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THE DEFEAT of the Local Option Bill was a great blunder.

A PETITION is being circulated for signers to place a resident bridge tender at Morgan Creek bridge. This means a house will be built at the bridge and a man kept there permanently.

FROM ALL PARTS of the county comes the cry of terrible roads. Let's take more pride in the welfare of our county and play less politics with the roads, and we shall have much better roads.

DELEGATE HARRIS placed himself squarely in favor of a strong moral principle by his vote in favor of the Local Option bill in the House on Wednesday, and we believe he expressed the sentiment of the great majority of the people of his county by his vote.

REV. DR. H. B. MARTIN'S interesting letter on "Why I am a Christian," a forcible editorial from the Baltimore Sun on the "Good Roads" question, and the program of the Wilmington M. E. Conference will be found on pages 2, 3, and 7 of this issue. Read them.

REPUBLICAN primaries will be held throughout Kent County on Saturday April 11 at 3 P. M. to elect delegates to a county convention on the following Monday, to elect delegates and alternates to the State Convention April 30th, and to the Congressional Convention August 6th.

A MAN out in Chicago left his wife because she was *too affectionate*. He said she was too lovey-dovey for him, and wanted to be kissing him all the time. He was found by the detectives and consented to go back to his wife on condition that she kiss him only *six times a day*. He said he would go to that limit, and no further. Think of a kiss causing two lovers to separate. We always thought it was the stepping-stone to a blissful union.

IN A RECENT interview concerning pledges made by the Democratic party in its platform, among which was one for a primary election law for this whole State, former Gov. Warfield very timely said, "God help the Democratic party if the legislature fails to pass a primary election law for the whole State." And there are thousands of Democrats who feels as ex-Gov. Warfield does about the matter. The enlightened sentiment of Maryland has placed a bar upon snap political conventions, and the debauchery of the electorate in primary elections.

WE DON'T WANT THE CREDIT.

We have been told during the week from different parts of the county that the reason the *Kent News* and its organization friends are not supporting the road bill is because the TRANSCRIPT was the first to suggest its application to Kent county, and the organization and its organ will not support anything however much it may benefit the people of the county, if the TRANSCRIPT suggests it. Well, we do not know how true this is. All the TRANSCRIPT is interested in at present is the passage of what it believes will prove one of the best laws in its results to the people of the county, and which every right thinking person knows will place the working of our roads upon a strict business basis, and which will materially lower the tax rate of the county, and In order that we may prove the sincerity of our position, we are willing to forego all the credit for the origin of the bill, and lend our aid to the organization forces in securing its passage. Our representatives in the legislature have a grave responsibility resting upon them in this matter which is so vital to the interest of the tax-payers. We have shown our Senator and representatives that the people of this county, the largest tax-payers as well as the moderate tax-payers, are urging them for relief from an outrageous system of wasting their money, and it remains for the opposition to present a single good reason why the tax-payers should not have this relief. If the opposition were of as genuine character, uninfluenced by political reasons, we should have respect for it. But there has never been a line in the columns of the the organization organ from a single tax-payer in the county in opposition to the proposed law, and the only opposition has been that of silence for political reasons pure and simple. Are our representatives in the legislature going to be influenced by such opposition as this? We do not believe they will. They are not that kind of men. They are tax-payers themselves, interested in the financial welfare of their county and their property, and we believe that they will heed the request of the tax-payers and pass the Road Bill.

THE LOCAL OPTION BILL.

The TRANSCRIPT does not believe the Local Option Bill now before the Maryland Legislature should be defeated simply because Mr. Anderson, the secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, who is pushing the bill, lost his temper, nor that Mr. anybody else lost his temper. There may have been or there may not have been sufficient reason for Mr. Anderson and Chairman Dawkins also to have lost their temper, but that does not relieve the Legislature of the responsibility for the defeat of the bill. So far as we have been able to learn the provisions of the bill, it is one of the most Democratic measures ever presented to the Legislature. It places the most absolute confidence in the principle of home rule, by giving to every community, town, city and county in the State the right to determine by the vote of the people whether or not liquor shall be sold within its territory, and corrects some of the defects of the present existing law, by making the evidence necessary to convict violators of the law less difficult to obtain. The bill is as fair as a bill can be drawn because of its Democratic features, and the Democratic majority in the legislature has a great responsibility in dealing with the question. There is no question as to the great strength of the local option sentiment in the State, and it is not to be dealt with lightly. But as we see it the bill is not one of the prohibition of the sale of liquor, but simply an act to give the people of the different counties, towns and cities, the right to settle the question at the polls.

