The Transcript.

R.H.COLLINS, T.D.BOWERS
EDITORS.

WE published Mr. Charles Newman's letter to Mr. Miller last Saturday. We simply followed the instructions of Mr. Miller in this matter. Wm. W. Beck accused us of all sorts of things in his article last Saturday, intimating a deceptive purpose on our part in withdolding the letter of Mr. Newman. Will he be sufficiently much of a man to retract his slanderous statements in reference to the junior editor of this paper?

BULL MOOSE from all sections of the State met at an informal conference at the Emerson, Baltimore, Wednesday afternoon and unanimously resolved to form a permanent organization along lines opposed to any form of amalgamation or fusion with the Republican party. An effort will be made to perfect a permanent organization in every county in the State and Baltimore city, and you may look for the "fur to fly" in the next Republican primary, if not that way then the Bull Moosers will put up a ticket against the Republican in the election.

IN VIEW of the fact that there may be some people who doubt the genuineness of the letter picked up on the streets and published in the TRANSCRIPT last Saturday, and we have not the slightest doubt that some will doubt it, we desire to say that if any one cares to see the original letter, if they will come to our office at any time we shall be very glad to show them the letter. We make this statement in view of the fact that some of our enemies, whose plan it is to discredit everything they see in the TRANSCRIPT, are putting it out that this letter is a "fix up," and that it is not genuine.

THE publication by the TRANSCRIPT of Mr. Newman's letter, together with the letters of Messrs. John C. Bentley and George W. Dexter, substantiating Mr. Miller's position on the local option bill last Saturday we regard as a most convincing reply to the rambling and *legal* defence of himself made by Wm. W. Beck in last Saturday's Kent News. So far as the personal reference to our veracity is concerned, we have nothing to say except that we believe the people of this town and county will require much more reliable evidence of our untruthfulness than the statement of Wm. W. Beck.

THE Webb Liquor Bill, which prohibits the shipment of intoxicating liquors from one State to another when intended to be received or sold in violation of the law of the State to which the shipment is made, passed the Senate of the United States on Monday night, as a substitute for the Kenyon-Sheppard bill. This bill awaits the signature of the President when it will become a law. It is gratifying to note that both of Maryland's Senators, Messrs. Smith and Jackson, voted for the measure. If Congress does nothing else during the remainder of the session than pass this bill, it will have rendered a great service to the country at large.

UNITED STATES SENATOR SMITH announces his candidacy for re-election to the United States Senate by advertisement in this issue. Senator Smith seeks to set himself straight with the people of the State on his public record, and flatly denies the accusations of his enemies. He declares in strong terms that his vote on lumber was in the interest of the South, and that he has no apologies to make for his two votes for Lorimer. He says he is in the fight to win, and proposes to carry his fight direct to the people. In all fairness to Senator Smith we urge the people of this county to read his announcement and post themselves upon his attitude. We shall take the liberty to discuss Senator Smith's candidacy from time to time as the fight progresses.

HON. ISAAC LOBE STRAUS opened his campaign on the Eastern Shore on Tuesday in Centreville with a rousing meeting in the opera house. Mr. Straus arraigned the political record of Senator Smith, his opponent, in the strongest terms, and attacked the recent announcement of Senator Smith as a subterfuge, and says that there is a question of veracity between Senator Smith and the Congressional Record on Senator Smith's vote for lumber. Mr. Straus spent the day mingling among the voters on Wednesday, and he states that he received many assurances of support. He came to Chestertown late Wednesday afternoon, and visited a number of the leaders of the Democratic party. He is arranging to hold a meeting in Chestertown February 25th, when he proposes to place his claims before the voters

CANDIDATES BEING DISCUSSED.

