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THE annual report of the auditing committee for Kent county is published in this issue. It is very comprehensive and business-like, and shows the excellent condition of our county finances. Every tax-payer in the county should study the report and post himself upon his county's financial condition.

GOVERNOR CROTHERS has set at rest all rumors concerning his future by publicly stating that when his time as Governor expires on January 9th, he will return to his home in Elkton, there to resume the practice of law. That does not mean that the Governor will not keep posted upon what is "going on" in the old camp, and every time the bugle calls, he'll be there.

DEMOCRATS haven't a ghost of a chance to elect the next President of the United States if they are going to minimize the power and influence of William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Bryan has a greater following than any living American individual to-day, and his influence and power will be absolutely necessary to the National Democracy, not only in the selection of a candidate, but in his election. If the Democratic party ignores this fact, it is licked to a frazzle before it starts the campaign. Bryan will support either Governor Wilson or Champ Clark, but he will not support Governor Harmon. What is the use therefore, of nominating Governor Harmon in the face of Mr. Bryan's determined opposition, and thereby kill a splendid opportunity to elect a Democratic President?

LET THE WIND BLOW.

A canvas of Green county, Iowa, made by mail, may be accepted as a thermometer showing how the political wind is blowing in that section. One hundred and twenty letters were sent out to Republicans only, and ninety-seven answers were received. Some of the questions presented and the answers received are as follows: If Taft should be nominated, will you support him? Yes, 21; no, 64; blank, 12. Do you approve of the Payne-Aldrich bill? Yes, 12; no, 85. Do you approve of Taft's action in the Ballinger matter? Yes, 2; no, 91. Do you approve of the attack on Dr. Wiley? Yes, 3; no, 81. Do you approve of Taft's veto of the woolen schedule as passed by the last Congress? Yes, 18; no, 70. Do you believe the Taft administration favors the farmer and laborer or the trusts? Farmers, 6; trusts, 58. Let the wind blow!

IF THE decision of Attorney General Isaac Lobe Straus, one of the best constitutional lawyers in the State, is to be the directing force in determining the status of State appointments, Governor-elect Goldsborough will be shorn of his power to a very great extent and the Democrats can sit by and wink the other eye. We suggest that in discussing the propriety or impropriety of taking advantage of the law in this respect, that we shall be governed by the question, *what would the other fellow do if he were in our place?* If the Attorney General's opinion prevails, there will be no change in the Police Justices, Magistrates, Election Supervisors, and probably County School Boards. Mr. Straus says:

"That officials appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate continue in office until their successors are appointed in like manner.

"If the Senate being Democratic, refuse to confirm nominations by the incoming Governor, the incumbents can hold over."

JUDGE ADKINS FOR CHIEF JUDGE

Sometime ago the TRANSCRIPT called attention to the fact that Hon. William H. Adkins, Associate Judge of this Judicial Circuit, will be a candidate for Chief Judge to succeed Hon. James Alfred Pearce, the present incumbent. We indorsed Judge Adkins at the time we mentioned his candidacy, and we desire in this issue to emphasize that indorsement. We regard this high office as one in the discharge of whose duties the legal attainments and experience of the occupant should be the predominating qualifications. These qualifications should be augmented by a fine judicial temperament, absolute freedom from narrow and contracted prejudice, and a strong moral character which cannot be swerved from its path of solemn duty by external influences.

Judge Adkins has manifested to the people of this circuit during the five years he has been on the bench that he measures up" to the requirements of a good Judge in every respect. His ability is unquestioned, his decisions have always been given in the interest of justice and right, and his record gives him a fitness which no one has thus far mentioned in opposition. Judge Adkins is a son of the John Hopkins University, from which he took his A. B. in 1882. He is also a graduate of the University of Maryland Law School, from which he received the degree of L.L. B. For some years prior to his appointment to the bench of this circuit by Governor Warfield, he was one of the most prominent and influential members of the bar in Easton, where he enjoyed a fine practice and represented in a legal capacity many of that town's most prominent business interests. There is no question therefore as to Judge Adkins' legal and mental attainments. His popularity with and his hold upon the people are manifested by the fact that when he was a candidate before the people for Associate Judge four years ago he received a most flattering vote, carrying the District by a majority greater than that given to any candidate for Judge in years. Judge Adkins' hold upon the people is due to his eminent fitness for the bench, and we indorse him in the strongest terms and will use our influence for his election to the Chief Judgeship of the circuit, because we believe he is the best equipped man that can be secured for the high position in the entire circuit. We trust that every friend of the TRANSCRIPT in Kent county will give Judge Adkins his hearty support.

