The Transcript.

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EDITORS.

THE Board of County Commissioners will declare the county tax rate at a special meeting next week. The rate for the past year has been $1.22, and if the board can lop off that 22 cents and make it an even $1, it will be the best evidence of a most painstaking and economical administration. The State tax rate for this year has been fixed at 23¼ cents.

THE State of Maryland has lost one of its most valuable citizens by the death of former Governor Crothers. He devoted his life to the interests of his county and State, and while there were many who differed with him on questions of policy and government, he did unflinchingly what he believed to be his duty. The Democratic party has lost a valuable leader, Cecil county a loyal citizen, and the State of Marylaud has lost a man who sought in an official capacity to develop the State along lines of progress.

THE price of coal to consumers for the coming fall and winter promises to be simply outrageous. The coal barons are begining to raise the price of hard coal 10 cents a ton a month from now until September, when the price will be still further advanced. What the poorer class of people are going to do no one knows, and as an act of mercy, the government should take a hand in this matter and demand that the coal sharks stop their nefarious business of filching money from the people's pockets unnecessarily.

THE overwhelming victory of Governor Wilson over the Smith-Nugent political ring in New Jersey on Tuesday should be very gratifying to his friends throughout the country. These corrupt political bosses who have been fighting the Governor ever since his election, have said that Wilson is a "political accident," and has no strength even in his own home. But by this time the Smith-Nugent crowd knows that Governor Wilson is a "Psychological certainty," and his hold upon the people of New Jersey is the best evidence of his greatness and broad statesmanship.

THE full list of school trustees for Kent county will not be completed until next Friday. Mr. John C. Davis has been substituted for Mr. D. Arthur Bacchus, the Anti-Organization representative on the board in Chestertown. Wonder if the School Board will turn all the Anti-Organization trustees out? They are as good men as can be found in the county, and what is the use of turning out all the Antis, and leaving the Organization Democrats, if politics is to be kept out of our schools. Remember what the Kent News said about the Antis steeping the schools in politics? And do you remember the speech Mr. Beck made in the last Legislature about the schools being in politics? Keep your eyes open.

IT BECOMES more and more apparent every day that Roosevelt will be the nominee of the Republican party for president, or that he will be in a position to say who the nominee shall be. You know, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Roosevelt are so much alike in their policies and influence that it will not suprise us in the least if each plays precisely the same role in the convention of their respective parties. Make a note of this, and see how near it comes to hitting the mark. We don't want Mr. Bryan as a candidate, much as we admire him, nor do we believe Mr. Bryan himself desires to be the nominee of his party. What he wants to do is to prevent the nomination of a man who will be sure to be defeated because the people do not want him. The people want Roosevelt. Is it not perfectly apparent that the Democrats *must* nominate a man whom the people want if he is to stand any chance whatever of being elected over a man of the Roosevelt type? The man the people is Woodrow Wilson. He can carry New York, and Champ Clark can't. He can carry New Jersey and Texas, and Champ Clark can't. What is the use of looking at the question in any other manner than in the interest of the people's choice?

GOV. WOODROW WILSON has been making rapid strides in his candidacy for the presidency during the week. Texas, with 40 delegates, Minnesota with 24 and New Jersey with 28 have all been gathered in and the delegations from Virginia and North Carolina will be for the Jersey Governor, when the time comes. Governor Wilson occupies the best position of any of the candidates in the convention. He is the choice of all the States carried by Speaker Clark after the first ballot, and he has the influence of Mr. Bryan behind him. We confidently believe that Governor Wilson will be the nominee at the Baltimore convention not only because he is the strongest man with the people, but because the politicians will see the folly of defying the sentiment of the people, all over the country for Gov. Wilson. Speaker Clark's strength is not the spontaneous expression of the will of the people, but rather it is the enforced effort of the politicians and herein lies the great danger in Clark's nomination. Clark is in that unholy combination of Harmon, Underwood and Clark formed to beat Gov. Wilson. This is but another way of saying that it is a contest of the politicians against the people, and if the politicians persist in defying the will of the people, we may see another Alton B. Parker campaign, notwithstanding the fact that the Democrats have the best chance to elect a President that they have had since 1892. The same influences that are behind Col. Roosevelt are behind Champ Clark. Roosevelt wants Clark nominated by the Democrats because he knows he can defeat Clark. But he is scared to death at Wilson, and his "influences" are doing everything they can to beat Wilson. In our judgment it is Wilson for the Democrats or a Republican President, especially if Roosevelt or Hughes is nominated.

