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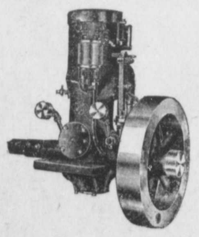
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A NUMBER of Kent countians attended the big reception given by Governor and Mrs. Goldsboroug to the members of the Legislature on Wednesday evening. Among them besides the representatives in the Legislature being Judge and Mrs. James Alfred Pearce.

SENATOR ISIDOR RAYNOR has declared in favor of the ratification of the proposed general arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France without amendment. Senator John Walter Smith has not yet announced his position with regard to the treaties.

MR. J. HENRY BAKER, who has been appointed a member of the Liquor License Board of Baltimore city, is a son of Hon. James H. Baker, of this county. He is one of Baltimore's most prominent Republicans, and his recognition by Gov. Goldsborough is very pleasing to his many friends here.

THE death of Wilbur Eliason removes one of the most prominent men in this county from our midst. Mr. Eliason was long identified with the business, financial, political and social life of our community and his influence was always exerted for the upbuilding of his community and for the welfare of his fellowmen.

NUPTIAL EVENTS.

WALLIS—DODSON.

Mr. Samuel Wallis, Jr., and Miss Margaret Dodson, two well-known young people of Worton, were quietly married by Rev. S. S. Hepburn, at his home, near Still Pond station, on Wednesday evening at six o'clock. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Otho Dodson of Worton.

BOTTEMLY—NICKERSON.—At the bide's home in Galena, Md., Feb. 14, 1912, by Rev. A. P. Prettyman, Mr. John A. Bottemly, of Millington, Md., and Mrs. Verma D. Nicherson.

LEGAL HOLIDAY.

THURSDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 22d, being Washington's birthday and a legal holiday, the Third National Bank, of Chestertown, will be closed. All notes maturing on that day may be attended to the day following.
1t. W. B. COPPER, Cashier.

ENTERTAINMENT.

The splendid entertainment given in Galena Hall under the auspices of the Ushers Union of that place will be given in Weer's Hall on Friday evening Feb. 23, for the benefit of the Kennedyville M. P. Church. This is a chance to spend a very enjoyable evening as the entertainment is of a high character full of life and fun. f17-1t.

LECTURE.

Rev. Robert Watt, D. D., will deliver his lecture, titled, "The Cosmopolitan Bug," at Sassafras M. E. Church on SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 17th, at 7.30 o'clock. Dr. Watt is a very interesting and instructive lecturer. Make an extra effort to be present and enjoy the entertaining lecture. Admission will be 15 cents. Proceeds are for the benevolent collections. 1t

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HAVE POLITICS PLAYED ANY PART IN ROAD WORK?

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TRANSCRIPT—GENTLEMEN:—

In giving you the figures showing what was expended by the Road Engineer on the roads in the Sixth Election District from June 13th, 1911, to January 15th, 1912, it is well to bear in mind the figures below; they show what was spent in each district by the engineer during this period. They are repeated so that at a glance each tax-payer may have in mind the several amounts so spent and the gross total.

First District	$2,931.38
Second District	1,359 41
Third District	3,425 82
Fourth District	1,367.20
Fifth District	389.90
Sixth District	1,602.04
Seventh District	590.97
Gibbs' salary	958 31
Office expenses	96 96
Total from June 13th, 1911, to Jan. 15th, 1912	$12,721.99

An examination of the money spent in the Sixth District is interesting in more ways than one. Below is an itemized statement showing what each person received in sums of $5.00 and over of the total amount spent it that district.

