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EDITORS.

DIDN'T they fall into the trap in fine shape?

THE STATE TAX for 1911 has been fixed by the Legislature at 22 cents on the $100. This is 6 cents higher than it is this year, and 4½ cents of the increase is going on the State roads being built by the State Good Roads Commission.

SENATOR SLAY has passed the bill for changing the method of recording deeds in the court house. This is the bill which means a great unnecessary expense to the tax-payers of the county, and its passage is a great blunder. The tax-payers will not forget this bill.

IF anybody in Kent county believes that the Slay road bill will take the roads of the county out of politics, he will have a far different idea of it before the end of the year 1910. It means more politics than ever and the tax-payers of the county are not fooled one bit.

THERE is an interesting rumor in regard to a political deal having been made by the passage of the Slay Road Bill. If the bill becomes a law and this deal develops we shall let the people of the county know what it is. It is said that the deal is the cause for the passage of the bill.

THE appointment of Mr. Foster Cannan as one of the census takers for Chestertown district is a most excellent appointment. Foster can be depended upon to do the job right, and he is just the fellow to ask the ladies the questions which they will be required to answer, and Mr. William H. Lambert is O. K., too. The ladies are in for it, with these two fellows, sure.

DELEGATE WILLIS' bill providing for a new registration in Kent county with party affiliation in 1910, has been favorably reported in the House. We do not wish it to be construed that we are opposed to the provisions of this bill, but as there are a number of bills in the Legislature relating to registration, Senator Gorman's in particular, which provides for a new general registration in 1911, what is the use of Kent county incurring the extra large expense of a general registration in 1910, when it will have to be done again in 1911, to comply with the disfranchisement amendment or to other laws already passed? Such proceedure is similar to the folly of neglecting to exempt Kent county from the provisions of the general reassessment bills.

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON, of Princeton University, in a great speech at the Democratic dinner in Elizabeth, N. J., Tuesday night said:

"One of the chief duties of the Democratic party is to initiate such reform, alike in local and in Federal Government, as will secure economy, responsibility, honesty and fidelity."

This is the policy which the TRANSCRIPT has adopted for the good of the party and for the welfare of the people.

Dr. Wilson said that the time is at hand when the Democrats must take charge of the country's affairs. So say we, or the Republican trusts and tariff barons, kept in power by the colored voters throughout the nation, will bring on war between the masses and the classes.

IF THE Chestertown Water Board carries out the provisions of the report of the committee of citizens in reference to improvements to the water plant, the town tax will have to be raised at least ten cents on the $100 in order to provide for the extra expense to be incurred. The revenue from the plant will never pay the expense, and Mr. Thomas W. Eliason's persistency in having done what *he* wants done will bankrupt the Water Works. We shall prove later on that this statement is true. No one in Chestertown knows the condition of the Chestertown Water Works better than does Mr. Eliason. He knew it when he was a member of the private corporation, and he knows the town bought a gold brick when it purchased the plant at the fabulous sum of $24,000. He held the bonds then. Now he is willing that the tax rate of Chestertown shall be raised and that the Water Works shall be bankrupted in order that his impractical ideas and fancies may be carried out. So far as the passage of the bill in the Legislature is concerned, his influence has tied the hands of the Water Board, but the question as to whether the people of the town are willing that their tax rate shall be increased, and that their money shall be spent for purposes as impractical as they are impossible, from a financial point of view, remains to be seen. And if the people fail to ratify the bond issue at the polls, charge the whole thing where it properly belongs, to those who are determined to block all progressive moves made for the town's welfare and advancement.

KENT COUNTY should have been exempted from the provisions of the general Re-assessment bill, so far as they relate to the re-valuation of personal property. An assessment of personal property was made by the County Commissioners in 1908 at considerable expense to the tax-payers, and to include this kind of property in the new assessment bill at this time is a great mistake. In fact we do not believe that the present is the proper time for a re-valuation of property in Kent for many reasons, one of which is the great expense, and another reason is because of the inflated value of farm lands. The County Commissioners have kept pretty close watch on property owners, and if there is any property not assessed, it would likely be placed on the books in the next two years. A general assessment for the county means a great expense to the tax-payers. The assessment bill passed this week.

POLITICAL INSINCERITY.

