The Transcript.

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ALDAY CLEMENTS.

This community has lost a most valuable and upright citizen by the death of Alday Clements. A man who thoroughly mastered the science of agriculture, used economy and good judgment in business to such an extent as to amass a valuable estate, and finally to occupy positions of trust and honor among his fellow men, is the man who leaves behind him an influence for good. Such a man was Alday Clements.

IT IS rumored that the present vice-president of the Chestertown Bank of Maryland will succeed to the presidency of the bank.

LOOK out, Kent News, the TRANSCRIPT is getting ready to make the Senatorial "somerset," and you had better get out of the way or you may get hit.

AUNT LAURA TALBOTT, as she was lovingly and familiarly known to her host of friends in Baltimore county, and the wife of Congressman J. F. C. Talbott, died at her home in Lutherville on Saturday last.

THE meeting in Firemen's Hall next Tuesday afternoon, when Hon. Isaac Lobe Straus, candidate for the long term senatorship will speak, promises to be largely attended. Mr. Straus will bring a number of distinguishld speakers with him, and he will make a characteristic speech in defense of his candicacy.

THE Beck forces have found that the position of Mr. Charles L. Miller on the Temperance question is impregnable, and the attacks of Beck and Vickers upon him have fallen flat. They are now going to switch their attack from Mr. Miller to Mr. Harris, if not in today's issue of the Kent News, then in a later one. Watch the somerset.

IT WAS needless to get a letter from Mr. John R. Sullivan, sec. of the Senate to say that no reference to the so-called Vickers bill appeared in the House journal. Mr. Miller says the bill was killed in committee, and any one who has any knowledge of legislative procedure has sense enough to know that when a bill is killed in committee, such action is never recorded in the House journal. Don't try to divert the minds of the people by such nonsense.

AN esteemed friend of the TRANSCRIPT asks this question—"Please inform your many readers of the names of the judges in this judicial district in 1849, and the names of their successors since then, also how long each occupied the judicial chair, and the age and nativity of each." Will some one kindly assist the TRANSCRIPT in this matter? Some of our older citizens may be familiar with past events sufficiently to give us this information.

LAST week in a letter in the Kent News, Mr. Isaac Gibbs, Sr., charged the junior editor of this paper with lying and misrepresenting the facts when we said that his son had spent $23,000 on the roads of this county in the year 1912 and that in the past 18 months he had spent $40,000. Mr. Barroll shows in his letter this week that the road engineer spent $25,000 in the last twelve months, and will show by the time he finishes his letters that the road engineer has spent $40,000 in the past 18 months, and as Mr. Gibbs stated in the Kent News last week that Mr. Barroll is too smart to make a statement that he cannot prove, how can Mr. Gibbs say that the junior editor of this paper lied, by placing the amount spent in 1912 at $23,000? A closer investigation of the books in the commissioners' office shows that we should have placed the amount spent at $25,000 instead of $23,600, and probably Mr. Gibbs' charge of lying is due to the fact that we had not placed the figure high enough.

THE Hon. Isaac Gibbs, self-appointed road engineer of Kent county, and the up-county lieutenant of the crowd that is seeking to besmirch the character of the junior editor of this paper, charged us with lying and being unfit to live in a decent community last Saturday because our figures in discussing the amount of money spent by his son during the past twelve months are lower than those given by Mr. Barroll in his letters, and yet when Mr. Gibbs comes to his reply to Mr. Barroll he says: "As to the Barroll comments on work done in First and Second Districts, Mr. Barroll is too smart to make a statement that will not prove," etc. Say, Sir Isaac, you didn't learn your lesson right. You will have to come to Chestertown some other Monday and learn how to play the game better than that. The people are laughing at you now, Sir Isaac, for giving Mr. Barroll the credit for being truthful and the junior editor a liar, when their statements as to figures nearly agree. You must be more careful, Sir Isaac, or you will give dead away the plan which your instructors have adopted.

GOVERNOR MADE SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT.

In the course of a very forceful address at the Fayette street M. E. Church last Sunday night Governor Goldsborough made these two significant statements: "I favor a compulsory franchise, and the men who do not think enough of their citizenship to go to the polls and vote should have their right to suffrage taken away from them. Men declare that the proper sort of men are not sent to the Legislature to vote for the enactment of laws ridding the city of evils which exist and yet they have the power to send the proper men there by not being too busy to go to the polls on election day."

The Governor said he did not approve of the present system of regulating public schools, especially in the counties. He said: "The superintendents of the county schools should not be permitted to say or to figure on how much of an appropriation they should receive, but should be given a certain amount each year by the State and another stipulated sum by the county." These statements of the Governor are worthy of the most serious consideration by our tax-payers.

FORMER Senator Arthur P. Gorman has purchased a controlling interest in the Ellicott City Times, a prosperous weekly formerly owned and edited by Col. Wm. S. Powell. Col. Powell will retire from the newspaper field much to the regret of his many friends. For several years Col. Powell has been president of the Maryland Press Association, and during that time he has done much to improve the standard of the country journals and to increase their business. We regret sincerely to lose his influence, but wish him a happy ane contented retired life. At the same time we welcome Senator Gorman to the "fold" and extend to him the right hand of fellowship.