There has been considerable interest manifested in local political circles during the week, and prospective candidates are being mentioned. It is stated that the Reactionary forces are urging Mr. Laurence Stevens, of the Fifth District, to announce himself a candidate for County Commissioner against Mr. John C. Wood. Mr. Harry C. Willis, we understand, is being urged to run for delegate to the Legislature, though it has been stated that Mr. Willis prefers to be a candidate for the Senate to succeed Wm. W. Beck. The name of Mr. C. Frank Crow is also being mentioned as the Reactionary candidate for County Treasurer. The announcement of Mr. Samuel G. Caldwell's candidacy for County Treasurer by the TRANSCRIPT last week created much favorable comment, and it is generally recognized that Mr. Caldwell will make an exceptionally strong candidate. Mr. John C. Wood's candidacy for County Commissioner in the Fifth has also created enthusiasm, as Mr. Wood is regarded as an ideal candidate for that position, and so far as Mr. T. Benjamin Crew is concerned, everybody agrees that he is just the man to succeed himself. Mr. T. E. W. Crew, of the Seventh District, announces by card in this issue his candidacy for County Treasurer.

THE TRANSCRIPT UPHELD.

The TRANSCRIPT stated two weeks ago that the Road Engineer spent $23,000 on the roads and bridges of this county during the past year, and that during the past 18 months he has spent $40,000 of the tax-payers' money. The father of the road engineer came back at us in the Kent News the next week, and in accordance with the plan which the Beck crowd has adopted to call every statement the TRANSCRIPT makes a lie, and the junior editor of this paper a malicious falsifier, he accused the TRANSCRIPT of lying and misrepresenting the facts. Hope H. Barroll, Esq., in his letter to the tax-payers in the TRANSCRIPT this morning proves that THE TRANSCRIPT TOLD THE TRUTH. And he makes the offer to employ an expert accountant to investigate the figures and accounts in the County Commissioners' office *at his own expense*, if any one can prove that the figures as given are not correct. And you can bet your life that not a man of them will attempt to prove the figures given by Mr. Barroll and the TRANSCRIPT incorrect, because they can't, and if they cannot they would be compelled to pay the costs of the expert accountant's services under the challenge. They won't spend their money, but they will call everybody that gets in their way a liar and a malicious falsifier simply to divert the minds of the people from their political misdeeds. In our judgment, one of the most demoralizing influences, socially, morally and politically, in any community is the presence of a man or men who willfully and deliberately blackguard the character of others, and accuse them of lying and being malicious falsifiers, solely for the purpose of covering up their own misdeeds. Our community can well afford to be without such demoralizing influences.

THREE QUESTIONS.

Is it possible that William W. Beck was such an insignificant personage in the last session of the State Legislature, that he could mingle with the throng, live for *90 days* practically under the same roof with Charles Newman, the chairman of the House Temperance Committee, be such an *ardent* advocate of temperance and yet *be a stranger* to Charles Newman, the chairman of the House Temperence Committee? Beck's picture got in the paper once or twice? Seems funny that Newman didn't know him does it not?

Is it not regarded as a matter of legislative courtesy that members of the various committees are accorded the privilege to have adopted or rejected any local bill affecting their county? Mr. Miller was a member of the House Temperance Committee. The local option bill affecting Kent county came to Mr. Miller's committee. Mr. Miller states, and we believe every word Mr. Miller says is true, that he asked to have the bill reported favorably, and Mr. Newman states in his letter to Mr. Miller that personally he was not interested one way or the other. Now if that is the case, is it not reasonable to suppose that Mr. Miller could have gotten a favorable report upon this bill for the asking, unless some ulterior influence were brought to bear to defeat the bill? Mr. Miller says that when he went a second time to Charles Newman, *after he had secured his promise to report the bill favorably at the first interview*, he states that Newman told him that he had promised *Mr. Beck* that he would take no action on the bill until he had heard further from Beck. If somebody had not brought the pressure to bear upon Newman, why did he not extend to Mr. Miller the courtesy due every legislator and allow Mr. Miller to report his local bill favorably? Why did Newman's committee take advantage of Mr. Miller's absence because of illness to kill the bill after mid-night one night, and then never say a word to Mr. Miller about it? Does anybody doubt that what Mr. Miller says about Beck's participation in the defeat of the bill is true? Not a man whom we have heard discuss the matter.

