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NEW CHARTER AS PRESENTED IS MANIFESTLY INADEQUATE AS FORM OF GOVERNMENT

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Baltimore county, in relation to the schools, the roads, the police, the fire department, charity, the public health and the various other departments of the county government. These laws cover some three hundred or more pages of the County Code. The Charter however disposes of the whole subject in a couple of paragraphs, but it does not dispose of it. It names the various departments of the county government. That is, it gives their titles, but it does not tell what they are and it does not declare what powers or duties the officials shall have, nor does it say to what officials the powers now exercised by the County Commissioners are to be given. The only possible escape from the condition of administrative chaos that would ensue would be to hold that the powers now exercised by the County Commissioners would still be exercised by them, or that it would, if the office of County Commissioner were abolished, be exercised by the County Council, in which event we would have fifteen County Commissioners instead of five

as we now have, or three as we will have. In addition to these objections the expense of the proposed form of government would be excessive. The multiplication of offices, the tremendously increased cost of advertising, the costs of the "Little Legislature," would be out of proportion to any benefit derived from the change. The "Little Legislature" meets for but thirty days, but it would have clerks, stenographers, and the various expenses incident to its work, and these expenses would not be light, because the County Council would have more than half as many members as the Maryland Senate. And in addition to this, if the Council did the work of the County Commissioners they would also have to be in session as often as the County Commissioners, and this at a cost of \$75 a day and their traveling expenses for some hundred and forty days which, together with the additional salaries and other assistance they would require would make the present expense of the County Commissioners office look very small indeed. The Charter, as it is presented, is manifestly inadequate as a form of government. Necessarily, as soon as adopted it would have to be changed. But why destroy a known efficient and economical form of government suited to the needs of the people for an expensive experiment, which must be abandoned for some plan of government not yet even formulated?

CHARGE EXPLODED

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lations, and properly so, because they are food products. This same charge that the farmer's nose was being held at the grindstone by the Democratic Administration while the Southern farmer was permitted to revel in ease and luxury was made by the Republican Campaign Committee in 1918. This caused me to make some investigation through the Bureau of Markets, and I take this liberty of giving you the figures I then compiled.

In 1917 cotton increased in price over the average six-year pre-war period 132 per cent; wool increased over the same average period 180 per cent; corn increased over the average period 137 per cent; wheat increased over the same average period 127 per cent.

An investigation for 1918 showed the figures to be so near those for 1917 that there would be practically no change in the comparison.

After expressing his resentment at the effort to arouse sectional prejudice, Mr. Black wrote Senator Capper that "it may be your view that anything and everything is fair in politics, but it does seem to me that one who holds the responsible position of United States Senator from a great State like Kansas should have a broader conception of national unity than to find it to his liking to array one section of the country against the other and appeal to sectional prejudice for party support." Concluding, Mr. Black said:

"The armistice was signed in 1918, and your party went into control on Congress after March 4, 1919. If the wheat guarantee law, under which the 1919 crop has been marketed, was being your party repeal it? As a matter of fact, you know very well that the United States as a whole have no grievance. They have never been more prosperous in the history of the Republic than during the past few years. The increase in farm values of such States as your State of Kansas, Iowa and Illinois are all the proof required to establish the extent of this widespread prosperity."

TO BUY PRESIDENCY

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Providence, 100,000
Newark, 100,000
Youngstown, 80,000
Akron, 80,000
Oakland, 75,000

Milwaukee,	75,000
Dayton,	60,000
Baltimore,	50,000
New Orleans,	50,000
Rochester,	50,000
Kansas City,	50,000
Denver,	50,000
New Haven,	50,000
Omaha,	50,000
Seranton,	50,000
Spokane,	50,000
Syracuse,	50,000
Bridgeport, Conn.,	50,000
Washington,	50,000
Louisville,	50,000
Des Moines,	50,000
Schenectady,	50,000
Portland,	50,000
Birmingham,	50,000
Canton, Ohio,	40,000
Worcester, Mass.,	25,000
Lynn, Mass.,	25,000
Albany, N. Y.,	25,000
Atlanta,	25,000
Memphis,	25,000
Duluth,	25,000
Jersey City,	25,000
Lowell, Mass.,	25,000

Total, \$ 8,145,000
The population of these cities is approximately 25,000,000. Under such an apportionment, the sum sought to be raised for the G. O. P. campaign fund in the entire country would exceed \$15,000,000.

Governor Cox read from "confidential letters" from Republican headquarters to money raisers in the field, in which the appeal, "Boys, get the money," frequently appeared, and in which the "gold diggers" were admonished to secrecy.

Referring to 1896, when Mark Hanna spent \$16,500,000 in a national campaign, Governor Cox said "it was this foul thing which Theodore Roosevelt brought to an end when he reformed the Republican party," and it was while he was doing that that Warren G. Harding "branded him as an Aaron Burr." He also read a letter from Senator Harding to Fred V. Upham, treasurer of the Republican campaign committee, commending him for the work of raising the money in this vast fund.

The Atlantic Gulf Oil Corporation has been awarded a contract by the Shipping Board for the delivery of 9,000,000 barrels of fuel oil at \$1.25 per barrel and 9,000,000 barrels of crude petroleum at the same price, at Tecumate, Mexico, during the year beginning January 1.

