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EDITORS.

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MEN who aspire to leadership in public life frequently do and say many things which forever precludes the possibility of their being leaders.

1,166,353 IMMIGRANTS of all sorts and kinds were landed in the United States in 1906. Is it any wonder that there is any alarm for the safety of our institutions of government?

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is undertaking to make Secretary Taff his successor in the White House in 1908. Who says Roosevelt is not a politician of the first water. But they say out west that Roosevelt can't "give us any taf-ty."

CONCRESSMAN PEARRE has introduced a bill in Congress to regulate the employment of block signal telegraph operators on inter-state railroads. His bill calls for shorter hours for operators and other provisions that will render the service more complete and less liable to result in so many terrible accidents. This is one of the best bills yet introduced in Congress, and it should be so framed as to prevent any doubt of its constitutionality.

THE SPEECH of Senator Arthur P. Gorman at the Concord Club in Baltimore the other night, was not only indiscreet but far from appropriate at this critical stage in the Democratic party's history. The young Senator ought to know that the independent vote of the State of Maryland holds the balance of power in elections, and that it is impossible to elect any Democratic candidate without their aid and support. The speech of Senator Gorman will always be remembered by the independent voter, whom he unjustly dubs a hypocrite, and if he aspires to leadership, he has certainly used a club with which to break his own head. There are thousands of Democrats in the State of Maryland who long since have learned to think and act for themselves, and these are the people whom the young Senator should seek to please if he would rise to prominence. You can't play to the galleries any longer in Maryland, Mr. Senator. We regard the speech as particularly unfortunate at this time, and we do not think it means any good to the party, or to those who would be leaders.

RAYNER'S GOOD TRADE.

(From the Washington Hearld.)

During President Cleveland's last term Senator Rayner was a member of the House from Maryland, and was popular at the White House. Mr. Cleveland appraised him as fine diplomatic material, and, accordingly, offered him the post of Minister to Spain.

When the Marylander was called to the White House and proffered this place he was so completely surprised that he was unable to reply for several minutes. He pondered the subject in silence. He reasoned that his standing must be such with the President that a Presidential favor of another kind would be granted, if immediately preferred. So reasoning, he declined the offer with thanks, and popped at the President another proposition.

"While I would be pleased to serve you and the country in the capacity you propose," said Mr. Rayner, "I find upon reflection that it is impossible for me to do so. But, Mr. President, if you think you owe me or my state anything, I would like to make a swap with you. Instead of appointing me Minister to Spain, be pleased to appoint the son of a constituent of mine a cadet at the Naval Academy." In the circumstances, the President could not refuse to make the trade, and the appointment, which had seemed hopeless because there was no vacancy in Mr. Rayner's district, was forthwith made out.

People's Column.

☞ The columns of the TRANSCRIPT are open to the proper discussion of all topics of public interest or importance. Whether the editors agree with the sentiment expressed or not, the people should and may be heard through the TRANSCRIPT's columns—the paper will be the People's Forum from which they may be heard on all subjects—purely personal matter excepted. The Editors are not responsible in any manner for articles that appear in this column.

DEAR SIRS:—I see the announcement of Mr. George W. Hatcherson, of Chestertown, for county treasurer. We have nothing whatever against Mr. Hatcherson, who is a very worthy gentleman, but what is the matter with Mr. Henry Gray, of Galena, for the next treasurer of Kent county? His friends understand he is an open candidate, and where could you go and secure a better? In fairness, gentlemen, give us also a hearing. FIRST DISTRICT.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—What is the matter with your disgruntled correspondent of last week in regard to the entertainment of our leading citizens at the Poor House? Because it is a Poor House, is that any reason why everything connected with it should be poor? No! We hear the entertainment was good; the eatables were delicious and the liquid refreshments had their due effect. If merriment, laughter and joy held sway, why should a discordant note be struck by "Pauvre Puer?" If the inmates of the poor were not invited to dine with the diners, and drink with the drinkers, they at least must have felt merrier for being near so much merriment and gaiety. For so much let them be thankful. We do not approve of the spirit manifested by your correspondent. Let those who run the Poor House hold high revelry and rule as they may. King Comus must have his day. Away with serious thoughts. Away with Tax-payers' reflections. Away with Tax Payers' money. With no money in the treasury we will have no cares. With high taxes we will have to work harder. With harder work, then less time for reflection. Less time for reflection, then less time for discontent. So we say, let those who rule continue to rule as they may. Let us have no more of such letters in the People's Column. Let us all applaud with vigor the "Banquet of the Poor." Let no discontent be heard above the din of the dissatisfied Tax Payers' growls. It is easy to find who is responsible for the heavy laden table. If this "Pauvre Puer" really wants to know let him inquire who it was that ordered the preparation of this Banquet. And who was it that invited the chosen guests. Upon that Man's shoulders is the burden of responsibility. But who cares? Does he? No. Nor I. Nor TAX-PAYER.

