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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR CONGRESSMAN FROM FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

J. HARRY COVINGTON,

OF TALBOT COUNTY.

DEMOCRATIC
Mass Meetings!

At CHESTERTOWN and ROCK HALL.

The Issues of the Campaign will be ably discussed at STAM'S HALL, in CHESTERTOWN, on

WEDNESDAY, October 19th, 1910,

Afternoon and Evening.

At ROCK HALL, AMUSEA HALL,

On THURSDAY NIGHT, October 20.

HON. J. HARRY COVINGTON, Candidate for Congress, and other speakers will be present.

CHARLES L. DODD,
JOHN C. REDMILE,
J. W. IVENS,
State Central Committee.

IT SEEMS that some of the adherents of the Organization forces are averse to publicity. Why so?

DID you get registered or secure a transfer on Tuesday? If not do not fail to do so next Tuesday. It is your last chance.

THE TRANSCRIPT predicts ra in to-day and a sweeping Anti-Organization victory next spring. The signs point that way and the roads of the county need both.

THE Republican spellbinders find it impossible to explain away the present high prices. The old McKinley tariff argument of the "cheap man and a cheap coat," does not fill the bill; for the cheap coat is now cotton instead of wool, and the poor man can hardly afford that —with the tariff advancing prices.

THE ANTI-ORGANIZATION forces won a signal victory in the primaries last spring without money and without the control of the roads, and judging from the condition of our county roads now and the manner in which they are being supervised, it will be easier to win next spring and they'll win hands down. Developments of every day favor an Anti victory.

THE success of the Democratic candidates for Congress in Baltimore city depends very largely upon the effect of the Governor's investigation of the police department of the city. We believe a great mistake has been made by the method in which this investigation has been conducted, and it will not only effect the congressional election in November, but it will effect the welfare of Baltimore city throughout the country. One would think from the turn which the affair has taken that Baltimore is a city of vice and rottenness, policed by a lot of hoodlums.

HERETOFORE there has been one registration sitting in September. The change of the law has deprived a hundred or more young men who go off to college and university of the privilege of getting registered before, being compelled to leave for college. The change in the law will cost the Democratic party several hundred votes in this State, and who ever is responsible for the thoughtless change in the law should be held responsible for it. We know of a number of young men in Chestertown who would have registered had there been a sitting in September. They are gone and will not be able to come back, and the Democratic party is the loser thereby.

EVERY tax-payer in Kent county should read carefully the editorial of the Cecil Whig in another column of this issue, relating to the opinion of the court in Cecil county in the damage suit against the county commissioners. It gives a truthful view of the condition every county is in under the road engineer system especially when the engineer is not under the control of the County Commissioners such as the TRANSCRIPT contended before the passage of the Slay road law that he should be. The people of Kent County are deprived of the right of local self-government by the Slay road law, because the County Commissioners are deprived of the right of control over the roads and bridges, and the tax-payers money is being spent just as it always was, and the roads of the County are just as much in politics as they ever were. Read what the Whig says.

ACCORDING to the legal opinion of the court, the County Road Engineer is personally liable for damages resulting from accidents to man and beast sustained on our county roads and bridges. The County Commissioners, having no control over the actions of the engineer, are not liable for any damages that may occur. This is another serious aspect of the Slay Road law.

THE Democrats of New York have nominated a strong man for Governor in the person of John A. Dix. They also have a strong platform, embodying the principles of tariff reform advocated by the late President Grover Cleveland. But they should remember that they have a strong foe in the person of Theodore Roosevelt, and unless the "Old Guard" desires to administer a rebuke to him in November, and thus put themselves in a position to say, "I told you so," there will be a mighty interesting fight in the Empire State for supremacy. We believe, however, that Dix will be the next Governor of New York, because the signs of the times point in that direction.

IT IS the same old thing. Efforts are being made to keep the people of the county in ignorance as to how their money is spent on the roads. The engineer has refused to comply with the request of the commissioners to furnish itemized monthly statements of the affairs of his office, and he replies by saying in substance: "If the tax-payers want to know anything about their money, let them go to the commissioners office or to my offiice and find out for themselves." That's the same old story. The county has gone so far in debt by said proceedure on the part of those who are advising our young engineer, that the enormous tax rate of $1.85 stares the tax-payers in the face, and they are giving as an excuse that a part of this rate is caused by levying money to pay a part of next year's debts. I'ts because the people did not know what was being done with their money. And now that they have found out, they are astonished at the enormous tax rate.

