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Hon. Lewin W. Wickes Delivers Charge To Jury.

A Plain Statement As To Manner Of Drawing Jurors Presented By The Judge—The Local Option Law In Force In Kent.

Hon. Lewin W. Wickes in his charge to the Grand Jury Monday spoke as follows after calling attention to several matters:

Gentlemen of the Grand Jury:

There are three Acts of Assembly which the Court is required under the Laws of Maryland to bring to your notice at each term of Court:—

1. Defaulters—the law providing a punishment of public officials failing to account to the State for money collected by them.

2. The law making it a crime to perform an abortion on a pregnant woman.

3. The act prohibiting the traffic in cocaine and narcotic drugs.

Many of you have served on the Grand Jury before and are familiar with the order of procedure. It is not amiss however to direct your attention to some general rules.

I suggest that you first examine the cases of prisoners in jail, as they are entitled to a prompt trial, or they should be liberated if no indictment be returned. The county would be saved some expense in either event.

You should not present or indict any one unless you, sitting as petit jurors would convict on the evidence you hear in your room. You only examine the witnesses produced on the part of the prosecution and their evidence ought to be convincing of the guilt of the person charged with a crime before you bring in an indictment.

And 12 of your number, a majority of your whole body of 23, must vote affirmatively in order to present or indict.

It has been usual the last few terms of Court to call the Grand Jury's attention to the fact that the local option law of Kent county is still in force—that is the law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in this county and of bringing into the county by one individual more than one gallon of liquor a month. If there be any infringement of these laws, the offenders should be prosecuted.

The known disregard of this law or any restrictive law, only tends to the promotion of more flagrant violations and the disrespect for essential rules of right conduct and good living.

I am going to take this occasion to refer to the provisions of the law regulating the drawing of juries, because it may not be fully understood how juries are selected. Judge Pearce explained the law in a charge to the Grand Jury a few years before he retired from the bench and I thought at the time that it served a very useful purpose.

In doing this, I wish to address my remarks to the Petit Jury as well as to the Grand Jury.

With some of the provisions of the law you are no doubt familiar. You know that no one is qualified as a juror who is under 25 years of age, and that no one can be compelled to serve as a juror after reaching 70, though he is not thereby disqualified, if he choose to serve.

All Judges of the Orphans' Court, delegates, coroners and constables while in office are exempt by law from attendance and schoolmasters are likewise exempt. All election officials are exempt during their term of office and for one year thereafter. All postmasters are exempt either by law or custom. Custom exempts all county Officers, Clerks, Registers of Wills, Deputies in their offices, County Commissioners, their Clerk, the Sheriff, his Deputies, Justices of the Peace and bank officials.

All otherwise qualified jurors known to the Court to be disqualified by deafness or any physical infirmity, or who are certified in proper form by a reputable physician to be unable to perform jury duty without danger to their health, are also exempt, and the number of excuses is surprising.

The Clerk to the County Commissioners is required to file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court once a year a list of all the male taxable inhabitants of the county on the tax books not known to him to be under 25 years of age.

From this list and from the poll books of the county, the jurors are drawn not less than 15 days before each jury term. No property qualification, however, is required in any juror and it is therefore, not necessary for his name to appear upon the tax books.

Notice of the time of the drawing is required to be given to the members of the Bar through the Crier of the Court in order that they may witness the drawing, if they desire, and that they may present to the Court at that time any objection of which they may know to any person proposed by the Court to be placed in the box.

At the time fixed by the notice before mentioned, the Judge is required in Kent county to select from the list of male taxable inhabitants of the county and from the poll books, a panel of 150 citizens of the county. No one not upon this list or on the poll books can be selected and no one drawn as a juror to the last preceeding term can be selected. These 150 must be selected fairly and impartially and with special reference to their intelligence, sobriety and integrity, and without the least reference to their political opinions.

Their selection is apportioned among the election districts of the county as follows: 25 from the 1st district, 25 from the 2nd district, 20 from the 3rd district, 25 from the 4th district, 25 from the 5th district, 15 from the 6th district, 15 from the 7th district. Total 150.

The names so selected are numbered from 1 to 150 and a box is furnished which is divided into seven compartments with drawers numbered 1 to 7 inclusively to correspond with the number of election districts in the county, and in each compartment white marbles or balls plainly marked with numbers from 1 to 150 consecutively are placed in the drawers, as follows: Nos. 1 to 25 inclusive in the 1st district compartment, Nos. 26 to 50 inclusive in the 2nd district compartment, Nos. 51 to 70 inclusive in the 3rd district compartment, Nos. 71 to 95 inclusive in the 4th district compartment, Nos. 96 to 120 inclusive in the 5th district compartment, Nos. 121 to 135 inclusive in the 6th district compartment, Nos. 135 to 150 inclusive in the 7th district compartment.

