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Important Notice.

Those indebted to the Transcript Publishing Company for subscription and other accounts will please settle at their earliest convenience, as Mr. Hopper's retirement from the Company necessitates that all outstanding business be settled as soon as possible.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, had a $3,000,000 fire on Thursday.

EFFORTS are being made to have the State Military Encampment at Ocean City this year.

THE UNITED STATES Senatorial situation in Delaware remains the same. Mr. Addicks has been unable to debauch enough members of the Legislature to elect him to the United States Senate, and the deadlock is still on.

CAPT. HORACE F. BRICE, of Betterton, is announced as a candidate from the second district for county commissioner. Mr. Brice has been a life-long Democrat, and has been for many years wharf manager for Messrs. Turner & Son. Capt. Daniel Hill is the present commissioner from Mr. Brice's district.

MR. WM. J. PRICE, JR., who has been connected with the Centreville *Observer* for a number of years as half owner and one of its editors and managers, last week purchased the other half interest in the paper and is now sole owner of this enterprising and progressive journal. The price paid is said to be $4,500. We wish brother Price continued success.

RADICAL CHANGES will be made in the country school system in Delaware if the Legislature passes a bill now pending in the House and backed by the State Board of Education. That the bill will be passed there is little doubt. Instead of numerous isolated school-houses, poorly equipped and not well attended, it is proposed to combine all the schools within a circle of two miles and establish one good school. School wagons will be run to carry the children, and only teachers that have graduated from a normal school will be employed.—*Exchange.*

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES at Dover, Del., Wednesday, unanimously adopted a joint resolution requesting Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the election of United States Senators by the popular vote, instead of by the State Legislatures as at present. It is expected that the Senate will concur in this action. This movement is in progress all over the country, having been started by the New York American. Should the call be made by the Legislatures of two-thirds of all the States, the convention will be called.

WE PUBLISH a brief letter from a leading citizen of Kent county on the road question. He complains in a private letter to the Editor that the commissioners use the road fund to buy votes with. This is an old, old story in Cecil Vote the Machine out of power, and we can do better and have better roads.—*Cecil Democrat.*

The following is the letter refered to above:

THE PUBLIC ROADS.

Locust Grove, Md., Feb. 16, 1903. To the Taxpayers:—We want a law passed at the next session of the Legislature to give the taxpayers charge of the public roads in the State of Maryland—say something of this kind: Let the taxpayers in each election district hold an election, say in the month of February, none but taxpayers can vote at that election, and elect one of their number a road commissioner for that district. He not to expend more than $15 per mile to repair the roads in that district. If more work than that needs be done he must get 5 out of the 20 largest taxpayers in that district to recommend what amount to be used, and if a bridge costing over $100 or a new road to be laid out, he must get the consent of 11 out of the 20 largest taxpayers in that district to recommend it; and if a fall of snow should come to block up the roads, that the farmers along that said road shall turn out and open said road so that travel will not be interrupted.

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ONCE UPON A TIME some "kids" imbued with the spirit of liberty and independence boldly made complaint to the haughty British general, who was in Revolutionary times attempted to chastise His Majesty's rebellious colonies. The boys complained that England's soldiers were destroying the snow forts which had beed built by boyish enthusism, evincing a spirit that told only too well that American valor would work out Americam freedom. Up in New York these same American boys are evincing a spirit just as commendable. They are rebelling against a far more objectionable proceeding than that of destroying snow forts. They are protesting against a far greater insult to their blood and brain. They are fighting against just as serious a menace to their liberties as ever the flag of Britain stood for, and their spirit only foretells just as surely the conflict and the victory that is bound to come for the white man. In New York, a negro was put in charge of a white school. The boys rebelled. "We never had a negro teacher and we don't want one," they said. The teacher, Brown, so the account states, was dismissed on *charges.* It is not very clear just what these charges were, but the report of the matter informs us that the African pedagogue was exposed to a charge of grapeshot in the shape of books, inkstands, &c, &c. There was a battle royal, and his coonship was compelled to retreat "on charges." All honor to the boys of '03. The bondage of negro rule which some of our so-called statesmen would saddle upon a suffering community, is as detestable, yea, and a million times more so, than any principle of tax or kingship our mother country attempted to force down our throats in the dark days of '76. It is a hopeful sign to see the youth of the land up in arms against an inferior race's assuming a position to which it would never aspire, were it not for a portion of the white race, who for political purposes seemingly would place the negro at the very head of the nation itself. Well for the country would it be, if the subject of white supremacy could be incorporated into our public school textbooks, and by all the power of educated minds instilled into the brains of our growing boys and girls. And side by side with it, let negro supremacy be denounced even as a blot upon our civilization, and as a reversion of the positions which an all-wise Creator intended his creatures should occupy.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

MESSRS. EDITORS OF THE TRANSCRIPT—*Gentlemen:*—Following up my letter published in the TRANSCRIPT on the finances of Kent county, I beg, through your columns, to call the attention of the tax-payers and of all interested in the manner in which our county affairs are conducted to the following statement:

Our Board of County Commissioners, failed, roughly speaking, to levy for work done, materials furnished and other proper charges in the year 1899, some $5,500, although that year the actual levy made by them was over $74,000.

In 1900 they failed to levy some $13,000 for debts actually due at the time they made the levy, and for the information, or rather mis-information of the tax-payers, the face of the levy carried some $72,000.