ROAD ENGINEER REFUSES TO COMPLY.

County Road Engineer Isaac Gibbs, Jr., replied on Tuesday to the request of the County Commissioners that he furnish them itemized monthly statements of the work on the county roads in the following letter:

CHESTERTOWN, MD., Oct. 3, 1910.
THE KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, CHESTERTOWN, MD., SIRS:
—Yours of the 29th instant at hand, and I beg to inform you that the law does not require me to make any itemized statement except at the end of the year. I also beg to inform you that if you want such a statement there is filed in your office with your clerk the items on bills from which to make such a report.

The Commissioners know from passing the bills presented them just what an itemized report would show, for every bill that goes before the Commissioners is *fully* itemized. The tax-payers are supposed to have free access to the County Commissioners office, and they can see for themselves if the bills are as stated. I also have a copy of said bills in my possession which I will be glad to show any one who cares to see them, and from which I make up my itemized report for the year.

There is no disposition on my part to keep any of the work of my office from the public as I realize I am their servant and trying to carry out the letter as well as the spirit of the law. Trusting I have made myself understood,

Very respectfully yours,
ISAAC GIBBS, JR.

This letter is a notice to the tax-payers and Board of Commissioners of this county that the Organization forces who are directing the Engineer in his conduct of the county roads, intend to keep the people of the county in the dark as to how their money is being spent on the roads and bridges of the county, just as they did with the affairs of the County Commissioners office when they had control. The reply of the road engineer to a very reasonable request from the commissioners is to our minds the lamest sort of an excuse for refusing to do that which as a servant of Kent county and a business man, he should be very willing to do. Granted that the letter of the law does not require him to give a monthly itemized account of the affairs of his office, what businesslike and reasonable excuse can he offer for refusing to comply with a request which the commissioners ask for the better conduct of the office? Does he presume for a moment that the tax-payers of the county are going to sacrifice their time to come to the commissioners office or to his office to search a pile of bills, and does he not know that those of us who keep in touch with the affairs of the commissioners office and with his office know that many bills are often withheld for several months before they are presented for payment? If the engineer is seeking to conduct the affairs of his office in a businesslike manner, and not to inject politics into the appointment of his road workers and does not desire to withhold information from the tax-payers that they have a right to know, why should he want to be forced by law to do something which he could do with very little trouble and which would inspire confidence in his conduct of his office on the part of those who have to pay the bills and have a right to know how the money is spent and who is getting it? We believe that it is the intention of the law that the engineer give as much information to the commissioners and through them to the public, as it is possible to give, and if there is a refusal on the part of the engineer to give such information there is certainly no other conclusion to reach than that those who are advising the road engineer are determined that the tax-payers shall not know any more about the money being spent on the roads and bridges than they did when they had control of the Board of County Commissioners office and spent so much of the people's money on the roads and are now endeavoring to make the people believe that the present high tax rate is caused by levying a part of next year's debt. These are the very same leaders who could have prevented the Old Board of County Commissioners from wasting $38,000 of the tax-payers' money on the roads during the last six months of their term, and everybody knows now that this waste of $38,000 is responsible, almost absolutely for the tax rate of $1.85 forced upon the people this year, and yet these same leaders played the same game with the roads then that they are playing with the young Road Engineer now, and that is they are keeping the people in ignorance of how their money is being spent, but in June, July and August, when the roads of the county needed the least working, they spent more than $1000 per month, and last Tuesday for the month of September $1,665 59 worth of bills were presented to the commissioners for payment for work on the roads. What the people of this county have a right to know is how their money is being spent and who is getting it, and when the commissioners make a reasonable request of the engineer in order to let the people know these things, there is something radically wrong with the system if the road engineer hide behind the law in his refusal to grant such a request. The advocates of the Slay road law have held up this law as being such a great law, they have boasted of its economy and fairness and how it will improve conditions regarding the working of the roads, and yet when the commissioners make a request for a systematic and businesslike monthly statement so that the tax-payers may know whether the law is beneficial as it is claimed it is, these same advocates advise the engineer to hide behind the letter of the law, and refuse to grant what the commissioners as the custodians of the people's money have a just and reasonable right to know. The commissioners have done right in requesting their attorney to apply to the court to compel the engineer to furnish such information as the commissioners desire to know, and the sooner the value of the road law of Kent county to the tax-payers is exposed the better it will be. We understand the counsel to the commissioners will take the matter to court at once.