The Clerk of the Court or his Deputy, then draws from the box and drawers forty-eight marbles or balls, one by one, as follows: 8 from the 1st district drawer, 8 from the 2nd district drawer, 6 from the 3rd district drawer, 8 from the 4th district drawer, 8 from the 5th district drawer, 5 from the 6th district drawer, 5 from the 7th district drawer. Total 48.

As each marble or ball is drawn from the box, the Judge superintending the drawing announces the number thereon, and the name on the selected list whose name corresponds therewith and the forty-eight names corresponding by numbers to the forty-eight numbers on the marbles or balls and the numbers also are recorded by the Clerk or his Deputy in the presence of the Judge as they are drawn from the box or drawers.

The forty-eight marbles or balls so drawn are then locked in the box with the other marbles or balls not drawn, the drawn and undrawn marbles being kept separate in an inner compartment or bag. The marbles or balls not drawn are kept for use in filling any vacancies that may occur in the jury.

If any juror so drawn die, is unable to attend, or be excused for any proper cause before the term begins, the Judge may open the box and draw in the same manner as before a juror in his place. After the first drawing, the box containing the names selected is locked and the key is kept separately until the term begins, or until the box is opened in case of drawing a new name before the term.

When all those who are exempt by express law, or by custom, when all those under 25 and over 70, all those who are suffering under some physical infirmity, all those who are excused for some good cause shown or produce a physician certificate of ill health, all those who are not known to possess the legal requirements of intelligence, intergity and sobriety, all those 48 who served on the preceeding jury—when all these are eliminated—the list of eligible jurors is reduced to a degree incapable of estimation by any one who has not actually attempted to execute this law.

When Court is opened, the Judge selects a foreman of the Grand Jury. The Clerk then places in the box the other 47 marbles or balls corresponding with the forty-seven names of those remaining who were drawn as jurors and deposited in the drawers from which they were respectively drawn, and the Clerk then draws, beginning with district No. 1, and taking one marble or ball out and recording the name corresponding with each number and proceeding to take one marble from each of the other district drawers and recording the name corresponding with the number of each marble and so on until all the names have been drawn out and recorded. The first 22 persons who are so drawn together with the Foreman constitute the Grand Jury and the remaining 25 constitute the Petit Jury for this term of Court.

Whenever a vacancy occurs in the position of Foreman of the Grand Jury the Court appoints some other member of the Grand Jury to fill his place either temporary or permanently.

If for any reason any person or persons drawn as a Grand Juror fail to attend the session on the first day, or be disqualified or be excused for cause, the Court fills each vacancy from the remaining 25 of those who are present in the order in which their names were drawn from the Election district or districts in which the vacancy or vacancies occurs, or from any other district, if there be no jurors left in the district where the vacancy occurs.

All vacancies in the Petit Jury after the term begins may be filled by drawing the necessary number of names from marbles or balls replaced in the drawers from the districts in which vacancies occur, or such vacancies may remain unfilled, if the Court deem it unnecessary to fill them. Talesmen, or special jurors, may always be summoned to supply any deficiency in the number of Petit Jurors.

Thus it will be seen that while the Judge determines the 150 names to go in the box, neither he, nor the Clerk, nor any one else can control the drawing. That is purely a matter of chance.

Honesty, sound practical judgment, courage of conviction, respect for the law and regard for the judgment of other honest men are essential qualities of good jurors and the humblest citizen possessing those qualities is a better juror than the learned and most influential man who is deficient in them.

The jury system is often criticised and sometimes condemned; but whatever the criticism and whatever the condemnation, both of which are usually inspired by some particular instance, and not by the fault in the general operation, it is nevertheless, in my opinion the greatest safeguard of free institutions, and the carefulness of selection, the particularity of drawing and the element of chance only emphasize the high civic duty imposed on those who are drawn.

Where life, liberty, property and personal rights are involved, every man is entitled to be judged and to have his personal and property rights determined by those possessing the qualities I have mentioned, and any modification of his privilege, any departure from established rights of trial by jury is a blow at free government and inevitably tends towards arrogant and despotic administration of the law.

Annual Report OF COMMISSIONERS Of Chestertown.

APRIL 22, 1922.

