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FOR PRESIDENT:

HON. ARTHUR P. GORMAN,

OF MARYLAND.

BOTH HOUSES of the General Assembly have passed the Disfranchisement Act. The bill now goes to the Governor for his signature. The act submits the Constitutional Amendment to the voters of the State at the fall election of 1905.

THE "Jim Crow" bill came up in the Senate on Thursday and passed to a third reading without amendment. The bill applies to the whole State but through trains that do not carry passengers between local points, are exempted.

FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL BRISTOW is making things lively for our Republican friends in both the Senate an House of Representatives, and in return some of the Senator's and members of the House of Representatives are making things pretty lively for the General.

THE RUSSIAN-JAP WAR at present has the appearance of a calm before a great storm. Both powers are mobilizing their forces preparatory to a decisive attack and it will be unlike the sagacity of the Japanese nation if Russia does not receive a severe set-back in the charge. Our readers will find some very interesting information concerning Japan and Russia in other columns of this issue.

THE BILL to amend the charter of Chestertown is given on the front page of this issue. We received the bill too late to give it sufficient study to write an extended editorial concerning its provisions. A hasty perusal, however, leads us to believe that the bill in its present shape greatly enlarges the powers of the town bailiff, curtails the perogatives and privileges of the sheriff and constables and places the office of the Police Justice in the power of the Board of Town Commissioners. Should this bill be allowed to pass in its present shape, and should the town ever have an incompetent bailiff, as well as an incompetent board of commissioners, a great injustice will be done the offices of the sheriff, constables and Police Justice of the county. We do not think the bill in its present shape should pass.

REPEAL THE MORTGAGE TAX.

The Baltimore *Sun* in discussing the necessity for the repeal of the tax on mortgages very properly says:

"The mortgage tax is a double tax because the owner of the property on which money is raised with mortgage as security pays the tax on the property and the lender of the money pays a tax for the privilege of lending. All borrowers on mortgage, in order to get accommodation, must pay a higher rate of interest than the market calls for, because the lender is compelled under penalty to pay the mortgage tax. This rule can never be varied and therefore the real person who is injured by this unjust tax is not the money lender, but the unfortunate borrower."

While it may be true that a certain sum of money is paid into the county treasury yearly by reason of the tax on mortgages, the excess of tax would be so inappreciable as practically to be ineffective. The mortgage tax is a burden imposed just where it should not be imposed—upon the borrower of the money, who, were it not for the existence of the tax, could borrow money at a lower rate of interest and thereby save the now necessary expenditure of an additional tax. Taxation always falls most heavily upon those who are least able to bear it, and anything that has a tendency to relieve the condition of the tax payer should meet with the hearty approval, not only of our representatives in the Legislature, but of the press and public. We believe in the greatest good to the greatest number.

A SPLENDID PLATFORM.

Senator John W. Daniel, the noted orator and statesman of Virginia, delivered a most splendid address at the annual banquet of the Virginia Democratic Association, held last Saturday night in honor of Thomas Jefferson. He declared that the Democratic party is not bound to affirm any of its past platforms in order to meet popular approval and win the fight. The platform as outlined by Senator Daniel will find a hearty response in the mind of every Democrat whose greatest desire is party harmony and party success, rather than sticking to issues that have become obsolete with the passing of events. The greatest need of the national Democratic party to-day is to get together and stay together on such a platform as will suit as near as possible all conditions of labor, capital and good government. Outlining a platform, Senator Daniel said:

"Put in your platform the things that all Democrats favor, and let the other things take care of themselves. The party stands for light taxes and an economical administration of the Government. Say so. The party stands for tariff reform, and I tell you right now if the Democrats do not declare for a reform in tariff administration in 1904, the Republicans will in 1905. Let us make the demand a part of our creed.

"Some people say we must affirm the platforms of 1896 and 1900. To this I answer that the party was nearly a hundred years old and getting along pretty well before these platforms were ever heard of, and it can live another hundred years without mention of the fact that they ever were adopted.

"I am a get-together Democrat, and I am in favor of putting everybody out of the party that doesn't come into the battle with the purpose of fighting it out on that line. There will be no lack of leaders or candidates. We could find one near to Washington without going outside the adjoining State of Maryland who has every needed attribute to guide the party to a glorious victory."

