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WE ARE glad to report that Washington College will be splendidly taken care of by the present legislature, in the way of appropriations.

THE Maryland Legislature will likely elect ex-Gov. John Walter Smith, U. S. Senator on Tuesday to succeed the late lamented Senator Wm. Pinkney Whyte. This will be a wise selection, as Gov. Smith has been elected to succeed Senator Whyte in March 1909.

JUDGING from the number of employes in the Maryland Legislature, published in the Baltimore Sun this week, there will not be enough of the $170,000, appropriated at the beginning of the session to pay expenses, left to jingle on a tombstone. President Seth has broken his former record for furnishing jobs in the Senate.

IT IS A SHAME that the people of this State are compelled to sit with folded hands and see a debt of $5,000,000 forced upon them for the building up of a gigantic political machine. The people are utterly helpless to prevent the passage of such a bill now, but they will have their reckoning by and by.

A PROMINENT farmer was in our office on Tuesday and made this statement: "There is a piece of road running along my farm that was not worked at all last fall, and it is in better condition this spring than it has been in for sometime. The trouble with our roads is that there is too much of the wrong kind of work put on the roads."

ANOTHER prominent farmer told us that prior to 1895, the roads in the county were given out by contract by the county commissioners. He bid for 23 miles of road for $335 or thereabouts, and was awarded the contract. He says that to-day there is a man out near him working *five miles* of road and doing them absolutely no good, but who is getting twice as much as he got for *23 miles* of road. In the days when the roads were given out by contract only about $14,000 or $15,000 were spent upon them, and it is the testimony of every one that they were in much better condition because those who got the contracts knew their business, and gave intelligent attention to their work.

A BILL has been introduced in the Legislature at the suggestion of Governor Crothers providing for a general assessment of all real and personal property this year. There was an assessment of personal property in Kent in 1906 contrary to law, which enabled the commissioners to reduce the county tax rate only three cents on the $100, and which increased the people's taxes, and if there is to be another assessment this year, we do not know what is to become of the people's pocketbooks. High prices for labor and heavy taxes is certainly not a very encouraging prospect for our farmers. Representative Willis has asked that Kent county be exempted from reassessment of personal property.

WILLIAM PINKNEY WHYTE.

United States Senator Wm. Pinkney Whyte, Maryland's "Grand old man," died at his home in Baltimore on Tuesday evening, of heart failure, superinduced by erysipelas, aged 83 years. No man in the state has had such an eventful and distinguished career as has Senator Whyte. He had, by his broad democracy and his beautiful manner, endeared himself to the hearts of thousands of friends, and to those who did not know him personally, Senator Whyte's name was a byword in their homes, and no one knew him but to love him. Maryland has sustained a loss which will be felt by every man in its borders, and his loss will be felt throughout the country. It was hoped that he would be able to serve the remainder of his term in the U. S. Senate, to which he had been elected by the present legislature, and to which he was appointed two years ago by former Governor Warfield, but it had been known among his most intimate friends for sometime that he was failing. One of the most conspicuous figures in Maryland history has passed away, and yet how sacred will be the memory of this grand, good old man, who loved his state, and toiled for her people till the setting of life's sun.

Wilmington Conference.

The Wilmington Conference convened in annual session in Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del., on Wednesday morning, Bishop Goodsell presiding. The conference committees were appointed and the general routine of buisness has been transacted. Charges against Dr. Lightbourne were presented at the opening session and referred to a special committee, of which Mr. White, pastor of the M. E. Church, here, is a member. An important feature of the conference will be election of misisterial and lay delegates to the General Conference which meets in Baltimore in May.

Legislative Notes.

Senator Slay has introduced the following bills in the senate:

To amend the charter of Chestertown.

To authorize a bond issue to purchase the waterworks at Chestertown.

To amend the law relative to Orphans' Court.

Mr. Harris has introduced two bills to amend the charter of Betterton.

Mr. Willis has introduced a bill to pay to the town of Galena a portion of the county taxes.

TO PURCHASE WATER WORKS.