RECEIPTS

On hand as per last report	$2,025.41
Sinking fund to pay bond..	1,000.00
July coupons	575.00
Street improvements	1,000.00
Garbage	300.00
Office rent	33.00
Chestertown Water Co to pay bonds	1,500.00
do, coupons	2,412.50
Sewer taxes	85.00
Permits for shows and medicine men	52.00
Goldey Warren, pt. Wash. Avenue sewer	218.50
A. B. Schauber, do.....	218.50
Kent Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	200.00
Kent Co. Commissioners...	1,543.05
do, propor. part bk. stk.	968.49
Cart license	10.00
Int. from savings account..	30.75
W. R. Maul, cem. pavement	11.65
Delinquent taxes, 1920....	263.49
Int. on taxes, 1920.....	13.21
Sun. part. on cem. pavemt	701.29
Taxes collected 1921.....	9,850.33
Int. on same 1921.....	15.96
Taxes col. Corp., etc., year 1921	806.41
	$24,034.54
Amount advanced by Commissioners to help pay accounts	2,000.00
	$26,034.54

DISBURSEMENTS

Water bond No. 9.....	$1,000.00
do, No. 7	500.00
Bond on street and sewer No. 3	1,000.00
Coupons on bonds, street and sewer, due July 1st, 1921	575.00
Coupons on same due Jan. 1922	550.00
do bonds water Co.....	2,663.(5
Day labor on streets.....	612.94
Day bailiff	884.00
Night bailiff	832.00
Wm. Needles	936.00
Salaries of Commissioners.	300.00
Salary of attorney	100.00
Salary, clerk and collector	420.00
G. B. Taylor, surveyor....	200.00
A. Leon Brown, haul. gar.	700.00
W. C. Sutton, for sewers..	2,391.11
Sundry exp., Inc. Towns,ent	11.63
G. B. Taylor, tracing cloth.	3.76
Postal cards	5.00
Stam Drug Co. for candles	65.00
W.C.Sutton, wk on fire hose	7.55
R. R. Ayres, recording plot	3.00
Wm. M. Culp, bill.....	43.11
H. F. Jefferson, bill	.80
A. Leon Brown, ex. haul...	13.75
Balto. Sun, adv. bonds....	42.00
The Detc. Pub. Co.....	19.84
Adkins Lumber Co.....	13.20
Jno. Medders, mak. up levy	15.00
Robert Moffett, judge elec.	3.00
J. B. McIntire, clerk elec..	3.00
W. T. Bramble	2.75
H. D. Orem & Son.....	1.00
J. W. Hirons, fix. pavement	7.00
J. T. Jester, police, night..	2.25
Transcript Pub. Co.....	70.00
Robt. Moffett, return. rod.	1.00
Thomas Parsons	3.50
C. N. Satterfield, exp. to Elec. Light Com. Balto..	16.00
Bond for clerk	20.00
W. S. & A. M. Culp, bill..	20.73
Ins. on stables and conts.	15.00
W. T. Hicks, fumigat,. etc.	75.00
Gladding ex. Co., frt rd. dr.	12.36
Freight on man holes	5.10
Kent News bill	94.00
Elwood Whaley, bill	40.10
Ches. Water Co.	1,026.00
W. S. & A. M. Culp.....	269.29
U. S. Rubber Co., fire hose	370.00
Wheeling Cor. Co., culvert	63.00
Flockhart Foundry Co....	131.00
Compens. Ins.	68.52
Elec. Light & Power Co...	2,251.58
Pistol, night policeman....	12.50
Box rent	3.00
Stamps & Envelopes	47.00
Bal. on state rd. cont., int	626.00
Jas. Brown, trim. trees....	14.40
State Board of Forestry..	61.80
Oyster shells	69.50
Graham & Thomas Hdw. Co	12.23
H. B. Rote, atten. to clock,	75.05
Freight on iron culvert....	4.51
Stam Drug Co., candles....	65.00
Jones & Satterfield, bill....	455.36
Geo. Carter, rep. state road	33.60
Hauling	82.50
Corn and hay	154.23
	$20,196.30

Amount spent on side walks and gutters as follows:		
Wm. Smith, sand..	$250.50	
Stone and freight..	479.35	
J. D. Bacchus, cem.	1464.31	
Work on same	1869.50	$4,063.66
Amount on hand		1,224.58
Amt on hand to pay coupons due July		550.00
		$26,034.54

Total assessment	$1,400.00.00
Tax rate 75c	10,500.00
Amount collected	9,850.33
Collectable about	600.00

The bonded indebtedness of Chestertown, Maryland, is as follows: $22,000.00 for streets and sewers, and for the purchase and improvement of water works $47,500.00, making a total bonded indebtedness of $69,500.

Approved April 19, 1922.

W. L. FOWLER,
W. P. NEWNAM,
CHAS. N. SATTERFIELD,
Commissioners.

Jas. W. Crouch, Clerk. a22

Executor's Sale Of REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the last Will and Testament of Francis Bradford Pierce, deceased, dated the 8th day of March, 1919, and under and by virtue of an Order of the Orphans' Court for Kent county, Maryland, dated April 4th, 1922, the undersigned as Ancillary Executor of the last Will and Testatment of Francis Bradford Pierce, will offer at public sale in the town of Galena, Kent County, Maryland, on

Saturday, May 6, 1922

at 2 o'clock p. m., the following described Real and Personal Propeyty:

--FIRST--

All That Lot of Land

containing about ONE-QUARTER OF AN ACRE OF LAND, more or less, situated in the town of Galena, on the western side of the Stone Road leading towards Lambson Station. The improvements being a TWO-STORY FRAME DWELLING with all necessary outbuildings, all in good repair. The Dwelling contains water and up-to-date improvements and there is a windmill on the premises.

