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FOR PRESIDENT:

HON. ARTHUR P. GORMAN,

OF MARYLAND.

THE HAMAN OYSTER BILL, in such an emasculated form as to be almost a stranger to its father, passed both Houses of the Legislature on Monday. What is left of it will likely become a law.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION for the First Congressional District, to nominate a candidate for Congress will be held in Salisbury May 5. Mr. Wilbur Eliason, chairman of the State Central Committee from Kent, was present at the meeting of the Republican State Central Committee in Baltimore on Wednesday.

THE STATE TAX RATE for next year will be 22½ cents and for the year 1906 it will be 23¼ cents. The increase in the rate is due to the large appropriation made to Baltimore city owing to the great fire, and also to the passage of the educational bill, which calls for an increase of 4½ cents, in order to improve the school system of the State and to increase the salaries of teachers.

NOW THAT THE LEGISLATURE has closed, interest will naturally center in the approaching congressional and national election. The re-nomination of President Roosevelt by the Republicans seems to be assured. The Democratic party, however, is "up a tree" with regard to a candidate. Congressman William R. Hearst is getting control of just enough delegates to the National Convention to cause trouble among the more conservative element of the party, while Judge Parker, of New York, is being boomed lustily as a candidate upon whom all elements of the party could unite. Senator Gorman, Judge Gray, Richard Olney and Ex-President Cleveland are quietly sawing wood, and this is the class among which the lightening sometimes strikes. So far as Maryland is concerned we believe that Senator Gorman will have control of the delegation to the national convention which meets in St. Louis in July. So far as a congressional candidate from the First District is concerned, no names have as yet been mentioned, though the woods is full of available material.

A RUMOR has reached our office to the effect that a report is in circulation in the First District that a *red hot* letter in answer to Senator Foxwell's letter of a recent issue has been received by us and that we have refused to publish it. We wish to say that no such letter has been received at this office, nor have we refused to publish any legitimate communication with which the principal parties have been connected. We received a communication from a gentleman in the First District some days ago in reference to the matter. It was returned to the writer for identification and he returned it to our office with the statement that he was very sorry he had written the letter and hoped that we would not publish it. The *People's Column* of the TRANSCRIPT is always open to a legitimate discussion of all matters pertaining to the people's interest, and whether the views expressed through this column meet with the approval of the editors or not, we believe the people have a right to express their opinions on all public questions through the press. We receive censure for this position sometimes because there is a certain class who believes that the voice of the people should be throttled when questions of politics and government are concerned, and never sanction anything unless it be for their own personal or financial good. But we care more for the welfare of the people than we do for such reproach, hence we shall look out for the people's interests all the time. Rumors, like the luscious ripe fruit that hangs high on the tree, sometimes hang on just long enough to fall to the ground and burst all to thunder.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

List of Important Local Laws Enacted at the Recent Session.

The following important local laws were enacted for Kent county at the session of the Legislature just closed:

To amend law regulating institutions of suits before justices of the peace in Kent county.

To amend charter of Galena.

Providing for annual audit of finances of Kent county.

To amend the charter of Chestertown Savings Bank (amended).

Amending the charter of the Bank of Chestertown.

Amending charter of Chestertown.

To amend law relating to Kent county justices of the peace.

The bill relating to stake and pursnet fishing was killed.

KENT'S FISHING BILL DEFEATED

Senator Foxwell's fishing bill, which came to the House from the Senate on Monday, was referred to the committee on Chesapeake bay and its tributaries, who made a report without recommendation. A motion to pass the bill to its second reading was lost, and Mr. Roth's motion to lay the report on the table prevailed. A motion was made to reconsider and Mr. Roth moved to lay that motion on the table, and it prevailed against the plea of Mr. Bosse for fair treatment to Senator Foxwell. The bill related to pound-net fishing.—Baltimore *Herald.*

The bill was afterwards passed to its second and third reading, and it is claimed by a number of persons present to have received a majority vote, but was declared by Speaker Everhart to have been defeated. Senator Foxwell passed the bill in the Senate and used every effort to get it through the House, but failed in this. The failure of this bill to pass the House is no fault of Senator Foxwell's.

