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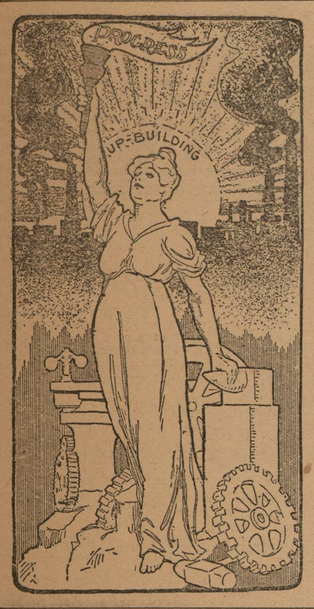

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PROPOSITION IS WHOLESOME, SOUND, SANE AND DESERVING.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Jeffersonian will be found an article dealing in detail with pending legislaton at Annapolis, introduced by Delegate Frank S. Given, of Baltimore county, for greater funds for the University of Maryland.

The bill provides for an appropriation in excess of the sum allowed by the Governor in his budget to the Legislature, making provisions in same for the needs of the University, but he evidently felt it was not all the institution desired and really required, for he stated that the demand had been cut in order to maintain the tax rate at a figure agreed upon by himself, and that if the balance or any portion was so essential for the University, to let the people of the State who know of its needs bring the matter to the attention of the Legislature for action.

The people are doing this in the form of active and earnest support for the measure which provides for additions and improvements to the Baltimore city branches, about which there can be little denial of the necessity and for improvements at College Park, which is of great importance to the farmers.

Taking everything into consideration, the proposition is wholesome, sound, sane and deserving. The citizens of this county, who are thickly populated to the rural sections are whole-hearted for it, because of the much needed benefits our citizens will derive therefrom.

The Jeffersonian understands that the farm organizations of Baltimore County have endorsed the measure as presented, and sentiment is strong for the passage of the bill. We are glad a representative from this county has seen fit to father this most important piece of legislation, and with the help he should receive, it is to be hoped the Governor will soon be presented with the favorable actions of both the Senate and the House.—If he is, then his course is plain, for the people, united as they are for him and his efficiency program, will have said: "Maryland's University must grow, we need every branch of it maintained."

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATIONS WAKE UP.

Are the various improvement associations throughout Baltimore county going to sit idly by and see the indiscreet builder with promiscuous plans enter the portals of each and every community?

Some time ago The Jeffersonian called attention to the fact that there were, so to speak, no building restrictions in this county and as we travel the various sections it is brought to our minds more vividly.

Under present conditions there is no incentive for a man to erect a costly dwelling here, for there is no surety that in a few years some person will build a shack next door, depreciating his property to a great degree and turning what was a beauty spot into an eye-sore.

We readily appreciate the fact that an improvement association here and there working as a single unit cannot ever hope to accomplish much for the county as a whole, especially when it comes to such a proposition as building restrictions, and we earnestly hope that in the very near future some steps will be taken to form a federated organization through which the combined efforts of all improvement associations in the county will be felt in projects that will spell betterment.

MRS. MARTHA S. BALDWIN PASSES "TO GREAT BEYOND."

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Streett Baldwin, widow of Dr. A. S. Baldwin, were held yesterday (Friday) from her home in the Long Green Valley. Mrs. Baldwin was 83 years old. She leaves one son, Clarence Baldwin, and five daughters, Mrs. James Quimby of San Jose, Cal.; Mrs. Alice Soellers and Mrs. H. Haywood Street of Baltimore, Mrs. James O. Watson of Harford county and Miss Elizabeth Baldwin.

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THAT MYSTERIOUS DOLLAR BILL IS FULLY EXPLAINED BY CURRENCY AUTHORITIES.

Sympathizers Of The Kx Klux Klan Will Have It That "Green-back" Containing Pope's Head, Rosary And Crosses Was Designed By Catholic Engraver In Treasury Department.

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counterfeit. He further called attention to the fact that in the designing of bank notes the engraver always incorporates every fancy as to figures, and fancies that enter his mind for the express purpose of making it as difficult as possible for counterfeiters.