IF OUR REPRESENTATIVES in the Legislature will take advantage of their opportunity to pass the proposed Road Law for Kent county, they will not only make themselves popular with their constituents, but they will confer a blessing upon the taxpayers of the county such as they have long desired. It is very plain to see the reason for the opposition of the organization to the proposed law. Their reason is a purely political one, sanctioned by no regard whatever for the interests of the tax-payers, but maintained solely because they feel and believe that their interests as a faction will best be subserved by the maintenance of the present outragious system of working the county roads. The TRANSCRIPT has shown the benefits of the proposed law, and it has also shown that a vast majority of the largest tax-payers of the county are heartily in sympathy with the bill and want to see it become a law. We also know that there are hundreds of tax-payers in the county who realize the importance of such a law, and who would sign a petition for its passage if it were presented to them. Why any one should refuse to lend a hand to the passage of such a law for the betterment of the financial condition of the county and for the enhancement of land values can only be explained on the ground of purely political reasons. The idea of the organization organ being in favor of a high salaried commission, appointed to spend $5,000,000 of the people's money, not one dollar of which may benefit the people of Kent county generally, and which will add 8 cents more to the already burdensome tax rate, when here is a law proposed that will at least give better results for the amount of money expended, if it does not reduce the tax rate one cent, is more than the average tax-payer can understand, unless it be because they are afraid to risk the loss of a few votes in the primaries, rather than to fight for the welfare of the tax-payers. If the proposed bill should become a law, how can it hurt the organization forces in the least? They are in control of the county commissioners office and they are in control of the distribution of the roads. The passage of the proposed bill would make no difference to any faction politically, while on the other hand it would be a blessing to the tax payers. Then why does not the *Kent News* join the TRANSCRIPT in its efforts to help the tax-payers. Such a law would put the party in excellent shape, for it would then have a formidable issue upon which to go before the people two years hence. The law has been in force four years in Caroline, and yet for the first time for a number of years, that county has sent a solid Democratic delegation to the legislature. The Democratic party can never be hurt so long as it stands for economy in the administration of public affairs, and for this reason we urge all Democrats in the county regardless of faction to rally to the support of the proposed law, and we urge our representatives in the legislature to introduce and pass the bill.

STILL POND ITEMS.

Miss Fay Wyatt, one of Still Pond's popular young ladies has gone to a business school in Baltimore, to study stenography and type-writing.

Mr. Laurie Hackett spent Sunday with his friend, Mr. Earl Godwin, near Kennedyville.

Miss Ethel Biglowe, of Rock Hall, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Wm. Clark.

Miss Emma Davis is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Wm. Medders.

Mrs. Lester Coleman, of Baltimore, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hackett.

Our town was very much shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. McCleary, of Baltimore, and her grandaughter, Mrs. Laura B. Hepborn, and daughter, have our community's deepest sympathy.

Miss Sadie Burgess, of Baltimore, is the guest of her friends the Misses Parrot.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Ford and daughter, Mrs. Irvin Spry, of Sasafras, spent Friday and Saturday in Baltimore.

Mr. Frank Ford is visiting his brother at Lambson's station.

Miss Lillian Buswick, of Baltimore, is the guest of Misses May and Louise Pennington.

Sunday evening being our pastor's last Sunday with us before Conference and we all know what a good sermon he will have prepared for us. So come out one and all and enjoy the good meetings, that we have both morning and evening, after the evening service there will be an evangelestic service.

The Epworth League will be led this Sunday evening by Mrs. C. M. Taylor, subject being "Why we go to Church."