This property is nicely situated and is very desirable as a home.

--SECOND--

Household & Kitchen Furniture, Etc.

At the same time and place I will offer at public sale 1 rocker, 2 lamps, alarm clock, neck chain, lot of bed linens, bureaus, kitchen safe, desk, beds, bed springs, washstand, clothes rack, window curtains, excellent cook stove, double heater, kitchen chairs, table, jars and preserves, biscuit block, lot of books, lot of tools, cooking utensils, feather bed, bed spreads, cake board, stove board, lot window screens, baby's high chair, carpet, lot rugs, Tea kettle, jewelry box, sewing box, trunk, coffee mill, flower stands, picture, matting, umbrellas, horse blanket, mattresses, tubs, fly net and reins, oil stove, ice cream freezer, bowls and pitchers, lot of dishes and household and kitchen furniture generally.

TERMS OF SALE

Terms of the personal property are cash.

Terms of the real estate sale are one-third cash on the day of sale and the balance in six months or other satisfactory arrangements may be made with the undersigned on the day of sale.

A. LINDELL BEASTON,
Ancillary Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Francis Bradford Pierce, Deceased. a8-ts

S. Scott Beck, Attorney.

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New Spring Hats, $2.50 to $7

New Spring Shirts, $1.00 to 5.00.

New Low Shoes, $5 to $10.

Silk Sox and Ties.

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NOTICE.

Daniel W. Blackiston will not be responsible for any bills his wife, Beatrice Blackiston, makes and forewarns any one for harboring her, if so, will be held according to law.

DANIEL W. BLACKISTON,
a8-tf Millington, Md.

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Jas. G. Beck

PHONE 55—121

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

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m25tf WM. L. FOWLER.

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a1-tf Baltimore, Md.

NOTICE OF TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The Teachers Examination usually held on the 1st Thursday and Friday of June will be held this year on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, MAY 5th and 6th, in High School Building, in Chestertown, Md., beginning at 9.00 A. M. Applicants should arrive 15 minutes before in order to fill out information blanks. Any further information can be obtained at the office of the County Superintendent.

E. J. CLARKE,
tf County Superintendent.

ELECTION OF

TOWN COMMISSIONER

Notice is hereby given, that an election will be held at the Court House in Chestertown, Md., on

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 1922,

for the purpose of electing one person to serve as Commissioner of Chestertown for three years in the place of Wm. L. Fowler, whose term expires May 1st, 1922, Polls open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

By order of the Board of Commissioners for Chestertown.

JAMES W. CROUCH, Clerk.

TWO VALUABLE DWELLINGS —IN— STILL POND —AT— PRIVATE SALE

The dwelling which Mrs. Margaret G. Harris occupied at the time of her death will be sold at private sale. The price of same is $4000.

The other dwelling adjoining the lands of Mrs. Elizabeth Jarvis and occupied by Mr. Moore will be sold for $1600.

Terms will be made liberal. The houses can be inspected by any one interested in them applying to any of the heirs near Still Pond. Or to

HOPE H. BARROLL, Trustee.
a15-3mo Chestertown, Md.

Ordinance No. 34.

Passed April 12th, 1922.

Be it enacted and ordained that no person or persons except those holding a franchise from the Commissioners of Chestertown, shall erect over, above or across any public street or alley within the limits of Chestertown any wires, under a penalty not exceeding Five Dollars ($5.00) and costs of prosecution, said fine and costs to be collected as provided by law. By order

COMS. OF CHESTERTOWN.

Public Sale —OF— PERSONALTY

I will sell at Public Auction where I now reside on the farm of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Baxter, on

Tuesday, May 9th, 1922

AT 1.30 P.M.

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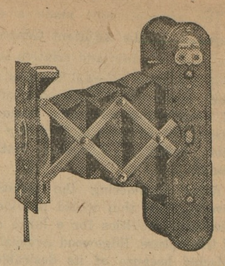

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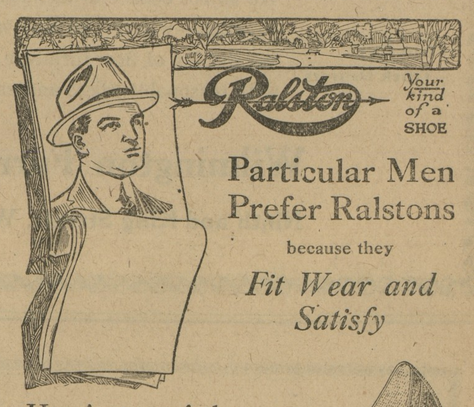

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