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WE acknowledge receipt of an invitation from Gov. Austin L. Crothers to meet the Honorable Isidor Rayner at the Executive Mansion, in Annapolis, Tuesday evening, Feb. 8th, from eight to ten o'clock.

PRESIDENT GORMAN, of the Maryland Senate, has had an order passed to send to the newspapers of the counties copies of all bills of local character that come before the Legislature. This is a good thing, as it will keep the people posted as to what is going on.

AT A meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee held in Chestertown on Tuesday, Mr. Lewin W. Wickes, who has been the chairman for the past four years, presented his resignation, which was accepted with regret. S. Scott Beck, Esq., and Mr. Chas. L. Dodd are mantioned as the probable successor to Mr. Wickes.

THE TRANSCRIPT is heartily in favor of the State-Wide Primary Election Bill, and believes Governor Crothers has the interests of the Democratic party at heart in urging its passage. This is a promise which the Democratic party made to the people in 1907, and through the Gorman-Smith influence, which is opposed, it is said, to the present bill, we got a perfect makeshift of a law.

SENATOR J. Frank Harper, of Queen Anne's county, has introduced in the Senater a bill similar in all respects to the Caroline County Road Law. There is a strong sentiment in that county for the adoption of the Caroline County Road Law, just as there is in Kent county among the tax-payers, and Senator Harper has looked to the interests of his constituents. Now, why cannot Senator Slay and our delegates in the House do the same thing for Kent?

IT WOULD be a great blunder to deprive the colleges and Johns Hopkins University, as well as the charitable institutions of the State of their continued appropriations on the ground of economy. Nothing is of greater importance to the moral and social welfare of the State than the advancement of the interests of our institutions of learning, and the depriving of these institutions even of a part of their means of support is a thrust at the most vital interests of our government. The State of Maryland owes our colleges and charitable institutions a measure of support because of the great benefits which these institutions confer upon the State, and it is false economy to take from these institutions money that helps to assist so many people for the sake of putting it where it does far less good to fewer beneficiaries. Better a great sight continue these appropriations than to create a useless utilities commission at an annual expense of $75,000 or to raise the tax rate of the State by an additional bonding of $6,000,000 to build outrageously expensive State roads.

ALTHOUGH the next Democratic primaries are more than a year in the distance, there are rumors of candidacies among the Organization supporters already. Among those mentioned for the several offices lately we have heard:

For State Senator--State's Attorney Wm. W. Beck, of the Seventh District, Mr. Isaac Gibbs, of the First District. Numerous friends of Senator Wm. M. Slay are urging him to be a candidate for re-election.

For County Commissioner to represent the First District—Mr. Bradford C. Dudley, the present incumbent, is mentioned as his own successor.

From the Second District—Mr. Thos. Bradley, of Still Pond, and Mr. John H. Clendaniel, of near Kennedyville, are mentioned.

From the Fourth and Seventh Districts—Mr. Thomas Maslin is most frequently mentioned, although there are many who would like to see Mr. Alfred C. Loud make the run again.

For the Legislature—The name of Mr. Joseph W. Howard, of the Third District, has been mentioned.

For Sheriff—Mr. Robert Johnson, of the First District, near Sassafras, is most frequently mentioned.

For State's Attorney—S. Scott Beck will likely be the candidate, although it is intimated that Herbert E. Perkins, Esq., will make a fight for the honor.

The Antis are lying low, and sawing wood in the interest of the tax-payers of the county, but they'll be there with the goods when the proper time comes.

—Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard has employed Mr. Howard Sill, a prominent architect of Baltimore city, to draw plans for the improvement to his Front street property. Mr. Sill has been in town during the week looking over the situation.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

The amount expended for roads and bridges from June 5th to December 1st, 1909, as heretofore published in the TRANSCRIPT:

Amount in First District, C. B. Dudley, commissioner	$ 8,196 39
Amount in Second District, Harry Davis, commissioner	1,086.35
Amount in Third and part of Sixth Districts, John E. Morris, commissioner	13,889 22
Amount in Fourth District, A. C. Loud, commissioner	3,196,09
Amount in Fifth District, Wm. Wagner, commissioner	2,923.04
Total expended in the five original districts of the county	$29,491.13

EDITORS OF THE TRANSCRIPT—GENTLEMEN:

In view of the disclosures which have been made concerning the cost to Kent county of repairing the roads and bridges from June 5th to Dec. 1st, 1909, and which have been made with the view to informing our tax-payers why the tax rate to be declared in June next will be an exceedingly high one;—it seems proper to discuss further the actions of the late Board of County Commissioners. Those Commissioners on Nov. 23rd, 1909, *just one week before they went out of office*, made a most unusual levy to the Commissioners of Chestertown. This matter should be stated at length so that the people of this county may see and understand exacly what was levied and how little regard seems to have been paid to the interests of the whole county when such a large sum was levied.

