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GOVERNOR-ELECT PRESTON LEA will be inaugurated Governor of Delaware on Tuesday next. The Legislature is still deadlocked, but they stopped wrangling long enough to appoint a joint committee to arrange for the inauguration.

WE WOULD SUGGEST the advisability of the State Fire Marshal coming to Kent to investigate the causes of recent fires. Two fires have occurred within a week of each other, and no one seems to know their origin. Both houses were unoccupied and their distruction by fire is mysterious. If it is the work of an incendiary or of crap shooters, or of gamblers, it should be investigated and a stop put to it.

THE SEVEN DEOCRATIC ELECTORS and one Republican chosen at the last election met in Annapolis on Monday and cast their votes for the Republican and Democratic candidates for the presidency. Parker and Davis received seven electoral votes and Roosevelt and Fairbanks one. This is quite a victory for the state Democracy, when it is remembered that in the McKinley campaign Maryland went republican by heavy majorities.

"THE CONTEST of Jackson against Smith," said Gen. Victor Baughman recently, "is an absurdity on its face, and if all the facts are wanted regarding the corrupting influences indulges in by the Republican party on the Eastern Shore the contest will become an object lesson to the country and will cause many fair-minded men to realize that the time has come when men can no longer be elevated to positions of honor and trust through the corrupt influence of the purchasable vote."

GOVERNOR EDWIN WARFIELD is very indignant at the charges of the Republicans that the ballots used in Southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore were "trick ballots." He contends that any man reasonably intelligent could readily vote the ticket. "If," said the Governor, "any of the supervisors appointed by me were guilty of fraud, as charged by certain Republican politicians, their accusers should prefer charges, and I promise these will receive consideration. Not in a single instance has an attempt been made to prove the accusation preferred. A general charge is made without specification solely for the purpose of discrediting the Democratic election officials. "Judging from information I have gathered," continued the Governor, "the Republicans on the Eastern Shore have much to answer for. I may have something more to say on this subject at some future time."

FUTURE OF NATIONAL DEMOCRACY.

John Temple Graves, the great Southern orator, in discussing "Definite Democracy" at the Jackson Day banquet in Cincinnati the other night said:

"In its nature and in its mission the Democratic party has been and must be a reform party and a radical party. In the conditions which surround it now this mission and method becomes the price of its popularity and the necessity of its life. We have always failed, and will always fail, as a party of negation and a party of opposition. We have failed because we have been unfaithful. We have failed because we have trimmed and hesitated and straddled. We have failed because we have compromised with the apparently successful doctrines of the Republican party and surrendered to men whose interests and convictions were so nearly akin to our political opponents that they ought, in common honesty, to espouse the Republican party to which they belong. We have failed because in our political hunger for success we have imitated the platforms and pandered to the powers of the opposite party that held the goverment.

"Mr. President, the Democratic party never had a clearer mission or a brighter promise than today. Defeat is discipline and disaster in education. Out of the wreck of our fortunes we shall build a nobler and more enduring usefulness. The Democrat party is going to be reborn, reformed and reconsecrated to the Constitution and to the popular rights and liberty. We cannot afford any longer to be a mere party of negation, a party of opposition, or servile imitation of the party in power. We are going to believe something and we are going to do something. We are going to be a party of creeds and not merely a party of hungry desires. We are going to quit crawling on our bellies before the juggernauts of power and we are going to quit truckling like cowards to the shadow of a merely temporary success. We are going to find and to follow real leaders if we have to smash every slate and annihilate every politican that has fattened upon our suffrages for 40 years. We are going to make a platform that will be an open opposition and bold challenge to the Republican creed everywhere."

GOVERNOR WARFIELD has received a letter from Lieut.-Gen. Adna R. Chaffee, grand marshal of the inaugural parade at Washington, March 4th, next, asking that two representatives of Maryland be appointed to act as aids-de-camp on his staff March 4th. The Governor will comply with the request but has not made his designation as yet. Governor Warfield will attend the inaugural parade, but will ride at the head of the State troops, which will include the First, Fourth and Fifth Regiments and probably Troop A. calvary. The position of the State troops in line will be in the order of the admission of their States to the Union, Maryland thus occupying seventh place.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Cards have been issued announcing the wedding of Miss Laura B. Price, of Middletown, Del., to Mr. Frederick W. Stevens, of Crumpton, Md. The cere will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 18th, at the home of the bride, near Middletown.