MESSRS. EDITORS OF THE TRANSRIPT:—I read the letter of your Kennedyville correspondent about consolidation in last week's paper with much interest. There is much in the letter with which I agree most heartily; but I think it a mistake to stigmatize consolidation as a frill or a fancy in advance of a full and fair hearing.

Your correspondent thinks that a good deal of money spent upon our county roads is virtually wasted. So do I. He thinks it possible, I infer, to consolidate the management of our roads and bridges and either get the same amount of work done for less money or a greater amount of work for the same money. At any rate as an engineering proposition this is beyond question, and every taxpayer in the county, farmers in particular, ought to insist that every dollar spent for this purpose shall bring the maximum return.

While this is true of every expenditure of the public funds it is of tenfold importance when applied to school expenses. There is no other public service in the nation today of greater importance than teaching school, and none that secures a tithe of the results on anything like as little money. Any proposition that comes before the taxpayers of Kent county promising either greater efficiency or greater economy is worthy of, at least, a fair hearing.

In this spirit I should like to know under what conditions consolidation is or is not practicable, physically. There must be conditions, as in a sparsely settled country, where it would not be desirable to consolidate schools. Has such consolidation been accomplished elsewhere, and if so, under what conditions and with what results? If there is such experience how does it apply to the conditions in this county? Does consolidation promote financial economy without impairing educational efficiency? Will the educational efficiency of our present system be enhanced by consolidation, and if so in what manner and to what extent?

It would seem reasonable first to get replies to these and other vital questions and then form an opinion from our facts. If your correspondent can give us the facts, or authoritative opinions on the subject, I for one would like to see them in print. Merely to ridicule or condemn the plan might be to deprive the county of a valuable means of improving the public school system.

JUDEX.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—I would like to see the question of consolidation discussed through the columns of your paper in a logical, impartial and conservative manner, not from a political point of view, nor be made a *pretext* for ventilating some imaginary wrong in places and officials which are not pertinent or tangible to the subject under discussion.

I am in favor of that efficiency in our public schools which will give to the children of our county such an education that will produce a good citizen, that will so develope those faculties as will enable him to be a factor in the business mart. I am in favor of economy in all that the word signifies, but not niggardly.

I repeat with emphasis, *consolidation is bound to come.* I may not see it, but if I read the hand-writing on the wall correctly, it is approaching. Wherever it has been introduced it has demonstrated its importance. I *further assert that with the present appropriation and other sources of revenues for school purposes, it is ample and adequate to run these schools if assimilated as I suggested in my former article.*

Old Rule grows pessimistic relative to my $1500. Does not consider the $1000 for the carrier which I suggested. Deplores the throwing out of the six teachers, but advocates the throwing out of between 200 and 300 laborers on roads, etc. I said: "Those schools could be assimilated without any additional cost to the four, yet he absorbs it among the principals. If this produces more; Efficiency scores a point in my assertion concerning appropriations.

Old Rule says: "For every pupil added to the village school will give that teacher additional minutes and after awhile the village school would have no more minutes than the country teacher." Mr. Old Rule, you are not acquainted with the facts. In a village graded school the average time of a recitation is 30 minutes, while in a rural school the teacher must have at least three recitations in the same time. Individual teaching, except in special cases, like many of the *old cloggy rules* have been relegated to their proper places—*oblivion.*

Mr. Old Rule says: "Twenty-five years ago an arithmetic was used in the public schools of Kent county which contained a problem whose solution but one teacher and one pupil in the county could solve." Mr. Old Rule, I was well acquainted with Joe and equally so with the examiner of that period, also the book, but not the *second seventh.* The latter is a later term.

Now, Mr. Old Rule, no one suggested the cutting down of taxes or the salaries of officers. We simply invited a discussion of consolidation of the schools, and it would be well to confine our thoughts, either pro or con, to that subject.

In my next I will give the practical workings of this system where it is in vogue.

Yours for consolidation,
EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY.

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
Personalty

THE undersigned as administrators of the estate of the late Capt. Andrew Woodall, will sell on the Colchester farm, between Galena and Georgetown, in Kent county, Maryland, on

Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, 1907,

commenceing at 10 o'clock A. M.

