MORE STATE ROADS

Completion of The Systems And Maintenance—Systematic Plan Is Necessary To Avoid The Endless Succession Of Loans.

Plans for continuing State road construction are being considered by the State administration, and shortly there will be introduced a bill carrying out the ideas of the State Roads Commission as approved by Governor Harrington, who, as an ex-officio member of that body, is now familiar with its suggestions.

A loan will be necessary, and it has not been fully determined what the amount will be, as this may to some extent depend on what is done in other directions in regard to state finances.

Chairman O. E Weller, Chief Engineer H. G. Shirley, Assistant Chairman F. H. Zouck and Senator Shepherd, of Dorchester held a conference with Gov-Harrington at the mansion last week on this subject. Early in the week the Governor had been given a copy of the Commission's report for the last four years, and this contained estimates of the cost of completing the missing gaps in the secondary roads, the construction of bridges and the building of roads that were originally projected but which are not considered by the Commission as essential parts of a State system.

Bridges To Be Built.

Next to a comparatively few gaps in the secondary roads, the most important consideration is given to bridges, among these being those over the Chester, Sassafras, Severn and Bohemia rivers. There are bridges at each of these points, but all are old and should be replaced, Mr. Shirley states, by entirely new structures. There are other bridges which may stand the wear of a few years, but which are in need of constant repair.

Of the gaps in the secondary roads, one of the most important is in Anne Arundel county between Annapolis and Washington. Another is in the northern part of Cecil county and when filled in will provide a through north and south route without the use of the expensive toll bridge at Havre de Grace, which is now being aimed at by legislation.

Many Bills Pending.

There are now in the House and Senate bills from various counties directing the State Road Commission to build this road and that road. These relate to Baltimore, Kent, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Worcester, Talbot and several other counties.

It is, however, the policy of the State administration to discountenance the various special bills and leave to the State Roads Commission the selecting of the highway that should be first improved under the next loan. This was the policy of two years ago, when the Legislature was swamped by special bills, none of which got through.

It is realized by the leaders in the Legislature that unless some general plan, such as is suggested by the State Roads Commission, is adhered to the system will never be completed, and that the issuing of bonds will go on indefinitely.

The report of the Commission so classifies the proposed work that the Legislature will be able to see just what is projected and what it is estimated to cost.

MILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baxter, are receiving the Congratulations of friends on the arrival of a fine son, James Edward. May he live long and prosper.

Mrs. Lina Meginnes, of Wilmington, Del., spent Friday of last week with her sister, Mrs. C. M. Hurtt.

Miss Claire Ahern is visiting Miss Anna Young, of Pocomoke City, Md.

Mrs. Maggie Webb, of Kennedyville, was the guest this week of her cousin, Mrs. Mollie Aydelotte.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Asbury M. E. Church met on Thuisday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. Ella White.

Mrs. W. I. Jarvis visited relatives in Philadelphia last week.

Mrs. Dr. Merritt Brice spent the past ten days with relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. D. B. Ford and family, of Chestertown, spent a few days this week with Mrs. Ford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

Services tomorrow, Feb. 20th, at Asbury M. E. Church will be as follows: 10 30 a. m., preaching by the pastor, Rev. G. P. Smith; 2 p. m., Sunday school, subject, "The Christian Brotherhood at Jerusalem," (Temperance lesson); 7.30 p. m., Preaching by the pastor; Friday, 7.30 p. m., Prayer meeting.

Mr. T. A. Godwin was the guest last week of friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Eva Porter returned home last Saturday after spending ten days with relatives at Price, Del.

Mr J. R. Poore visited friends in Wilmington, Del, last Monday.

Mrs. Francis E. Fitch spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Phillip H. Wood, Jr, of Wilmington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Hollins attended the wedding of their cousin, Miss Bessie Hollins, of Berlin, Md, to Mr. I. H. Edwards, of Philadelphia, Pa., at Berlin, on Tuesday Feb. 8th. The bride and groom visited Mr. and Mrs. Hollins this week.

Mr. Walter Manning died at his home in South Milmington, last Monday night. He was a son of Mrs. John Woodall and Mr. John Manning, all of this town. The deceased leaves a wife and three children.

REVIVAL AT POCOMOKE CITY

This town is enjoying one of the greatest revivals in its history. More than 200 persons have professed faith in Jesus Christ. Business is suspended during the week for the people to attend church; factories, ship yards and other places closed down for an hour and a half in the day for the men to attend church. The Berge sisters, gospel singers, and all the ministers of the town are assisting Dr. W. O. Hurst, pastor of Salem M. E. Church in his work. About 1,000 people are present at every evening service and hundreds are turned away on Sunday. Four services are held on Sundays and two almost every other day in the week. The meeting has been in for three weeks.

STILL POND

Mrs. Mamie Fowler, of Worton, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. John Robinson, Jr.

Miss Lou Jewell is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rasin.