NO PUBLIC MEETING.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Chestertown Water Board held Thursday evening, the propriety of calling a public meeting of the tax-payers of the town to discuss better fire protection was discussed. It was found upon reference to the law passed by the last Legislature governing the expenditure of the recent bond issue by the Water Board, that the citizens of the town have no authority to change the law, and that they are powerless to prevent the spending of the money as the law requires. The law compels the Water Board to spend this money in *strict* accordance with the report of a special committee, and notwithstanding the fact that a majority of the Water Board as well as a majority of the Board of town commissioners, is now and has been in favor of what they believe to be a better and more effective method of expending the money, this law, which two members of the Water Board never saw or had the privilege to see until after it had been passed in the Legislature, compels the citizens of Chestertown to submit in silence to the expenditure of their money for such improvements as a majority of the Water Board and Town Commissioners believe will not give our property owners a particle more protection against a fire such as occurred two weeks ago than then, except more water. These improvements will consist in repairing the old pool near Mr. Barroll's property, and compelling the water takers to use the water of the pool in their drinking water; digging another storage reservoir at the pump house, and raising the smoke stack. These improvements depend for their efficiency absolutely upon pump pressure, and the experience of the big fire has taught us that such fire protection is not worth 10 cents at the time it should be most effective. These improvements will cost nearly $5000 and will consume every dollar of the bond issue now remaining in the treasury.

There is nothing for the Water Board to do but make these improvements, and at their meeting on Thursday night arrangements were made to begin repairing the old pool. We cannot help regretting the serious lack of wisdom on the part of those who are responsible for the passage of such a law, for such we are confident these improvements will show the first time they are tested in a fire. And it is still further to be regretted that the tax-payers of the town are powerless to prevent the expenditure of their money so foolishly. The majority of the Water Board assumes no responsibility for the expenditure of this money. They must obey the law. The people who should be held responsible for the town's misfortune are the gentlemen who prepared the bill and forced it through the Legislature without giving the Water Board the privilege to read its provisions before it became a law. The TRANSCRIPT has endeavored to bring the matter to the people as we see their interests, and we believe our tax-payers will live to see the day when they will learn to their sorrow that their money has been spent for something that is giving them no protection against fire, high insurance rates and high taxes to maintain an inefficient water system.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM J. HURLOCK.

Mr. William J. Hurlock, one of our county's most prominent retired farmers, died at his home in Kennedyville, on Sunday evening, aged 72 years. The deceased was one of the most prominent men in this county. For many years he was engaged in farming near Kennedyville, but several years ago he retired and went to live at his home in Kennedyville. He was an active member of the Kennedyville M. P. Church, and was devoted to its interests. He was a Democrat in politics, and was always interested in the success of his party and labored for its interests. He leaves a widow and two children, viz: Mrs. M. J. Athoson and Mr. Wm. M. Hurlock.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning. Rev. Mr. Reynolds, of Dover, officiating, assisted by Rev. F. H. Mullineaux. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. Tilghman Shafer, J. R. Bennett, Isaac Cleaver, Joshua Jarrell, Daniel Hill and John Medders. Interment was made in Kennedyville M. P. Church yard. Undertaker William H. Krusen in charge.

HENRY ROBINSON.

Mr. Henry Robinson, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of the Fifth District, died suddenly on Monday, persumably of heart failure, aged 75 years. Mr. Robinson had been at work at the home of Capt. Joseph Ashley, in Skinner's Neck, just prior to his death. The deceased is survived by a widow. He was a brother of Mrs. Araminta Burk and Mrs. Wm. H. Blakeney, of this town. Interment was made in Wesley Chapel cemetery on Wednesday.

HARRY MEEKINS.