Graham & Clements	$323.50	Oscar Faucett	$198.75
J. L. Deputy	70.00	Jas. Scott	9.75
T. N. McGinniss	163.69	Geo. V. Hatcherson	130.65
Walter Fowler	45.75	Albert Lewis	57.20
Walter Sparks	42.25	F. D. Lamb	167.25
John Bramble	35.40	F. B. Jester	61.80
W. N. Lewis	116.00	Hynson Beck	54.35
Joiner & Bramble	19.20		
Samuel Gears	80.10		$1,597.39
Ham. Middleton	21.75		

Could a single one of these persons rise up and testify that one hour of this work was done under the *direction* of a competent engineer? Or that there was one quarter of a mile of road repaired or mended under the direction of Road Engineer Gibbs which could not just as well have been repaired under the direction of Mr. T. Ben Crew or Mr. Charles D. Wood, the two commissioners who would formerly have had charge of the roads in this district? If they can let them point out 100 yards of such work where the supervision, control, direction, or even advice of a Road Engineer was given and followed. Then the people of this district as well as of the county can see how much of his salary the Road Engineer earns. He is paid $1,600 for his special technical knowledge, skill or training in road work. For his ablility to do the work himself or to show the workers how to do it.

In point of fact was not really Mr. Walter Sparks, of Fairlee, the Road Engineer for the work he did at Fairlee? Did he receive one word of advice, assistance or help from the engineer?

Was not Mr. Sparks the only man in that neighborhood who was competent and prepared to do the work which was so badly needed in and around Fairleee?

The condition of the roads in the Sixth District is and was well-known to its residents. They have been a source of constant complaint as well as of dissatisfaction on the part of the farmers living there. This is the district where Mr. Harry T. Richardson lost the services of a valuable horse. He, perhaps, would be as good a witness upon this subject as anyone else. His suit at the April term against the Road Engineer and the county may disclose that after all a competent Road Engineer was needed in this district. No tax-payer would or should object to the salary of Mr. Gibbs, indeed, to one of $2,000 for a competent capable man like Mr. Uhler, of Caroline, who both knew how to do, and did, road work as only a competent and trained engineer can.

Very respectfully yours,

February 14th, 1912. HOPE H. BARROLL.

CHESTERTOWN'S FINANCES

In no Condition to Bond the Town for Sewers, to Buy the Lighting Plant or to do Anything Than Keep up Running Expenses Under Present Tax Rate.

In view of the fact that a public meeting was held in Firemen's Hall on Monday night, and was attended by some 40 or 50 citizens who discussed town improvements, and appointed a number of committees to inquire into the cost of a sewerage system for a part of the town, and also devise plans for the purchase of the lighting plants, etc., it is not amiss, we think, to call the attention of the public generally to the condition of the town's finances with respect to improvements already completed and now in contemplation, as well as to the provisions governing a recent bond issue of $40,000 in water bonds, whose liquidation and interest payments are chargeable to the water board. Here are the figures which should govern our citizens in any action they may take in meeting:

TOWN COMMISSIONERS' RESPONSIBILITY.

The present town tax rate is 50 cents on the $100. That is the limit according to a recent enactment. The annual revenue under this rate, from Kent county and from all sources is $8,000. It requires, we are told, $5,000 of this annual revenue for current expenses of the town, leaving about $3,000 annually for improvements of various kinds. The recent improvement to the blocks from Queen street to the Voshell House, including the building of the road bed, the curbing and pavements, cost the town $6,000. According to the contract which the commissioners have with the Juniata Paving Company, $3,000 of this cost has been paid, and $3,000 remains to be paid. It must also be borne in mind that the square from Queen street to Front street on High is not yet completed, and the cost of the work that has already been done there has not yet been provided for. In other words, the town is in debt to the Juniata Paving Company in the sum of $3,000, plus the cost of the work on the square below Queen street. It will require, therefore, every dollar of the town's surplus revenue this year and about $1,500 more, to pay the present indebtedness and also complete the square mentioned above. According to the town's present condition, therefore, even with the increased assessment, at the close of the present fiscal year it will be in debt for the work that has already been done to the extent of about $1,500. It is, therefore, useless to talk about sewers, buying the lighting plant, or doing anything else in the nature of further improvements until the town's debt for the present road building is paid, except it be done by a very appreciable increase in the tax rate, which can only be secured by legislative enactment. We regret this condition seriously because of the fact that a sewerage system for the upper section of the town is badly needed, and if any way possible could be provided for securing the money to provide these sewers, it should be done by all means. As to the cost of the improvements to streets already made, we have nothing to say. That is for the people to think about. We believe the commissioners have done the best they could with the money at hand, and it should be borne in mind that you can't have these improvements unless you pay big money for them. $6,000 seems like a pretty stiff price to pay for improving a roadway, but you must remember that High street is 50 feet wide, the curbing is expensive, as is also the paving.