26 HEAD OF HORSES

SIX COLTS.

21 Cows, 23 Steers

12 HEAD OF HOGS

Old Engine and Thresher, 6 Farm Wagons, 4 Hay Riggins, 2 Peach Bodies, 1 Peach Wagon, 3 Binders, 3 Corn Planters, 1 Corn Grinder, 1 Hay Cutter, 1 Corn Sheller, 9 1, 2 and 3 Horse Plows, 1 Horse Power, 3 Mowers, 1 Rake, 3 Twin Harrows, 4 Spring Tooth Harrows, 1 Randall Harrow, 8 Hand Cultivators, 2 Hay Forks, 2 Grain Drills, 2 Horse Troughs,

25 Tons of Hay

5 Sets Wagon Harness, 15 Sets Plow Harness, 22 Collars, 22 Bridles, 2 Rollers, 1 Hay Tedder, 1 Tomato Planter, 1 Dearborn, Lot 1, 2, 3 and 4 Horse Trees, Shovels, Forks, Hoes &c., Baskets, Barrels and Hogsheads, 1 Bell.

1200 Bushels Corn on Cob

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of 11 months will be allowed on bankable note.

JAMES E. WOODALL,
ANDREW W. WOODALL,
JAMES F. M. WOODALL,
ADMINISTRATORS

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
PERSONALTY

THE undersigned as administrators of the estate of the late Capt. Andrew Woodall, will sell on the Rich Neck farm "Grove Point," in Cecil county, Maryland, on

Thursday, Jan. 24, 1907,

COMMENCING AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

22 Horses,

FIVE COLTS,

13 COWS and CALVES

13 Heifers, 12 Steers,

24 Hogs and 41 Shoats

2 BROOD SOWS AND PIGS,

2 Binders, 1 Rake, 1 Hay Fork, 6 Sets Wagon Harness, 8 Sets Rope Harness, 13 Sets Chain Harness, 22 Bridles, 25 Collars, 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Fodder Shredder, 1 Beam and Pea, 3 Ladders, 1 Bell, 2 Horse Troughs, 1 Lot Chickens, 10 1, 2 and 3 Horse Plows, 1 Mower, 1 3 Section Spring Harrow, 3 Seeders, 25 1, 2, 3 and 4 Horse Trees, 1 Dearborn Body and Top, 5 Sulky Cultivators, 7 Hand Cultivators,

20 Tons of Loose Hay

48 TONS BALED STRAW,

Kitchen Furniture, 1 Cook Stove and fixtures, 25 Grain Sacks, Forks, Shovels, Hoes, etc., 1 Wheel Barrow, 3 Corn Planters, 2 Peach Bodies and Springs, 6 Farm Wagons, 6 Hay Riggings, 2 Drills, 2 Rollers, 1 Dearborn, 1 Hay Tedder, 3 Twin Harrows.

1000 Bus. Corn on Cob

TERM:—All sums of $10.00 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of Eleven Months will be allowed on bankable note.

JAMES E. WOODALL,
ANDREW W. WOODALL,
JAMES F. M. WOODALL,
ADMINISTRATORS.

MERCANTILE LAW. COLLECTIONS

R. GROOME PARKS,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Under Voshel House, - Chestertown, Md

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
PERSONALTY.

THE undersigned, as administrators of the estate of the late Capt. Andrew Woodall, will sell on the Massey Farm, adjoining Lambson's Station, in Kent county, Md., on

Wednesday, January 16, 1907,

Commencing at 10 o'clock A. M.,

9 Horses and Mares,

1 PAIR MULES, 3 COLTS,

8 HEAD OF COWS,

7 HEIFERS, 1 BULL,

Lot of Chickens & Ducks

500 BUSHELS OF CORN ON THE COB,

Ten Head of HOGS,

2 Rollers, 1 Mower, 1 Corn Planter, 1 Drill, six Plows, Shovels, Forks and Hoes, 1 Grind Stone, 1, 2, 3 and 4-Horse Trees, 1 Twin Harrow, 1 Binder, 1 Dearborn, 2 Hay Riggins, 4 Hand Cultivators, 2 Farm Wagons, 1 Bell, 1 Cook Stove and Fixtures, 2 Sets Wagon Harness. 11 Sets Plow Harness, 11 Collars, 10 Bridles, 1 Saddle, 1 Horse Trough, one Hog Trough, 8 Tons Hay.

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of eleven months will be allowed on bankable note.

JAMES E. WOODALL,
ANDREW W. WOODALL,
JAMES F. M. WOODALL,
d29-ts. Administrators.

John H. Greenwood, Auct.

