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Wheat is going down, all unknown to bread. Democratic campaign dough is not self-rising.

Plenty of houses are now being put up—in price. Life is worth living these glorious October days.

Now that Mexico has reformed, there is still hope for Russia. There will be no break in prices until the buyer applies the brake.

Everybody wishes Miss Fortune would get married and settle down. It's not the band wagon that excites folks this year, but the coal wagon.

Anyhow, Harding is seeing much of the country over which Cox will preside. Don't you dare call her a vestress. See America first if you would see it last!

Happy-go-lucky methods of dealing with "rears" is neither happy nor lucky. Perhaps the next king of England will agree to paragon Lord Mayor MacSwiney.

Some of the skilled sugar manipulators seem to have gone into the coal business. Chicago boasts of a 5 cent cigar. Towson has them, but the price tag says a quarter.

Price, Watson & Dietz (limited) have taken another member in the firm, Ernest C. Hatch.

Between the income tax and the campaign collector, there are sad days for the idle rich.

Plump little Willie Price, secretary of the Taxpayers' League, delights to ring "brick-bats" at the Jeff.

Harding says that "too much is heard of independence in politics." Yes, and too little is seen of it.

Of course some men will be shrewd enough to tell their wives to vote the way they don't want them to.

In regard to the League of Nations and Harding, all the other countries of the world seem to be out of step but us.

When paper suits are worn universally, the people will be unfatteringly accurate on the part of the weather bureau.

The noise you hear nowadays is not the consumer sneaking down the coal in his furnace, but the coal man shaking down the consumer.

Unfortunately it is too late to run Henry Ford for the Presidency, with the campaign slogan, "He reduced the high cost of flivvering."

A rat that looks like a kangaroo and barks like a prairie dog is reported in Texas. It's about time a prohibition officer were sent down there.

The Volstead law may have improved the country's health, but it has increased the number of ailments requiring a prescription with a kick in it.

Vote against the charter, it will not decrease your taxes, but increase them. If Harding ever had any chance of being elected, he's killed it with his own words.

Some people seem to think that the population of the country is growing too fast, but the automobiles and street cars are doing their best to dispose of the surplus.

What does Price, Watson, Dietz & Hatch care if they thrust the new charter down the throats of the people of Baltimore county if they can by so doing secure a "fat" job?

Being that Price wants the job as County Manager under the charter is adopted, Watson wants the job of treasurer, and Dietz the job of Engineer. What has Hatch "up his sleeve"?

Examine the list of men who are advocating the proposed charter and then examine the list who are against it, and you'll have no difficulty in ascertaining how to vote on the measure. Unquestionably you'll vote against it.

We must not break faith with our dead. There are 81,000 reasons why the women of the United States vote for the League of Nations to preserve peace. They are your 81,000 sons and brothers who are absent who died in France and Flanders to end war.

The Second District needs a man of vigor, a man who can debate, a man who stands ready to assist all his constituents whether Republican or Democrat, white or black. It needs a man like Carville D. Benson. Vote for him on Tuesday, November 2.

Mr. Ernest C. Hatch is now "some" letter writer. He acknowledged to citizens some time ago that he was disappointed in the draft of the new charter, and now at the eleventh hour he comes out "footed" for it. He got the county-manager "bee" in his bonnet too?

Are we wondering if Mr. Ernest C. Hatch is really a "man" to challenge his brother-in-law, Mr. John D. C. Duncan, with being a party to the work of the Baltimore County Jeffersonian at Annapolis? Judging from his recent letter in the Baltimore Sun, he's trying to "kick up" a family row.

Was Mr. Hatch's letter in the Baltimore Sun prompted by the feeling that has existed between the Towson National Bank and the Second National Bank of Towson? Anyone knowing the two institutions cannot but help believe it, especially when Mr. Hatch is vice-president of the former.

The United States has got to choose between military preparedness for future wars and political preparedness for future peace. Vital international problems should be thought out, not fought out. Another war would not only be disastrous, it would be undurable. It is a question of saving the mothers of future generations from sending their sons into war. There is only one League and it is a going concern today, with budget officers, and rapidly expanding functions at the United States, Turkey and Alshvick Russia are the only nations on the outside. It's fine company to be in, isn't it?

GLYNDDON.

The Glynndon Grange met on Friday evening in Red Men's Hall. A Democratic mass meeting will be held tonight in Devese's Hall. Issues of the campaign and the county charter will be discussed by Hon. James W. Collier, Congressman from Mississippi, Hon. Carville D. Benson, Congressman from Maryland, and Mr. John E. Raine. Harry St. Slade will preside. The ladies are especially invited to attend.

WARREN.

Mr. W. H. Fox, who has been ill for a week, is able to move. Mrs. A. O. Gordin, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Ennis.