THE action of the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday in increasing the annual appropriation for public schools from $35,000 to $38,000 is commendable in that it recognizes the spirit of progress abroad in the land, and also sanctions the commendable desire on the part of the school board to enlarge the facilities and advantages for educating the children of the county. There is no institution in our local government quite so important to *all* the people as is the efficiency of our public schools, and if the money appropriated by the county is judiciously and economically expended, as we believe it will be by the Board of School Commissioners, it will prove the best investment that could be made of the people's money for the benefit of *all*. It is fortunate that the time has at last come when an increased appropriation can be made for our schools. By the wise and conservative policy of the Board of County Commissioners, a condition has finally been reached whereby an increased appropriation can be made for our schools, and at the same time a lower tax rate struck. The county has been freed practically of indebtedness, and if that farcical Gibbs Road Law had been repealed by Mr. Beck in the last Legislature, the commissioners would have prevented the present waste of money on our public roads, and there could have been a still further reduction in the tax rate. We congratulate our Board of Commissioners upon their economical administration of the people's affairs in such manner as not only to insure an appreciable reduction in the tax rate for the coming year, but also that a condition has been reached in the history of Kent county, whereby the Anti-Organization management of the finances has so curtailed extravagance and waste of the people's money as that the necessary appropriations for the development of our public schools can be made without embarrassment to the tax-payers. What a pity Mr. Beck refused to repeal the Gibbs Road Law, and thus prevent a waste of the people's money in the only department of the county government over which the Organization has absolute control. This is certainly a serious reflection.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE.

The case of Richardson vs. the Board of County Commissioners for Kent county for $150 damages for injuries to one of Mr. Richardson's valuable horses on the public road near Lankford last year, removed to Talbot county by Mr. Richardson's attorney, was tried at Easton this week. Hope H. Barroll, Esq., counsel for the County Commissioners, offered a demurrer to the petition of the plaintiff, and argument was made upon the demurrer before the court, rendering the taking of testimony unnecessary. The court sustained the demurrer which held that the County Commissioners are not responsible for any damage for injuries sustained upon our public roads under the present road law. The question at issue was chiefly to fix the responsibility for injuries on the public roads, especially in so far as the County Commissioners are concerned, and if Mr. Richardson is to be reimbursed for injuries to his horse, such as he should receive, he must seek some other means of securing it than from the county. Now, this is a beautiful law, is it not? We have told the public time and again that the Gibbs Road Law is simply a political farce, designed primarily to give the Organization forces control of the county roads, without giving the people of the county any redress whatever for injuries which they may sustain on the public roads of Kent county. This iniquitous road law not only deprives the tax-payers of this county of the privilege of spending their own money and of the right of local self-government, but it leaves our people absolutely at the mercy of incompetent road management. The Pennsylvania Railroad is liable for damages for injuries received on its roads, but Kent county's tax-payers under this law which the Organization forces passed and which they persisted in keeping upon the statute books in the last Legislature in the face of hundreds of protests from our tax-payers, are absolutely without protection, and our roads may be as full of holes and pitfalls as possible, and the people have no rights. The folly of such a law has been so apparent ever since its passage to all fair-minded people, that it is a wonder to us that the conscience of those Organization leaders who forced this law upon the tax-payers has not condemned them to such an extent as to force them to repeal the iniquitous thing. But no. They are holding it like a child hangs to an all-day sucker.