Mr. Herman Robinson has returned to his home here after spending the winter in North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ford were given quite a surprise in the form of a miscellaneous shower on Thursday evening last at their home near Kennedyville. About fifty were present. All spent a pleasant evening in playing games. At a late hour ice cream and cake was served.

Mr. Ben Robinson spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Chestertown.

I'M THINKING

MESSRS. EDITORS:—It was said a long time ago by some one that some persons insistently demand that the all round world blunder is in thinking that there are just a few certain persons placed in this great world whose business alone is to govern or control, and that the only thing left for the rest to do is to obey.

Whatever others may think of such a condition, to me it is unthinkable. To be compelled to drop into such a groove is, or ought to be, insulting to one's manhood. To be wheedled into obedience for any proposition in social, political or other relations, is nauseating and too intolerable to be entertained.

I have been thinking along this line for some months and am happy in my conclusions that the whole human family has an inbred desire to lead men into paths of uprightness, and that such practice is practically universal among the intelligent people right here in this our beloved Kent county. I think it is fairly conclusive that this responsibility is lain upon every one of us, and if each one will manfully and courageously shoulder and utilize that responsibility in a whole-hearted interest for the other fellow, this old world would soon blossom as the rose.

Let's go down the track of life in our mind's eye for a little while with a view to apprehending, if possible, how much political courage and manliness it is going to take to revive the Jefferson, Jackson and Wilson party principles within the Democratic party in this Democratic county. It is useless to try to evade the fact that a split exists; that we must recognize there are obstacles that must be met and solved; that we will not disclaim our own weakness and proclaim the other follow's whilst we insist on the majority taking measurable control of the party machinery.

I have been thinking quite a good deal since the last November election. Said election resulted with a screw loose certainly, because we see the fruits therefrom; fruits that are not the outcome or natural blossom from the Old Hickory, whose integrity and influence has permeated the body politic with genuine vitality and manliness for a period of at least eighty years. We are encouraged for the future somewhat because such fruits invariably become unwholesome and the health doctor (the people) will do his duty, will turn the mask inside out in due time. Such will be the unanswerable verdict by the people regardless of party affiliation.

I think that then ample notice will have been served that man must be true and wholehearted even after a Democratic primary has been held, although he failed to get what he wanted. Listen: A widow and a widower on one occasion were fellow passengers on an ocean steamer. In one of their conversations the widow remarked, "There are only three real virtues in the world—work, honesty and brotherly love—and the greatest of these is brotherly love." The widower replied, "Yes, and there are only three real sins—laziness, deceit and selfishness—and the greatest of these is selfishness."

Why may there not come from within the Democratic party men who stood by the Old Hickory tree all day long at the last election working for the success of the party candidates, men having the interests at heart, men having new ideals, new conceptions of the situation, who could and would unselfishly endeavor to develop a means to lead the party into a safe and sane position, a position that the present so-called leaders seem unable to devise?

I think something along that line would enable us to anticipate a capable personel to lead to a popular and a delightful conclusion. If not, then what? I think this is a very proper question, one that ought not to be evaded by Democrats who are *ingrained and ingrown in the party faith*. Selfishness should take a back seat. There are men in all sections of the county, good men and loyal, who, if called into counsel, would doubtless aid the leaders to witness a vision, and they need one, one that would prove to be normal and without prejudice.

The great bulk of the Democratic voters remained within the party at the last election, and I am persuaded are not willing to be groomed for the laying down of party principles or the selection of delegates to the State Convention by some who are holding Republican offices by appointment or otherwise. It would be unnatural, unspeakable, impolitic and ungracious toward those who have maintained their loyalty to party principles

I think the heart of Democracy is big enough to welcome back any who will give notice of a desire to again cherish the spirit of Jeffersonian principles.

A DEMOCRAT

ROCK HALL THROUGH FAIRLEE

MESSRS. EDITORS KENT NEWS:

We are very anxious to see the State road continued from Fairlee, through Edesville to Rock Hall. We are greatly benefitted by having the advantages of the road, starting at Fairlee and running towards Chestertown, though not connecting with either Chestertown or Rock Hall, two large towns. It is doubtful that an appropriation, sufficient in amount, would be granted at any one session of the legislature, to construct the broken link at each end of the finished road.

It will not be asking too much of this session however to grant the amount necessary to connect Fairlee with Rock Hall, by a continuance of the State road from Fairlee. The route of the representative of "The Rock Hall Driving and Improvement Association," by Hynson's Chapel Corner is not favored here. We believe he is in good faith, but it seems that he does not know, exactly existing conditions.

He says that route is four miles (4) shorter. Take the road from Jump's Corner where it intersects the present State road, as he suggests, to Hynson,s Chapel Corner, thence to St. Paul's Church, stretch it over the route through Fairlee, it will reach to about Mr. Abe Cohen's store. From this store, to St. Paul's Church, is about three fourth of a mile (¾). Hence the difference is not four miles (4), but three quarters of a mile (¾).