This platform has certainly struck the key-note of party success in the fall, and the Democrat who cannot stand upon such principles cannot desire the success of his party at the approaching national election.

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS.

STATE HOUSE, Annapolis, Mch. 9, '04.

Mr. Atkinson on Wednesday introduced a bill in the House to increase the corporate limits of the town of Galena in Kent county.

Mr. Gibbs on the same day introduced a bill in the House to compel the owners of mares to pay stud fees.

Mr. Atkinson has been asked to introduce a bill which he has not yet received, to incorporate a trust company in Kent county.

The bill for the new charter of Chestertown is still somewhere on the files.

Mr. Atkinson is in receipt of an enormous petition from Rock Hall asking him to have the law with regard to purse net fishing changed and extended so that the line may be drawn from Still Pond Creek to Rumney Creek in Harford county, instead of as it is now, from Handy's Point to Richet's Point. This bill is being engrossed.

When the mortgage tax bill was recommitted last Thursday there was every reason to believe it would pass when again submitted to a vote. Since then it is said that some of the county members who voted for the bill have been importuned by former constituents to vote aginst the appeal. A poll was taken today by one of the friends of the bill, who reported that it lacks half a dozen votes and that it was therefore inadvisable to take it up again at this time.

The measure will, therefore, be allowed to rest for the time being. If it should again fail for want of a constitutional majority the bill will be dead. The advocates of the repeal therefore do not purpose to take any chances.

Mr. Atkinson spoke in favor of the repeal of this law when the bill was considered last week, making quite an effective speech. Most of the Eastern Shore people favor the mortgage tax and are fighting and trading against the bill very generally, which makes Mr. Atkinson's vote and speech rather sharply in contrast with the course of his fellows from the Eastern Shore.

ANNAPOLIS CORRESPONDRNT.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. Leeds Barroll, Esq., of Philadelphia, has been the guest of his brother, Hope H. Barroll, Esq., at his home near town, during the week.

Dr. G. Allen Jarman, who had been quite unwell for a week or more, is greatly improved at this writing.

Mr. John Shuster, of Wilmington, Del., has been the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. F. Russell, on Spring avenue during the week.

Mr. Wm. A. Hyland and son, of Galena, have been visiting Mr. Hyland's son in Wilmington, Del.

It would be almost impossible for us to name all those who have been afflicted with la grippe. Doctors report more sickness at pr sent than for years past.

Mr. F. H. Harper, of near Still Pond, has decided to discontinue farming and devote all his attention to his large store in Still Pond. He has rented his farm to Mr. John N. Bennett, who will till it in connection with the farm where Mr. Bennett now resides.

Mrs. G. E. Noland, of Tolchester, has been quite sick during the week with a severe cold.

Dr. H. L. Dodd has been able during the week to attend to his professional duties.

Mr. George B. Twilley, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is able to be out.

Miss Ollie Beauchamp, who is employed with Armstrong, Cator & Co., left on Monday morning for LaCross, Va., where she holds a lucrative position.

Misses Jennie Copper and Mae Hurlock also left for their respective fields of labor in the South this week.

Sydney P. Townshend, Esq., referee in bankruptcy, had professional engagements in Denton, Easton and Cambridge this week.

Miss Jennie Hines has been substituting as teacher in the Chestertown Public School during the week in place of Miss Fannie Stuart, who has been quite sick at her home on Queen street.

Deputy-postmaster Wm. H. Lambert, Jr., has been confined to the house with la grippe during the week. Postmaster Thomas is being assisted by Mr. J. Allie Thomes and Henry Brown.

Misses Sterling and Dryden, of Crisfield, have been the guests of Rev. Mrs. Theo. Beauchamp, of Still Pond.

Miss Matthews, assistant teacher in Still Pond Public School, has been quite sick for some days, necessitating the closing of her room.

Mr. Samuel A. J. Harrison and Miss Bertie Collyer were married at the M. E. Parsonage in Rock Hall on Sunday evening by Rev. Warren Burr.