MUCH as we would like to see every Democrat in Kent county and in the State now holding a State position retain his job, we sincerely trust that a Democratic Senate will not be guilty of such partisan tactics as to refuse to confirm the new governor's appointments, especially if the appointees are good men. The first duty of the Democratic party in its trial of defeat is to the people. The people of this State elected a Republican Governor, and they intended that with the office should go the patronage. Now for a Democratic Senate to refuse to confirm the Governor's appointments for purely partisan reasons, would be playing bad politics, and such a course will by no means meet with the approval of the masses of the people. The thing for the Democrats in the Legislature and out of it to do is to "play the game according to the rules." Let us take our medicine. Let the Governor make his appointments while the Democrats attend to the people's business by carrying out the pledges of their platform and the enactment of such Legislation as will redound to the interest of the tax-payers and to the progress of the State. This is the way to save the Legislature to the Democrats two years hence and to elect any good Democrat Governor four years hence. Maryland is normally a Democratic State. Don't be foolish and make the State permanently Republican by partisan tactics and selfish Legislation.

ELECTION OF JUDGE PEARCE'S SUCCESSOR.

The following editorial appeared in the Centreville Observer some time in May, 1910, we believe, and we reproduce it in full, giving due credit to the above paper for its origin:

"In view of the fact that the term of the Hon. James Alfred Pearce as Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit will soon end, there has been some discussion as to when his successor is to be elected, and some have expressed the view that Judge Pearce's successor would not be elected at the November election of 1912, but would be appointed by the Governor at the expiration of Judge Pearce's term in the fall of that year. This view has probably grown out of the fact that Judges Boyd and Briscoe were both appointed by the Governor at the end of their respective terms to serve until the general election following their appointment. But the important fact has been overlooked that the term of these judges and the others appointed under similar circumstances did not expire at the end of one of the regular fifteen year periods, counting from the date of the Constitution of 1867.

"Section 5 of Article 4 of the Constitution, as it originally stood, provided for the appointment by the Governor of the successors of all judges to serve until the general election following such appointments. But the section was amended by Act of the Legislature of 1880, which was ratified in 1881. The amended section provides that there shall be an election of Judges (of course where there happens to be vacanciese every fifteen years from the date of the Constitution. Under this provisions Judges Robinson, Wickes and Stump in this Circuit, and Judges Alvey and Miller, and probably others in the Western Shore Circuits, were re-elected in 1882 (not a general election) and at the same time a number of Judges of Baltimore City were also elected. It cannot be doubted that if Judges Stump and Martin, who were elected with Judge Pearce in 1897, had lived out their term, the successors of all three Judges would be elected in 1912, just as Judges Robinson, Wickes and Stump were elected in 1882, and the fact that Judge Pearce alone survives can make no difference in principle.

"Judge Pearce was not elected to fill a vacancy as his election took place at what would have been the end of Judge Robinson's term had he lived so long, and was therefore for no part of that term. Consequently, the latter part of the amended section 5 does not apply to this case.

"To hold otherwise would make the amendment of none effect. It was clearly the intention of the people of the State to avoid too great frequency of election of judges at times other than general elections; and so it was provided that when any term should expire or vacancies occur, except at the end of regular fifteen year periods counting from the date of the Constitution, judges should be appointed to hold office until the following general election. But it was equally the intention of the people in adopting this amendment that there should be certain regular periods for the election of judges, if any terms were then expiring, and these periods were fixed at intervals of fifteen years, reckoning from the date of the Constitution; and so, according to both the letter and the spirit of that amendment, as the expiration of Judge Pearce's term occurs at one of these regular intervals, his successor should be nominated and elected without an intervening appointment.