A meeting of the citizens committee was held last Saturday afternoon when a proposition from the Water Company to sell their plant, franchise, good-will and all to the town for $24,000, was unanimously accepted. Of course this does not mean the final disposition of the matter. The action of the committee will have to be ratified at the annual election in April. With this end in view a bill has been prepared and introduced in the Legislature providing for an enabling act to bond the town for such a sum as is necessary to purchase the waterworks, and to provide for the improvements recommended by Water Engineer Quick, which sum we understand is $30,000, and also to provide for the raising of the tax rate to enable the commissioners to create a sinking fund for the payment of one bond for each of thirty years, together with the interest, etc. The bill also provides for the appointment of a water board by the town commissioners for the first year, and after that the water board is to be elected by the people. We believe the committee has acted wisley in accepting the fair proposition from the water company. The purchase price is a compromise between the price which the committee had agreed to offer the water company and the price asked by the company. It is not so far above Mr. Quick's estimate of the intrinsic value of the plant $20,100, which with the value of the franchise, goodwill, etc., would amount practically to the sum agreed upon $24,000, that the people of the town should hestitate to sanction the purchase of the plant. Right here we would say that we made a mistake in our issue last week in stating Mr. Quick's estimate. His estimate was $20,100 regardless of the franchise, goodwill, etc., and we stated that his estimate included the whole thing. We were simply misinformed, but some malicious person, always ready and anxious to accuse the TRANSCRIPT of stirring up trouble, accused us of telling a deliberate falsehood, and we will simply consider the source, and make the correction in defense of the position the paper has always assumed in the comunity. It is to be hoped that the town will ratify the action of the committee at the polls in April, and that the town will come into possession of the water works. It is by no means an extravagant price to pay for the plant, in view of the service the town will receive from it, and the avoidance of the probability of litigation, which the installation of a new system by the town might occasion, and when you consider the wear and tear to the streets, the tapping of the new mains, and everything else, the town had better ratify the action of the committee. The improvements Mr. Quick estimates will cost $3,500 and for $27,500 Chestertown, with 2½ miles of streets, and 3200 inhabitants, may have a complete water plant and as adequate protection against fire as is necessary for any large town to have. We have no doubt that the town commissioners can judiciously expend the remainder of the bond issue in the purchase of more hose, the installation of additional fire plugs, and the providing for a building for the Volunteer Fire Company. The people should consider this matter from now until the election, and every taxpayer should go to the polls and express his opinion by his vote. We heartily advise the purchase of the plant at $24,000.

WOULD NOT INTRODUCE BILL.

Four weeks ago a copy of the proposed Road Law for Kent county was sent to Senator Slay to be introduced in the senate and another was sent at the same time to Mr. Harris to be introduced in the house. Up to the present time the bill has been introduced in neither the senate nor the house and cannot be introduced now. Why this courtesy should have been denied the very great many tax-payers in Kent county by their representatives in the legislature is a mystery. It is an unheard of procedure for representatives in the legislature not to extend the courtesy of at least introducing a bill when it was fathered by the senator from the county and backed up by letters from representative tax-payers, and by the testimony of the most competent authorities as to the practical features of the bill. The TRANSCRIPT has done everything in its power to show the necessity of such a bill for Kent county. We have pointed out the fact that there can be no fear of the defeat of the Democratic party at the next election by the passage of such a bill, and we have shown that the great majority of the tax-payers of the county want such relief from the oppressive burden of road building and working as is now being practiced in this county. We have brought the strongest testimony from those in Caroline in a position to know the effectiveness of such a law in producing better roads at less cost to that county, and yet notwithstanding all these evidences of the value of such a law, the bill has not even been introduced in the legislature. Why is it? Is not this bill of vastly more importance to the people of Kent county than any bill that has yet been introduced and passed by any of our representatives, and are there not just as many people in Kent county who are in favor of a good road law for the county as there are who favor the constant tinkering with our game laws, and terrapin and muskrat laws, at every legislature, and the introduction of bills that effect only a portion of the community?

The people of Kent county want relief from an extravagant and useless system of road work, and many of them believe that the Caroline Road Law would furnish that relief. The present system of working the county roads is growing more extravagant every year. The people of the county will be astounded when the day of reckoning comes at the immense amount of money wasted every year upon our roads by a system that is as vicious as it is of long standing, and the longer it is allowed to continue, the worse it will become, and those who are made to suffer every year are not the politician or the roadworkers, but the tax-payers. It is the duty of our representatives in the Legislature to protect the interests of the people, and since we have been reliability informed that two of our representatives are in favor of the bill, and one was really the first to suggest the application of the law to Kent county, we cannot understand why it has not even been introduced *even by request*, if for no other reason. It is the best and most practical bill that has been proposed for the county during the session, because it means the greatest good to the greatest number and we believe our representatives have made a great mistake by their failure to pass the bill for the relief of the tax-payers.

MR. WILLIS EXPLAINS VOTE.

MESSRS. EDITORS TRANSCRIPT, SIRS:—In your issu eof Saturday, March 14th, you state that my action in voting against the Anti-Saloon bill did not voice the sentiment of the people who elected me to represent them in the House of Delegates of Maryland, which statement I consider untrue and misleading, and tending to place me in the position of having betrayed a trust or violated a pledge. Now, sirs, I want you and the public to know that I made no pledges to anybody either in the primary or general election to vote for any measures or reward by personal appointment for any political services rendered, except I did pledge to cast my vote and use my influence for what I believed to be honest and just and to the best interests of the people whom I was to serve, and this I have in my opinion done, the TRANSCRIPT to the contrary notwithstanding. My vote on the Anti-Saloon bill was cast after the most thorough deliberation and with a full realization of the harsh criticism it would call forth, not only in my county but in my own home and family and friends, whose trust in me is as dear to my heart as life itself. I knew full well when I cast my vote, that hundreds of men would say it was politically unwise. I knew that some would say I had committed a great and awful sin against society and taken my stand with the saloon. I knew it would be very much easier to fall in line, as did some of those who voted for the bill, and thereby escape condemnation of the ultra-prohibitionists who do not, and have not, hestitated to threaten. The expediency of voting for the bill was very plain to me, and yet I could not overlook the fact that the temperance committee, in whom I have the utmost confidence had reported the bill unfavorably, after a most thorough and careful hearing of all sides, by an almost unanimious vote and stood on the floor of the House and urged the unjustness of forcing the measure on districts not asking for it. And Baltimore city, through its delegates, was protesting against the bill on the grounds that it would strangle its business interests at a most critical period, a time when the city is recovering from a most disastrous fire and struggling not only to rebuild and equip on modern lines but to attract the Southern and Western trade that is so necessary to the prosperity of the city and thereby the State. It was a business proposition and not one of sentiment, and I want you and the people of my county to know that I am not against Local Option. I voted for it when it was last submitted to a vote of our people and I would vote for it again.