Mr. Harry Meekins died at his home near Lynch's Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, aged 50 years. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 P. M., Rev. G. A. Morris officiating. The bearers were Andrew Medders, W. W. Beck, J. Biddle Hossinger, Harry Cacy and Ellsworth C. Bowers. Interment in Still Pond cemetery. Undertaker W. H. Krusen in charge.

The one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Faucett, of near St. Paul Church, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Ashley, in Rock Hall, on last Sunday night after a long illness. Burial in Wesley Chapel cemetery.

Engineer's Report.

The following is the report of Road Engineer Isaac Gibbs, Jr., for the month of September. This is the sort of report that the engineer and his advisers think is necessary to give the tax-payers of the county the information they have a right to know about the expenditure of their money. Incidentally it may be remarked that so far as we have been able to learn the report of no engineer in the State is similar to the Kent county engineer's statements. The report is as follows:

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—SIRS: I have the honor to inform you that during the month of Sept. I spent on the roads and bridges of Kent county the sum of $1,665.59. The rains during the month of August washed out the hills and made quite a little work necessary. The greater part of the money expended was spent in repairing hills. The money was spent in the different districts as follows:—

1ST.	
Labor	$276.55
Material	37.33
Total	$313.88
2ND.	
Labor	$282.05
Material	167.94
Total	$449.99
3RD.	
Labor	$188.35
Material	84.65
Total	$273.00
4TH.	
Labor	$97.20
Material	134.65
Total	$231.
5TH.	
Labor	$85.90
Total	$85.90
6TH.	
Labor	$77.00
Material	61.44
Total	$138.44
7TH.	
Labor	$87.90
Material	84.63
Total	$172.53
Total for county	$1,665.59

ISAAC GIBBS, JR.,
Road Engineer.

During the four months the Road Engineer has been in office he has spent on the roads and bridges $4,667.88, an average of $1,166.97 per month. It will be easily seen from this that with the amount of work that will be done on the roads next spring the appropriation from the county of $17,000 and over will be more than exhausted.

Our Advertiser's Interest.

Go see Moody & Lusby, th e large clothing manipulators of Chestertown. Take your great-great-grandfather and the boys. They have patterns and prices to please all.

Big fall opening of Millinery, Dry Goods, Shoes, and other seasonable articles begins at John Schofield's big store in Still Pond today. Go in and consult his graduate trimmer about your new Fall or Winter hat.

Mr. J. W. Kirby, the tombstone and monument man, is all ready for business at the old A. J. Hynson marble yard on Cross street. Mr. Kirby is supplied with a new stock, and he will fill all orders that were to have been filled when the fire broke out, in about two weeks. Mr. Kirby deserves great credit for the promptness which he has displayed in filling all pressing orders, and he has proven himself to be a business man of the highest integrity, and the same may be said of all others who suffered in the great fire.

Vansant & Newsome are ready for business today on the square. Big Fire Sale in progress.

The Drouth in Kent.

The drouth in Kent County is serious, especially among farmers. Pasture fields are as bare as deserts and there is a great scarcity of butter. Several schools in Upper Kent have benn compelled to carry water from springs, the pumps having been exhausted.

Rock Hail residents have been complaining of scarcity of drinking water for 10 days. In Quaker Neck farmers have turned their cattle out on the marshes to get pasture, it being the only thing left. A singular feature in Chesy tertown is that the dryer it gets the more water is pumped from an artesian well that seemed heretofore to be limited in its output.

Since the fire here this well has just bubbled forth with splendid water.—Baltimore Sun.

The above from the Sun's Chestertown correspondent seems to be quite contradictory of some statements made since the fire regarding the town's water supply. It substantiates the claims made by the TRANSCRIPT last week that what Chestertown needs is not more water but more PRESSURE. How can we get it?

CARD OF THANKS.

The Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company desires to thank all who in any way helped in the big fire last week, either by contributing provisions or aiding in extinguishing the flames, as many citizens not members of the fire company rendered valuable assistance. 1t.

CARD OF APPRECIATION.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Chestertown, decided by unanimous vote during its meeting last Tuesday evening to employ this means to publicly express their sincere appreciation of the effective efforts on the part of "Chestertown's" Volunteer Fire Company in saving our hall from the raging flames that recently swept away so much of our neighbors property. So, we thank them for the evident purpose to win, though the flames raged in great fury.