A new floor has been put in the bridge over the Gunpowder, and material has been hauled for repairing the road, which is badly needed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fox will be held at the Warren Club tonight for the benefit of "Rising Sun," an historic old site between Baltimore and Annapolis.

RIDERWOOD.

Mrs. Thomas E. Wier is spending a week with Mrs. Edwin Wicander, of Jamieson, Md. On her return she will visit her sister-in-law, Mrs. C. G. Reese, of Elizabethtown, Md., where she will be met by Mr. Wier.

Mrs. William Bishop has returned after visiting relatives in Chicago and New York. Her husband is home from the Navy for a few days.

Richard, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roller, is much improved after a stay at the hospital. Mrs. Sarah Walters is at work again after being ill about six weeks.

Mrs. E. Frank DeFord will close her home on Riderwood today and will take her daughter and son to leave for Camden, S. C.

GRACE.

Miss Grace Merryman attended a teachers' meeting in Baltimore last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richardson and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rhoads and daughter, Miss Dorothy Fowle and Mr. Harry Armacoost were Sunday visitors of Mr. Edwin Armacoost and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Armacoost and daughter of Forest Park, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Edwin Armacoost.

Mrs. Lucinda Kemp, Mrs. Rachel Martin, Misses Mary E. Martin and Lottie Martin, of Towson, and Mrs. Russell Martin spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Burrman Martin.

Mr. Glenn Schults of Baltimore, Sunday with his parents.

Miss Edna Ebaugh motored to Baltimore to visit her father, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ruby entertained some friends last Sunday.

COCKEYSVILLE.

The Cockeysville Alumni Association will hold a subscription dance in the Firemen's Hall on Friday, October 22.

TEGAS.

Mr. Stickler is very ill at the home of his son, Mr. Henry E. Stickler.

A eucure and dance will be held in the hall of St. Joseph's Church on Friday, October 23. Gault's orchestra will furnish music. Prizes will be awarded to winners and refreshments will be served.

Mrs. John E. Ensor and son, Harold, spent Sunday with the former's sister, Miss Sidney L. Stoner, of Hudson Heights.

PHOENIX.

Miss Alice Thomas, of Baltimore, spent week with Mrs. W. W. Winstantey.

Miss Sidney Blanchard, who spent part of the summer with Miss Philpot, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Manley, of Phoenix, Md., returned last week for a visit to their former home in New England.

The Women's Auxiliary of Brazier P. E. Church held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Irving C. Mays.

HEREFORD.

Sunday School tomorrow morning at 9:30; preaching at 10:30 P. M., both churches.

Don't forget the oyster supper to be held in the I. O. O. F. Hall on October 23rd.

Mr. Emory Cole and Mr. Melville Burton moved their families to Hereford this week. This seems to be quite a busy time in Hereford, judging by the moving that is going on.

Mr. George Miller, of Piney Hill, one of our quiet citizens has taken a trip to Philadelphia to spend some time with his daughter.

Mr. Howard Miller is improving his place with a coat of paint.

Mr. Alex. Bull is sick sick at this writing.

FREELAND.

The weather man is certainly dealing our farmers a splendid opportunity to very kindly with us at present, giving them the best of the weather. The scarcity of hired help is showing itself in the standing of corn in the fields. Many of the soil-billers are only commencing to sow their fall grain. On account of the wet season we experienced this summer all crops have been good, but the prices for the same have not been very encouraging.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Miller, Mr. J. E. Shaver and sons, Kenneth and Robert, spent last Sunday at Arcadia visiting Mr. J. H. Snover.

Judge L. M. B. Williams called on Mr. J. H. Copenaver on Sunday morning.

Mr. Raymond Royston, who just received his release from the service of Uncle Sam last week, called on friends and relatives at this place on Wednesday.

Judge Miller, of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, passed through our village on Tuesday.

We are loathe to give up our neighbor, Mr. Emory Matthews, who will take charge of the farm which Mr. Harry Caplan purchased of Mr. Morton McCutcheon, near Eicko.

FORCES OPOOED TO NEW CHARTER HOLD BIG MEETING AT TOWSON COURT HOUSE

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next speaker W. Irvine Cross, a prominent member of the Maryland State Bar, resides in Baltimore County, and who said in part:

"My primary objection to this new charter is the principle that underlies the whole scheme, to wit: the habit of reforming the governmental system not by analyzing it and correcting the specific defects but by ripping it up entirely and substituting another. In this way reforms in system of government come to little, they constituting a series of experiments often very crude and not an intelligent growth.