"We, in common with all the people of the Circuit and the State, contemplate with sincere regret the loss of Judge Pearce from the Bench, and it is with reluctance that we speak of a successor. We refer to the matter only because we deem it important that there shall be no misunderstanding as to the manner of choosing his successor."

PUBLIC SALE

THE HOUSE ON KENT STREET, near Cannon, now occupied by the undersigned, known as the Mary A. Hall property, will be offered at public sale in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., on

Tuesday, December 12, 1911

THIS HOUSE

has been thoroughly repaired with new foundation, sills and roof, with new kitchen, water in kitchen. It is practically a new house and will make anyone a desirable home. The house contains four big rooms and kitchen, lot 22x58 feet. Possession given January 1, 1912.

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Two Mares, 1 coming 3-year-old Colt, 2 last spring's Colts, 2 Mules, 4 and 8 years old.

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One Two-seat Carriage, good as new; 1 2-horse Wagon, 1 Dearborn, 1 Grain Fan, 1 Drill, eleven hole, Farmers' Friend, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators and other things too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of $10 and under, cash; all over that amount a credit of Ten Months with bankable note.

JAMES W. URIE.

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WM. M. HURLOCK, Clerk.

At the same time and place and on the same terms, will offer the following:

20 HEAD COWS, HEIFERS AND BULLS

consisting of Fresh Cows, Springers and registered Holstein Bulls.

n25-1t. RICHARD HAGGERTY.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

I desire to notify the public that I have taken out a license to travel through Kent county, and I will shortly call upon you with a full line of Christmas goods.

n11-tf A. LEVINE.

County Commissioners' Notice

All persons having bills against the county are hereby requested to present them on or before the

28th DAY OF NOVEMBER,

as the present board desires to settle all outstanding claims before they retire from office.

By order of the board,
SAMUEL HICKS,
n11-3t. Clerk.

ENTERTAINMENT!

The pupils of the George Biddle High School will have an entertainment in the Jr. O. U. A. M. HALL, CECILTON,

TUESDAY EVENING, NOV. 28, 1911,

Beginning at 7.30 o'clock.

The program consists of the following short plays: "Uncle Dick's Mistake," "Breaking the Engagement," "The Girl Who Paid the Bills," "The Frat Initiation," "Ma's New Boarders," "The Truth About Jane," "A Paper Match," "The Visit of Obadiah."

Reserved Seats,	35c
Adults,	25c
Children,	15c

S. SCOTT BECK, Solicitor.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maryland, in Bankruptcy.

In the Matter of J. Thomas Blackiston, Bankrupt.

TO THE CREDITORS OF THE SAID BANKRUPT:

Notice is hereby given, that on the 17th day of November, 1911, the said J. Thomas Blackiston, of Lankford, Kent county, Maryland, was duly adjudged bankrupt, and the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the law office of S. Scott Beck, in Chestertown, Maryland, on the 7th day of December, 1911, at 11 o'clock A. M., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine said bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

SIDNEY P. TOWNSHEND, Referee,
Chestertown, Md.

N. B.—Creditors should at once prove and file their claims with the referee. 1t.

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WILBUR W. HUBBARD,
a25-tf. Chestertown, Md.

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NOTICE

TO THE PUBLIC!

ABE COHEN,

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Clean-Sweep Sale of FURNITURE

Positively sold at a regardless price just for the sake of having room to display his Xmas Goods, as we are going to have a bigger display of Xmas Goods than ever before. We are too busy unpacking the toys to quote prices in this paper, but will have them in next week, for you all know I lead them all in low prices for the best quality of goods, and oblige

Yours for business,

A. COHEN,

Sandy Bottom Dept. Store.

Wanted--All kinds of Country Produce. Special price for Eggs on Wednesday. Will give 38c dozen next Wednesday or more if more in paper.

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