Investigations at the Treasury Department show that the first plates for these greenbacks were engraved in 1868, long before the Ku Klux Klan was "re-vamped," and the first notes issued during the Grant administration. This first issue did not have the same obverse as the present-day note, but had a green tinted background, called a safety tint.

The same plate, that is, with the same face, but a different obverse, was used for printing money in 1874, 1875, 1878, 1880 and again in 1917, except for very trifling changes in the engravings, the only difference being in the signature and seals.

To the head of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving I showed one of these notes, and he pointed out that the face which some professed to believe was the Pope's in the upper left hand corner, when viewed under a magnifying glass is nothing more than a flower with its petals fallen back. Then he showed that there was nothing in the idea that there was the name Leo on the bill, for he turned it up on its side and by the aid of the glass showed a more or less distinct "leo", the "L" he said is supposed to be in the dark, but it is not there, and turning the note back to its right position it was merely a coincidence that the letters can be constructed from the ring and tassels of Christopher Columbus' pocketbook.

As a matter of fact there was no Pope Leo at the time this plate was engraved, for Pius IX was at the Vatican.

Then the cross in the center of the "E" of the word "one" in the lower right hand corner was referred to. This cross was only part of a fancy design for type. Here the authorities correctly concluded the discussion by explaining:

"The rosary so-called, which encircled the border of the conventional design in the center of the back is nothing more than a conventional engraving design, not resembling a rosary at all. The serpent in the lower right-hand corner design of the face of the bill is distinctly a serpent, and not a snake, of any significance whatever. Another mark which looks like a cross at the lower angle of that design is nothing but two crossed LAWRS when seen under a glass."

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT to Create a Metropolitan District in Baltimore County Contiguous to Baltimore City to provide for the Construction, Maintenance, Operation, Purchase or Condemnation of Water Supply, Sewerage and Storm-water Drainage Systems, to provide for the Issuance of Bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost thereof, to provide for the levy of Ad Valorem Assessments and Benefit Charges, Water and Sewer Charges and rates, for the payment of said Bonds, and the operation, maintenance, regulation and control of said systems and granting certain powers and imposing duties on the Public Service Commission of Maryland, and conferring certain powers on Anne Arundel County in connection therewith, to provide that the County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall sit on Mondays of each week and on such other days as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this Act, to provide compensation to them for the performance of the duties imposed by this Act, and for other purposes.