It is a source of pleasure as well as the only source of power the Organizatitn has now, and next year they will come up with two candidates for the Legislature and ask you to elect them in order that they may pass a law to reduce the Board of County Commissioners from 5 to 3 in order to get control of the board and still further tighten the chain around the necks of the people. Will the tax-payers remember this? They will be foolish if they do not. We sympathize with Mr. Richardson, he is a hard-working and an industrious farmer. He can ill afford to suffer the loss of his valuable animal, and he is justly entitled to redress for its loss. But who is responsible under the law? The court's decision says that the county commissioners have nothing to do with the roads under the present law, and the people themselves have absolutely no control over the expenditure of their money on the roads, and herein lies the reason for the present incompetent management. If the commissioners had been in control of the roads, they would have been responsible for any injuries occuring on the roads if due to negligent management, and this being the case they would have been extremely careful to place the roads under a competent and experienced engineer. As it is there is no redress, and the roads of Kent county are deeper in the mire of politics than ever. Who's responsible for such a condition? The faction that passed the law and Mr. Beck who refused to repeal it. Who should be held liable for injuries on the roads? The politicians who persisted in forcing and in continuing such incompetent management upon our taxpayers. Messrs. Miller and Harris, the Anti-Organization representatives in the Legislature, passed a bill through the House to repeal this law, during the last session and thus give the tax-payers some redress for injuries sustained on the roads. THIS BILL WAS SENT TO THE SENATE AND MR. BECK REFUSED TO PASS IT, THUS FASTENING THE GIBBS ROAD LAW AND GIBBS UPON THE TAX-PAYERS FOR FOUR YEARS MORE. Mr. Beck and his faction should be held responsible for such a deplorable condition. Mr. Lewin W. Wickes, also defended Road Engineer Gibbs, and made a lengthy argument to show that the Road Engineer is not responsible. The court's ruling is that neither the commissioners nor the road engineer is responsible for damages for injuries occurring on our county roads under the present law, and that the tax-payers have absolutely no protection. Fine condition of affairs, is it not?

Mortgagee's Sale
—OF A—
Valuable FARM

Situated in the Second Election District of Kent County, Maryland, near Chesterville.

THE undersigned, by virtue of a power vested in him as assignee of a certain mortgage given by Nathaniel W. Comegys and Helen Comegys to Garrett Foxwell, bearing date the 2nd day of August, 1894, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber S. G. F. No. 2, folios 518, &c., one of the Land Record Books for Kent county, Md., will offer at Public Sale in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Md., on

Saturday, the 22nd Day of June, 1912,

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11 A. M. AND 12 O'CLOCK NOON:

ALL THAT FARM
OR TRACT OF LAND,

situated, lying and being in the Second Election District of Kent county, near Chesterville,

Containing 150 Acres
OF LAND, MORE OR LESS;

the same having been the residence of the late Nathaniel W. Comegys, and now occupied by G. Spencer Comegys. It lies adjoining the farm so many years occupied by Hon. Garrett Foxwell.

This farm is one of the most attractive places in this, the most fertile section of Kent, which has been recently placed on the market. There is no better soil in the county. It is a medium loam with red clay sub-soil, readily responds to all improvements placed upon it. It will yield large crops of wheat, corn and grass. It is especially adapted to the cultivation of fruits of all kinds. The improvements consist of a comfortable

FRAME DWELLING

barn, stable and other outbuildings all in good condition.

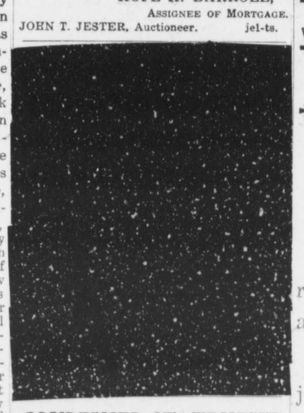
This farm is especially valuable as a Home. It will yield a good return as an investment. It lies on the west side of the road leading from Chesterville to Black's Station, conveniently situated with reference to railroads, churches, schools and villages.

The wheat crop is reserved. The purchaser will be entitled to one-half of all other crops.