MARBURY FOR SENATOR.

It looks very much like Hon. William L. Marbury, the brilliant Baltimore lawyer and Democrat, will yield to the request of his friends throughout the State and announce himself a candidate for the long term against Senator John Walter Smith. Mr. Marbury has been in conference with President-elect Wilson twice recently, and it is understood that the President-elect is anxious for Mr. Marbury to make the fight. Several conferences have been held during the week between Mr. Marbury and a number of Senator Lee's friends who are anxious to get behind a strong man for the long term, for it has been known for sometime that Senator Lee is not favorably disposed to the candidacy of Senator Smith. It is also understood here that Hon. Isaac Lobe Straus has seen Mr. Marbury and not only offered to withdraw in his favor, but to throw the strength of his extended influence behind the candidacy of Mr. Marbury. Mr. Marbury would make an ideal candidate. He is a brilliant man, and a progressive Democrat of the Wilson type, and should he and Senator Lee combine their forces, as seems quite probable in the event of Marbury's candidacy, this combination would sweep Kent county, as no one here knows better the sentiment of the people than does the TRANSCRIPT. And if President Wilson makes an open fight for Marbury and Lee, as seems also probable, they will sweep the state, and we shall then have two real Democrats in the Senate.

OUR EVIDENCE OF GOOD FAITH.

There is only one part of Wm. W. Beck's letter published last Saturday in the Kent News that we care to discuss. The first part of the letter dealing with the publication of Mr. Newman's letter to Mr. Miller amounts to nothing because we published Mr. Newman's letter two weeks ago according to Mr. Miller's instructions, and what Mr. Beck says in the first part of his letter is simply written to convey to those who do not read the TRANSCRIPT the impression that we have not published Mr. Newman's letter. The part that concerns us is this statement:

"In order that the people may know your position on this important question, I propose to quote you from your own paper and thereby show that no statement emanating from you can be relied upon.

"First. On February 3d, 1912, you published in your paper that this bill, known as the Vickers bill, had been introduced by me."

We desire to say that Mr. Beck states what is an unqualified falsehood, when he makes such a charge, and if he can find *in any issue* of the TRANSCRIPT in the year 1912 where such language as the above is used, we shall be glad to acknowledge it. We have looked carefully over our files and in the issue of February 3d, 1912, under heading of *legislative doings* we find this statement:

"Mr. Beck has introduced a bill providing penalties for soliciting orders or delivering whiskey into Kent county."

We clipped this statement from the Baltimore Sun, and it was the first and only intimation we had of the existance of such a bill, and we knew nothing more of it until Vickers let it be known that it was *his* bill. This put us to thinking. We got the file of the Kent News, and looked over the issues of Feb. 3d, 10th and 17th, 1912, and in one of these issues we find this bill referred to in this way:

"GOOD-BYE TO THE JUG."

Under which heading the editors of the Beck organ give full credit to the bill as being *Beck's* bill, *and in not a single instance in the article is the name of Vickers used*, or is any reference made to Vickers in their issue so far as it relates to the local option bill. Mr. Beck was very glad to have it understood that this bill was *his* bill while it was in course of passage through the Legislature, and his political organ here was particularly careful to give *Beck* the full credit for the bill while it was going through the Senate, but just as soon as they begin to scent trouble and Beck begins to get pinched for his peanut politics and trifling tactics with an important bill, as he calls it, he is perfectly willing to throw the responsibility on Vickers' shoulders and give him the credit for being the whole show. Mr. Beck also states a falsehood when he says that in our issue of December 14th, 1912, we stated that we were opposed to the measure. We defy him to produce such a statement in the issue referred to or in any other issue of our paper. To us this whole matter looks like an effort on the part of Mr. Beck to slander and villify the junior editor of this paper. Twice now he has unnecessarily and without reason accused us of being a malicious falsifier, and those of us who know William W. Beck as well as we know him, know that he is the last man in this county, but *three*, to charge any man with not sticking to the truth. A man who would wilfully and knowingly violate the Corrupt Practices Act, when he was State's Attorney, sworn to enforce the law, and *then deny such a violation even when he was confronted with his own written evidence of guilt by three gentlemen in this town*, has no claim either to our respect or confidence. A man who would unhesitatingly violate one law for political advantage, would not hesitate to hold up the passage of another bill, when he has the power so to do, for the same reason.

We regret to be forced to make a personal statement of this kind, but for the second time now this man has unnecessarily and wantonly attacked and slandered our character, and our self-respect compels us to protect ourselves against the position in which he seeks to place us in this community. We do not profess to be beyond honest criticism; any one who deals with public questions in a manner which he conceives to be right will be criticised, and we court intelligent and dispassionate criticism of our editorial opinions. But what we despise is hypocrisy—posing as one thing at home and very much the reverse away from home, and even going so far as to besmirch the good name and character of a citizen born and raised in this community, amidst associations and environments from which much of this slander and villification are now being given publicity, for the purpose of injuring our influence in the church, and our standing in the community. We sincerely trust that our friends will pardon us for making this statement, but our pride and desire to protect our honored name from the slanderous and villianous attacks of such men as Wm. W. Beck forces us to this statement.