How could Mr. Miller make a fight on the floor of the house when the majority members took advantage of Mr. Miller's absence after mid-night towards the close of the session to kill the bill in committee? The majority members held a meeting and did not even notify Messrs. Miller, Bentley and Dexter, the temperance advocates on the committee, that the committee was in session. Does it not look that somebody was waiting for the time when Mr. Miller would not be on the floor of the house to defend his bill?

What They are Paying for Tomatoes.

The American Agriculturist, one of the leading farm journals of the country, has been conducting an investigation throughout the country as to the price to be paid for tomatoes by the canners during the coming season. Their investigation has been exhaustive and we give below some results which the journal has gotten from the canners themselves. The local contract figures prevailing for 1913 are:

F. P. C., Fredonia, N.Y., says, tomatoes will bring $8.50 and $9 per ton.

F. B. S., Millsboro, Del., says he will pay $9.50 per ton for tomatoes.

H. P. C., Bridgeville, Del., contracts with growers for tomatoes will read $9 and $10 per ton.

W. L. S. Bridgeton, N. J., we are contracting for tomatoes at $10 per ton.

H. B. M., Federalsberg, Md., the general price offered for tomatoes will be $9 per ton.

T. K. L. C., Guilford, Ct., contracts for tomatoes for 1913 read $10 per ton.

S. C. C., Scottsburg, Ind., we are contracting for tomatoes for 1913 at $10 per ton.

Troutville, Va., C. E. L., says canners will pay $10 per ton, or 30 cents per bushel for tomatoes delivered at railroad.

This is bona fide information secured by the American Agriculturist, and it should convince the farmers hereabouts that they should hold out for prevailing prices. We clip this information for the benefit of our growers in Kent, Cecil and Queen Anne's.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

Chestertown, Md., Feb. 12th, 1913.

MESSRS. EDITORS OF THE CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT,
Gentlemen:

In response to a request made of Mr. Samuel Hicks, Clerk of the County Commissioners, as to the amount spent by Mr. Isaac Gibbs, Jr., Road Engineer, in the Third Election District since the levy was struck on June 10th, 1912, he has furnished the following names and figures:

1st District in less than 7 months	$3,126.27
2nd District in less than 7 months	2,961.44
3rd District in less than 7 months	3,715.54

The tax-payers of Kent county will observe that in these three districts in less than seven months the Road Engineer has spent over $9,800

IN THE THIRD ELECTION DISTRICT.

John Dempsey	$ 10.00	S. Mann	$ 19.60
A. W. Taylor	485 93	Wilbert Walbert	6.50
B. F. Davis	181.90	J. B. Coleman	26.50
Gears & Sheets	1.40	G. W. Carter, Jr.	6.50
Frank Young	71.68	C. W. Crew	6.80
F. H. Cornelius	39.50	John H. Clendaniel	39.65
Harry Fowler	62.20	W. T. Hepborn, done in 2nd District	29.01
Simon Deshong	5.50	J. T. Ireland	1.50
Sie Kiker	241.40	John Carter	88.00
W. Y. Burk	10.50	W. S. & A. M. Culp	59.30
W. T. Money	18.70	Graham & Clements	310.09
Walter Crew	48.20	Turner & Son	316 13
Robert Holdson	4 50	T. N. McGinnis	10.43
Geo. E Sutton	41 25	John Myers	711.00
Harry Redding	519.70	J. W. Ivens	107.09
P. H. Taylor	9.00	Walter Taylor	28.00
Frank Gilpin	20.00	G. E. Sutton	4 00
Harry Willis	13.05	N. Liberman	1.60
W. H. Cooper	29.00	J. W. Russell	16 80
A. J. Toulson	40.00	Ray. Bowers	3.08
Walter Holdson	31.80		
T. H. Bryan	15 00	Total	$3,715 54
J. H. Moffett	23 75		

Respectfully yours,
SAMUEL HICKS, Clerk.

