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FOR STATE SENATE:
WILLIAM W. BECK.

FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES:
HOWARD TURNER,
of Betterton.
ROBERT E. LEWIS,
of Rock Hall,

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY:
HARRISON W. VICKERS,

FOR CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT:
CHARLES L. DODD,
Chestertown.

FOR REGISTER OF WILLS:
GEORGE W. SUTTON,
of near Locust Grove.

FOR TREASURER:
C. FRANK CROW,
of near Fairlee.

FOR JUDGES OF ORPHANS' COURT:
DR. EDWARD A. SCOTT,
of Galena.
JOHN H. SIMPERS,
of Chestertown.
J. HENRY THOMPSON,
of Piney Neck, near Rock Hall.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:
LEONARD WILSON,
of Millington.
G. RICHARD RASIN,
of near Kennedyville.
G. HARRY CANNON,
of Chestertown.

FOR SHERIFF:
THOMAS B. HADAWAY,
of Broad Neck.

CITY VERSUS COUNTIES!

For sometime it hes been known in inner circles that a deal had been made between Lee and the Baltimore City crowd to offer to the city all they asked in exchange for support of Lee. Of course the counties will not submit to a deal of this kind and will line up solidly against it. This will make a very bitter contest and leave sores which will be hard to heal. If Lee is nominated the counties would know that their rights were to be overthrown. The proper thing would be for the city to join with the counties and nominate Harrington unanimously and then work out a harmonious measure in which all parties would be granted equal rights.

Feels Safe Without City.

Mr. Harrington was in the city this week and kept in touch with the general developments. He seems to be confident, as does Senator Smith, that he can be nominated without the aid of Baltimore city.

The organization people count 31 votes on the Eastern Shore as certain for Harrington; that is, all of the Eastern Shore except the 4 votes of Somerset county, where the leader, Collector of Internal Revenue Joshua W. Miles, is for Senator Lee. They think the Eastern Shore votes will more than offset Baltimore city's 28 for Lee, that they will do better than break even in Western and Southern Maryland counties and that, therefore, they will have no serious difficulty in getting the 65 votes necessary, to nominate in the State Convention.

Specifically, they count upon the following Western Shore counties: Baltimore, 7 votes; Anne Arundel, 5; Prince George's, 5; Garrett, 4; Allegany, 7; Washington, 6; Howard, 3; Carroll, 5; a total of 42. And they think they have an excellent chance to carry Calvert, St. Mary's and Frederick counties.

JUDGE JOSEPH A. WICKES

With the death of Judge Joseph A. Wickes on the 18th instant, in his 89th year, there passed away the last member of a Bench distinguished alike for its high character, judicial ability and long service. Upon the adoption of the constitution of 1867 John M. Robinson was elected Chief Judge and Jos. A. Wickes and Frederick Stump Associate Judges of the Second Judicial Circuit.

Judge Robinson had been Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, embracing Kent and Queen Anne's counties, under the constitution of 1863, and had already demonstrated his high qualifications for the office. His associates speedily satisfied the Bar and the people of the circuit that they were of equal ability and character. Upon the expiration of their terms in 1882 they were all re-elected. Judge Robinson died in January, 1896, after adorning the Bench for 32 years, and Judge Wickes retired in December, 1897, his term having been extended by the Legislature after reaching the age of 70, and after a service of 30 years; Judge Stump was elected for a third term of fifteen years in 1897, and died in September, 1901, after 34 years of service. It may well be doubted whether there is in the whole country a parallel to this case in the long service of three men associated upon the Bench, under the elective system, and it speaks well for the good sense and discrimination of the people.

Just tributes to Judges Robinson and Stump were paid at their death, occurring while in active service. But eighteen years have elapsed between the retirement of Judge Wickes and his death, and it may almost be said that an old generation has passed from the stage and a new one has appeared upon it during that period.

In a situation such as this, combining extreme old age and long withdrawal from active life, the words of Albert Pike are especially significant—

"There are fewer to regret us,
The living more forget us
Every year."

It seems proper that one who knew Judge Wickes for over fifty years should bear testimony that he was a learned lawyer, a just and able judge, and though of a hot temper and imperious character, a model of dignity and decorum on the Bench. His bearing was of genuine distinction. He was a fine conversationalist, his talents and scholarship were of a high order, and his mental faculties were clear and unclouded to the end.