This charter is objectionable because it is going backward instead of forward. The counties of Maryland have had the commission form of government for more than a lifetime, the essence of which is a small body elected by the whole people and responsible to them, having charge of all county affairs. This, which is not perfect, has been a good system as is shown by the fact that municipal reforms in the city during the last 20 years have largely consisted in getting away from the system of government proposed in the new charter, which is the giving practical control to a council not elected by the whole people, but taken from separate districts or wards.

There is no worse for not government than that of a district or ward legislature handling administrative matters. It is this that has prevailed in the cities and has been because of the inefficient and wasteful government that has there prevailed.

The proposed charter which in-

creases the complexity of the political machinery, gives the county a now has a single board of five commissioners it would under the proposed charter have an imposing legislature of 15 district commissioners, the same number of county commissioners with much less onerous duties and a county manager who would be merely a servant of the Council but would draw a salary either of \$5,000 or \$3,500 per year. The new charter involves too much government and too lavish expense.

After reading from some of the literature sent out by the Taxpayers' League, in which it is said the charter will assure a "business-like" administration for Baltimore County, free from political control and corruption, economical and efficient," Mr. Cross facetiously remarked that more nearly described the Kingdom of Heaven, and predicted that if the charter were adopted it would be ten years before the people of the county would catch up to the politicians. He said that if a man went into a drug store and found a bottle of medicine labeled as a cure for indigestion, rheumatism and gout, he might be disposed to buy it, but if it were labeled as a cure for all the diseases of the human kind, he would at once denounce it as a "nostrum" and let the bottle alone. He did not have to go further to refer to the charter as a political "nostrum." His audience made the application themselves and laughed and applauded heartily.

Mr. Cross was followed by Osborne L. Yellott, also a well known member of the bar, and at present Employment Commissioner, who analyzed exhaustively the arguments which had been made in favor of the proposed charter. He stated that it was difficult to see how the people of the county could reasonably expect to have a business and efficient administration with the Hydra-headed form of government which would result if the charter were adopted, especially where the members of the council were not even required to be taxpayers of the county. The charter contains no qualifications whatsoever for the county manager or heads of the several departments.

Answering the argument that the new charter, if adopted, would mean freedom from political corruption, he stated that there was no guarantee of this and in his opinion the probability of it in view of the likelihood that each one of the members of the council from the 15 districts would probably have to be a politician in order to get the election.

Answering the argument that the proposed charter would enable the county people to make their own laws without the intervention of the State Legislature, Mr. Yellott contended that they already have practically that system now, since local measures are invariably introduced by county representatives in the General Assembly and are never passed over their objection.

In answer to the contention that the proposed charter is not an untried experiment and has been tried successfully in other places Mr. Yellott read at length from a well-known magazine of national circulation devoted to matters of civic reform to show that where the particular plan proposed for Baltimore county had been tried in some of the cities, it had proven a failure; also an article in this magazine stating that Baltimore county is the only county in the United States in which it has ever been proposed to have a county manager, the four California counties which have been stuck to the county commissioner form of government.

Toward the end of his address Mr. Yellott brought out pearls of laughter by picturing what the fifteen County Commissioners might do if the charter were adopted. He said they would probably have a different game law for every bird and every animal and every public building in the county would be kept busy hopping around from one district to another to keep out of the way. He said further that a different line-fence law would probably be enacted for every district, and that there would be such a multiplicity of all kinds of laws in the county that the people would not know which way to turn. He said that every councilman who had been back home at the end of his legislative term claiming credit for a batch of laws which he had put through for his "deestreek" in order to convince his neighbors of his prowess as a legislator, and that once we got the council fastened on our backs we would have a hard job to get rid of it.

At the conclusion of the meeting pamphlets containing the letters of Judge Burke and others, in opposition to the charter, were distributed, and if a straw vote had been taken it is thought that every man and woman who attended would have gone on record against the charter.

Editor The Jeffersonian—

In one of the county papers last week was published a lengthy communication addressed to "The People of Baltimore County" by Mr. Ernest C. Hatch, in which he sets up a plea for the adoption of the proposed county charter. I am not so much concerned with Mr. Hatch's views relating to the charter as I am with certain statements contained in his communication relating to the County Commissioners, and to the work of the County Delegation at Annapolis.

In an apparent attempt to discredit the commission form of government which Baltimore county has followed from the time of its formation, he refers to the Mount Washington Sewer-

age Deal, in which a former Board of Commissioners attempted to spend \$600,000 of the taxpayers' money for a sewage disposal plant which cost about one tenth of that amount. As a member of that Board, I opposed in every way I could the consummation of the "sewage deal," and I therefore do not attempt to defend the action of my colleagues in trying to put it over. But just what a connection that incident has with the issue of whether the people of the county should approve or reject the proposed charter I cannot understand. It is just a fair sample of the lengths to which advocates of the charter go in order to put it over.