The wedding of Mr. Wm. Walter Chapman, cashier of the Chestertown Bank of Maryland, and Miss Nellie Valliant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Valliant, of Church Hill, will be solemnized to-day at 12.30 o'clock in St. Luke's Church, Church Hill.

Mrs. Alwyn M. Culp and sister, Miss Lottie Russell spent several days in Baltimore this week.

Miss Palmer Carroll, assistant bookkeeper in the Second National Bank, has been the guest of friends in the city during the week.

Mrs. George W. Hatcherson, who has been quite sick at her home on High street for the past two weeks is very much improved.

Mrs. James W. Chapman, Jr., of Baltimore, is at home. She will attend the Chapman-Valliant wedding to-day at Church Hill.

Mr. John Hudson is the guest of his father in Baltimore this week.

Mr. John Hall, of Wimington, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary A.

Mrs. Harry Graham and son, have been spending the week at the home of her parents in Ingleside. Their little daughter is visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. J. E. Merriken, and family, returned to their home in Kennedyvilleon Wednesday evening, from a week's visit with relatives in Queen Anne's, Hobbs and Denton, Md., and New Castle, Del. Mr. A. L. Scotten P. R. R. relief agent, filled Mr. Merriken's place as agent at the Kennedyville R. R. station during the week.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Frank Hines witnessed the preformance of the Shepherd King at the Academy of Music, Baltimore, one evening last week.

Miss Clara Usilton visited the city during the week.

Mrs. George D. Lofland has been attending her sister, Mrs. Daisy Williams, who has been quite sick at her home on The Manor, Cecil county. Mrs. Williams will return to Chestertown with Mrs. Lofland when she recovers.

Mr. Wm. E. Valliant, of Laurel, Del., has been the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Curtis E. Crane, of Front street during the week.

Mrs. Hope H. Barroll and little son, Jack, are guests at the home of J. Leeds Barroll, Esq., Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.

Hall, last week.

Mrs. J. D. Bacchus and daughter, Miss Ethel, have been spending a few days in Baltimore this week.

Miss Louise Dryer, of Indianapolis, is the guest of Mrs. James W. Chapman, Jr., at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vannor., on High street.

Isaac Robinson, Esq., of Baltimore, was in Chestertown on Wednesday on business.

Ex-Sheriff Bedford Roe, of Delaware, was a Chestertown visitor several days this week.

Mrs. Wm. Duyer, of Lynch's, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Venable near Rock Hall during the week.

Mr. Marion Coleman, of Rock Hall has been quite sick at his home in that town during the week.

Miss Mattie Hoffecker, of Kenton, Del., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. John A. Russell, of Queen street.

Miss Mae Gallagher and Miss Eva Kann, of Baltimore, have been the guests of Miss Estella Neall, of Fairlee.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crew have returned from a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Atwell, of Still Pond.

Mr. Wm. Thompson, of Still Pond, won a goose at the shooting match at Worton on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. George Tolson, of this county, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Skinner Pinder, in Sudlersville, Queen Anne's county.

Mrs. Maggie B. Stafford, of Baltimore, has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gardner, on Front street, during the week.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The County Commissioners met on Tuesday with full board present.

The following accounts were passed:

N. C. Scotten bridge keeper S. R. bridge	$75.00
" " work on bridge	2.62
George H. Dixon, road work 1st dist	2.80
Capt. Andrew Woodall lumber and nails	4.28
R. E. Morgan, road work, 2nd dist	31.35
Harry Meekins, road work, 3rd dist	15.00
J. P. Sutton, road work, 3rd dist	7.80
Josiah Massey, Jr., road work, 4th dist	4.50
T. J. Parsons hauling shells	9.59
Wm. H. Barnes, repairing road machine, 5th D	5.10
Sparks & Jefferson, merchandise	2.33
Walter H. Hadaway, Treas., for stamps	5.75
Kent Co. Savings B. magistrate cert., 4th D.	2.31
James D. Lucas, magistrate certificate	.33
Wm. T. Wood, fees and delivery of prisoners to House of Correcton 1st dist	21.75
Wm. P. Garey, constable, 2nd dist	1.50
Chas. L. Gill, fees, 4th dist	3.50
Jno. A. Duyer, deputy sheriff fees, 2nd dist delivery of pris. to House of Correction	20.45
Jno. A. Duyer, D. S. fees, 3rd dist	16.35
Maria Harris, pension, 1st dist	15 00
Jas. H. Copper, pension, 4th dist	15.00
Sandy Hastings, 4th dist	10.00
Amanda Garrett, 4th dist	15.00
Frederick Hanson Glenn, 5th dist	15.00
Diamond State Telephone Co	16.32