1t. SECRETARY.

DATES OF SITTING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL AND REVIEW.

NOTICE TO ALL TAX-PAYERS:

The County Commissioners sitting as a Board of Control and Review, under and by virtue of Chapter 300, Acts of 1910, hereby give notice to all Tax-payers of Kent county, Maryland, that it will sit as a Board of Control and Review, beginning

On MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 1910,

at 10 o'clock A. M. to 3 P. M., at the office of the County Commissioners in the Court House, in Chestertown, and continue to sit each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of every week thereafter, until the business of the Board is completed or until otherwise notified.

The Seventh District will first be taken up and disposed of, and the Fifth, Sixth, First, Second, Third and Fourth, in ordered named.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,
SAMUEL HICKS, Clerk. o8-tf.

PUBLIC SALE
—FOR—
Three Different Days

THE UNDERSIGNED, having concluded to break up business and housekeeping, will offer for sale at public auction on the three different Saturday afternoons named below, the following goods, all in good shape and repair.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 1910,

A mixture of Household Goods and Stock in trade, consisting of Household Goods, Fence Machines and Tools, and accumulated stock of materials such as Water and Oil Paints and lots of other goods that cannot now be named. Attend the sale and see for yourself.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1910,

Cooking Utensils (among which is a full set of Allumium Ware), Stoves, Dishes, etc., one Two-Seat Express Wagon, one York Carriage, one Set of Harness, Push Cart, Wheelbarrow, Lightning Rods and Fixtures, and other goods all useful and in good shape.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1910,

One Set of Complete Parlor Furniture, covered with Red Silk Plush, consisting of Sofa (good size), Stand, Rocker, Big Arm Chair and 4 Sitting Chairs, one Large Parlor Mirror, Pictures with Frames, about 200 yards of good Carpets, lot of Mattings, two Bed Room Sets complete, lots of Bed Clothing, Feather Beds, Feather and Hair Mattresses (no better made), Parlor and Library Tables, Desk and lots of other goods that cannot be named here. Come to the sale, view the goods and satisfy yourself.

Sales to begin each day at 2 P. M.

TERMS—All under $15 cash, over that amount Six Months credit, bankable notes, approved, payable at Savings Bank, interest to be added. Sales made privately. Also all my real estate is for sale. Call on

JOSEPH GUEST, Owner,
o8-ts. Chestertown, Md.

TO THE
TAX-PAYERS
OF KENT COUNTY.

TREASURER'S OCTOBER SITTING.

In pursuance of an act of Assembly passed at the session in 1891, Chapter 292, the undersigned, Treasurer of Kent County, hereby gives notice that for the purpose of receiving the

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

in said county for the year 1910, he will sit for the September Sitting in the several Election Districts between the hours at 10 A. M. and 3 P. M., on

Monday, October 17th,

Rock Hall—At Chesapeake House.
Galena—At Henry Parr's Store.

Thursday, October 20th,

Betterton—At Chas. H. Brice's Store.
Still Pond—At Wm. Medders & Co.'s Store.

Monday, October 24th,

Fairlee—At Kilbourn & Bramble's Store.
Pomona—At Hickey's Store.

At all other times will be t Treasurer's Office in Chestestown.

The Treasurer's office in the Court House will not be open on the above days.

The Treasurer's office in the Court House will be open every day except on the above dates from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. for the receipt of Taxes. Tax-payers will please take notice that taxes will be due and payable Sept. 1st and that on all bills unpaid on January 1st, interest will be charged and collected from Sept. 1st. On the first day of January all taxes unpaid are declared by law to be in arrears, and delinquents will be warned that unless settlement in full is made before April 1st the claims against them will be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the county, who will proceed to seize and sell their property to pay the taxes due with charges and all costs of sale. The Treasurer would therefore respectfully urge all taxpayers to pay promptly.

o8. WILLIAM J. TARBUTTON, Treasurer.

This Space Reserved
—FOR—
A. Cohen's
Sandy Bottom Department Store.

Mr. Cohen will be absent from the county from Monday, October 3 to Thursday, October 6, and from Wednesday, October 12 to Friday, October 14. His store will be closed on dates as indicated above.

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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