ONLY THREE R'S FOR KENT COLORED PUPILS.

Supt. Takes Higher Studies From The Schools.

Only Tend to Confuse the Negro Mind, Says Professor Melvin—Should be Taught to Work With Their Hands.

(Special Dispatch to The Balto. News.)

"Chestertown, March 5.—The negro population of Kent county is considerably stirred up over the recent action of Superintendent of Public Schools Milton Melvin in eliminating from the curriculum of the negro schools in the county certain studies which Professor Melvin contends the African mind is not capable of grasping. Among the studies discontinued are physiology, physics, geometry and several other so-called higher branches of learning.

"Professor Melvin has made a study of the capabilities of the negroes of this county, and the conclusion arrived at by him is that the interests of the negro are best served by educating him thoroughly in the three "R's" and letting it go at that.

"According to Professor Melvin, the higher studies in the curriculum of the public schools only tend to confuse the negro mind and totally unfit him for the position which he will be forced to occupy in the community after leaving school. Professor Melvin's idea is to introduce in the negro schools studies in place of those eliminated that will teach the negro to work with his hands.

"The innovation has not been recived very kindly by the colored people, and they are up in arms in an attempt to have restored to their children the right to learn of the higher subjects that have been denied them. A meeting has been called, to take place at a local colored church tomorrow, and Professor Melvin will be asked to explain his action."

The above purports to be a special dispatch to the Balto. City News of March 5, from Chestertown. As a matter of fact the above article was written in Baltimore city, and is so entirely incorrect and unfair to Prof. Melvin that we publish his denial. Supt. Melvin states that there is not a word of truth in the article. He says that at a meeting last Friday afternoon in Janes M. E. Church at which quite a number of the parents of the colored pupils were present, he outlined a plan for the better development and training of the pupils, to which the parents gave their unqualified assent, and which, the Rev. J. H. Holland, pastor of the church, and an intelligent man, stated in a speech that he had endeavored to get the teachers to adopt. Supt. Melvin states that there is no commotion whatever, everything is serene, and all that he has done is to curtail the time spent upon higher branches, and to spend more time on elementary arithmetic and spelling in which he found the pupils defficient. Why the News should have given first page space to such an exaggeration is a mystery. The plan Supt. Melvin has outlined is an excellent one and the colored people are delighted with it.

KENNEDYVILLE ITEMS.

Another March is here and our farmers are getting this wood cut for summer use, many of them have their wood to buy as there are getting to be many farms with no wood on them. A farmer with no wood and no clover seed to buy is more fortunate than many of his fellow farmers. These two items are very important on the farm and it does not take many cords of wood nor many bushels of seed to cost the farmer as much as his wife's spring hat, and when he has all three to buy, why the batchelor has the upper hand, because he has no hat to buy and he can go to see his neighbor's daughter and burn out his wood.

The public roads are improving some and by the time the Legislature builds us roads on paper down at Annapolis we will have good roads here anyway. Everybody claims to know what they want, but nobody knows what is the best way to get it. They will only have to seesaw a few more days and it will all be over for two more years.

Mr. E. B. Pennington, who has been quite sick, we are glad to say is improving.

The chicken pox is cutting our school attendance some, but the scholars do not seem to be dangerously ill from the way they are running around enjoying life.

Only a few more Sundays before conference and as the pastor has said he will ask for a change, now is the time to come and hear him before he leaves on Sunday next.

The assistant superintendent, Mr. Lipscomb, will have charge of the Sunday School, and he desires a full attendance as he has something special to tell the school. The Endeavor meeting at night will be in charge of Mr. Edgar Pennington, so try to come.

Several of our young men walked to Lynch's last Sunday afternoon and heard a good sermon by Preacher Morris. They returned by the afternoon train. The boys were asked where the text was, they meditated for a moment and said it was Hebrews 4-12 and 13 so the boys didn't do so bad after all.

Some more of our young people drove to Morgnec where the holiness people conducted a meeting without a preacher and they report a very good meeting.

