The Kent News

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THE people of Cecil county, will be the judges at the election next year, whether or not they want a $1,000,000 Road Bond Issue. This was settled recently when the Attorney-General, William Preston Lane, Jr., notified Secretary of State, David C. Winebrenner, Jr., that the petitions filed with him in May, signed by 2967 voters in Cecil county, asking for a Referendum on the Cecil County Roads Bond bill, known as Chapter 510 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1931, were in accordance with the law. This means that the proposition will be submitted to the voters of Cecil county at the November election next year.

EDITORIAL SUGGESTION

Now that the reparations postponement seems to be assured it is to be hoped that the President will turn his attention to our local woes—the plight of the farmer and the general unemployment. The President's proposal of a year's vacation in international debts is accepted everywhere as a promising contribution to the ultimate recovery of the world from the economic doldrums. Unfortunately, some of the enthusiasm has been chilled by the inability of the President's partisans to abstain from dragging the performance into domestic politics. Last week the Majority Leader of the Senate, Watson of Indiana, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Smoot of Utah and the Republican publicity cheif were all guilty of this departure from good taste. More recently the State Department through its acting head, Mr. Castle continued the process in a recital of the successive steps taken by by the President in arriving at his desicion. Nobady has sought to deprive President Hoovtr of what credit attaches to a constructive act. He listened to a great many opinions on the subject taking pains to make his conferences as non-partisan as possible and we know that the Democratic statesmen he called in were as helpful as those of his own party. The President himself clearly indicated this in hos statements to the Washington corespondents. Moreover, he recognized from the beginning that the matter had to be kept out of partisan politics inasmuch as it requires Congressional action and the Republican party will not control the Congress tha assembles in December—or eariler if it is felt necessary to get action before the coming interest date for the war debts. It would be most regrettable if the effort to make campaign material of so distinctly a bi-partisan accomplishment should sting the President's opponents, either in his own party or in the Democratic party, to acrimony in the coming session. The sort of filibuster that the old irreconcilables invoked to balk President Wilson might work great harm to the debt postponement propsition even though a considerable majority of both houses were willing to go along with the President.

Perhaps the safest way to avoid such an unpleasant possibility would be for the president to consider he suggestion of Senator Robinson of Arkansas that he come to the aid of the farmers by swinging to the popular side in the controversy over the Smoot-Hawley tariff measure. It would perhaps be difficult for the President to put such pressure on his Federal Farm Board as would comel them to abondon their policy of a disposal of 5,000,000 bushels of wheat per month until the Board's holdings should be marketed, and to make the concession to the farm organizations and their spokesmen, Vice President Curtis and Senator Capper of Kansas, who asked an announcemtnt that the Commission would not put any of its whet out in competition with the current crop. There is, however, no such inhibition against the President's boldly declaring himself in favor of a tariff which would relieve not only the farmer but the rest of the consuming public from the injustices the existing tariff imposes on them.

Senator Robinson admitted that such a declaration by the President might be construed into a confession that the Democrats were right and the Republicans were wrong in last year's tariff battlt. But as the points out, he Democrats permitted no such consideraion to sway them in endorsing the moratorium project and the Senator expressed his belief that the President could well afford to take as broad-minded a view of the tariff calamity. He might do this, as he promised, through the Tariff Commission which for more than a year has been hovering around te edges of the tariff structure without touching a single item of any considerable importance. He might do it in a message to Congress, with no loss of prestige and incurring only the danger that by so doing he might forfeit the campaign contributions of the favored interests with which they have been accustomed to pay full tariff favors.,

Knowing that God is the only source of intelligence and power, we shall trust Him to supply the necessary ideas to carry on His work in our daily lives.—Christian Science Monitor.

WHY MILK SIX COWS?

In a study of the records made in the Kent Dairy Herd Improvement Association, the herds were grouped according to their production into three groups. The production of the five high herds was totalled and averaged, as were the middle five and the low five herds.

Seventy cows in the five high herds paid for their feed and averaged $115.62 worth of product at actual Cooling Station prices (basic and surplus) per cow over and above their feed cost.

Seventy-seven cows in the five low herds gave an average return over and above feed cost of $62.58.

Now, to compare the profits of the upper and lower groups if we assume (as is commonly thought to be fact) that feed costs is but one-half the cost of keeping a cow, we find the cows in the lower group are not quite boarders. The average value of their product was $120.16 with a feed cost of $57.57. This means each cow averaged $5.01 more than twice the feed cost and this is perhaps profit per cow (labor and overhead amount to as much as the feed bill.)

The average cows in the upper group produced $200.49 worth of product with a feed bill of $84.875 per cow. Each dollar spent for feed brought $2.36 worth of product. This means that each of these better cows gave a profit of $30.72 after paying labor and overhead charges.

The answer is this: $5.01 compared to $30.72 is roughly a one to six ratio. In other words, six of the lower producing cows yield the same profit as one of the better cows. The logical question then is the caption of this article—Why milk six cows, when one yields the same profit?

On Saturday, August 1st, the State Holstein Breeders' Association is to hold its annual meeting at Dunloggin Farms near Ellicott City, Howard county.

A number of Kent breeders and a group of older 4-H Club boys expect to attend and take part in the judging contest which is open.

A number of speeches are scheduled for the early afternoon, after which a sale of some good Holsteins will be held.

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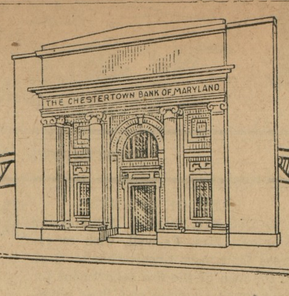

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