The Board of County Commissioners have had control of the financial affairs of Kent county since its foundation. To them has been entrusted the levying of the money necessary to provide for county expenses and to disburse this money. The people have been content for years to entrust such powers to the commissioners, and when the board has transcended its power, the people, by their votes, have brought about changes in its management. This has been the history of the county for years. Never once, however, has there been a demand for doing away with the board, and bringing into the county a stranger under nobody's authority save the Governor of the State, and to give this stranger a free hand in the expenditure of the people's money, with no one to say him nay, and with no power given to the people to appeal from the authority of the engineer either to the County Commissioners or to the Circuit Court. This strange and drastic innovation is the result of the determination of the Organization element of the party to control the roads of this county as they have been for years past to *their* political advantage, regardless of the effect of such proceedure upon the great mass of the tax-payers. If the Board of County Commissioners has been the office where political influence and pressure have been used to the greatest extent for years past, whose fault is it, but that of those who are determined that because their candidates were defeated by the people in the nomination, they will defeat the will of the tax-payers by the passage of a bill through the Legislature that will be the most iniquitious piece of political machinery ever perpetrated upon the people? Who but the Organization forces of the Democratic party are responsible for the political pressure and influence exerted by the commissioners for years? They have had control of the board since 1903, and if they had shown any disposition to free the board of politics, they have certainly had ample time to show their good faith. Now, when by every fair and honest means, the People's faction of the party won control of the commissioners' office, and by all that is fair and honest, they should be allowed to enjoy their just rights unmolested, the bosses of the Organization forces put on a sanctimonious air and say they desire to take the roads out of politics by giving the Governor the power to appoint a complete stranger to come into the county and help them get away with the money which the board of commissioners will be compelled to levy for them to use. If they would not keep the roads out of politics from 1903 to 1909—six years—but use them for all they were worth to further their political advancement, and in the last six months of their administration squandered $30,000 that we know of, and no one knows how much more, does any one have any faith in their sincerity when they say they desire to take the roads out of politics by giving the Governor the power to appoint the engineer? Is it not laughable? Is it not ridiculously absurd to think for a moment that the Organization forces could keep the roads out of politics, even if they tried? Senator Slay, by the passage of his bill, has cast the greatest reflection upon Messrs. Charles D. Wood and T. Benj. Crew, two as honest and conservative men as we have in the county. We believe that the confidence of the people in these two men with Mr. Harry Davis as the president of the board was not misplaced when they elected them to office. Their acts since they have been members of the board demonstrate the fact that they are determined to look after the interests of the tax-payers. Now, then, for them to be discounted, their honesty and integrity to be called to question and the will of the people to be trodden in the dust by the passage of a road law forced upon us by a few politicians, is the most reprehensible injustice, and the most partisan factional politics. Senator Slay passed this bill in the Senate last Friday, a day before it was possible to publish his excuse for foisting such a law upon the people as his letter contained last Saturday. He gave the people no time to answer his letter, he simply listened to somebody and passed the bill regardless of the people's opinion. One of our largest tax-payers came into our office on Monday morning with a letter addressed to Senator Slay protesting against the passage of the bill. We told him it was too late. He had passed his bill Friday. It would not do for us to publish what the tax-payer said. And so it is. The Organization has driven another nail in its coffin. They have undertaken to fool the people again, and Senator Slay has been their instrument. But they are not fooled. Just wait and see.

PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

VALUABLE PERSONALTY

THE UNDERSIGNED will offer at public sale in the town of Galena, on

Saturday, April 9, 1910,

Commencing at 1 o'clock P. M., the following valuable lot of

FARM IMPLEMENTS:

One Success Manure Spreader, 3 Weeders, 1 Spike-Tooth Harrow, 2 Roderick & Lean Cultivators, 3 3-horse South Bend Plows, 1 Chattanooga 2-horse Plow, 1 2-horse South Bend Plow, 3 13-disc Superior Randle Harrows, 1 9-disc Superior Randle Harrow, 3 Steel Age Cultivators, 2 Maulboards B. 4F., 3 Land Slides, 7 shears; 2 Plow Irons, B-1; 2 Janesville Corn Planters, 2 Corn Planters, Phosphate Attachment; 180 Rods Corn Planter Wire, 1 Superior Disc Drill.

This stock is all in first class condition, and is part of the Hardware and Implement stock of Mr. Raymond Prettyman.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of six months will be given on bankable note with approved security.

