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July Fourth--And Still The Cobblestones Remain Between Tracks Of The United Railways

FORMER JUDGE N. CHARLES BURKE OPPOSED TO NEW CHARTER FOR COUNTY

Says His Examination Of The New Scheme Of Government Has Led To The Conclusion That It Would Be A Most Disastrous Thing For The People To Adopt.

The Jeffersonian received yesterday (Friday) a letter from former Chief Judge N. Charles Burke regarding the new charter which will be submitted to the voters in November, which is published in full as follows:

Towson, Md., July 1, 1920.

THE CHARTER BOARD elected at the last general election has, in obedience to the constitutional mandate, prepared and submitted to the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Baltimore county, a charter or new form of government for this county. This charter, as required by the constitution, has been published and will be submitted to the voters of the county at the next election for their approval or disapproval.

I assume that many of the voters have carefully read and considered this proposed new form of government. But it is probably true that the great majority of our people, up to the present time have given it little or no consideration, and do not understand the far-reaching and radical changes which its adoption will effect in the accustomed form of county government with which they are familiar, and I believe, there is no good reason to change.

Certainly, no more important question, affecting so vitally the interest of the people and the good government of the county, has ever been submitted to the consideration of the voters. It is in no sense a partisan question. It concerns itself solely with its adaptability to meet the needs of the people and to promote efficient, economical, and satisfactory county government. I think the people of this county are not apt, upon further consideration and discussion, to adopt a government and untried innovation as the basic principle of their county government.

I believe its practical operation, as a system of government, will not be satisfactory to our people.

CERTIFICATES ISSUED

The County Commissioners Provide Means For "Discounting" City's Indebtedness To County.

In order to make immediately available the fund of \$750,000 which Baltimore County is required to pay Baltimore City for school buildings, station-houses and other county property taken by the city under the annexation act of 1915, the County Commissioners have caused to be issued through the banking firm of J. S. Wilson, Jr. & Co., of Baltimore, a series of Certificates of Indebtedness aggregating \$525,000.00. Some of these certificates will mature in 1922 and others in each year thereafter until 1928, when the longest of the series will mature. The certificates bear rates of interest ranging from 5% to 6 per cent.

Under the agreement of the Annex Commission, appointed for the purpose of adjusting the differences between county and city growing out of annexation, the city is required to pay the county \$750,000 in installments extending over a period of about 10 years. The County Commissioners decided to use \$500,000 of this fund toward the erection of new school buildings in the county and the remaining \$250,000 toward the erection of engine houses and the acquisition of fire-fighting equipment. In view of the pressing need for new school buildings at this time the Commissioners were, by an act of the last Legislature, authorized to issue the certificates of indebtedness so as to render available the bulk of the \$750,000 fund for immediate use.

Little difficulty has been experienced by Wilson & Co. in disposing of these certificates, most of which have been subscribed by county banks.

The issuance of these certificates is not in any sense the creation of an independent indebtedness on Baltimore County. The purpose of the certificates is merely to provide a means of discounting Baltimore City's indebtedness to the county.

Who Are More Thrifty-- Men or Women?

Some say that women are more thrifty than men. We do not know about this. It is very much like saying that women are more honest than men. Nobody knows, and we don't think such questions as these will ever really be decided.

The thrift proclivity is not influenced by anything that is peculiar to either sex, in our opinion.

Any man or woman with a brain and a backbone can be thrifty. Any thinking person can see the desirability of being thrifty, and any person with vim and self-control can be thrifty—man or woman, boy or girl.

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UNCLE JAKE AT FRISCO

Takes In The Democratic National Convention—Takes "Jeff" Artist With Him.

San Flambisco, California. YE GODS! Yer's yer Uncle Jake got yer in ther other end of ther United States, bout 456,893,768,554 1/2 kill-o-fellers from Gobbler's Knob with er bunch of critters what'll nominate ther next Demkrat President of ther country. Yer know yer got ter elect presidents for ther country, cause cities lect ther own mayors same as Gobbler's Knob, it ain't under ther jurisdiction of anything cap'nin yer Uncle Jake.

CEAZER'S GHOST: Yer Uncle Jake was considering coming out yer in his ole tin lizzie, but when he looked at ther map and measured ther distance with er string, and heerd of all ther plains and prairies what had white men and In-juns roaming therem and where er yap's life ain't nothing and er bullet might in er minute put yer light of existence out, me and Mame decided ter go like regular delegates, in er Pullman car.

