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REED SMOOT will not be removed from the United States Senate.

JOHN E. REYBURN, the regular Republican candidate for mayor of Philadelphia, defeated the reform party candidate in an election on Tuesday by 40,000 majority.

THE WAGES of all mine workers in the coal fields have been materially increased. Look out for a rise in the price of coal next fall. That's Republican prosperity.

REPUBLICAN politicians of Delaware are making strenuous efforts to adjourn the present Legislature on March 21, and then run the State to the expense of an extra session next winter. Poor politics.

MESSRS Thomas S. Bordley and Wm. M. Culp, the two candidates for town commissioner, are making an active campaign for the votes of the tax-payers, and the indications are that the contest will be interesting. Both candidates have many friends.

THERE is less politics being talked in Kent county to the square inch than in any other county on the Shore. Horses and horse-racing seem to be occupying the attention of the people now. There are only murmurings of politics at present. The boiling may take place later.

THE DEATH of Mr. William H. Ford removes from the county one of its most estimable citizens. He was a man of large heart, and fine temperament, and was a staunch Democrat. A full account of his death will be found in our Millington letter.

A NOTED exchange says: "It would make for civic righteousness if the 'Boss' could be kept from making contracts with the city in which he is 'Boss.' Perhaps the solution of the matter is for the people not to permit the existence of bosses. As long as there are bosses and contracts they will not be kept apart." There is a great deal of truth in this statement.

IT IS TO BE HOPED that President Roosevelt will act with such wisdom and diplomacy in handling the San Francisco school question, the settlement of which Congress has left entirely in his hands, that war may be averted between this country and Japan. The relations between the two powers are somewhat strained at present, but the difficulty may be amicably adjusted if diplomacy is used.

THE immigration bill, for the passage of which strenuous efforts have been made in the last two sessions of Congress, has finally past, and its provisions will do much towards alleviating the evils of the promiscuous influx of foreigners to this country. The Patriotic Order Sons of America, through their representative, Past President C. E. Redeker, and the Jr. Order United American Mechanics, did much to secure the passage of the bill.

THE Baltimore Sun sums up the political situtation in the Second Judicial Circuit in a very accurate manner. So far as the Talbot County portion of it is concerned it is absolutely correct.

The opposition to Judge Adkins has been absolutely reducedto a minimum. Since his elevation to the bench Judge Adkins has won the admiration of the entire bar for his dignified manner, his calm, calculating method of giving his decision and his uniform courtesy to the members of the bar, regardless of social or personal ties or political faith. Talbot County is solidly behind him. So are Caroline, Queen Anne's and Kent. With Judge Crothers it is the same. He has endeared himself greatly to the attorneys in this circuit since his appointment.

Both Judge Crothers and Adkins will be nominated and elected. The Republicans in this District cannot form a combination to beat them.—*Easton Ledger.*

People's Column.

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DEAR SIRS:—The various communications which have appeared in the county papers in reference to our Almshouse have been interesting, amusing and instructive.

It has made a number of us think about it more than we have ever thought before. Whoever handles the funds of the Trustees of the Poor should give a bond. Every public officer should be bonded. Regular statements should be made to the Trustees with the receipts and vouchers of all disbursements. Better still no funds should be handled by the Trustees. But all indebtedness should be paid by the County Treasurer upon a written order passed by the Trustees. This is the proper way to handle taxes and all public funds.

The cost of supporting each inmate in our County Almshouse, I am informed, is between $170.00 and $180.00 each year. An inquiry from Queen Annes county proves the fact that the cost of maintaining the inmates in that county is $80.88 per annum. The Trustees in Queen Annes county get no salary whatever. Is there not in this a lesson for us to learn from our sister county? What is the matter, and why is this extravagant cost entailed upon our tax payers? There is something wrong in the system. A portion of it is doubtless expended in furnishing banquets to politicians, their friends and others. No more competent, kindly and experienced overseer than Mr. William Ford is in the state. The fault, every one, who is conversant with the facts, knows does not lie at his door. Gentlemen, you who are the Trustees, are being scrutinized. You have a duty to perform. Reform the system and adopt business methods.