Mrs. Wm. L. Fowler and daughter, Catherine, are the guests of relatives and friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. S. W. Thomas, who has been quite sick at her home on Washington aveuue for sometime, was reported slightly improved yesterday, we are glad to state.

Mr. George Gladhill, who rents a little truck farm in Queen Anne's near Chester bridge, is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. He is able to be down stairs at present.

Mrs. Helen Kent Shaw and daughter, of New York, are spending some time in Chestertown.

There were three bridal couples on the Emma A. Ford on Tuesday from Baltimore.

Mrs. Charles Ruggles Landon, of Chicago, is visiting Miss Margaret Bell.

Miss Katie Truitt gave a pleasa n birthday party to a few of her friends at her home near town yesterday evening.

Colonel Washington Bowie announced the marriage of his daughter, Mary George, to Mr. Franklin Platt Canby, on Thursday, February 25th, 1904, Ellicott City, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Canby will be at home at Bayside, Betterton, after March 15th.

Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort, who has been spending the winter with her daughters, Mrs. J. J. Sheppard and Mrs. H. S. Rayner, in Chicago and Baltimore, returned to her home in Chestertown on Thursday.

Miss Josie Redue has been quite ill at her home on Front street during the week.

Mrs. Wm. Morris has been on the sick list during the week.

FROM FLINTVILLE.

The probable situation in the Japan-Russian war is that more serious complications may yet arise at any moment. Notwithstanding the Japs seem to have a better military training and are decidedly the better strategists in war, they are meeting with the success that it was at first thought they would. However, the present indications point to a prolonged struggle and of other nations becoming involved in it. Indeed there seems to be a crisis approaching in the far "East" that will place the whole Asiatic littoral in a state of revolution. The recent revolt of 1600 Albanians in the district of Kiakana against the Turkish government presages trouble in the Sultan's domain and what the end will be is beyond the apprehension of the most intelligent observers at this time. The precipitant actions of men and nations has caused the world lots of unnecessary trouble and expense and what is all the more strange about it is that the progress of nineteen centuries of Christian civilization has not obliterated the luster of war and conquest from the hearts and minds of civilizep people.

War was conceived in heathenism and nurtured on infidelity and the disobedience to the laws of God and altruism. It is the most expensive and degrading evil under the sun. It costs $2740 to kill a man in war, to say nothing of the heartaches and hardships that must and do result from the iniquitous practice. There are a class of men in the official life of the world that have become so pragmatic in hunting trouble that they can always manage to gratify their morbid appetites on the dead and dying of the battlefields. With the same instinct that vultures flock to carrion—men rush into war.

I do not question the right of nations in protecting their own, nor disclaim the authority to resist when invasion has been made upon our rights, but we should be careful lest selfishness establish a precedent that would cause others to tumble into the abyss of war. I hope all who may chance to read this will not misconstrue one word, nor contemplate the meaning as in opposition to the lawful methods of procedure in maintaining territorial rights, but rather as an incentive to the more peaceful settlement of disputes in the whole catalogue of governmental affairs. It would seem that the present struggle between the two nations in question has been brought on by purely selfish motives—the bone of contention being Manchuria, which the Russian bear so to speak has had dominion over lo, these many years.

Japan finding her 4000 islands too small a foundation on which to build her prospective future prosperity, is seeking to secure the coveted prize by right of conquest and expand herself according to the imperialistic policy of some of the other civilized countries. Of course there is time, and a possibility of some concession being agreed to by both sides that will bring about a peaceful settlement of the disputed territory, and I believe there will, and in the meantime I would advise our readers to refrain from taking side with either of the nations in a demonstrative way, but that they will review the matter sensibly and thus maintain a strictly impartial position. This will tend to keep public opinion from running wild as it did in the Cuban war and thus sustain the neutrality of our government.

I have sympathy for the unfortunate ones that must suffer the pangs of the cruel hand of war, and while we may be reaping benefits in the way of better prices for our products the condition of affairs over there is to be deplored by every son and daughter of a peace-loving country.

C. R. H.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Miss Mary Sylvester, of Hillsboro, Caroline county, has become a student of the Normal department.

Prof. E. J. Clark has been quite unwell during the week. It is hoped that the professor may soon be able to resume his class work.

