$20.00	NOW	$18.50
Were	$16.00	NOW	$15.00
Were	$15.00	NOW	$14.00

AIR TIGHT FROM $2.50 UP.

Saddles, were $5 now $4. $7.50 now $6.

Runabouts.

Were	50.00	now	42.00
Were	45.00	now	37.00
Were	40.00	now	35.00
Were	35.00	now	30.00

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