CLOSE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The General Assembly of Maryland closed its eventful session of 1904 on Monday at midnight, according to the Senate clock. In many respects this has been one of the most unique sessions of the Legislature held in years. It is not our purpose to criticise the actions of the Assemblymen. Some people were pleased, others the reverse. It depends very largely as to whose ox was gored whether the action of the Senators and delegates were pleasing or impolitic. One thing is certain, however, it is utterly impossible to please everybody, and hence we may expect to hear criticism galore, and predictions of the party's defeat two years hence will be many and varied. But there have been other legislatures and other elections, and yet the assembly still meets in the same old place, transacts business in pretty much the same old way and the Democratic party is still on top. Some things were done that might very well have been left undone, and others were left undone that should have been done. In most respects, however, we believe the Democratic party has fulfilled its pledges to the people. It has provided for the improvement of the public highways of the State, it has provided amply for the improvement of the public school system of the State, it has contributed most liberally to the charitable and educational interests of the State, it has protected the interests of the city of Baltimore in its extremity, it has protected the interests of the oystermen in the tidewater counties and in a measure pleased the friends of the Haman Oyster bill, it has passed an election law and it has enacted much valuable local legislation for the respective counties. It has also fulfilled its pledge to the people of the State by passing an amendment providing for the disfranchisement of the negro voter. The one unfortenate procedure is that Gov. Warfield has refused to sign this amendment. We believe that the amendment should be signed, and submitted to the people for their approval. The amendment is a distinct party measure and it is the province of the people to approve or disapprove. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the matter will be satisfactorily adjusted before it is too late, and an amicable settlement reached. We believe the Legislature of 1904 has performed its duty to the people.

THE EDUCATIONAL BILL.

Abstract of the Measure Which Has Become a Law.

The following are the chief provisions of the educational bill which is one of the important measures passed by the recent Legislature and which has become a law:

County school boards are given authority to consolidate schools when practicable and to pay transportation charges.

An increase over the present appropriation for Frostburg Normal School and the normal department of Washington College is made with a view of increasing normal scholarships.

All normal schools or normal departments receiving state aid are placed under the supervision of the state board of education.

Teachers cannot be dismissed from service without cause.

MINIMUM SALARY OF $300.

No white teacher with an average attendance of fifteen pupils shall receive an annual salary of less than $300.

The bill provides for a school year of not less than nine months. By common consent Garrett county will be made an exception, with a school year of seven and one-half months.

The bill provides an increase of four and one-half cents in the state school tax. With this increase in the State appropriations for schools the total school tax will amount to about one million dollars, where it is now three-fourths of a million.

The state board of education is to be composed of six persons, named for six years each, two going in each alternate two years.

The board has authority to grant life certificates to teachers of the first and second grades.

The teachers' pension fund is to be $25,000. The visits of school superintendents to the schools are regulated.

Graduates from recognized high schools may be admitted to the third class of the normal school for a professional course.

The state superintendent of education is given charge of county teachers' institutes.

THOSE WHO PREPARED THE BILL.

Those who prepared the bill were M. Bates Stephens, state superintendent; Clayton Purnell, Frostburg; John D. Worthington, Belair; Dr. E. B. Prettyman, Baltimore; Messrs. John G. Rogers, Ellicott City; W. H. Dashiell, Princess Anne; A. C. Willison, Cumberland; F. Eugene Wathen, Annapolis; Frank W. Mish, Hagerstown; Charles T. Wright, Belair, and Dr. S. Simpson, Westminster.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

Lambson's Station, Md., April 7, 1904.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TRANSCRIPT.

Gentlemen:—Can you please inform a taxpayer who the piles of lumber at Lambson's Station belong to? Who bought this lumber and how many feet? I have heard it said that this lumber is for Kent county. If this is so it certainly should be put up in good condition, with strips between the boards, and everything put in proper shape. Can you give me an estimate how long it will probably take to use this lumber up? Is it true that it amounts to 10,000 feet?

Yours very respectfully,
TAX-PAYER.

[It is impossible for us to give to Tax-payer the information he desires. We know nothing about the lumber nor about estimating on how long it would take to use up the pile of lumber. We are accustomed to estimating on printing, but not on lumber.—EDITORS.]

New Advertisements.

Likes, Berwanger & Co., whose large advertisement appears in this issue, calls the attention of their large trade in Kent to the fact that their buildings at 10 and 12 East Baltimore street, were swept away by the great fire. They are however, located in temporary quarters at 319 W. Lexington St., and are carrying the same high standard of clothing, tailoring and furnishing as in the past. They have plans in contemplation for the erection of a magnificent new structure on the old sight and it will not be long ere they will be more strongly entrenched than ever. Mr. S. C. Rochester will look after the interests of his Kent county friends.

Wilson Election Bill.

The Wilson Election bill to do away with the party denomination on the ballot, which has passed both Houses of the Legislature will be operative in eleven counties as follows: Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Kent, Prince George's Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot and Worcester. In Baltimore city and 12 counties the law will not be operative.

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured.