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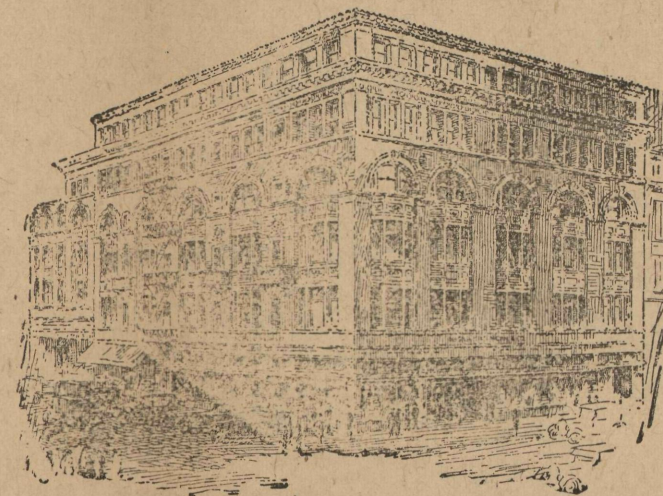
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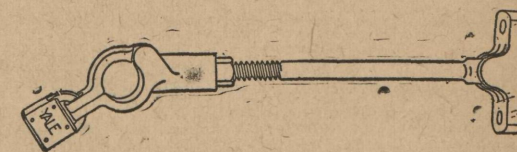
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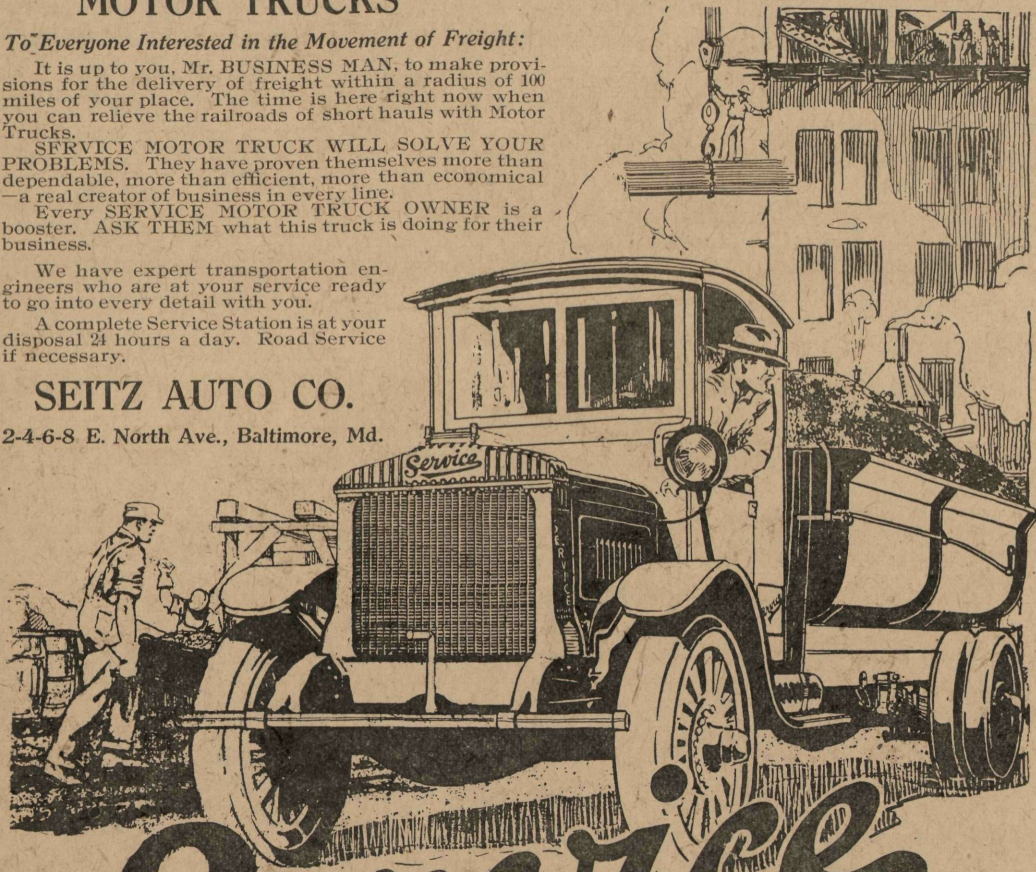
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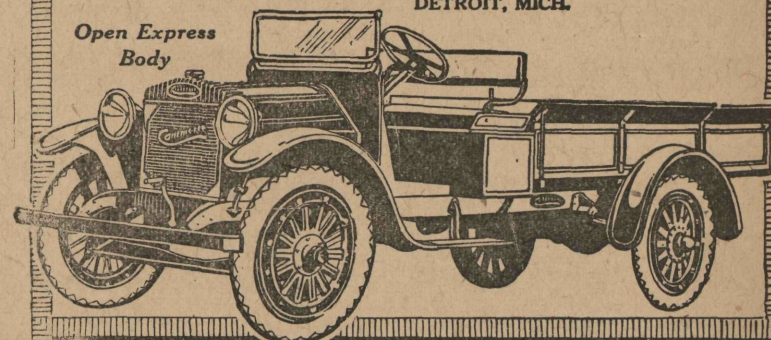
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