Mr. G. Spencer Comegys will take pleasure in showing this farm to any intending purchaser.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale and the residue in two equal installments, payable in 1 and 2 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 the purchaser. Possession will be given January 1st, 1913. The purchaser will be entitled to pitch all crops and to all the privileges of an incoming tenant.

HOPE H. BARROLL,
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE.
JOHN T. JESTER, Auctioneer. je1-ts.



CONDENSED STATEMENT

Showing the Condition of the

Mutual Fire Insurance Comp'y

of Kent County, Chestertown, Md., December 31st, 1911.

Total income during the year	$18,063.54
Total disbursements during the year	7,812.98

ASSETS.

Real estate owned by the Company		$12,247.18
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	6,000.00	
Bonds owned by Company	58,650.00	
Cash in office and in banks and Trust Co	5,721.85	
Interest and rents due and accrued	187.13	
Gross Assets		$82,797.16

LIABILITIES.

Amount at risk in the U. S. Dec. 31, 1911		$1,964,846.66
Risks Written in Md. during 1911		1,964.846.66
Premiums on Md. business in 1911		11,373.95
Losses paid in Md. in 1910		1,003.62
Losses incurred in Md. in 1911		1,003.62

STATE OF MARYLAND,
Office of State Insurance Department,
Baltimore, Feb. 16, 1912.

I hereby certify, That the above is a true abstract taken from the annual statement of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Kent County, for the year ending December 31, 1911, now on file in this department.

WM. MASON SHEHAN,
Insurance Commissioner.
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STANDARD KEEPER'S NOTICE

To Store-Keepers, Mills, Dairymen and Oyster Venders.

That I Have Been Appointed Inspector of all

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

and as the law compels me to inspect such Weights and Measures and see that they come up to the State of Maryland Standard, I will call on each for inspection in the first week in June, 1912, as follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 3rd—Melitota, Fairlee, Sandy Bottom, Rock Hall, Edesville, Pomona.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4th—Chestertown, Worton, Lynch's, Betterton, Still Pond, Kennedyville.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th—Locust Grove, Galena, Sassafras, Golts, Massey, Millington, Chesterville, Black's.

All persons are notified to have same prepared for inspection.

GEO. L. CHRISFIELD,
Inspector.
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The best bargains you will ever get.

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$10.00 Light Buggy Harness will go at.....$ 8.25
13.50 Light Runabout Harness go at..... 10.90
16.00 Full Rubber Trimmed Kay Saddle go at 14.00
12.00 Wagon Harness go at..... 9.00

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Now is the time that you will paint your house, and here is the place to buy your Paint at a cut price.
$2.00 Stag Brand Paint go at.....$1.59
Linseed Oil, very best, per gallon 79c
Turpentine, Varnish, Drying Wood Filler, Carriage and Wagon Paint of all kinds.

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If you want to cover your floor with good Matting at a cut price, call to see me.
25c Grade Japanese Matting, per roll.....$7.49
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Extra big assortment to select from.

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9x12 ft. Matting Rugs got at.....$2.25
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Crex Matting, per yard ..... .29

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Large Package Washington Crisps..... 8c
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Abe Cohen's Sandy Bottom Department Store.

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I have three E. M. F. used cars that have been recently overhauled and put in good running condition, and will be sold cheap.

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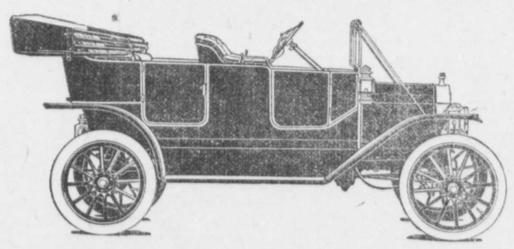

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J. F. THOMPSON,
Agent for Kent County,

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NOTICE TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

All persons disposing of their personal property at public or private sale, and failing to report such sales to the County Commissioners before the first day of May, will be held liable for the taxes on said property in the levy of 1912.

By order of the
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
Samuel Hicks, Clerk.

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