"I have been subject to sciatic rheumatism for years," says E. H. Waldron, of Wilton Junction, Iowa. "My joints were stiff and gave me much pain and discomfort. My joints would crack when I straightened up. I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and have been thoroughly cured. Have not had a pain or ache from the old trouble for many months. It is certainly a most wonderful liniment." For sale by M A. Toulson, Druggist Chestertown, Md

STATEMENT.

Showing the condition of

The Mutual Fire Insurance Company,

of Kent county, Md., Dec. 31st, 1903.

Total Income	$11,875.57
Total Disbursements	16,080.40

ASSETS.

Real Estate Owned by Company	9,659.37	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	11,700 00	
Such Bonds and Mortgage Loans upon which more than one year's interest is due	6,100 00	
Stocks & Bonds Owned by Company	32,300.00	
Cash in Office and in Bank	6,370.23	
Interest due and accrued	8 9.82	
All other Property	123.38	
Premium Notes held by the Company	201,010.13	
Assets Admitted		67,062 80

LIABILITIES.

Losses and Claims in Process of Adjustment	225 00
Surplus to Policy Holders	66,837.80
Amount at Risk in United States Dec. 31, 1903	2,142,719.00
Amount Written in Maryland during 1903	111,763.00
Premiums in Maryland in 1903	8,894 97
Losses Paid in Maryland in 1903	10,167.19
Losses Incurred in Maryland in 1903	10,167.19

STATE OF MARYLAND,
Insurance Department,
Commissioners' Office.

BALTIMORE, March 7, 1904.

I hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of the statement of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county, Md., to December 31st, 1903. now on file in this Department.

LLOYD WILKINSON,
a9-3t Insurance Commissioner.

Sheriff's Notice

—TO—

TRADERS AND OTHERS.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons and bodies corporate or politic, doing business in Kent county, and requiring a State license, to obtain a license or renew the same on or before

THE FIRST DAY OF MAY NEXT.

A failure on the part of persons now engaged in business to renew their licenses by the first day of May next, will subject them to a fine.

Clerk James T. Dixon will be ready to issue licenses on or before the first day of May next, at his office in the Court House.

Those interested are notified of the following requirements of license laws.

If applicants' stock in trade does not exceed	$1 000	$12 60
If over $1 000 not over	1 500	15 60
" 1 500 "	2 500	18 60
" 2 500 "	4 000	22 60
" 4 000 "	6 000	30 60
" 6 000 "	8 000	40 60
" 8 000 "	10 000	50 60
" 10 000 "	15 000	65 60

The applicant must either make oath, as heretofore before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county where he is engaged in business, of the amount of goods kept on hand at the principal season of sale, or the oath may be administered by a Justice of the Peace when the person wanting a license applies through an agent.

STALLION—Any owner and keeper of every Stallion or Jack shall, before being permitted to stand or station such animal, pay to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of some one of the counties of the State the highest sum that he intends to receive for the season for one mare and the receipts of the said clerks, with the seal of his court attached thereto for said sum, shall be the license for standing or stationing such stallion or jack for one year from the date thereof, provided that in no case shall the sum directed to be paid by this section for such license be less than ten dollars, and that every stallion or jack upon which the said tax is paid shall be exempt from all other State tax.

Any owner or keeper standing or stationing any stallion or jack without a license shall forfeit and pay twice the sum authorized and required to be paid in the last preceding section, one-half to the State and the other half to the informers.

LIONEL J. KEYSER,
a9-3t Sheriff of Kent County.

MORTGAGEES' SALE

—OF A—

Small and Valuable Farm

Situated in Kent County, Md.

BY virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage from William H. Baxter to William Foley, the 28th day of December 1887, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber S. B. No. 10, Folios 319, etc., one of the Land Record Books for Kent county, Md., which said mortgage was by several assignments duly assigned to the undersigned for collection as on reference to the said Land Record Book will more fully and at large appear. The undersigned, as assignee of said mortgage, will sell at public sale in front of the Court House door in Chestertown, Md., on

Tuesday, April 12, 1904,

between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock noon, all that

Tract of Land or FARM,

lying and being in the Fifth Election District of Kent county, Md., situated on the public road leading from Swan Creek to Tolchester, lying on the east side of the said road called the Bayside road and about one and one-half miles from Tolchester. It is the same farm which is now occupied by Mr. William W. Jewell, and is known as the "William Baxter Farm." It contains

74 ACRES and 3 ROODS

of land, more or less, and is particularly described in the mortgage above recited.

The improvements consist of

A SMALL

DWELLING

outbuildings, etc.

TERMS OF SALE—One-half of the purchase money cash on day of sale and the residue in two equal installments payable in six and twelve months, with interest on all unpaid purchase money from day of sale. Title papers at cost of purchaser.