For Senator
WILLIAM W. BECK

The NEWS' announcement of Organization candidates last week was a solar plexus to the Boss of the Antis and his condition was shared by his followers. The head of the county ticket, WILLIAM W. BECK, ESQ., is known to the people of Kent as seldom is the privilege of but few men. He is young, aggressive, progressive and intelligent and will make one of the best representatives Kent has ever had. He is a native of Worton and has a host of warm friends there as in other parts of Kent. He does not have to ask any Boss what he shall do but acts after deliberate thought, mature reflection and consultation with his constituency.

He is in sympathy with the advanced position our State has taken in the building of our State highways, in improved public institutions, in advancing agricultural interests, in the strengthening of our educational system and other constructive legislation, all of which tends to elevate and advance our citizenship. At the same time he insists that business methods must be employed and strict economy practiced, otherwise taxes will become a burden.

He is an advocate of publicity, believing public sentiment is a true guide and a great protection against bias and unwise legislation. He believes in organization, feeling that great party achievements can only be wrought through organization.

Mr. Beck was not anxious to be a candidate and even made a public statement that he would not be again before the people. But the great mass of Organization voters demanded that he serve them again, stating that they believed he had put Kent county on the map and that in Mr. Beck the county had an able representative and the party a champion of no mean calibre. He won four years ago when all the leaders know of the odds against which he fought, but this time these will not be endured.

For House of Delegates
HOWARD TURNER

The persistent and enthusiastic demand made by the many friends of MR. HOWARD TURNER to serve again as a candidate for member of House of Delegates has met with success, and we are sure this news will be gratifying to all good citizens not too biased to appreciate good men. It is so hard to get such a type of man to serve in these positions. There is no money consideration in the office and Mr. Turner only accepts in the hope that he may do something for his county and his party. What a worthy aspiration! What a lofty motive! We would think nearly every Democrat knowing Mr. Turner as his many friends do, would take pleasure in supporting him. He is true as steel in all his relations and holds a high place in the business life of Betterton and of Kent county; he is intelligent and able to grasp the measures which come before him. He deserves this honor and we bespeak for him one of the biggest votes of any candidate in recent years.



ROBERT E. LEWIS

With a unanimity that is certainly gratifying the strong organization in the Fifth District have brought forward MR. ROBERT E. LEWIS as a candidate for House of Delegates. Mr. Lewis is 32 years of age, is married and has two children, and is associated with his father in merchandising in Rock Hall. He is intelligent, of good habits and a true Democrat. He knows the needs of this section especially and is also broad minded enough to know that the oystermen are not the only residents of Kent. He has behind him a host of young Democrats who are asking the voters of Kent to nominate and elect Mr. Lewis as the Delegate to Annapolis.

"DRAGGING IN THE CHURCH"

The Barroll organ in a column editorial holds up its hands in holy horror at what they term "dragging the church into politics." We do not believe that any intelligent man—in fact, no one having the ordinary allowance of common sense—could have construed what the NEWS said in reference to our friend, Rev. J. S. Bowers, as an effort to bring the church into politics. The article in question contains a gross misstatement when it asserts that the statement made by the Dr. occurred in a private office, when the fact is the words were uttered on the public street and in one of the most public places of the town. Dr. Bowers takes a just pride in supporting such a man as Mr. Harrington and does not deem it wrong to express his allegiance to the public? And why not? There are some occasions, no doubt, when men are ashamed to be found supporting certain candidates, but this is not one of those occasions.

We take this occasion also to state that it is high time for Christian men to take greater interest in politics. The sunken condition of our modern politics are not chargeable to the bad element, but to the good people who are largely in the majority, but are neglecting their civic duty when they fail to fight the bad element with their own weapon—the ballot.

It is not the malignant activity of the vicious in politics, but the benignant inactivity of the great body of Christians that contributes so much to our bad political system of today. It is time the Christians—no matter to what denomination they belong or even if you do not belong to any so long as you believe in Jesus Christ—to stop dreaming over the Book of Revelation and to mobolize over the Book of Acts.

Hon. John G. Wooley says: "It is time for Christians to put their backbones where their wishbones are and to acquit themselves like MEN; to stop trying to be on the good side of everybody, especially the clever politician, and to DO WHAT YOU KNOW IS RIGHT."

"DAMNABLE LAW!"