A. P. PRETTYMAN, Attorney.

ANDREW W. VANSANT, Auctioneer. a2-ts

Trustee's Sale

—OF A—

Valuable FARM

In Kent County, Maryland.

UNDER and by virtue of the power vested in the undersigned by a decree of the Circuit Court for Queen Annes county, Md., in Chancery case No. 1877, entitled, The Second National Bank of Chestertown, Maryland, vs. Katie Hurlock, et al., the undersigned will offer at Public Sale in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland,

ON TUESDAY, MAY 3d, 1910,

between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock noon,

All That Farm

OR TRACT OF LAND,

situate, lying and being in the Second Election District of Kent county, on the west side of the public road leading from Kennedyville to the public road which runs from Chestertown to Chesterville, and containing

203 Acres,

2 ROODS AND 3 PERCHES of land, more or less.

The said farm, which is now in the tenancy of William T. Baxter, is one of the most fertile and productive estates in Kent county. The land is in the highest state of cultivation;

The Buildings 

are nearly new, and all of them in excellent condition, while the farm is under good fencing. It yields large crops of wheat, corn, grass and is especially adapted to the growth of fruit, early vegetables, etc. The soil is a medium loam with red clay subsoil, easily improved and retains all that is put on it.

It is convenient to railroads, churches, schools, villages, and is only a short haul to the landing on Chester river. The farm is beautifully drained, and offers a most attractive opening to any one seeking either a home or investment. Mr. Baxter will take pleasure in showing the place to any intending purchaser. This is a rare chance to secure one of the finest farms in the best agricultural sections of Kent county.

ALSO ALL THAT

Tract of Wood Land

situated on the south side of the public road leading from Millington to Chestertown and bounded on the southwest by the road known as "The Shadding Reach Road." It contains

9 ACRES,

3 Roods and 27 Perches of Land,

MORE OR LESS. It is the same farm and tract of woodland described in a deed from William Walter Hurlock and wife to the said Samuel R. Hurlock, bearing date 31st day of August, 1892, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber S. B. No. 15, folios 589, etc., as on reference to same will more fully and at large appear.

Terms of Sale

As prescribed by the decree are one-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale and the residue in two equal installments payable in one and two years 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 undersigned. All title papers at the cost of purchaser. The wheat crop for the year 1910 is re-reserved and will not be sold with the farm.

HOPE H. BARROLL,
SIDNEY P. TOWNSHEND,
Trustees.

CHARLES H. HURLOCK, Auct. a2-ts

Notice to Creditors.

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

SHADRACK W. WATKINS,

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 8th day of October, 1910, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of March, 1910.

CHARLES L. WATKINS, Executor.

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W. A. HYLAND, JR.,

GALENA, MD.

I take pleasure in announcing to my friends and farmers that I am conducting a

Hardware, Implement, Blacksmith- and Wheelwrighting Business.

My "motto" is to give every one of my customers a square deal in every respect, and every piece of machinery that I sell I will give a written guarantee with it, and if it does not come up to the requirements I will refund your money. Your patronage will be greatly appreciated. Give me a trial. I will mention the following lines of implements I have for sale. You can't make a mistake in buying any of them. When you buy my line you are not buying trouble.

FARM WAGONS, DEARBORNS.

Deering Binders,
" Mowers,
" Rakes,
" Binder Twine.

I keep from $800 to $1000 worth of DEERING REPAIRS on hand for our Binders and Mowers, which is quite an item in buying Binders and Mowers.

CLOVER LEAF MANURE SPREADERS

are unsurpassable. Forty of these Spreaders have been sold by J. F. McWhorter & Son at Middletown, Del., this spring, and all of them are giving satisfaction.

Syracuse and Ohio PLOWS,

AND FULL LINE OF REPAIRS.

Spike, Spring-Tooth and Disc Harrows.

Imperial Double Disc Cutaway Harrows.

It harrows the ground twice in one operation, saving the labor of one man and two horses. It enables the farmer to do his work in one-half the time, making the most of favorable weather and soil conditions. It gives better results than any other harrow and leaves the ground in better condition.