ANOTHER OBSERVER.

A LIVELY CHASE AFTER ELOPERS.

Minister's Runaway Daughter is Overtaken—The Girl Returns Home With Her Father.

The Baltimore American of Tuesday is responsible for the following graphic account of an elopement on Kent Island:

"One of the most exciting elopements that has come under the notice of the citizens of Easton for many days is that of Miss Bessie D. Baker, daughter of Rev. Dr. Charles D. Baker, of Stevensville, Kent Island, who was for several years presiding elder of Dover District, Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Wilmington Conference, and E. W. Blizzard, also of Stevensville.

"It appears that the parents of the young lady objected to their marriage on account of the youth of both of them. The girl's father says she is not yet 18 years of age, but she says she is over 18. The young man admits that he is not 21, but says that his father, who lives near St. George's, Del., turned him out in the world to make his own living over two years ago, and that he would not object to his marriage, as since that time he has never helped him, nor had any control over him whatever.

"Yesterday afternoon he called on Miss Baker at her parents' home, in Stevensville, and they made it up to run away and get married, so he presumably took her out for a drive, but the father, thinking something was wrong, had his horse put to his carriage, while her brother saddled another horse, and they started out to overtake them. Before leaving home, however, they telephoned to Queenstown to the chief of police to stop them if they came there, and hold them until he (Mr. Baker) arrived. The officer's son received the telephone message, and when Mr. Blizzard and Miss Baker arrived in Queenstown he attempted to stop their conveyance, but failed. The horse, which had been driven very hard for about 10 miles, was tired out, so they went to Chance's livery stable, left their horse there, and procured another to drive them to Easton."

"Mr. Chance sent a young man by the name of Hickman, with them to bring the horse back, as they did not expect to return for several days.

"They started out, but had not been gone long before they espied her father and brother coming down the road in hot pursuit. Whip was put to their horse, and a lively chase followed for about seven miles, but in going through the woods near Wye Mills they found that the axle of their buggy had commenced to heat, and Hickman, knowing that if something was not done quickly they would have to come to a standstill, turned off the main road into a road running through the woods and drove up to David F. Wolcott's residence, where they procured a wrench, took the wheel off and greased the axles. Then they entered their carriage, and by taking circuitous roads which Hickman knew they evaded their pursuers.

"Several times Blizzard wanted Hickman to cut the telegraph and telephone wires so that his pursuers could not send further word ahead of them to arrest them, but he refused to do it.

"Mr. Baker, after losing track of his runaway daughter and Mr. Blizzard, telephoned to Sheriff Gannon at Easton to arrest them and hold the girl until he arrived. The sheriff was at the Hotel Norris when the couple arrived about 12 o'clock last night and arrested them. He procured rooms in the hotel for them and kept watch over her until her father arrived in Easton on the 11.20 train the next morning.

"Miss Baker at first said she would never return home, but after some persuasion on her father's part she returned home with him on the afternoon train."

C. W. FLINTHAM ENDS LIFE.

Kills Himself With a Revolver While Delirous.

Charles W. Flintham, a farmer 39 years old, of Middle Neck, Cecil county, while in the delirium due to typhoid fever with which he had suffered for the last two weeks, eluded his nurse on Saturday morning and killed himself. On Saturday morning about 4 o'clock the nurse had occasion to leave the sickroom to get her patient some water. Mr. Flintham from his bed watched her movements, and as soon as the nurse left the room he jumped out of bed and going to the bureau secured a 22-caliber revolver. He crept back to bed, covered his head with the bedclothing and sent a bullet into his right temple, causing instant death. The nurse returning to the room upon hearing the report, found her patient dead, with the smoking revolver clutched in his right hand. Mr. Flintham resided with his wife on a farm owned by his mother, and also had charge of several other farms, containing in the aggregate 742 acres, also owned by his mother, Mr. Caroline Flintham, of Philadephia, who owns the farm in Worton tenanted by Mr. Harry C. Willis. He was a member of the Middletown Lodge of Odd Fellows a member of the Chesapeake City Lodge of Red Men. In adddition to his widow, he is survived by his mother and three sisters. Mr. Willis attended the funeral.