WATER BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY.

The gross receipts of the water system in 1911 were $5,558.94. After paying current expenses, $2,000 interest on bonds, and carrying $800 to the sinking fund, there was a surplus of $400 in cash and unpaid water rents on Dec. 31, 1911. There is at present $1,400 in the sinking fund, and the increase in gross receipts for 1911 over 1910 was about $300. Beginning 1913 the first $1,000 bond will have to be paid, and in 1915 the first $500 bond of the last $10,000 bond issue will have to be paid. This means that in 1915 there will be added to the water board expense account $1,500 less $90 interest. To offset this expense there will have accrued a sinking fund of $1,200 provided the volume of business is the same as last year, and the same amount, $800, is carried to the sinking fund for each of the three intervening years. It can be readily seen from this statement that on and after 1915 the receipts from the water system will not be sufficient to meet its obligations, and in that event the law requires the town commissioners to provide for the deficiency. This also is out of the question unless the tax rate is materially increased. The solution, therefore, is simply this with respect to both the town commissioners and the water board—that unless the tax rate is increased, the town improvements cannot be completed or extended, and the receipts of the water system will not be sufficient in the near future to keep up running expenses and provide for outstanding obligations. Something will have to be done, and if these improvements are to be extended and the obligations of the water system met, there will not only have to be a material increase in the tax rate, but a raising of the water rates to the users of water. It is utterly impossible under present conditions to think of an additional bond issue, or to incur any other indebtedness until that already incurred and that which is fast maturing are provided for. We make these statements not only for the benefit of the tax-payers, but also for the enlightenment of those who will assemble in public meeting for deliberation upon these questions. We are in favor of all improvements that can be made which do not conflict with the financial welfare of our people, and we shall be glad to assist in any movement looking to that end. The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Laying Sewers—L. W. Wickes, chairman; W. B. Copper, William T. Duyer, Wm. B. Usilton, Jr., J. D. Urie.

Paving and Street Improvement—Charles L. Dodd, chairman; Merrick Clements, H. R. Graham, A. M. Culp.

Purchase of Electric Light Plant by Town—Dr. H. C. Hughes, chairman; Eben F. Perkins, F. H. Russell, A. L. Sparks, James G. Beck.

Consolidation of Water Board and Board of Town Commissioners—J. D. Bacchus, chairman; Allan A. Harris, James W. Crouch, Dr. F. B. Hines, W. S. Carroll.

The next meeting will be held Monday night, Feb. 19th, at 7.30 o'clock, at which time the above committees will submit their respective reports. Mr. Curtis E. Crane was chairman of the meeting, and Mr. Eben F. Perkins, secretary. These committees are to report at a meeting to be held in Firemen's Hall on Monday evening, if it does not conflict with the Chautauqua.

Celebrate 20th Anniversary.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Davis celebrated the 20th anniversary—china—of their marriage at their home "Riverside" near town last Saturday evening. Seventy-five or more invited guests partook of a grand supper, served in excellent style, and many handsome presents, tokens of the high esteem in which the popular couple is held, were received. Among them was a handsome tea and dinner set in beautiful china from the Fairlee minstrels, of which famous troupe both Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members. The TRANSCRIPT extends cordial congratulations and wishes Mr. and Mrs. Davis many more celebrations of a happy wedded life.

Mr. C. N. Robinson, custom tailor, formerly of Easton, has located in Chestertown and his headquarters are in Denny Hoffecker's big clothing store

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