The only time, most people believe, when systematic and proper road work can be done on such roads as ours is during the months of April, May and June. How much of the $21,236.21 levied for the roads and bridges in Kent county will be available in the hands of the Road Engineer, at this rate of expenditure, by April 1st, next?

It will be interesting, although most unpleasant reading, for the tax-payers of Kent county to be informed that the Road Engineer, from June, 1911, to June, 1912, had levied for use on the roads the sum of $18,979.88. On June 10th, 1912, the Engineer reported of this sum $18,842.05 had been spent and accounted for by him to the County Commissioners. But since June 10th, 1912, the Road Engineer has presented additional bills exceeding $3,000 to the County Commissioners for additional work done from June, 1911, to June, 1912, *over and above the $18,979.88 of the regular levy*. So that in reality in spite of the law, which reads as follows: "he shall not work out or expend on the roads and bridges of said county a greater amount in any one fiscal year than the amount levied by the County Commissioners for the purpose," &c.

The Road Engineer has spent more than $3,000.00 over and above the amount levied by the commissioners, and he has turned in bills to the County Commissioners for such work! Not only that, but it is a matter of fact, which can easily be demonstrated from reports of the Road Engineer and from the books of the County Commissioners, that this sum of $3,000 is not all he so illegally spent, but when all the work accounted for by the said Engineer from June 10th, 1911, to June 10th, 1912, is finally footed up, it will be found to be a sum much in excess of $3,000. In other words he under the law was entitled to $18,979.88, but he spent much over **$22,000.**

My offer of last week to have these expenditures of the Road Engineer investigated, in order that this statement may be proven correct, still holds. I am ready to employ an expert accountant on the same terms to investigate this astonishing state of facts, which has recently developed, as to the amount of expenditures made by the Road Engineer in excess of the annual levy for the year ending June 10th, 1912.

Yours very respectfully,
Chestertown, Md., Feb. 12th, 1912. HOPE H. BARROLL.

A MASS MEETING

—OF THE—

Progressive Democrats

favorable to the candidacy of former Attorney-General

ISAAC LOBE STRAUS

WILL BE HELD AT

Firemen's Hall

IN THE TOWN OF

CHESTERTOWN,

—ON—

TUESDAY, FEB. 25th, 1913,

AT 1.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

All interested in the true and sound progressive policies of the Democratic Party, and in its progressive measures and policies as represented by President-Elect Wilson, are asked to support the candidacy of Mr. Straus.

THE SPEAKERS WILL BE

Former Attorney-General Isaac Lobe Straus

AND OTHERS.

Chestertown Band

...USIC.

Political Advertisement

Golts Items.

There will be a box social held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Johnston, Feb. 20, 1913.

Mr. H. Moffett spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Rachel Sweetman has been on the sick list but is rapidly improving.

Mr. W. J. Wharton and son, Irwin, are spending a few days with friends and relatives in Philadelphia and Merchantville.

Miss Annie Blanchfield has returned home after visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore.

Miss Alice Clayton is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Truitt, of Sudlersville.

Mr. F. Mavel, of Wilmington, Del., spent the week-end with his friend, Miss Hetta Simpler.

Mrs. Samuel Powell is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Preaching service Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

BANKRUPT SALE OF Valuable Merchandise Property

IN MILLINGTON, MD.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER of the United States Court for the District of Maryland in the case of George T. Parvis, Bankrupt, the undersigned Trustee will offer at public sale in the store room lately occupied by the said George T. Parvis, in the town of Millington, Kent county, Md., on

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1913,

AT 11.30 O'CLOCK A. M.,

THE STORE GOODS

OF GEORGE PARVIS.

Consisting of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, GROCERIES, ETC.