William H. Deweese.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

The death recently of William H. Deweese, of the Caroline bar, again directs melancholy attention to the severe losses which a few short years have inflicted upon the bench and bar of the Second Judicial circuit—a circuit which not long ago seemed to stand apart in Maryland in longevity. Associate Judge Frederick Stump, of Cecil, in his third term on the bench, full of years and honors at nizi prius, was gathered to his fathers in the beginning of the present decade; his successor, Associate Judge Edwin H. Brown, of Queen Annes, left the bar in the ripeness of his powers as an equity lawyer and passed from life in the full vigor of his talents as a jurist; and Associate Judge William R. Martin, of Talbot county, a younger man than either, with robustness of body and sanity of mind which promised a long continuance of his able and honored career, stricken with paralysis, succumbed within a year.

Within the period embraced by these sad events, the first to fall out of the ranks of the bar, to which he had returned after a short service as the appointed successor of Chief Judge John Mitchell Robinson, native of Caroline and resident of Queen Annes, was Geo. Mitchell Russum, of Caroline. This genial companion, brillant and mercurial lawyer, died while active in the harness, yet with nearly a half century of professional life behind him. The Elkton tragedy took from the circuit bar, in the zenith of his great abilities at the trial table, Albert Constable. Soon after came the death in Talbot county or Clayton Mulliken, forceful and brainy beyond his years. And the roll of necrology is still further accented by the passing of Deweese, and *Sic transit gloria mundi* applies with a mournful professional significance to the bar of the Second Circuit. Its members have had to note the dropping away from among them, in close sequence, not only of honored and distinguished men whose race in the course of human events was necessarily nearly run, but of those whose early and marked demonstration of unusual legal equipment had drawn more than local attention to the rich professional life that seemed to be before them. As the remembrance of these "starrie gentlemen" of the profession is kept fresh by the recurring memorial meeting of the bar, there comes in the pause and meditation the same trend of thought which the loyal Jacobite indited on the flyleaf of Lord Clarendon's "History of the Rebellion:"

If Fate in any air accords
What Fate denies, O then
I ask to be among your Swordes,
My jouyous gentlemen;
Toward Honor's heaven to go, and toward
King Charles his gentlemen.

Among the younger lawyers of the upper Eastern Shore Mr. Deweese in many respects was *facile princeps*. That faculty which is not to be acquired from legal tomes, but which is a birthright, the muchdiscussed judicial mind, was, in the opinion of men best qualified to judge, possessed by him in a remarkable degree. He was a favorite pupil at Carlisle of the noted teacher and author, William Trickett, then and now dean of the Dickinson Law School, and known to the readers of the SUN'S literary page as a legal critic. The close relations which were formed between them in other days were maintained throughout Mr. Deweese's career at the bar. His profession was an absorbing passion and the bar libraries of Baltimore and Philadelphia knew him almost as in his own office. He was tireless in study and research, whether undertaken for clients or academic interest, and doubtless the overtaxed forces of nature insisted upon the penalty. He worthily sustained the traditions of the old bar of Maryland. Fitted for the bench by poise, clear vision and sacrificing devotion to the exacting labors indispenable to the mastery of the secrets of jurisprudence, Mr. Deweese was urged on three occasions for this reward of professional diligence and merit. Influences, geographic and otherwise, operated in opposition to the wishes of his friends. Preferment of any kind aside from the law he never sought or would accept. Rugged, stanch and true in all the relations of life, brave and resolute amid the frowns as well as the smiles of fortune, tender of heart to his friends, but never flinching from a foe, those who loved him cannot forget him; while the memory of his virtues and talents will endure in his circuit.—E. T. T., in Baltimore Sun.