On his route, he says "thirteen farms" (13), and Fairlee route "five farms" (5). *We say*, on Fairlee route there are *fifteen* farms, *Fairlee*, with its *two hundred inhabitants, one and one-half miles of finished road*, from his intersection, making a diatance of three-fourths of a mile less of road to be built, after adding the three-fourth's mile difference between the two routes.

His route he says is "less hilly." We say no. Each route has one hill of moment. His route, Brown's hill; ours, Battleshell hill.

The Star Route mail travels his route at present, claiming that as a reason for the highway to go that way. Does the "Star Route" benefit the thirteen farms? They have the rural delivery. If it runs through Fairlee our *good friend*, the "Star Route" driver, may come our way, and we will gladly welcome him.

Yes, the State road should go to Rock Hall, beginning at the end of the State road here in Fairlee, through Sandy Bottom, through Edesville, and, if desired by the Rock Hall people, continued right on to the steamboat landing.

So say we, one and all, here in Fairlee and vicinity.

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Public Matters

State-Wide Compulsory School Attendance Bill.

The Woman's Federated Club advocates the State-Wide Compulsory School Attendance Bill, which is now before the Maryland Legislature. The following are facts of interest:

Since 1900 Maryland has steadily ranked 32nd among the 48 States in the percentage of illiteracy of native whites, ten years of age and over.

In the State last year 42,088 white children whose names were on school registers were out of school, as compared with 14,500 colored children who did not go to school. Shall the illiteracy of one negro child cost Maryland the illiteracy of nearly three white children?

The school population of Kent county is 5,651, the number of different pupils 3,705 and the number in average attendance 2,404. Where are the 35 per cent. of known public school children?

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CHURCH NOTES.

Chestertown M. E. Church Rev. L. E. Barrett, D. D., pastor. Services Sunday, Feb. 20th, 1916 as follows: 10 30 A. M., preaching by the pastor, 2 15 P. M. Sabbath School and Pastor's Bible Class. 7 P M. Epworth League Song service, 7 30 P. M., preaching by the pastor. followed by Altar service. All invited.

The Ladies Aid Society of Galena M. E. Church, held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Edwin Chrisfield Tuesday. Nine new members were received. After the business meeting supper was served to all present, and many interesting amusing games were played.

Notwithstanding the blizzard of Sunday the regular monthly missionary meeting of the Home Society of Christ Church Sunday School was held with Mr. Henry Gill, president pro tem. Miss Clara Usilton's class of young ladies won the banner with $1.25 which was presented by the superintendent.

Christ M. P. Church, Rev. W. K. Graham, D. D., pastor. Services on Sunday, February 20, and preaching by the pastor at 10 30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject, "Old Things and New." Evening subject, "Making Light of Religion." Revival service. Sunday School 2.30 p. m. Christian Endeavor service 6 45 p. m. Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7 30 o'clock.

The Ladies Aid Society, of Kennedyville M. P. Church, will meet at the home of Mrs. John D. McCabe on Friday next at 7 30.

Services at Kennedyville Methodist Protestant Church on Sunday, Feb. 20th, as follows: Sunday School at 9.30 a. m., preaching by pastor at 10 30 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Christian Endeavor at 7.15 p. m.

Mrs. J. Davis' Sunday-school class will give an evening of delightful entertainment, including a lecture by Dr. Barrett on "Manliness," in the lecture room of the M. E Church, next Thursday evening, Feb. 24, at 7 30 o'clock. The public are cordially invited. After the entertainment light refreshments will be served to all who come. A silver offering will be taken for the benefit of the missionary cause.

KENT COUNTAIN GUARDS

Mr. James Bartley, of Chestertown, was home for a few days last week. He is, with several other Kent countains as member of the du Pont guards at the powder works at Carney's Point, N J., of which there about 300. The guards are housed in barracks, just like soldiers, and have their own cooks, etc. They are on duty eight hours out of the 24, sometimes day and sometimes nights These guards are in the midst of danger all the time. Many men are said to come to the works and look them over with a view to obtaining employment, but of these a large proportion look and go away, unable to stand the strain of the danger on every hand. Perhaps one reason for this is the fact that among the questions put to the applicant for work is one as to where he would like to have his remains sent, should they prove collectible.

Mr. Charles Hodgkins, of Chestertown, is assistant cashier at this plant while Mr. Harry Davis, son of Mr. Harry Davis, of near Still Pond, is cashier at a handsome salary. Other Kent boys have good places.

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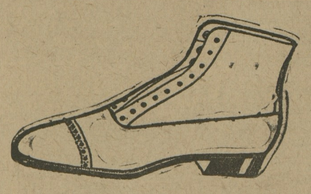

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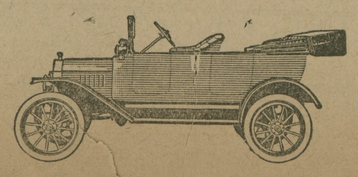

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