We passed through er lot of states, Pennsylvania, Noblo, Lillynoise, Knebraska, Jutah, Narrownoga, Lymoning and er couple dozen others and landed in Kalfornia when all ther Chinamen was smokin' hop and ther white folks was asleep. Jest as we pulled in ther station, I seen Ole Bill Bryan go dashing by on er camel. He had er couple dozen way from Knebraska, and in er state either side of his camel was er couple dozen bottles of grape juice. He was er delegate intoxicated into his way er thinking. Coming over Pikes Peak Mame got as sick as er pup. At breakfast all ther delegates got on top of the Pike he looked out the car window and see er gol darn thing but er couple buzzards and clouds and jest as he was enjoying the quiet of ther things somebody grabed yer Uncle Jake's leg and yanked er couple dozen bottles of grape juice.

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It must be admitted that we are living in a strenuous period. The River County's population, according to all reports from the census enumerators, has greatly increased. Marriage licenses fees have jumped 100 per cent. Prohibition is a certainty, a headlight on the front of an automobile larger than the Bash from a lightning bug is against the law, and so it goes. We have had plenty of rain, but to lo and behold, we will have to go some to beat June 1929!

The chances of June 1920 beating June 1929 has gone, according to information received by The Jeffersonian from the U. S. Weather bureau. Even that record is not likely to be broken in June, 1920, it cannot "light a candle" to June, 1929. No, it cannot even stand up with June 1929. The miserable cobble stones on the York Road at Towson, but probably it is in keeping with things nowadays.

In 1929 they wore tight trousers with shrinking coats that resembled eron jackets and stove-pipe hats, but now there is plenty of goods in a suit of clothes; but if caught in one of our recent June showers it would resemble a suit of summer underwear. The thermometer, which has not been working according to schedule in June that have passed and gone this week got down to a peace-time temperature waiting for the November Presidential election.

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NO RECORD BREAKER

June 1929 Had Something On Current Events In Brief Paragraphs From Many Sections Bearing On Various Subjects.

The Bolshevik claim to have driven the Poles across the Dniester River. Ten persons were killed in a Southern Railway wreck near Huntingburg, Indiana.

Philip Sidney Post, vice-president of the International Harvester Company, is dead.

Senator Harding began his vacation at Raritan, N. J., where he is the guest of Senator Frelinghausen.

New wells sunk in the Braxton (W. Va.) field have failed to relieve the gas situation in Cumberland.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies was suspended Saturday during discussion of the Ancona situation.

A Moscow dispatch reports that a secret alliance against Greece has been concluded between Serbia and Bulgaria.

Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the American Army, arrived in Paris and was entertained by Marshal Petain.

Seven persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Kraus building in Lawrence avenue, Ellwood City, Pa.

Seven women were named as members of the executive committee which will manage the Republican campaign.

Two white men and a colored policeman were killed and several colored men wounded in a riot on Chicago's South Side.

A plot against the Shah of Persia, and the members of his cabinet was discovered and precautionary measures taken.

A battalion of British troops has been ordered to Constantinople, together with a cruiser and a number of destroyers.

One hundred cases of cholera have been discovered in Southern Japan, some victims of the disease being found in Tokio.

Fierce fighting along entire Polish front the Bolsheviks, with great masses of cavalry, are seeking decisive results at all costs.

Mustapha Kemal Pasha, leader of the Turkish Nationalists, gave his approval to the reply of Turkey to the allied peace treaty.

The Turkish Cabinet framed protest to the terms against the premature occupation of Anatolia while the treaty was pending.

The Department of Justice disapproves of the proposal to ration sugar at hotels and restaurants instead of serving from open sugar bowls.

Philip Gathers, a negro, was lynched near Rincon, Ga., after he had confessed to the murder of Miss Anza Jaudon, 17 years old, last week.

Greeks in Constantinople are rejoicing over the advance of the Greek army west of Ala Shehr, the ancient name of which was Philadelphia.

Edward Cappa, of New Jersey, was named by President Wilson as minister to Greece, a recess appointment.

S. Parker Gilbert, Jr., was nominated as assistant secretary of the Treasury.

THIS IS LAST DAY

Ex-Service Men Must Hustle To Save Their War Risk Insurance Policies.

Today (Saturday) is the last day that former soldiers and sailors of Baltimore county and other sections may apply for renewal of their War Risk Insurance policies. This announcement was sent to The Jeffersonian by the Maryland Department of the National Insurance who are anxious that ex-service men take swift action regarding this important matter.

