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PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, at a session of the General Assembly of Maryland, begun and held in the City of Annapolis on the fifth day of January, 1898, a Bill was passed proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State by adding a new section to Article Four thereof, to be known as Section 31 A, which said Bill and Amendment are in the words following, to wit:

CHAPTER 193.

AN ACT to amend the Constitution of Maryland by adding a new Section to Article Four.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* (three-fifths of all the member 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.

Surprising Agriculture.

The members of the Patuxent Planters' Club were the guests of Mr. Franklin Weems, of this county, the Secretary of the Club, on last Saturday. On Saturday morning the members of the club, with their invited guests, gathered at the large farm of Dr. Richard S. Hill, near Upper Marlboro, and after spending an enjoyable hour with Dr. Hill as host, started with carriages for the farm of Franklin Weems, in Anne Arundel county, 10 miles distant. A correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun*, who was with the party, gives a discription of what they saw in Anne Arundel county: A mile from Dr. Hill's the Patuxent river bridge was crossed, and after that the balance of the drive was through Anne Arundel. The luxuriant growth of corn and tobacco seen en route was a great revelation to the travelers. While the season has been what might be well termed an unusually favorable one, having had frequent timely rains, the growth of vegetation is mainly due to soil fertility. Cornfields with stalks having two and three well-developed large ears that the tallest in the party could not reach to the tassels with an umbrella gives an idea of the prodigious growth. Such cornfields were the rule. The fields of tobacco, the members of the club admit, are simply marvelous. The farms of all the members are located in Prince George's county, but Mr. Franklin Weems has one also in Anne Arundel county. A majority of the members have extensive tobacco fields, but they had to acknowledge the proof of object lessons, and, as one member put it, "I take off my hat to this growth in Anne Arundel. It is simply astounding." The section traversed was beautifully undulating, affording a most excellent opportunity for inspecting the growing agricultural crops. Frequent stops were made to admire and inspect the fields. Inquiry elicited the fact that many farms growing these wonderfully luxuriant crops do not use fertilizers and have not done so, and that the results are produced by the natural wonderful fertility of the soil and methods followed in farming.

The apple and pear trees are literally breaking down with fruit. The growth of timber seen in the woods is also further evidence that old Anne Arundel can grow something besides

Food for the Soldiers.

A recent dispatch from Washington says: The Commissary Bureau of the War Department is now working under high pressure to provide food and subsistence for the new army of the Philippines. The bulk of the material must be purchased in this country and shipped from San Francisco, and the quantities to be transported are fabulous. When it is realized that 200,000 pounds of food will be consumed every day by the men in the Philippines some idea can be gained of the quantities which will have to be provided. The Commissary Department is constantly purchasing food and shipping it across the water, not only by the Government transports, but by the private steamship lines and by every available mode of transportation.

The first order for the new army of 50,000 men has been made up by Acting Commissary-General Weston. This is only the preliminary order, and similar orders will follow in prompt succession, so that there will be no intermission in the supplies.

It is interesting to observe some of the items of the first order. One of the largest items on the list is 7,000 pounds of flour. With this will go 400,000 pounds of hard bread, 30,000 pounds of crackers and 30,000 pounds of ginger snaps. The first order for coffee amounts to 750,000 pounds, green and roasted together. Five thousand cases of corned beef and 115,000 pounds of codfish form two important items.

The canned goods in the order include everything which a first-class grocer usually sells in a can. Tomatoes head the list to the extent of 150 tons; 2,500 cases of green corn, 200 cases of lobster, 4,000 cases of salmon, 600 cases of fancy soups and canned peaches, pears and apples in large quantities. Other items are 27,000 pounds of chocolate, 2,000 cases of condensed milk, 1,000 cases of condensed cream, 3,000 cases of evaporated fruits and 5,000 cases of oatmeal.

A welcome addition to the commissary stores which are placed on sale will be 3,000 bottles of ginger ales in bottles, imported and domestic. All kinds of dainties are provided for the men, in fact, and 50 cases of mushrooms are included, together with several thousand pounds of candy in half pound boxes. Among the standard articles of diet are 50,000 gallons of vinegar, 17,000 pounds of pepper, 6,000 pounds of American cheese and

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Naval Orders and Promotions.

These naval orders have been issued: Lieut. H. Kimmell, ordered to the Naval Academy; Lieut.-Com. J. H. Sears, detached from the Bureau of Equipment and ordered to Newport News in connection with the fitting out of the Kearsarge; Commander J. M. Hawley detached from duty in the Navigation Bureau and ordered to command the Hartford; Ensign T. C. Hart, detached from the Wabash and ordered to the Hartford; Lieut. G. W. Laws, detached from the Naval Academy and ordered to the Hartford.

Naval Cadet H. M. Gleason, detached from the New York and granted leave of absence; Naval Cadet J. E. Bailey, detached from the Indiana and granted leave; Naval Cadet C. A. Bissell, detached from the Massachusetts and granted leave. All these cadets are to be ordered abroad this autumn. Lieut. W. J. Maxwell, ordered to command the Sylph on September 15; Lieut.-Com. A. Sharp, ordered to the Hartford as executive officer; Ensign W. S. Houston, detached from the Independence and ordered to the Hartford; Lieut. J. H. Rohrbacher, detached from the Independence and ordered to the Hartford; Lieut.-Com. L. Young, detached from the naval station at Havana; Lieut. C. W. Bartlett, detached from torpedo duty and ordered to the Naval Academy.

Assistant Surgeons M. S. Elliot, F. L. Pleadwell, D. N. Carpenter, D. S. Morgan, J. C. Pryor and C. D. Costigan, given the rank of junior lieutenant from July last; Lieut. D. E. Dismukes, detached from the Mackenzie and ordered to the Panther; Lieut. W. L. Burdick, detached from the Key West naval station and ordered home; Assistant Surgeon F. R. Bogan, detached from the Wabash and ordered to the Scorpion; Lieutenant-Commander W. A. Marshall, detached from the Resolute and ordered to command the Scorpion; Lieut. W. A. Rogers, detached from the Bureau of Equipment and ordered to duty on the Pensacola; Lieut. I. T. Cooper, ordered to duty on the Marblehead; Lieut. L. H. Chandler, detached from the Mackenzie and ordered to the Scorpion; Lieut. C. N. Offley, detached from the New York and ordered to the Scorpion.

The following changes and assignments to duty on the Asiatic Squadron were announced:

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