Mr. Smith Burris who for many years was the good farmer on the White House farm and whom we have missed in our community is visiting friends here this week and it is with pleasure that we know he is getting so much better after being confined to his home in Sassafras with an injured leg for a number of weeks. We are also glad to hear that Mr. Eli Hastings is improving, he has been sick for quite a while at his home in Sassafras, with Mr. Frank Sylvester. Eli has been in our community for many years and we miss his familiar voice and we wish him speedy recovery.

Well our duck gunners are still in practice, they kill wild geese and wild ducks and they eat wild geese and wild ducks and we won't say they are getting wild but we can say they get up most any hour in the night and they stay away as many hours as they can, before they come back, but they still wear clothes instead of feathers and we will not say they are getting wild because they might say we were crazy so we have no more to say.

CITIZEN.

MILLINGTON ITEMS.

Miss Jordan, of Washington, D. C., who has been in Millington for sometime is in Smyrna, Del.

Miss Susie Roberts of Chestertown, substituted for Prof. Taylor last week.

The Mite social held at Mrs. Jos. Mallalieu's March 10th, was well attended, and a munificient sum realized for the benefit of the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Vanderbilt, of Scranton, Pa., spent part of last week at Hotel Bailey. She was here in the interest of The California Soap and Perfume Co. Mrs. Wm. Reese was selected as solicitor for this part of Md.

Miss Nelson, of Sudlersville, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. F. Barnhart.

Mr. Lewin Spear spent part of last week with his parents.

Mr. L. Loper, of Philadelphia, visited his mother and sister last week.

Mr. Sudler Weist and Mrs. Weist, of Odessa, are with Mr. John Weist, near town.

Miss Mary Barnes, of Crumpton is visiting Mrs. Emma Sheppard.

Miss Mary Hackett, of Wilmington, spent part of last week with her nephew, Mr. F. C. Numbers.

Miss Estelle Townshend has accepted a position in a Baltimore millincry department.

Mrs. White, Mr Chas. Harris' mother, is quite sick in a Philadelphia hospital.

Miss Reynolds spent Sunday with Mrs. Dr. Simmons, in Chestertown.

Rev. Mrs. Dulany is visiting Mrs. Jos. Mallalieu.

The festival held in Mr. J. T. Powers' old drug store was a success financially and socially.

Mr. Chasmere, of Harrisburg, Pa., spent Sunday at Hotel Bailey.

Miss Flo. Tolson is with Armstrong & Cator, preparatory to taking a position as a milliner.

Legislative Notes.

Delegate Willis has introduced the following bills:

Incorporating the Galena Bank of Kent county. This means that a new bank will be started at Galena.

Repealing the law relative to paving streets in Galena.

Delegate Harris has introduced a bill to amend the charter of Chestertown. This is the Curfew law.

The bill introduced in the house by delegate Willis regulating the taking of fish, terrapin and muskrats in Kent county has passed and is now in the senate.

The law in reference to killing foxes in Kent county, introduced by Mr. Harris, is not for the repeal of the section relating to killing of foxes while in pursuit of the hounds in a chase, but only allows the killing of foxes for the protection of poultry and other such damage.

Auditor's Notice.

Chestertown Bank of Maryland,
vs.
Barrett C. Smith.

No. 1631.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, Maryland, in Equity.

THE creditors of Barrett C. Smith are hereby notified to file their claims, duly authenicated with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, on or before the 18th day of May, 1908, otherwise they will by law be excluded from participating in the fund to be audited in this case.

By order of court,
LEWIN W. WICKES,
Auditor.

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Auditor's Notice.

Hope H. Barroll, Assignee,
vs.
Wm. H. Bowers, et. al.

No. 1605.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, Maryland, in Equity.

THE lien creditors of Wm. H. Bowers and Annie M. Bowers are hereby notified to file their claims, duly authenticated with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, on or before the 18th day of May, 1908, otherwise they will by law be excluded from participating in the fund to be audited in this case.

By order of the court
LEWIN W. WICKES,
Auditor.

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SCHLEY RUSSELL



RECORD 2.18½

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His record is no measure of his speed. He has on several occasions shown two-minute speed or better.