Revised methods recently put into effect by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance have greatly enhanced the value of the policies.

THEORY THAT CHARTER FORM OF GOVERNMENT WILL SPELL DOOM OF POLITICS ALL "BUNK"

Idea Of Having Baltimore County Run By Fifteen Councilmen, Assisted By General Manager, Is Meeting With Little Public Favor; Council Of Baltimore City Fair Example.

Advocates of the proposed new charter for Baltimore county are already on the defensive. The idea of having the affairs of the county run by a board of fifteen councilmen, assisted by a General Manager, instead of a board of Three Commissioners, is meeting with little favor among the voters. To offset this, those favoring the adoption of the charter are saying that the election of a council will spell the doom of politics in Baltimore county. As "proof" they cite Section 2 of the proposed charter, reading as follows: "No political affiliations or indications thereof of nominees or candidates for election as members of the County Council shall be placed on the ballot."

In view of the foregoing provision, the voters believe that simply because of the omission of the usual party designations — Republican, Democratic,

Socialist, Prohibitionist and the like — after the names of the various candidates for councilmen, it will be impossible to inject any politics into that august body, and that it will be made up of a simple non-partisan who will do nothing, or think of nothing, except for the public good. What an ideal scheme of government! But will it work out?

Suppose, by way of illustration, that Mr. William F. Cole and Mr. Newton D. R. Allen, of the Ninth district, should run for the council, without party designations. Would it be either of these gentlemen? Would it be Mr. Cole's Democratic friends rally to his support? And wouldn't Mr. Allen's Republican friends rally to his support? Why of course! And, if elected, wouldn't Mr. Cole still be a Democrat and wouldn't Mr. Allen still be a Republican? Why of course! There are very few men in any of the districts of the county who are not affiliated with one party or another, and those who belong to no party take so little interest in public affairs that their influence in choosing a council would be negligible.

If a council is formed, the chances are about 99 to 1 that it will be made up of either Democrats or Republicans — possibly both — and in the elections for councilmen the leading candidates will still be Democrats and Republicans, no matter if party designations are omitted from the ballots. But even though both the Democrats and Republican parties should disintegrate, so far as Baltimore county is concerned, there would still be factions which would seek to control the council. It is impossible to keep politics out of a governing body of this sort. Every councilman will naturally try to get all he can for his own district, and there is bound to be more or less "trading" or "log-rolling" as in every legislative body. Every sensible voter

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NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

Newsy Letters Written By "Jeff" Correspondents From Every Nook And Corner.

COCKEYSVILLE.

The Sunday School of Sherwood P. E. Church held its picnic on Tuesday, June 29. One auto truck, driven by Mr. Walter Tyrie, and twelve machines carried a merry band of boys and girls, with their teachers, some parents and friends, about one hundred in all, to Druid Hill Park, where a most enjoyable day was spent.

MT. CARMEL.

Sunday School at the M. E. Church tomorrow at 2 P. M., after which pastor, Rev. B. Constance, will deliver a special sermon.

The Aid Society of the M. E. Church is making arrangements for a lawn fete to be held July 31.

Mr. David Wilhelm had the misfortune to lose a large truck last Saturday by fire while his son was driving it along the road, scorching fire and burning to the ground.

The farmers are busy making hay which is very good, but are very much discouraged with their wheat crop, which has been badly cut by the Hessian fly.

PHOENIX.

Miss Frances Evans has been visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Evans, in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeLaney spent the week-end with their aunt, Mrs. E. R. Royster.

Mrs. W. J. Stover is spending some time with her brother, Mr. Ray Mays, at his home in Washington.

A kindergarten class was opened in the school on July 1st for children between the ages of 4 and 10 years of age. The hours are from 9 to 12 o'clock daily during July and August.

HYDE.

Don't forget the picnic on lawn of Port Christian Church this afternoon and evening. Ice cream, cake and candy for sale. Come spend a pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arthur are spending their vacation at Ocean City.

Mrs. Fannie Smith is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Garrison, at Woodlawn.

Mr. Rodger Lassel is spending his vacation with his aunt, Mrs. E. J. Bell.

Young People's Meeting at Port Christian Church tomorrow night at 8 o'clock will be led by Stanley Rupenacht.

Miss Mary McKeellar and Miss Marion Adams, of Baltimore, spent last week with Mrs. Edward Temple.

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