This allowance by the Commissioners of Kent county to the commissioners of Chestertown was at the time commented upon at length by the local press. Our tax-payers can better understand why this levy was criticised, and why it should have been criticised, when the bill presented to the county by the town for this levy is examined. The Commissioners of Chestertown made out a bill for $5,602.77 against Kent county and received therefor a levy of $5,949.95. No figures are given to show how the various amounts were ascertained. Nor did it appear in any of the criticisms about this levy, *made one week before the retiring board left office*, how the sum of $347.18 interest was allowed on the $5,602.77, making the total levy $5,949.95, and not $5,000 nor $5,500, as has been variously stated. In order that our tax-payers may understand this matter, I have requested Mr. Samuel Hicks, clerk to the county commissioners, to furnish me a copy of the bill presented by the Commissioners of Chestertown against Kent county, making this claim. It reads as follows:

"KENT COUNTY, DR.

TO COMMISSIONERS OF CHESTERTOWN.

To amount due Jan. 1st, 1909, as by Act of Legislature		$4,204.36
Credited by amount paid		2,000.00
		$2,204.35
To amount due Jan. 1st, 1910	$5,398,41	
By amount as per cash levy	2,000.00	$3,398.41
		$5,602.77"
To which the County Commissioners added interest		347.18
Allowed Nov. 23rd, 1909		$5,949 95

The lines showing the interest and the total amount, $5,949.95, do not appear in the bill as rendered.

It will thus be seen that in the levy for 1908 the $2000 which had always been allowed by the county to the town was paid and is credited. But the town claims $2,204.36 as a balance due on the year 1908. It will also be seen that during the year 1909, there was paid to the town $2000, but the town claims in addition $3,398.41!

Our tax-payers can instantly see in addition to this, that from the way in which the bill is stated, the town can still claim from the county $2000 in the coming levy to be made in June next. From the way in which the bill is rendered and allowed it has just as much legal right to claim this as they had to claim to $2,204 35 or the $3 398.41. Are our tax-payers willing to allow such claims? Is it not time for the tax-payers to rise up and condemn their servants for the allowance of this $5,949.95 on above bills?—a bare statement which has no proof, no calculation to support the claim; and should not our tax-payers condemn the present board if they attempt to levy to the Commissioners of Chestertown an additional $2000 to the $5,949 95 already ordered to be allowed in the next levy?

The last board of commissioners by this levy allows Chestertown in 1908 the sum of $4,204 36, and in 1909 $5,398 41 and interest $347.18, or a total in two years of $9,949.95! It is most pertinent now, at this time, to ask, and I do ask the question, "Why when the last board was about to leave office, did it levy such a large sum to Chestertown without *letting* the people know of, and have a chance to condemn, such action?

The writer is deeply interested in the welfare of Chestertown. He was one of the committee which waited upon the Legislature at the time when Mr. William T. Hepbron was in the Senate and it was sought to take away from Chestertown all money to which the town claimed it was entitled from the county. He also well remembers the argument then used that as the country people used the town streets, and many people who lived in the town paid large taxes on county property, $2000 was not an unreasonable sum to allow the town. It was then agreed that the sum of $2000 should always be paid by the County Commissioners to the Commissioners of Chestertown, although it was known that under the law as it stood the town might claim more. From that day, nearly twenty years ago, until Nov. 23rd, 1909, this agreement was never violated, in letter or in spirit. As a tax-payer the writer is willing to pay higher taxes on his town property to raise any necessary sum in excess of the $2000 paid to the town by the county, but he does not believe it is just or equitable, with our finances as low as they are, to ask the county to pay more than this sum, unless the matter is first fully entered into, threshed out and our town people and county people agree upon some other just and proper sum

If the present County Board or any future board, can levy in one year such large sums for the use of the town, why may they not levy even larger sums? Are the county people willing to have this done? If they are not, then our representatives in the Legislature should change the present law. If that be not done our County Commissioners, when applied to by the Commissioners of Chestertown, should decline to levy a larger sum than $2000 in one year. Then if the town is not satisfied, let it apply to the court and ask the court to interpret and construe the law. For my services in defending such position on the part of the county, I will make no charge.

Very respectfully yours,

HOPE H. BARROLL.

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HENRY PARR,

GALENA, MD.

Notice of Dissolution of Co-partnership.

TO THE PUBLIC: We, the undersigned, have this 1st day of January, 1910, by mutual consent dissolved the partnership business heretofore existing between us, Charles Carroll Hughes, John H. Hughes and William P. Newman, trading as "Hughes & Newman." The musical instrument business heretofore conducted by Hughes & Newman will hereafter be conducted by William P. Newman, who has purchased the interests of Charles Carroll Hughes and John H. Hughes in said business. All the business matters of Hughes & Newman will be wound up and adjusted by the said William P. Newman.