After referring to the fact that the number of County Commissioners was some years back increased from three to five, Mr. Hatch says: "Why the increase except to provide two more offices for the fat-cat followers of the Boss to fill no one knows." No, Mr. Hatch, you are mistaken; although you may have been practicing law in Towson for fifteen years, during which time you have kept your eyes and ears open to what is going on in politics as politics is concerned, you don't know it all. As a matter of fact, the number of Commissioners was increased from three to five as the result of resolutions adopted by a former tax-payers' league, made up of the representative taxpayers of the county, who filled the offices for the fat-cat followers of the Boss in view of having on the Commissioner's board a representative from every important section of the county. The late Mayor John D. Yellott, E. Lynne Painter, John S. Ensor and other well known leaders in the taxpayers' movement of those days, favored the change, as well as the press of the county. To say, therefore, that two additional Commissioners were created for the purpose of providing offices for the faithful followers of the Boss is sheer political humbug.

Further on in his letter Mr. Hatch asserts that the present Board of Commissioners is "a bunch of scoundrels," and that the passage of a law by the last legislature, authorizing a loan of \$25,000 for the county by Baltimore City under the recent Annexation Act, while the county was a part of that city, is good and that it was imperatively needed to build new school houses and other public buildings in the county. He complains very bitterly because of the alleged secrecy surrounding the act, and because of the fact that the act was prepared by Chief Judge T. Scott Offutt, who was then counsel to the County Commissioners, and that it was not until after Mr. Offutt's death, a few weeks ago, that Mr. Rider knew of its existence. He states that the proceeds from the bonds in which Mr. Hatch is so interested were distributed in an equitable manner to all other county banks, and that the Towson National Bank, of which Mr. Hatch is the Vice-President, received something over \$100,000.

As I look back over the situation, the only mistake the Commissioners made, as I see it, is that they failed to first call a meeting of the so-called Taxpayers' League of Baltimore County, of which Mr. Hatch is the treasurer, and let that league attend to the matter for itself. If this had been done, no act of legislation would have been obtained, and the league would still be talking about it.

Mr. Hatch further complains of the work of the County Delegation at Annapolis last winter, and particularly of their treatment of the "common people," as well as of the measures prepared by members of the Taxpayers' League were "scrapped" and thrown in the waste basket, and that the taxpayers of the county were "six hundred strong" were "slapped in the face." I wonder what Mr. Hatch's brother-in-law, Mr. John D. C. Duncan, and son of Judge Frank I. Duncan, who was a member of the last delegation to the Legislature from Baltimore county, thinks of this accusation? It might make interesting reading if Mr. Duncan would speak out. It is possible that Mr. Hatch and Mr. Duncan were on unfriendly terms and that he could not find fault with his brother-in-law what was going on at Annapolis?

And speaking of the Taxpayers' League, the membership of which Mr. Hatch says is "six hundred strong," where, oh, where are they? Why don't they attend some of the numerous meetings of the league? It is a fact well known to everyone around Towson that during the past year the average attendance at meetings of the league has not included over twenty-five members. What have the remaining five hundred and seventy-five been doing in the meantime? Does Mr. Hatch assume to speak for them?

Mr. Hatch makes a labored effort to bolster up a hopeless cause. He knows that the people of Baltimore county are satisfied with their present form of government and do not want to have foisted upon them the proposed

new charter. He states in his letter that he only made up his mind to be for the charter after he heard the speech of Mr. Henry G. Shirley. It is certainly well known to most of the people of this county that Mr. Hatch was one of the instigators of the charter movement, and that he strenuously advocated it long before Mr. Shirley's name was ever mentioned in connection with it, and why he attempts now to blame his present advocacy of it upon Mr. Shirley's decision to support it, Heaven only knows.

One other thing, Mr. Hatch says that he is "not a disgruntled office seeker." I know that Mr. Hatch has been an office seeker and I likewise know he has never obtained public office. Whether he knows anything about it, I neither know nor care. It is common knowledge that he was a candidate for the Legislature four years ago. It is my personal knowledge that he sought the appointment as counsel to the present Board of County Commissioners when Judge Offutt resigned, and I don't think there is much doubt in the minds of the people who know him that he is always in a "receptive mood" for political recognition.

Perhaps that is one reason why he is expending so much energy in advocacy of the charter.

WILLIAM F. COGHLAN, FORK.

The regular meeting of Fork M. E. Mite Society was held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. D. Mumma. An unusually large crowd was present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Final arrangements were made for the oyster supper which is to be held in Shirley all on the 23rd.

Dr. Armstrong desires to organize an Epworth League at the Fork M. E. Church Sunday evening at 7.30. Everyone is cordially invited. There will be preaching at 11 A. M. and Sunday School at 1 A. M. Everybody welcome at the services.

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