Section 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That all that part of Baltimore County described as follows: Beginning in the Patapsco River at the point where the boundary line between Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County is intersected by the easternmost boundary of Baltimore City, to wit: thence due south in said Anne Arundel County to the county boundary line between Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County in the bed of Patapsco River; thence with the boundary lines of Baltimore County, Anne Arundel and Kent County, thence in a northwesterly direction along the boundary line between Baltimore County and Kent County in the bed of Chesapeake Bay to the point where the boundary line between Baltimore County and Kent County in the bed of Chesapeake Bay intersects the boundary line between Baltimore County and Harford County; thence in a northwesterly direction along the boundary line between Baltimore County and Harford County for a distance of 5 and 5-8 miles; thence in a straight line drawn northwesterly to a point in the center of Back River between Rocky Point and Cinderella Point; thence following along the center of Back River in a general westerly and northwesterly direction to the mouth of Deep Creek; thence along the middle of the east branch of Deep Creek to the head thereof; thence north and northeasterly in a straight line to the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Stemmer's Run Road; thence northeasterly along Eastern Avenue to the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Middle River Road; thence northwesterly along the Middle River Road to the intersection of Middle River Road and the Philadelphia Road; thence northeasterly along Philadelphia Road to the intersection of Philadelphia Road and Bucks Schoolhouse Road; thence along Bucks Schoolhouse Road in a general northwesterly direction to a point that is ½-mile southeast of and at a right angle to the Belair Turnpike; thence northeasterly along a general straight line parallel to and ½-mile east of the Belair Turnpike to intersect the Gunpowder Falls; thence northwesterly following along the center line of the Gunpowder Falls to a point that is ½-mile west of and parallel to the Belair Turnpike to intersect the Joppa Road; thence westerly along the Joppa Road to a point ½-mile east of and at a right angle to the Harford Turnpike; thence northeasterly along a general straight line ½-mile east of and parallel to the Harford Turnpike for a distance of 1 and ¼-miles; thence northwesterly in a straight line and at right angles to the last described boundary line a distance of 1 mile; thence southwesterly at right angles to the last described line and running along a general straight line parallel to and ½-mile west of Harford Turnpike for a distance of 1 and ⅝-miles; thence turning in a westerly direction and along a straight line to a point where Oakleigh Avenue is intersected by the Cromwell Bridge Road; thence southwesterly along Cromwell Bridge Road to the point where Cromwell Bridge Road is intersected by Cowpens Avenue; thence northwesterly along Cowpens Avenue to the point where Cowpens Avenue is intersected by Providence Road; thence northwesterly in a straight line to the intersection of Dulaney Valley Pike and Pots Spring Road; thence in a straight line running northwesterly to a point on Cinder Road ½-mile east of York Turnpike; thence northwesterly in a straight line to the intersection of York Turnpike and Western Run Turnpike; thence turning sharply to the southeast and running in a straight line to the intersection formed by Texas Road; Falls Road and Broadway Road; thence in a westerly direction along Broadway Road for a distance of 1 and ⅝-miles to a fork in said road; thence following the upper branch of said fork for a distance of ¼-mile to the point of intersection between said fork and Lower Dover Road; thence northwesterly along Dover Road to the fork formed by the intersection of Dover Road and Caves Road; thence in a general southwestehly direction along Caves Road to Garrison-Forrest Road; thence northwesterly along Garrison-Forrest Road for a distance of 1 and ⅛-miles to the point where the Garrison-Forrest Road is intersected by a road running westerly and connecting with Bonita Avenue, thence northwesterly in a straight line to the intersection of Timber Grove Road extended and Bond Avenue extended; thence in a straight line running northwesterly to a fork formed by the intersection of Worthington Avenue and Dover Road, and continuing along the same straight line for a distance of 9-16-miles to a point 4200 feet due east of the point where the Hanover Road is crossed by the Western Maryland Railroad at Glen Morris; thence in a westerly direction and running in a straight line for a distance of 4200 feet to a point on the Westminster Turnpike and Hanover Road; thence due south in a straight line running for a distance of 1 and 15-16-miles to the intersection of Gores Mill Road, Berrymans Lane and Nicodemus Road; thence southeasterly along Nicodemus Road to the intersection formed by Nicodemus Road and Cherry Hill Road; thence southeasterly in a straight line to the intersection of Church Lane and the road running southwesterly from the Reisterstown Road at Delight; thence along Church Lane to the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road; thence in a straight line southeasterly to a point on Painter's Mill Road formed by a fork in said road and a road running westward and parallel to Red Run; thence southwesterly along Painter's Mill Road to the intersection of Painter's Mills Road and Lyons Mill Road to the northwestern boundary of Baltimore City; thence along said western boundary of said City to the southern boundary thereof, thence due east along the southern boundary of Baltimore City to the eastern boundary thereof, thence northwesterly along said eastern boundary of Baltimore City to the point of beginning, be and the same is hereby designated and constituted for the purpose hereinafter set forth to be the "Baltimore County Metropolitan District." The name of the roads herein mentioned are as given on the last map of the Baltimore County Roads Department.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the County Commissioners of Baltimore County, hereinafter called Commissioners, shall meet and sit on Mondays of each week, and on such other days as may be necessary, at their office in the Courthouse at Towson, unless the said Commissioners shall meet and sit in addition to the above days, at such place within said Baltimore County as may be designated by the said Commissioners, to carry out the provisions of this Act, to provide compensation to them for the performance of the duties imposed by this Act, and for other purposes.

Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the said Commissioners shall appoint an engineer, who shall be an engineer of the Baltimore City Water Department, and who shall be the engineer of said Commissioners, and who shall be the engineer of the Metropolitan District herein mentioned, and who shall be the engineer of the Baltimore County Roads Department,