The Barroll organ last week characterized the present gallon-a-month law as a damnable piece of legislation foisted upon the county by the organization. We appeal to every good-thinking citizen to weigh these words well and then read the following evidence as to its efficacy and fruitfulness.

This law was framed by the leaders of the temprance forces in this State and introduced by the Anti-Saloon League as the very best law which they could hope to pass.

Hon. P. B. Hopper in his charge to the Grand Jury of Queen Anne's county said: "At the November term, 1913, I directed the attention of the Grand Jury to the Act of Congress authorizing the States to regulate the entire-state shipment of intoxicating liquors into those parts of any State where the sale of intoxicants was unlawful, and asked it to consider the matter and recommend the enactment of an anti-shipping law for this county, if they approve of it. I also suggested that the citizens of the county should petition to the General Assembly for such an enactment. The Grand Jury recommended the law in its report, and a large number of citizens petitioned for it, and, so far as I know, there were no counter petitions. The other counties on the Eastern Shore also demanded a law of this character and, in obedience to this demand, the Gallon a Month Law was formulated and passed by the co-operative efforts of the members of the Legislature from the Eastern Shore. I feel that I am, in some degree at least, responsible for the existence of this law in the county and I very cheerfully accept all the responsibility due me for it. *In the three counties in this circuit in which the fall term of court has been held, I have noticed a remarkable decrease in number of prosecutions for illicit sales of intoxicants in them.* I do not remember as many as three cases of this kind in all three counties together. I CAN ATTRIBUTE THIS CONDITION TO NOTHING BUT THE GALLON A MONTH LAW. I BELIEVE IT IS OPERATING BENEFICIALY."

The Easton Gazette says:

"The Grand Jury of Talbot county made a record said not to have been matched within the past 30 years when it concluded its labors within two days. Foreman Nichols declared the work could have been finished in even less time had the witnesses been more prompt in their attendance, while the report of the body attributed its quick time to be "largely due to the good effect of the anti-shipping law," which was lauded by Judge Adkins in his charge."

This is a valuable and interesting statement. The grand jury consists of twenty-three men of high character and intelligence, drawn from every section of the county, and their opinion in this matter is deserving of the highest respect and thoughtful consideration. If this opinion is correct, the much-despised "gallon-a-month" law is nevertheless a blessing to the taxpayers because only a few years back one-half of the term of our courts were consumed in the trial of liquor cases and cases growing out of illicit and excessive use of liquor, costing the taxpayers thousands of dollars to no purpose whatever except to preserve that peace and order in the community which should have existed without the expenditure of a penny.

It is a fact that there was but one presentment by the grand jury for a violation of the local option laws of this county, a thing that has not happened in many years. Not within the memory of younger men has a grand jury arisen without a presentment of this character.

If these violations and crimes arising out of abuse of liquor are to disappear from our court calendars, it will not only be large saving to the taxpayers, but a blessing to those who have suffered so keenly through illicit traffic, excessive use and abuse of liquor.

We do not claim perfection for this law, but it has certainly broken up the "speak-easy" and is a step in the way of progress. Therefore, instead of being a "damnable" act, it turns out to be a blessing. The Barroll organ can see no good in anything unless it has the Boss' stamp on it. Next!

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FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

FOR GOVERNOR:
EMERSON C. HARRINGTON,
of Cambridge, Dorchester County.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:
ALBERT C. RITCHIE,
of Baltimore City.

FOR COMPTROLLER:
HUGH A. McMULLEN,
of Cumberland, Allegany County.

Will Mr. Barroll's Followers Stand For It?—The People Want To Know.

Dear Editors:—For several weeks I have followed the editorial and news columns of our county papers. I consider an editorial in the Transcript of Saturday, May 15, as an insult and challenge to every church member and good citizen of Kent county. Under the title, "A Disgraceful Law," the instigator proceeds to appeal to the basest prejudices of the most lawless elements in our county.

His time-worn, moss-covered, barnacle-coated, booze-begotten arguments are so out of date that they are laughable to thoughtful, well-posted people. However, the fact that any one in this good old county of Kent could stoop so low, even for a political purpose, as to appeal to the ignorant prejudice of a few by such methods is a surprise to me. If the rank and file of Kent county citizens are not disgusted with such methods, I will be greatly surprised.