CHARLES CARROLL HUGHES,
JOHN H. HUGHES,
WILLIAM P. NEWMAN.

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

EPHRIAM DILL,

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 13th day of August, 1910, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of February, 1901.

KATIE L. DILL,
Administratrix.

Feb. 5-4t.

Office of R. GROOME PARKS, Attorney-at-Law.

Order Nisi.

ORDERED by the Orphans' Court for Kent county, State of Maryland, that the sale of the real estate mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Rufus F. Parks and James T. Parks, executors of the last will and testament of William W. Parks, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 8th day of March, next; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some weekly newspaper published in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the 8th day of next February.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1,175.83.

JOHN H. SIMPERS,
JOHN P. NICHOLSON,
EDWIN S. MORRIS,
Judges of the Orphans' Court for Kent Co., Md

True Copy—Test:

JESSE R. COPPER,
Register of Wills.

Jan. 22 4t.

DR. HORACE W. NICHOLSON

Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat.

Chislom Building. 114 W. Franklin St.

Baltimore, · Maryland.

Hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

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A Bank Statement

THAT ALL CAN UNDERSTAND.

STATEMENT

—OF THE—

Condition of the SECOND NATIONAL BANK

OF CHESTERTOWN, MD.,

At the Close of Business Friday, Dec. 31, '09.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.

This item represents loans made to farmers, merchants and others in this locality, said loans are secured by first-class Stocks or Bonds or strong personal endorsement. They aggregate .. $512,901.97

Overdrafts.

It is against the rules of all well managed banks to allow overdrafts in any form. It so happens, however, that depositors sometimes make mistakes in their balances, and overdrafts do occur. All our overdrafts are temporary and amount to 278.96

United States Bonds.

You have no doubt heard the remark "as good as a Government Bond." Well, this bank has seen fit to invest largely in these securities. We own United States Bonds amounting to 51,000.00

Bonds, Securities, Etc.

The policy of investing a good portion of a bank's funds in first-class bonds, is now regarded with favor by all conservative bankers. This is our policy. Our investments of this character are all in high-class bonds and aggregate 146,673.19

Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.

The bank owns the property and building in which its business is conducted. The original cost was much greater, but we have allowed for depreciation, and carry it on our books at 11,000.00

Due from National Banks and Bankers

(Not Reserve Agents,)

These items consist of the balances due us from all other banks with whom we carry reciprocal accounts, exclusive of our regular reserve. They amount to 4,089.27

Due from Approved Reserve Agents.

This item represents the amount of money we have on deposit with banks in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, subject to our check at any time. The government requires this that banks may always be prepared with funds to meet the demands of depositors. We have on hand with these approved banks 99,778.43

Cash in Bank.

This item requires no explanation. It is part of our Reserve Fund, and amounts to 54,147.14

Redemption Fund.

All National Banks are required to keep on deposit with the Treasurer of the United States, a sum equal to 5 per cent. of their circulation. Against this deposit is charged all notes redeemed by the U. S. Treasury. The circulating notes of this bank amount to $50,000.00, 5 per cent. of which is 2,500.00

Our total resurces aggregate $882,368.96

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock Paid in.

Divided into 500 shares with a par value of $100 each, and held by the representative business men and citizens of the community. The amount of capital assures financial strength. The capital of this bank is $50,000.00

Surplus.

Surplus is a certain portion of the earnings set aside as a safeguard against possible loss or shrinkage in values. The government concedes a bank to be sufficiently protected when its surplus equals one-fifth of its capital. Our surplus is seven-tenths of our capital, giving us a strength far in excess of the government requirements 40,000.00

Undivided Profits.

This item includes all the net profits of the bank to this date, excepting the sums carried to surplus account and paid out in dividends. Our undivided profits are 9,997.09

National Bank Notes Outstanding.

Showing the amount of bank notes that have been issued by the government, and are in circulation. Our money is guaranteed by the United States Government. It amounts to 50,000.00

Due to Other Banks.

This item shows the aggregate of the balances due by us to banks with whom we carry reciprocal accounts. We owe these banks 6,836.60

Individual Deposits.

This item consists of more than two thousand accounts. Some are the accounts of the largest, strongest and most influential business houses in Kent county and vicinity. A large portion, however, are small accounts, for we welcome alike large and small accounts, and take a special interest in new and growing accounts. Our deposits, subject to check, amount to 724,492.55

Certified Checks.

These are checks drawn against depositors' balances, certified by us and charged to the drawer's account at the time of certification. We have checks amounting to 42.72

United States Deposits.

We take special pride in this item. *Never* before did any bank in Kent county have on deposit money belonging to the United States Government. It speaks for itself. Of course it proves that the United States officials have confidence in the management of this institution. This deposit amounts to 1,000.00

Our total liabilities aggregate $882.368.96

Your Business is Solicited.

The Second National Bank,

Chestertown, Maryland.

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