The Women's Foreign and the Women's Home Missionary Societies.

A joint meeting of the Women's Foreign and the Women s Home Missionary Societies of Asbury M. E. Church, Millington, was held at the home of Mrs. James Vansant, near town, on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 14th, with about twenty-five members and a few visitors present. The meeting opened with singing followed by scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Annie Newnam, president of the Foreign Society, which office she has held for the past 21 years. She also read several very interesting items from the foreign field. After going through with the order of business of the Foreign Society, the business of the Home Society was taken up with Mrs. Mary Price Smith, president in the chair. Full and interesting reports of the work were read by the secretary. This meeting was made the occasion of the selection of the officers of the Home Society and resulted in the election of the following persons: Mrs. Mary Price Smith, president; Mrs. J. P. Ahern, 1st vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Hurlock, 2nd vice-president; Miss Anna Talbott, recording secretary; Mrs. Edwin Gardner, corresponding secretary; Mrs. F. C. Numbers, secretary of temperance work; Miss Addie Moore, superintendent of mite boxes, Mrs. Lou Hurtt, treasurer; Mrs. F. C. Numbers and Miss Anna Talbott were elected delegates to attend the annual convention at Port Deposit in March, with Mrs. J. P. Ahern and Mrs. J. C. Bailey as alternates. After singing "Blessed be the tie that Binds," followed by prayer by Rev. Edwin Gardner, the meeting was adjourned to meet next month at the home of Mrs. J. P. Ahern. After adjournment the guests were invited to the dining room where a bountifully spread of refreshments was served. Mrs. Vansant has the joint meeting of these societies with her at least once every year and they are always the occasion of very great pleasure on the part of all who attend. Special music was rendered by Mr. Fred. C. Numbers, violin, accompanied by his son Fred C., Jr., on the organ. Mr. and Mrs. Vansant were assisted in receiving their guests by their daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Jones.

MEMBER.

STILL POND ITEMS.

Mr. Ernest Briscoe, of Galena, spent Sunday with friends in our town.

Miss Ethel Biglow is visiting her cousins, Miss Mary and Louise Toulson. The pie social held at Mrs. Charles Severson's last Tuesday was quite a success. The amount cleared was $29.25. Benefits for the church.

Miss Mae Usilton, of Worton, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wood.

Miss Ella Falkner of Worton, is visiting her friends, Miss Mable and Laura Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jewell entertained a number of their friends last Friday evening. The evening was spent pleasantly in music and games, refreshments of ice cream, cake and fruits were served.

A large party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hepbron's near here Thursday evening. A large number were present and all expressed themselves as having a lovely time.

A young man of our town received a Valentine last Wednesday, and as it contains a number of hearts he is very anxious to know from whom it came and would be very much obliged if "Cupid" would come forward and tell him the sender.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, letters testamentary upon the personal estate of

HANNAH P. MERRITT,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 10th day of August, 1907, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of January, 1907.

LIDA P. HEPBRON,
f3-4t. Executrix.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, letters of Administration upon the personal estate of

MRS. MARIAH PARSONS,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of July, 1907, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand and seal the 22d day of January, 1907.

THOMAS A. PARSONS,
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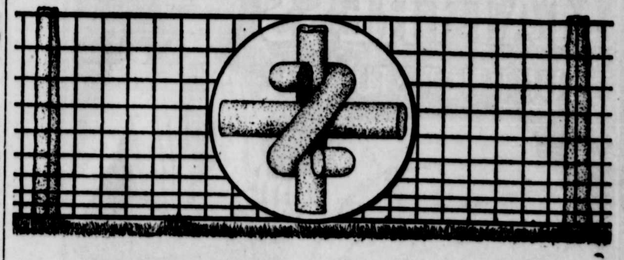
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