THE Reactionary forces were quite active in politics on Tuesday, and a number of their adherents were in Chestertown. Political rumors began to fly thick and fast from about nine o'clock until the afternoon train left. The most significant rumor is that the leaders in Chestertown are endeavoring to induce Mr. John P. Ahern, of Millington, to announce himself a candidate for County Treasurer. Some of Mr. Ahern's friends in the First who were in town went so far as to state that Mr. Ahern had consented to run, but Mr. Ahern himself stated that he had not consented to be a candidate.

MR. W. IRVING WALKER, of Queen Annes, was in our office this week, and stated that owing to the urgent request of his friends in Queen Annes and Kent, he had consented to become a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates. We are very glad to hear this from Mr. Walker, because of the excellent record he made in the last session, and because of the splendid service he rendered to the agricultural interests of the State. Mr. Walker is a valuable man in the Legislature, and he should be renominated and re-elected on his splendid record in the last session.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

Chestertown, Md., Feb. 20th, 1913.

MESSRS. EDITORS OF THE CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT,

Gentlemen:

The sums which have been spent on our public roads, as shown in my previous letter, and in this, are as follows:

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
4th District in less than 7 months	967.33

It will thus be seen that of the tax-payers' money over $10,700 have been spent by the Road Engineer in less than 7 months, in four districts out of seven.

The request to Mr. Hicks, clerk of the commissioners, for the names and amounts spent on the roads of the Fourth District elicited the following reply:

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E. J. Watson	20.45		
W. S. & A. M. Culp	14.65	Total	$967.33

Respectfully yours,
SAMUEL HICKS, Clerk.

The levy under the law for the use of the roads and bridges in Kent county from June 10th, 1912, to June 10th, 1913, was $21,236.21. From the figures above quoted it will be apparent, at once, that the Road Engineer has already, in four districts alone, spent considerably more than half of this year's levy, and there are three districts yet to hear from. These three districts contain nearly as many miles of road as do the districts already accounted for.

No one would object to the expenditure of such enormous sums of money if they were so spent that our public roads were in any way improved. But is there any tax-payer in the county who feels that he can truthfully say to himself, privately or publicly, that our roads are any better than they were five years ago?—long before a Road Engineer was appointed.

In my letter of last week the statement was made that in the fiscal year from June, 1911, to June, 1912, there was available for the use of the roads the sum of $18,979.88. The statement was then made that the Road Engineer during that current year had spent a sum in excess of his levy amounting to more than $3000. I have now the names and the amounts taken from the orders and reports of the Road Engineer showing that during that period of time he had actually so spent and turned in to the County Commissioners a sum exceeding the levy by over $6,000! In other words, although the County Commissioners provided for the use of our roads $18,979.88 for the year ending June, 1912, the Road Engineer, in that year, spent OVER $25,000.00! This is a demonstrable fact. The books of the commissioners and the Road Engineer's accounts show it. If the Road Engineer could do this, without legal warrant, why can he not, during the present year, spend $40,000? Is there any power to restrain him from so doing?

Those advocating the present working of our roads, under Road Engineer Gibbs, claim that he could obtain much more satisfactory results and the roads would be in much better condition if the commissioners would only work in harmony with him and furnish the money with which he could work the roads. These statements have been made repeatedly in all sections by the Organization leaders. At the same time the tax-payers were not advised of the facts that although under the law, the Road Engineer was entitled to spend only the sum of $18,979.88, he had, without warrant of law, ACTUALLY SPENT OVER $25,000.00!

In order that our tax-payers may know that this statement is correct I purpose next week to publish the names and amounts of those who received this sum of over $6,000, in excess of the amount which the Road Engineer was entitled to spend, in the year ending June 10th, 1912. This will be done in order to show that his own records disclose the fact that he has violated the law, has spent this money of the tax-payers in defiance of the statute which created his office. Notwithstanding this there is not a district in the county in which the roads have been benefitted, unless, indeed, it be, as his father says, "The roads in the First District."

Yours very respectfully,
HOPE H. BARROLL.

Chestertown, Md., Feb. 18, 1913.

MESSRS. EDITORS TRANSCRIPT,

Gentlemen:

Will you please one of your readers by giving a short sketch of Hon. I. L. Straus? F. Y.

[Mr. Straus is one of the most prominent young lawyers in the State, living in Baltimore. He has been a member of the Maryland Legislature, and was Attorney General of Maryland during the administration of the late Gov. A. L. Crothers. He is said to have drafted many of the most important laws passed by the Legislature in recent years, and he is at present a candidate for the long term United States Senatorship to succeed Senator John Walter Smith.—EDS.]

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