HOPE H. BARROLL,
Assignee.
CHAS. H. HURLOCK, Auct. m19-ts.

A. Levine, the Jeweler,

Chestertown, Md.

I take pleasure in informing you that my stock is complete for the spring and summer trade, better and larger than ever. My store is not large in size but contains big bargains in everything that you may purchase. You will find a Small Department Store within itself with a full line of Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Cut Glass, Jewelry, Tableware, Fancy Glassware, Albums, Singer Sewing Machine and High-Grade ORGANS and PIANOS.

Ladies', Gents and Boys'

Watches,

Solid Gold, Gold Filled, Silver and Nickle,

From $1.50 to $5.00

Solid Gold, Gold-Filled and Sterling Silver Jewelry. Watch Chains, Neck Chains, Bracelets, 14k Solid Gold Ladies', Gent's and Boys'

Rings.

Rogere's Tableware, Albums of the latest style, a full line of Clocks from 85c to $26.00, and I am in a position to furnish you with a High Grade Organ or Piano on easy payments and on short notice. Also fine Watch and Jewelry Repairing. Great care in adjusting Glasses to the eyes and not the eyes to the glasses. ☞Engraving free.

A. LEVINE,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE

—TO—

Delinquent Tax-Payers!

THIS is to give notice to all delinquent taxpayers, that the Tax Books for the county have been placed in my hands for the collection of taxes, which are now due and MUST BE PAID AT ONCE. Don't ask me to wait.

The Law Allows No Delay,

therefore, I must proceed at once to advertise and sell the property of all delinquents.

Extract from Chapter 211, Section 68, Code Public Local Laws of 1892, says:

All tax bills unpaid on the 1st of April in each year shall be placed in the hands of the Sheriff of the county, who shall forthwith proceed to seize, levy upon, advertise and sell the property of such delinquents, or so much thereof as is necessary to pay said taxes, interests, charges and costs of sale, and for this purpose the said Sheriff is hereby clothed with all the powers possessed by collectors of taxes under the Code of Public General Laws and the Sheriff shall report and pay over to the Treasurer before the 1st day of June in each year all the taxes collected by him.

☞Don't wait for me to levy on your property, and advertise it, but make prompt settlement and avoid extra costs.

a2-tf LIONEL J. KEYSER, Sheriff.

Straw Wanted.

Persons having STRAW to sell will please write the AMERICAN STRAWBOARD Co., Chestertown, Md.

We will buy your Straw in bulk or by the load.

American Strawboard Co.

m12-1m Chestertown, Md.

Subscription to the Transcript $1.00 per annum.

LUMBER and Building Material

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.
N. C. Pine Framing, Flooring and Ceiling.
N. C. Pine Dressed Lumber.
Car White Pine direct from the West.
Car Cypress direct from Florida.
Shingles, Laths, Mill Work.

Rough and Dressed Pickets for Garden and Yard Fences, Window Frames, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings, etc.

IN BUILDING MATERIALS WE CARRY:

Lime, Cement, Hair, Bricks,
Rawhide and Tarred Felt Paper, etc.
Masury's Celebrated Paints.

Figures furnished promptly on all estimates. Special attention given to wagon trade.

FULL LINE HARDWARE.

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

BEST FERTILIZER FOR SPRING PLANTING.

Baugh's Animal Bone Fertilizers.
Lazaretto Pure Plant Food Fertilizers.

FOR { Truck, Tomatoes, Top Dressing, Corn, Asparagus, Orchards.

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,
BETTERTON, MD.

BLUM'S UNDER-SELLING STORE!

Clothing, Shoes and Ladies' Goods.

We have now displayed alarge line of

Millinery,

Skirts, Shirt Waists, Summer Goods and

UNDERWEAR.

Come in and take a look at the goods. You will find the best line in Chestertown.

A. BLUM.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that no throwing of rubbish such as bushes or other obstructions on the public highways that are calculated to frighten horses shall be permitted. The law will be enforced against all offenders

ALFRED C. LOUD, Pres.;
BRADFORD C. DUDLEY,
LOUIS AYRES,
HARRY DAVIS,
PERRY B. RASIN,
d26-tf CHARLES L. DODD, Clerk.

ROSE HILL NURSERY

Chestertown, Md., John Bell, Proprietor, 2000 Peach Trees of the leading varieties. Grown from strictly wild peach seed from Tennessee and grown on Virgin soil. Buds taken from strictly heathy bearing trees. Varieties guaranteed true to name. Fall of 1903 and Spring of 1904 delivery. m12-4t

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