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PROCLAMATION

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State, 1926

WHEREAS, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1924, an act was passed, to-wit: Chapter 116 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, by adding a new section to Article 4, to follow section 31 and to be known as Section 31-A, granting authority to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to pay each of the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore additional salaries; in words and figures as follows:

CHAPTER 116

AN ACT to amend the Constitution of Maryland by adding a new section to Article 4.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, three-fifths of all the members of both Houses concurring, that the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as hereinafter provided, the same shall stand as an additional section to Article 4 of said Constitution to follow section 31 and to be known as Section 31-A.

31-A. In addition to the authority granted to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by the preceding section to pay to each of the judges of the Supreme Bench the annual sum of Five Hundred Dollars, authority is hereby given to said Mayor and City Council to pay to each of said judges such further annual sum as an additional to their respective salaries as the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall from time to time deem right and proper, provided, that any such sum being once granted shall not be diminished during the continuance of said judges in office.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall be, at the next general election for members of the General Assembly to be held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State; and at the said general election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," so that the voter may elect; and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said 14th Article of the Constitution.

Approved, April 9, 1924.

Now, Therefore, I, Albert C. Ritchie, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the direction contained in Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that this Proclamation containing a full, true and correct copy of the text of said Chapter 116 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1924, be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State where so many may be published and where not more than one may be published then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be published in the German language, once a week for at least three months next preceding the general election to be held in the State of Maryland on Tuesday the 2nd day of November 1926, at which election the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be submitted in form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

The Great Seal of Maryland

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis, this 15th day of July, in the year Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-six.

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POULTRY NOTES

ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT WILL PROMOTE THE BUSINESS IN KENT

Quality poultry brings quality prices. Carry to market a thin, long-legged and in every sense objectionable carcass and you will have hard work to get rid of it at any price. But take to market a plump, clean and well-dressed carcass and customers will fight for the privilege of buying it at almost any price. Give attention, therefore, to the youngsters that you are shipping to market at this season. Some off-efficiency hens should be shipped this month. They have had their day and better be butchered. Keep the fowls in close quarters for a couple of weeks and feed them fattening food. They will round out and surprise you with the prices that they will command.

How many of you are breeding fowls to fight in the pits? I hope mighty few. Civilization is too far advanced for such business as that. Let the brutal prize fighters train and maul each other in the bloody ing. We poultrymen think too much of our beautiful birds to breed them for such business. The cock fighters and the cock fighters are growing fewer every year. Let's be thankful. The man who can't find any higher business in this country than raising birds to fight country than raising birds to fight each other to death had better quit.

Study the rapidity of growth of your youngsters. The chick that develops rapidly from the shell to three or four months of age should be given a long mark of credit. It means a good deal in poultry culture.

Use your brains this month. You are raising young things. The general business must also be looked after. One must almost live with his fowls this month to make the most and the best of them. Keep up the egg output. Keep the chicks growing. Feed them heartily but very wisely.

Don't forget the shade for all the fowls big or little. This month and last are the hot months of the year. Sometimes October comes in a good second in this respect. If left to themselves in the open they will seek the shade in the heated part of the day. If they must be kept within small limits they should be furnished with shelter of some kind under which to protect their lives from the piercing and burning rays of the sun. This is important.

The poultry industry of the United States has suffered during the past calendar year, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage, as a result of infection diseases of a highly communicable nature. The European Fowl Pest epidemic of over a year ago, was a typical example of this situation. Infectious bronchitis, colds, roup, canker, chicken pox, worms, coccridiosis, fowl cholera and many other fommunicable diseases take a heavy toll each year. In the majority of cases, epidemics of these infections are a result of infection from one farm to another, through one or more of many possible means.

Diseases are transmitted and introduced into healthy flocks sometimes over short distances, sometimes over extended distances, by any of the following means: By allowing growing stock to have access to yards and houses where older birds are kept; by allowing visitors coming from other poultry farms to have access to the yards and houses on one's poultry establishment; by sparrows, pigeons and other birds of flight, which congregate about the poultry yard in search of feed; by the introduction of new stock for breeding or stocking purposes without due precaution to insure their health before they are introduced into the general flock; by the repeated use of old second-hand coops and containers which are shipped back to the farm from market centers; by the purchase of grain in old second-hand bags which are repeatedly used and passed around from farm to farm in the course of a short time; by the improper disposition of dead birds and carelessness, allowing carrion flesh to remain in the yards and ranges during the summer; and lastly, by general unsanity conditions about the plant. While there may be other possible ways of infection, these summarize in a few words the problems which the poultryman should appreciate and guard against.

At this time of the year, after the hatching season is over and the sun gets high and hot, the poultry raiser generally thinks of vacation. He is more interested in his fishing tackle or that proposed auto trip than he is in the care of his growing stock. He is apt to figure that they are past the danger point and can get along very well without so much attention. It is easy enough to make excuses for not doing the chores, but it does not pay to neglect them.

To come into maturity at the proper time, they must be kept growing right along. One day's set back may mean a longer delay when we figure maturity should be due.

Give them all of the succulent green feed they will eat. Do not rely on lawn clipings at this time of the year as the grass is tough, fibrous and is not as juicy as earlier in the season.

Comparatively little has been done to safeguard the health of exhibits at Poultry Shows. Other kinds of exhibits are quite strict as to the application of precautionary measures. Three would be larger exhibits if the exhibitors felt more secure.

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WHO SAID

"I would rather obey than work miracles."

MARTIN LUTHER, the author of the words quoted above, who is known to history as one of the great religious reformers, was destined by his father to be a lawyer. He was deeply religious from his youth, however, and in 1505, contrary to his father's wishes, he entered the monastery at Erfurt, Germany.