Mr. T. S. Pattison was taken home last Wednesday. He is too sick to be without constant attendance and the authorities thought best to send for his mother to take him back to Easton, where the young student lives. He is not regarded in any danger at all.

Mr. H. Porter, who attended the convention of the Inter-State Y. M. C. A. at Cumberland returned last Tuesday. Mr. Porter will deliver the address at the joint meeting of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., to-morrow at four o'clock in the chapel. Dr. Cain was the principal speaker last Sunday.

The Mt. Vernon hall was the scene of a lively debate last Saturday evening. The subject: "Resolved, that the U. S. should help Japan in her struggle with Russia." The affirmative speakers were Messrs. Bryan, Toulson and Jester, while the negative side was upheld by Messrs. Bordley, Davis and Garey. The judges rendered the decision in favor of the negative.

The baseball diamond is to be scraped next week and Manager Smith will in all probability begin the erection of new seats to accommodate the spectators. The first game is to be played the last day of this month, with Syracuse University, of New York. The first team has not yet begun practice, but Capt. Ward, of the second team, has had his men out this week and in about a week he will have his team picked.

A PLEA FOR SONG BIRDS.

The winter is over and the song birds, the harbingers of spring, are making their appearance throughout the State. Song birds are insectiverous birds, hence apart from the pleasure they afford the ear of man, they are of great assistance to the farmer, gardner or fruit grower. In recognition of these facts the State of Maryland, in Chapter 206, of the Acts of 1898, has thrown around these beneficial agents due protection:

Chapter 206, Acts of 1898, Sec. 15H, names the birds as follows:

Sec. 15 H—No person shall, in this State at any time shoot or in any manner, catch or kill, expose for sale, sell or buy, or have in possession, alive or dead, any turkey-buzzard, wren, sparrow, blue bird, humming bird, blue-jay, migratory or other thrush, wood robin, red-breasted robin, martin, mocking bird, cat bird, swallow, oriole, red bird, lark, indigo bird, joe wink, pewis, sapsucker, whippoorwill, gold finch, yellow breasted chat, cedar bird, herring gull or mackeral gull or gull of any description, under a penalty of not less than one ($1) nor more than five ($5) dollars for each bird so shot, caught, killed, exposed for sale, sold, bought or had in possession; and no person shall, under like penalty, have in his or her possession, offer for sale or wear, the skins, plumage, wings or feathers of any of the birds, the catching or killing of which is prohibited by this Section; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to make it unlawful to shoot, catch or kill, or in any manner destroy, at any time, any hawk or other birds destructive to domestic poultry, or any English sparrow or crow, or blackbird; provided, that this section shall not apply to St. Mary's county and Calvert county; provided, that it shall be lawful to have mocking birds or red birds, or other song birds in cages, or stuffed specimens of any of said birds in educational institutions, or public or private museums.

The State Game Warden, Col. John W. Avirett, is urging all of the newspapers of the State to give publicity to the law and to assist in creating a sentiment in its favor which will insure respect for its every provision.

In the case of Calvert county there is no restriction as to the killing of these birds, except the mocking birds, and in St. Mary's the robin may, by local act, codified in Article 19, of the Code of 1898, be shot in that county, from October 1 to March 1. The game warden has asked the delegations from these counties to pass the necessary Act to have State law apply to these counties that there shall not be any section of the State where the killing of the song and insectiverous birds shall be legal. The support of the movement is general and the publicity given the law at this time will ensure its observance.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

AT PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming on The Kilpatrick Farm, near Lynch's Station, Kent county, will sell on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1904,

beginning at 10 A. M., the following Personal Property:

STOCK.