County Treasurer Walter H. Hadaway made application last week for payment for serving delinquent tax notices. The board refused to grant M. Hadaway's request upon the ground that the court had decided against the payment by the board.

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it effected a complete cure. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist, Chestertown.

TAXES OF RICH NEW YORKERS.

Only Twenty Persons Assessed to Own More Than $500,000.

New York city contains more very wealthy people perhaps than any other locality in the world, and yet, notwithstanding the fact that they own millions of dollars worth of property, only twenty are assessed to own more chan $500,000. How do they escape taxation? By simply shifting their residences to other cities and states to avoid taxation on their stocks, jewelry and other personel property. According to a list issued by President O'Donnell, of the New York city tax board, twenty are assessed as high as $500,000 and only 8 remain having a million or more. There are no Astors, nor Morgan, only one Rockefeller, and not to exceed a half dozen of the financiers commonly reputed to own the stocks of the great railroad and industrial corporations on the roster. Either these persons are claiming residences elsewhere or the large corporations are in the hands of persons not living in the financial center. John D. Rockefeller, whose yearly income is estimated at millions, is assessed at $2,500,000, Andrew Carnegie, with his $14,000,000 a year income, is assessed at $5,000,000; Russell Sage said to be worth $40,000,000 is assssed for $2,000,000; J. Pierpont Morgan is not assessed at all; William K. Vanderbilt, worth his millions, is assessed for $1,000,000. Some of the wealthy property owners have disappeared from the lists altogether. A study of these conditions will be interesting to political economists, and to every one upon whom the burden of taxation falls so heavily. Why should those who have received so bountifully of this world's goods not bear their share of the expenses of Government?

New Rural Routes.

The Goverment has established a new postal rural route known as Chestertown No. 4 which will be started on Wednesday, February 1st, with Fred S. Russell, carrier; John A. Russell, substitute. It starts at Chestertown and goes to Wilbur Eliason's corner; thence to Fancy school house; to Loud's corner; to Hatcherson's corner; through new road to Barroll's corner; thence to Lankford postoffice; through Broadneck to Caccaway and return to Lankford; then to Brice's mill to Chestertown via Byron and Hendrickson. The distance traveled is 24 miles; 103 families served; population 430.

Rural route No. 2 has been changed as follows—From Chestertown to Aldridge's corner; then to Lankford via Almshouse road; to St. Paul's church; to Hill's Caulk's Field corner; then to Tolchester Lane; then Southwest to Swan Point; to Reese's Corner, St. Paul's; to McLane's Corner, thence to Fairlee postoffice and Chestertown. This route is 26 1-10 miles, serves 111 families and has a population of 716. It is driven by Mr. Thos. Willis.

Postmaster Thomas has received orders to inspect route No. 3 as to service from Stoops' store to Cliff City wharf. It is likely that this extra route will be added to Mr. Wood's.

Mr. Robert S. Porter has been appointed carrier for the new route No. 3, to be operated from Millington. Mr. Charles J. Porter will be the substitute.

*†*Miss Olive Whitmore Crowl was married to Mr. H. Morton Coale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Coale, of Baltimore, on Monday afternoon at five o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, 2729 St. Paul street. The groom, as well as his parents, is wellknown in Chestertown, having frequently visited Mr. and Mrs. James G. Beck.

Notice to Delinquents.

Notice is hereby given that State and County taxes were due and payable before January 1, 1905. All taxes unpaid before that time are subject to interest from September 1, 1904.

j14-3t WALTER H. HADDAWAY, Treas.

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