Schley Russell is 17 hands high and weighs about 1300 lbs. His colts are large and well formed; and those old enough to drive show considerable speed.

Schley Russell is a son of Victor Russell, 2.29, sire of Marydel, 2.12½; Schley Russell, 2.18½; Lady May, 2.15¼; Leon Russell, 2.18¼; etc. Victor Russell is a son of Happy Russell, sire of 37 performers in standard time.

Schley Russell's dam was by Corsican, a son of Orange Blossom.

Schley Russell, 2.18½, will make the season in Kent and Queen Anne counties at $10.00 for the season, and $20.00 to insure.

ALBERT STORY, Owner,
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He is by Marvelous 2.23, sire of Wilkesbrino, 2.14¼; Winnie H., 2.15¼; Marveline, 2.18; Steed (3 yrs.) 2.22½; Marlow, 2.22½; Elsie Mar, 2.23¼; Marvel Girl, 2.23¼; Marvel Branch, 2.24½; Marmalette, 2.25¼; Adversity, 2.27¼; Dam the great brood mare Myrtle King. Dam of three in the list, including Marveline, 2.18; Elsie Mar, 2.23¼; Marvel Branch, 2.24½. Marvel King is a handsome brown, stands 16.2 and weighs 1175 pounds. Bred by C. W. Baker, Aberdeen, Md. Individually he is a horse of grand finish and plenty of substance with a fine disposition.

TERMS:—$15 single Mare, or 2 for $25 for season. $25 to insure, or 2 for $40. $5 single service.

For further particulars see
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TRUSTEES' SALE
—OF VALUABLE—
PERSONAL PROPERTY.

UNDER and by virtue of a Deed of Trust duly executed and acknowledged by George W. Carter, Jr., naming the undersigned as trustees, the said Deed of Trust bearing date the fourth day of February, A. D., 1908, and recorded in Liber J. T. D., No. 2, folio 509, etc., a Deed Record Book for Kent county, Maryland, the undersigned as trustees will sell at public sale the following personal property, on farm where said George W. Carter, Jr., resides, said farm known as Copper Farm, and situated about one mile from Worton Station, near Butlertown, Kent county, on

THURSDAY, April 2nd, 1908,
beginning at 11 o'clock A. M.

7 HEAD OF HORSES,

One Black Mare, two Brown Mares, two Gray Mares, one Bay Horse, one Gray Horse.

Three Cows, 6 Hogs, 2 Farm Wagons,

One Wagon, 1 Wheat Drill, 3 Plows, 1 Drag, 1 Spring Tooth Harrow, 1 Buggy Cultivator, 3 Walking Cultivators, 1 Roller, 1 Dearborn, 1 Corn Planter, 2 Carriages, single and double; 2 sets of Wagon Harness, 7 sets Plow Harness, set Single Harness, 1 set Double Harness, lot of Collars, Bridles, Spades, Brambles, Forks, Axes, Rakes and all small implements found on farm where said Carter resides.

Together with tenant's interest in wheat crop seeded on about fifty acres of land, said interest being a one-half interest.

TERMS OF SALE:—All sums of Ten Dollars and under, cash; on any of sale over that amount a credit of four months with note endorsed agreeable to undersigned, said note to bear interest from day of sale and payable in bank.

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BIDS FOR PILES
—FOR—
Chester Bridge.

BIDS for piles will be received at the office of the County Commissioners for Kent and Queen Annes counties, March 31st, 1908, at 12 o'clock noon, for use of Chester river bridge at Chestertown the same to be delivered to said bridge. Number of piles dimensions and material as follows:

20 White Oak Piles 20 feet long
10 " " " 22 " "
10 " " " 28 " "
10 " " " 30 " "
30 " " " 34 " "
10 " " " 40 " "

Plug piles will not be accepted. Piles to be not less than 16 inches at the larger end and smaller end not less than 6 inches.

The right is reserved by the commissioners to reject any and all bids.

By order of
COMMISSIONERS FOR KENT AND QUEEN ANNES COUNTIES. f29-5t.

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