THE EYES

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PUBLIC SALE
—OE—
VALUABLE
Personal Property

THE undersigned, as administrators of the estate of the late Capt. Andrew Woodall, will sell on the Cassidy Farm, in Cecil county, Md., below Earleville, on

Thursday, January 17, 1907,

COMMENCING AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.,

28 Head Horses

AND MARES,

60 Head of Cattle

31 Ewes and 2 Bucks,

23 Hogs and 42 Shoats

30 CHICKENS,

25 Tons Baled Hay and 23 Tons Loose Hay,

1100 BUSHELS CORN ON THE COB,

6 Farm Wagons, 1 Covered Dearborn, 1 Peach Dearborn, 3 Binders, 3 Twin Harrows, 2 Springtooth Harrows, 4 Sulky Cultivators, 2 Rollers, 1 Hay Press, 1 Hay Loader, 2 Hay Rakes, 1 Corn Grinder, 4 Hay Riggins, 2 Hay Forks and Ropes, 2 Corn Planters, 2 Mowers, 6 Tons Baled Straw, 1 Bell, one Lot Wagon Harness, 1 lot Plow Harness, Bridles and Collars, 1, 2, 3 and 4-Horse Trees, 1, 2, 3 and 4-Horse Plows, Forks, Shovels, Hoes, etc., 2 Horse Troughs, 1 Cook Stove and fixtures, 1 Set Platform Scales, 1 Vice, Kitchen Furniture.

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of 11 months on note with approved security.

JAMES E. WOODALL,
ANDREW W. WOODALL,
JAMES F. M. WOODALL,
d29-ts. Administrators.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF
Valuable Property at Golts

Kent County, Maryland.

UNDER and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, passed in Chancery cause, entitled John O. Shelton, et al, against Howard Shelton, et al, being No. 1600 chancery, whereby Hope H. Barroll was appointed trustee for the purpose of selling the real estate mntioned in said proceedings, the undersigned will offer on the premises recently occupied by John P. Shelton in the village of Golts, in Kent county, Maryland, on

Friday, January, 25, 1907,

at 2 o'clock P. M., the followlng valuable real estate situated in and near the village of Golts, in the First Election District of Kent county, Md.:

LOT NO. 1, consisting of all those two certain lots or parts of lots or parcels of land which are described in two deeds to the said John P. Shelton, one from the Diamond State Loan Association bearing date the 31st day of October, 1888, duly executed, acknowedged and recorded in Liber S. B. No. 11, folios 292, etc., one of the Land Record Books for Kent county, Maryland; the other from Hope H. Barroll, trustee, et al, bearing date the 13th day of September, 1893, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber J. T. D. No. 1, folios 342, etc., one of the said Land Record Books for Kent county, the entire tract containing, or estimated to contain, from

30 to 40 Acres of Land,

more or less, which said lots of land are situated in and near the village of Golts, in the First Election District of Kent county, Maryland, on the south side of the Railroad and on the west side of the public road leading through Golts from the Delaware line to Sassafras. and is improved by a STORE HOUSE and DWELLING, which was occupied at the time of his death by the said John P. Shelton; and by a Small Store Room or Dwelling occupied by Richare Bailey, and by a Stable, Shedding and other outbuildings.

LOT NO. 2 consists of a lot of land lying in the First Election District of Kent county, Maryland, on the west side of the Queen Annes Railroad, containing 2 ACRES, 2 ROODS and 28 PERCHES of land, more or less, and known as "The Morris Property," tenanted by Shade Johnson. It is improved by a DWELLING, and is described in a deed from James A. Morris and wife to John P. Shelton, bearing date the 19th day of November, 1889, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber S. B. No. 13, folios 269, etc., one of the Land Record Books for Kent county, as on reference to same will at length appear.

TERMS OF SALE as prescribed by decree are one-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale and the residue in two equal installments, payable in twelve and eighteen months from the day of sale. All unpaid purchase money to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured to the satisfaction of the trustee. All title papers at cost of purchaser. The purchaser will be entitled to possession of lot No. 1 immediately.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Trustee.
Charles H. Hurlock, Auct. d29-ts.

PROPOSALS

Will be received at the office of the County Commissioners for Kent county in Chestertown, Md., for the erection of a NEW BRIDGE near Wm. Crow's farm on road from Melvin's school to Col. P. G. Wilmer's farm in Morgnec. Said proposals will be opened TUESDAY, January 15, 1907, and the commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Plans and specifications may be seen at the Commissioners' office.

A. C. LOUD, PRES'T;
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