Five years after his entrance into the monastery Luther made a pilgrimage to Rome. That pilgrimage had a great effect upon his later life. Many of those occupying high places in the established church in Rome were untrue to the high trust reposed in them as the heads of the church and their conduct changed Luther's attitude toward the Roman church. He wrote his celebrated ninety-five theses condemning the sale of indulgences, and the consequent action of the religious authorities in declaring them heretical drove Luther to still further activity.

Luther originally intended no separation from the established church. He wrote a modest letter to the pope seeking pardon and asking that several reforms be incorporated in the church law. This was followed by a bull excommunicating Luther and his friends. Aroused to passion, Luther publicly burned the bull of excommunication and his severance from the established church was completed.

The reformation now spread throughout Germany and the power of the established church to curb Luther by means of bulls of excommunication was rendered useless. In his fight Luther was greatly aided by a powerful German prince whose protection saved him from punishment.

Luther died February 18, 1546, at Eisleben, Germany, his birthplace.—Wayne D. McMurray.

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Among the NOTABLES

LOUIS XVI

LAST of the French kings before the Revolution, weak-willed and with no special desire and certainly no aptitude for statecraft—such was Louis XVI.

He was born August 23, 1754, at Versailles, grandson of Louis V, became heir to the throne when he was eleven, and was married at sixteen to Marie Antoinette in order to make more firm the peace between France and Austria. At first he did not care for his wife, but after a time, during which he had ascended the throne, he came considerably under her influence.

The young queen had reacted against her very strict bringing up, and was plunging recklessly into the dissipation and gayety of the times. Politics were like a seething cauldron, then, bound to boil over; indeed it did boil over—into the Revolution of 1792. Marie Antoinette, by her extravagance and because she was Austrian (and there was a growing feeling against her country), became very unpopular. Louis, meantime, wanted nothing but to spend the days in hunting. Never bright mentally, he became more and more stupid and retiring as time passed.

The revolution came and the gayest court in the world was literally thrown into prison. Louis was condemned and guillotined early in 1793. One by one, the figures who make the tale of these courts so fascinating, were driven through the streets to their death—for the most part, going with dignity and a look of contempt for the rabble who had them in power. The queen herself was beheaded in 1793.

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THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



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MINE RESCUE WORK

The telephone plays an important part in mine rescue work. Robert M. Lambie, Chief of the West Virginia Department of Mines, pays high tribute to men who installed and maintained telephones at Eccles' mine disaster recently.

"The Department of Mines is greatly indebted to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for the cooperation and highly efficient service at Eccles, as well as Benwood, Barrackville and Farmington mine disasters," says Mr. Lambie. "Only those who know the horror and danger of work connected with explosions and mine fires can appreciate what such service means."

"The explosion at the Eccles mine had greatly damaged the shaft and destroyed all telephones and signal service underground. Eddie Stromp, Beckley manager of the telephone company, and linemen from that office arrived on the ground with a load of telephones and equipment soon after the explosion occurred, and immediately started the installation of telephones at all points necessary for emergency and relief service."

A telephone was installed on the cage and four of the rescue party, including Chief Lambie, started down the shaft.

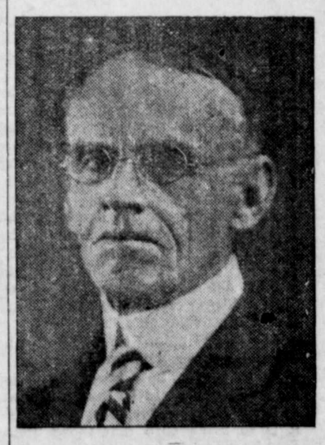
"Telephone service played a very important part in the rescue of the ten men who had baracaded themselves a mile-and-a-half back in the mine. When we found a board marked, 'Come to the third right entry (Signed) T. Davis, a telephone message was sent to the surface that there was a possibility of men being alive and asking for a doctor and an additional supply of blankets, hot coffee and restoratives. The men when rescued, appeared to have come from a mausoleum. The news of their being alive was telephoned from the mine to the surface. No one, except those who had urgent and important business had any desire to be out on a night such as that. There was a high wind blowing, and one of the most severe storms experienced in years was raging, yet the telephone men were on the job as soon as it was humanly possible for them to get there with the necessary supplies and equipment to help in rescue work."

"FATHER" GRAHAM

Forty-seven years' service, with only two days lost time, is the enviable record of Frank A. Graham of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Baltimore.

"Father" Graham, as he is affectionately known by the officials and employees of the company, has been associated with the telephone organization longer than any other member of the organization now on active duty. His record is considered nothing short of phenomenal, both in the telephone industry and elsewhere. In spite of his long period of active service, Mr. Graham is young, both in appearance and in enthusiasm.

Entering the service of the telephone company in Baltimore, August 7, 1879, as a messenger boy in the first central office, established there, Mr. Graham has served in a number of capacities. His first duty consisted in delivering messages received over the telephone. In those days the telephone was not as universally used as it is today. Few business firms and still fewer residents enjoyed the privilege of telephone service. Consequently, messengers were employed by the company to deliver the messages



FRANK A. GRAHAM

received at the central office. After working as a messenger boy for several months, he became successively night operator, night chief operator, lineman, installer, installation foreman, and engineer's assistant.

During the Baltimore fire of 1904, he was one of those who did valiant work in helping to restore telephone service.

Mr. Graham has always displayed laudable resourcefulness and care in the accomplishment of the tasks assigned him, with the result that he has acquired a reputation for dependability and accuracy. During his almost half century of service, he has never had an accident. He attributes this unusual record of no sickness and no accidents to his temperate habits and even pace of living.

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