In the year 1901 this $13,500 had risen to $18,500, money due and not levied. The tax-payers were told by the public levy that they raised some $73,000 or a little less, and naturally believed this was all that was necessary for the county for 1901. They did not know of the great shadow of $18,500.

In the year 1902 this $18,500 had jumped to near $25,000, while the levy provided for $76,000. In other words, all of us believed (some at least knew better) that $76,000 was all that was needed. The people, the tax-payers, never suspected there remained $25,000 indebtedness not provided for.

This simply means that our County Commissioners have carried, but not levied, just about one-third of the actual levy as an unprovided for floating indebtedness. In other words, if the levy were 90 cents last year, in order that the county should be free of debt by the levy, the tax should have been at the rate of $1.20!

At the same rate of increase shown for the past four years, by the end of the present year the county will be some $31,000 in debt (probably $2,000 more) and they will still go on levying about $77,000 or $78,000.

If this be done, what does it mean in the end? It means a tax-rate of $1.25 to pay off indebtedness. Wise and prudent business men think our people will never stand this! If the people will not stand such a remedy then it means that we shall have to have over $30,000 bonds provided for by the next Legislature. It is easy to increase bonded indebtedness by not paying current expenses. What then? A repetition of the past. They will not provide for the payment of the bonds as they fall due, nor even for the interest on the bonds. But with a credit rated at 4 per cent. they will borrow ahead 18 months to pay interest due and in arrears, and on such 18 months loans pay 6 per cent. per annum!

Is it not right, therefore that our County Commissioners should call in some expert accountant to go over their books? Let him and them devise some means of keeping them. Let them publish a statement to the people, showing exactly how we stand, just like any other business corporation. Take for example the advertisement of the Merchants' National Bank, which appeared in the Baltimore *Sun* of Saturday last. This statement showed after a thorough investigation and examination by one of the most expert accountants in the country, exactly how every dollar stood!

If the County Commissioners refuse to do this, then let the grand jury apply to the court at the coming April term and ask the court to authorize them to employ an expert accountant. Then let the results of the expert accountant be laid before the grand jury, if necessary, at an adjourned term, then let the grand jury act, regardless of consequences, as the law demands, and see if somebody be not responsible for the present unwholesome condition of the county finances.

The present state of affairs may be due to the faulty system or lack of system adopted by the Board of Commissioners for fifty years past. This matters not if the present board have been wilfully pursuing and adopting a wrong system yearly, it is their duty to correct it. They know it is their duty, and if they fail, or have failed in the past, then they are guilty and have been guilty of malfeasance and nonfeasance in office.

One of the Jail Bonds (and remember, tax-payers, these bonds were issued in 1884, all of them made payable 10 years from their date,) is now held by one of the banks in Chestertown. This bond was by law made payable nearly nine years ago. Can the bank enforce its payment in the face of the act? Is it right to place a bank in such a position, or is it right to pay interest at 6 per cent. on this bond nine years? How many more Bridge and Jail Bonds are there?

Will our commissioners arise to the occasion? If they do not, let us make them by reciting facts which will enable the people of the county to see what has been done wrong, and why it is so. It is no answer to say it has been in almost as bad condition for years. A board of commissioners who will continue to progress at such a ratio for four years, and continue it, as can be easily proved, into the fifth year is a nuisance, and should be, and can be abated. I purpose next week to give other facts which will throw further light upon our present unfortunate condition. The political campaign is not on, court is a long way ahead. Let the commissioners act, and let the people know what they will do.

Yours respectfully,
HOPE H. BARROLL.

STILL POND ITEMS.

Miss Annie Dryden is visiting Mrs. Angie Rasin.

Miss Mae Hackett spent a few days the guest of Miss Jessie Crewe.

The doctors of our town are kept busy. Among those on the sick list are: Mr. William Meeks, Golden Warren and little Miss Helen Hackett.

We are glad to say that Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, who have been sick for some time, are much improved at this writing.

Miss Annie Dryden and Mrs. Angie Rasin and daughters were entertained at dinner Monday by Mrs. W. B. Price.

The M. E. Sunday School of our town will hold its Missionary Anniversary Sunday, March 1. A fine program has been arranged. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. J. Phillips, of Camden, N. J., gave a party Tuesday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Schofield and little son. Mrs. Schofield is one of the most up-to-date musicians; come who will, she is hard to beat.

Mr. Albert Jervis had a box social at his home Wednesday for the benefit of big Sunday School class. A very large number were present. The boxes sold very well. Mr. Jervis realized $15.98 from the sale of the boxes.

Mr. Claude Hackett is spending a few days the guest of Mrs. M. E. Whaley.

F. H. Harper & Son have employed as book keeper, Miss Lucy Crew, of Worton Station.

Miss Annie Dryden was entertained at dinner at the home of Mrs. Samuel Rosebery, Wednesday. Among those present were: Rev. Thos. Beauchamp and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bonwill, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bonwell and Miss Jessie Crewe.

The Farmer's Club met at the home of Mr. Daniel Hill, Thursday. A very large number were present.

Mr. Frank Hepburn entertained a company of young people at supper Friday evening.

One of our young men received a white-cap notice Monday, telling him what they would do if he did not stop keeping such late hours.

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The above testimony, should, therefore, be convincing.
Respectfully,

WILBUR W. HUBBARD,
Jan. 31, 1903. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

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