In construction the Imperial Double Disc consists of a complete out-throw harrow with a second harrow (in-throw) attached by a flexible frame. The forward harrow cuts the soil and throws it outward; the rear harrow works it again and throws it back, leaving the surface finely divided and perfectly level. The rear gangs follow the front gangs in turning and the dirt is not thrown up in ridges at the corners. Every inch of ground is pulverized and leveled. The rear gangs may be quickly and easily detached and the machine used as a single disc harrow if desired.

Write us for particulars and prices.

We have resumed the manufacture of

Our Own Make of Field ROLLERS.

Every farmer that has ever seen this roller declares it is the best make on the market. It is in a class to itself, and has no equal. It is made of good white oak. I have a good stock up already for delivery. Write for prices.

The New Improved No. 4 Black Hawk Corn Planter.

The most accurate dropping device ever known on a Planter. Adjustable in widths of 3 to 4 feet.

Iron Age Wheel Cultivators, Potato Planters, Potato Sprayers and Diggers, Asparagus Plows.

POULTRY AND BARB WIRE,

Harness, Paints and Oils.

HORSESHOEING A SPECIALTY

We can furnish you STOVE REPAIRS for any make of stove on the market.

Yours very respectfully,

W. A. Hyland, Jr.,

Galena, Maryland.

BIG SURPRISES AT COHEN'S!

We have just arrived from the Northern cities, where we bought the largest stock of goods that we ever carried, such as all kinds of Ladies' Dress Goods, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Farming Implements and Garden Seed of all kinds, Mattings, Housefurnishings, Paints of all kinds.

12½c Extra Quality Percales, in fancy colors..... 8½c
15c, 12c and 10c Embroidery, only..... 7½c
Painting season on hand. 1 gallon of Semi or Stag Paint and 1 gallon of Linseed Oil, mix them together; all..... $2.25
All our 15c Table Oilcloths go at..... 11c
All our good 12½c Coffees go at only..... 10c
Best in the World—Pataps-co or Superlative Flour—per barrel..... $6.25
Coal Oil, per gallon, now goes at only..... 9c
All our Apron Ginghams now go at..... 4½c
$3.00 Brilliantine Ladies' Skirts, very fancy; all to be sold now at..... $1.99
$1.25 Horse Collars, to go now for only..... 99c
50c Men's Sunday Shirts, fast colors, only..... 25c
The Best 10c Lima Beans, to go at per quart..... 5c
We will sell 3 boxes of our Pawnee Oats for only..... 25c
1 Can of Milk, Pet Cream, for only..... 3½c
50 different kinds of White Goods to select from at the lowest price.
75c and 50c Brilliantine and Mohair in fancy colors..... 39c
Paint and Whitewash Brushes from 5c to..... $2.50
Nice Pretty 6c Lawns, will sell for only..... 3½c
Beautiful 12½c Lawn, per yd, go for only..... 8c
10c and 15c Ladies' Stockings go for..... 5c
We are handling Bolgiana's Best Seed of all kinds. Package Seed—Beans, Peas and Tomato Seed of all kinds.

Money Saving Prices That Appeals to You.

We sell the 30c Window Curtains for only..... 19c
75c Alarm Clocks, guaranteed to run 12 months..... 49c

Here is Your Eye-Opener for Wednesday.

Nice 12½c Peaches, per lb., for only..... 6½c
Three 12c Packages Snuff, gor for..... 25c
Any kind 5c Soap to go for only..... 3½c
15c Best Early Seed Peas, to go for..... 10c
Our 50c Tobacco, per pound, only..... 25c
2 Packages of Good Bread Soda go for..... 3½c

Whoever brings this advertisement will get a Souvenir which is very handsome and useful.

Will take Eggs, Butter and other Country Produce for the highest market price. Come and examine our line of Spring Goods that will save you money. Yours truly,

ABE COHEN,

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WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE TO THE TRADE

That we are adding to our line a line of

Carriages, Surreys

—AND—

RUNABOUTS.

We are building a Carriage Emporium on the lot where the photograph gallery has been for a number of years, and have contracted for one of the best lines of Carriages on the market. The invoice for the first carload has been received, and they should reach us in a few days.

If you are going to buy a Buggy or Carriage, be sure to see our line and get our prices before buying, as we think that we will be a position to save you some money.

Yours for Business,

GRAHAM & CLEMENTS,

—SUCCESSORS TO—

H. R. GRAHAM & BRO.,

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

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