I have cast my vote in the House of Delegates in favor of any measure in the interest of local option for the different counties when it was asked for BY THEIR DELEGATES, and I have no apologies or regrets to offer for my stand on the Anti-Saloon Bill, and I feel sure that a thoughtful summary of all the facts, in a very knotty problem, will sustain my action in the public mind. Very truly yours,

H. C. WILLIS.

[We are glad to give space to Mr. Willis explanation of his vote on the local option bill, but he is in error in charging the TRANSCRIPT with taking him to task concerning his vote against the bill. We did not mention Mr. Willis' name in our issue of March 14 or any other issue in connection with his vote on the bill, except to urge him and all our representatives to vote for the bill. His charge is unfounded. Mr. Willis is not responsible to the TRANSCRIPT for his actions in the Legislature. He is responsible to the people of his county, and we publish his explanation for the benefit of his constituents.—EDS.]

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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.

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Picknell

RACE RECORD, 2:15¼.

Authentic Trial, 2:09.



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PICKNELL'S SIZE, 15.2 hands, and COLOR, mahogany bay, are IDEAL and his BREEDING is THE HIGHEST OF FASHION. HIS CONFORMATION is the "EASY KEEPER" KIND. HE IS ABSOLUTELY LEVEL-HEADED, and HE IS SOUND and WITHOUT A BLEMISH. HE WEARS NO HOBBLES NOR OTHER FALSE RIGGING: and when raced, wore only such boots as are commonly used for protection.

PICKNELL was started GREEN, in the early fall of 1906, in SIX races, winning TWO of them, and being well up in the money the other four. He made his first, regular stud season, last year at Newark, Del.; and Mr. H. R. Tyson, in whose care he was, says that he would have had him in condition for the racing season, and a record well within the 2.10 list, but for the season I permitted him to make.

The oldest of Picknell's get is a two-year-old, bay filly, 15.1, no white, a blue ribbon winner, showing 2:30 speed as a yearling.

PICKNELL'S SIRE is ALLERTON, 2:09¼; CHAMPION TROTTING STALLION to HIGH WHEELS; THE LEADING SIRE FOR 1907, and THE GREATEST SIRE OF HIS AGE LIVING OR DEAD. Allerton 2:09¼, is sire of 178 in the list, of which 136 are TROTTERS, WITH RECORDS from 2:07½ to 2:30, and 42 pacers from 2:02 to 2:25. Allerton's sire was JAY BIRD, 2:31, sire of 106 TROTTERS from 2:06¼ to 2:30, and 12 PACERS from 2:09¼ to 2:25; and Jay Bird was by GEORGE WILKES, 2:22, etc.

PICKNELL'S DAM is BON BON, dam of Picknell, 2:15¼; Bon Jay, 2:19¼; Miss Minnie, 2:23; Gay Baron, 2:26¼, tr. 2:15; Jay Boul, tr. 2:09¼; Baron Stamboul, mat., 2:16, and Laurine, dam of four in the list, including THE KENTUCKY FUTURITY WINNER, OXFORD BOY, 2:20 at two years old. BON BON'S FULL SISTERS, Brava, 2:14¼, and Bon Mot, 2:25¼, each have THREE TROTTERS in THE LIST better than 2:30.

BON BON'S SIRE is BARON WILKES, 2:18, TROTTING, sire of 107 trotters from 2:08½ to :30, and 30 pacers from 2:03¼ to 2:25; and is the world-famed "FUTURITY SIRE."

BON BON'S dam was MARY A. WHITNEY, 2:28, trotting, and dam of FIVE TROTTERS, from 2:14¼ to 2:30. She was by Volunteer, full brother to Dexter, 2:17¼, and the sire of 33 trotters and 1 pacer in the list, including the one-time WORLD'S CHAMPION TROTTER, Sr. JULIEN, 2:11¼.

MARY A. WHITNEY'S DAM was PEGGY SLENDER, dam of the TROTTERS, Mary A. Whitney, 2.28, and Wm. H. Allen, 2.23¼.

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THURSDAY, April 2nd, 1908,

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

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