5 HEAD WORK HORSES,

ONE PAIR OF GOOD MULES,

1 Yoke Big Oxen, 6 Head Cows,

One Bull,

15 Head of Sheep, 16 Head of Hogs.

Farm Implements:

1 Farm Wagon, nearly new;
1 Dearborn, 1 Ox-Cart,
1 McCormick Binder, in good order;
1 Empire Wheat Drill, used two seasons;
1 Buckeye Mower, in good order;
1 Horse Rake, 1 Disc Harrow,
1 Little Diamond Caltivator,
1 Roller, 5 Rolls of Felt Roofing,
1 Hand Corn Sheller, 1 Grain Fan,
1 Block and Fall with Rope,
2 Two-Horse Plows, 1 3-Horse Plow,
1 Fifty-Tooth Twin Harrow,
2 One-Horse Plows, 3 Hand Cultivators,
2 Sets Wagon Harness, 5 Sets Plow Gears, 1 Set of Dearborn Harness,
7 Work Bridles, 7 Work Collars,
2 Three-Horse Trees, 3 2-Horse Trees,
Lot of Forks, Hoes and other things too numerous to mention.

Household and Kitchen Furniture.

1 Cook Stove, 1 Hot-Air Stove, 2 Sets of Chairs, 2 Tables, 3 Rolls of Matting and other things too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE.—All sums of $10 and under, cash on day of sale; all sums over that amount a credit of nine months will be given on note with approved security. No property whatever shall be removed from the premises and no title shall pass to the purchaser until the full terms of sale as above stated are complied with.

WM. T. CLARK.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Attorney.
CHAS. H. HURLOCK, Auct. m12-ts.

HERSHELL,

the Imported French Coach Stallion, will make the stud season of 1904 in Kent and Queen Anne's counties, commencing March 15th to June 25th.

Terms: $10 for the Season:
$20 to Insure.

Herschell is a bright bay 17 hands high and weighs 1400 pounds. The present owners have made a thorough canvass through Carroll, Howard and Baltimore counties and find Herschell has produced more and better colts than any other stallion ever traveled in the counties. Mr. George A Blizzard, Locust Grove, Carroll county, Stock Farm, the former owner, has several colts of his Mr. G. A. Blizzard will be glad to give any informrtion or would gladly show anyone the colts. His address is Eldersburg, Md. For pedigree write to

JOHN BELL,
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By April 1st we will have on hand the most complete stock of Lumber and Building Materials we have ever carried. This stock will consist of:

Georgia Pine Framing and Flooring.
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We hope to figure on your wants. Can assure you of right prices, having bought before the recent advances.

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Lowest prices consistent with best made goods. Prompt shipment to all steamboat landings. Many of the best farmers throughout Kent county use these goods.

Write or call on us.

TURNER & SON,

March 5, 1904. BETTERTON, MD.

SHERIFF'S SALE

—OF—

Valuable TRACT OF LAND.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Circuit Court for Kent County, at the suit of John D. Urie against the goods and chattles, lands and tenements of Alexander Wilson and David Wilson, and to me directed, I have entered upon, seized and taken into execution all the right, title and interest of said Alexander Wilson in the following property to wit:

All That Tract of LAND

lying and being in the Third Election District on the road leading from Smithville to St. James Church, and adjoining what is known as the Samuel L. Usilton land, and

Contains Five ACRES OF LAND

more or less, together with the improvements thereon; the said land being the same property which was conveyed to Alexander Wilson and John H. Wilson by Louis Stewart, by deed dated January 2d, 1896, and recorded in Liber S. G. F. No. 4, folio 168 of the land records of said Kent County, and I hereby give notice that on

TUESDAY, March 15, 1904,

at 11 30 o'clock A. M., in front of the Court House door, in Chestertown, I will sell all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Alexander Wilson, to the highest bidder for cash, in and to said property to satisty said writ, debt, interest and cost due and to become due thereon.

THOMAS J. FLETCHER,
f6-ts. Late Sheriff of Kent county.

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HIS COLTS ARE ALL LARGE AND SHOW GREAT SPEED.

TERMS—$25.00 for season; $50.00 to insure. Pedigree upon application.

Wm. A. Bell, Owner.

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HOPE H. BARROLL, Att'y.

ORDER NISI.

James H. Ringgold, colored,
vs.
Benjamin Ringgold.

In the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity.

No. 1513.

ORDERED this 26th day of February, 1904, by Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the sale of the mortgaged Real Estate of Benjamin Ringgold, deceased, made and reported by Hope H. Barroll, attorney and trustee, under power in mortgage from Benjamin Ringgold to James H. Ringgold, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 2nd day of May, 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 30th day of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $400.00.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
f27-4t. JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

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