It is useless to take your valuable space with any answer to such arguments as the Transcript offers. If it, or its manager, or boss, or whoever the gentleman may be who controls it, wants to line up with the lawless elements of the party and against the church and best people, that is his privilege. Let him fly his flag at the masthead. Let him hoist above his office a banner with saloons and demijohns and beer bottles and jails and scaffolds and drunken whites drinking at bars with drunken negroes, and walking locked arms down the streets with them, painted on his banner.

No man tries to claim that the work in the progress of temperance has been what even the temperance people wanted. Many times these heroic and patient souls who have toiled patriotically for a better country and state have had to toil on, doing "not what they would" but "but what they could." Often their labor has been made harder by just such editorials, which sometimes influence ignorance and prejudice.

Now let me ask through the columns of your paper where some of the Anti-Organization candidates and workers stand, and if they approve of such a policy to hamstring the temperance cause? Since they are public men and their names have already been in print, it is proper they should be discussed in public.

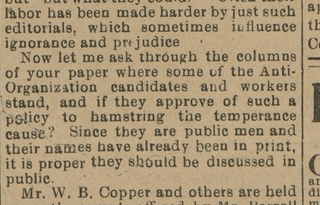
Mr. W. B. Copper and others are held up as the sample offered by Mr. Barroll for the public service. I want to say for these men that I have known some of them personally. Some are members and officials in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Personally, I would go the limit to support them for any office in the gift of the people of this county or State, *provided they stand for right principles.* Now let me ask these worthy gentlemen—my friends they are—if they stand for the issues and principles laid down in such an editorial?

Do they intend to win on their splendid personal record, and by the support of us church people given for such, and then laugh at us? Or do they intend to win by the support of such editorials and then laugh at the booze crowd to which such editorials appeal? The issue will be forced and he who tries to ride two horses may fall between both of them and have none in the race. America forbids the use of her flag by even a reputable government like Britain. How much less can true patriots allow the use of good names and records to help America's worst foe, the saloon and liquor business, into political power? Will Mr Barroll's followers stand for such a situation and tell us frankly which they are really going to remember—the church people or the booze crowd—when they come into their political kingdom. Both crowds want to know.

As for the editorial, it reminds me of Mr. Lincoln's steamboat, which did not have enough steam and had to stop every time it blew its whistle. Its writer's brain seems to have stopped working when his pen began writing. As I am not sure whether I am a "Regular or Independent," I will just sign myself as

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SPEAKING of candidates and their location, would the Barroll organ be kind enough to tell us what section of the county the Boss proposes to honor in his selection of a candidate for State's Attorney?

MR. BARROLL has a few men whom he seems to use as pegs on the political checker board. He is about to pull off G. E. Noland and throw him aside and to put Ell Morris in the place for Senator. Also to put C. S. Hurlock out and drop Treasurer Caldwell into his candidacy. There does not seem to be enough candidates to fill the places.

IN the Barroll organ's attempt to answer the editorial on "Peanut Politics" the editor commences nearly every sentence with the words, "Does he mean to say?" As what we meant to say, and did say, was so plain that the "wayfaring man though a fool" could make no mistake in it, the utter absurdity of this sort of questioning is apparent. Another thing that was also very apparent was his failure to explain why the Boss and his crowd are so bitterly opposed to any improvement in the public schools of the county. The host of fathers and mothers would like to know!

MAYOR JAMES H. PRESTON was inaugurated for his second term Tuesday afternoon in the presence of members of his family, officials of the municipal government and a great crowd of citizens which packed the streets about the Holiday street entrance to the City Hall. He was warmly cheered, and delivered a speech in which he promised efficient administration and upbuilding of the city's various interests. Immediately after concluding his address Mr. Preston administered the oath of office to John Hubert, President of the Second Branch, and James F. Thrift, City Comptroller, who were re-elected with him. He also administered the oath to William T. Childs, reappointed Deputy City Comptroller; Robert E. Lee, reappointed secretary to the Mayor, and the incoming members of the City Council.

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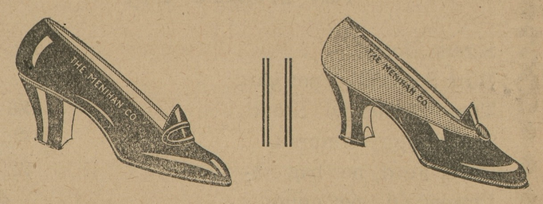
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