This stock is in good condition and offers a rare opportunity for one desiring to engage in the mercantile business.

TERMS OF SALE—CASH.

WILLIAM W. BECK, Trustee.

☞ Take notice that the property described in the aforegoing copy of advertisement this day inserted in the Kent News and the Chestertown Transcript will be offered for sale at the time and place and upon the terms therein stated.

Dated Chestertown, Maryland, February 8, 1913.

f8-ts. SIDNEY P. TOWNSHEND, Referee.

Notice to Creditors.

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

MARY J. MORRIS,

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 25th day of August, 1913, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of February, 1913.

WALTER T. MORRIS,
JAMES E. MORRIS,
Executors.

f15-4t.

Grain Wanted!

HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID FOR

Wheat and Corn

Delivered at Railroad Stations at

Chestertown, Worton, Lynch, Still Pond and Kennedyville.

PHONE 98—3 CHESTERTOWN.

Metcalfe Grain Co

TWO WEEKS

We will offer the remainder of our stock at precisely

ONE-THIRD

THE FORMER PRICES, VIZ:

$15.00 Suits for $5.00

$12.00 Suits for 4.00

$10.00 Suits for 3.33 1/3

Very few Men's Overcoats left. Don't drive far for them. Very good line in Youths' and Boys'—all go at 1/3 their value. $1.00 Shirts, 33 1/3c; 50c ones, 16 2/3c; Youths' Suits, 15 to 18 years, low as 98c whole suit.

Come at once.

RESPECTFULLY,

MOODY & LUSBY,

Directly Opposite Court House.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

THE STAM DRUG CO.

With Each Can OF William's Talcom Powder a Handsome Nickle Plated Vanity Box.

Price 25 cents.

The Stam Drug Co.,

Chestertown, Md.

Notice to Creditors.

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

ANDREW J. TAYLOR,

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 25th day of July, 1913, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of January, 1913.

SALLIE M. TAYLOR,
Administratrix.

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HOPE H. BARROLL, Attorney.

Ratification Nisi.

Hope H. Barroll, Assignee,
vs.
Nathaniel W. Comegys, et al.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

No. 1313.

ORDERED, this 11th day of February, 1913, by the Circuit Court for Kent county, in equity, that the auditor's account and report, stated and reported by Lewin W. Wickes, auditor, in the above entitled cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 10th day of March, next;—provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of two successive weeks before the 3rd day of March, next.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

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Subscription to the TRANSCRIPT $1.00 per annum.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

THE INAUGURAL

—OF—

High Art Custom Tailored Clothes

—FOR—

SPRING AND SUMMER, 1913

Which will be Held at Our Store

Friday & Saturday, Feb. 28, March 1

There will be presented woolens from all parts of the world, including smart English and Scottish mixtures, and models of the styles that will be worn this coming Spring and Summer, 1913, tailored to perfection by the exclusive HIGH ART Shops of Strouse & Bros., Baltimore.

THINK OVER THIS!

Do not confuse this line of clothing with that of other *"so-called made-to-measure houses,"* whose prices range from $13.50 up. Remember that these garments are *strictly hand-tailored throughout*. Their cut and style is a delight to the eye—each garment bears the touch of master-tailoring. We also are obliged to carry a cheap line of clothing, but we are catering in this instance to the best dressed men and men who can appreciate the vast difference between these and other clothes. This is the line for you, and you can rest assured that misfits and mistakes are foreign to such a line as can be.

A representative from the house of Strouse will be at our store on the dates mentioned to help you make a selection and to take your measure.

To meet a popular requirement this firm has decided to put the $26.50 grade of clothes—over fifty samples—within the range of $25.00. See our windows and note the fabrics exhibited there

This one favor—See this array before you buy elsewhere, and if we cannot suit you in every particular, we will gladly forfeit your patronage.

Yours very truly,

THE MEN'S STORE

BORDLEY & SONS,

CHESTERTOWN, Phone No. 92. MARYLAND

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