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Do NOT forget the date of the sittings of the Board of County Commissioners on May 6 and 7 to hear sessions appeals.

THE Democratic State Central Committee met in Baltimore on Wednesday and determined on August 11 as the date for holding the State Convention. The Committee was enthusiastic for the passage of the Disfranchisement Amendment, and also for the renomination of Dr. J. W. Hering for Comptroller. Chairman Vandiver outlined in a strong speech the method of campaign for the passage of the Amendment.

THE manner in which the Organization forces treated Mr. John W. Hiron in the contest for Town Commissioner on Monday was both ridiculous and farcical. They laid down on Mr. Hiron as flat as a flounder, even after they had gotten behind him as their candidate, and they did absolutely nothing to further his interests except that a part of them voted for him. So far as Mr. Dyer's candidacy was concerned they didn't touch him, and Mr. Dyer's selection was made possible by the friends who not only promised but who gave him loyal support. It was a clear case of throw down for Mr. Hiron, and no support for Mr. Dyer from the Organization. That is mighty poor treatment, to say the least.

THE most important topic of conversation among farmers is the price of wheat. Opinions differ as to the probable price of wheat after it is threshed. Patten, who controls the situation in Chicago, says it will be high. Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture says it will be lower, and yet we believe that no one can tell exactly what the farmer will get for his wheat when it is in his barn. We believe, however, that the price of grain generally will be higher this year than for several years past, and it will not surprise us in the least if the actual price of wheat in July and August will be better than \$1.00. Our advice to the farmer is to refuse to speculate, but wait until the grain is threshed and then see what is doing.

MR. STRAUS' OPINION.

Elsewhere in this issue is published the reply of Attorney-General Straus to a letter written to him by Hope H. Barroll, Esq., asking his opinion in reference to running the candidates for County Commissioners through the county. Mr. Straus' opinion, given in his letter to Mr. Barroll, states that where the State Central Committee determines that a nomination for a county office, whose functions are co-extensive with the whole county is to be made, that such nomination must be made through the votes of all the members of the party, etc. That is to say, if the State Central Committee, which has absolute control of the method of conducting the primaries decides that the commissioners must run through the county, they are to do so. His opinion is not that the law requires that the commissioners be run through the county, but that the law gives the State Central Committee the right to run the candidates as they please. This places the responsibility for the conduct of the primaries just where we have contended all the time that it should be placed, and if the candidates for commissioners are run through the county after it has been the custom for forty years to run them by districts, then the people will hold the State Central Committee and not the Primary law, responsible for the violation of a custom that for years has given the people or each district the right to decide for themselves who they desire to represent them on the Board of County Commissioners. This opinion has been in the possession of Mr. Lewin W. Wickes, Chairman of the State Central Committee, and we are, for a month or more, and as the representative of the entire Democratic party in so important a matter as this, Mr. Wickes should have made known the Attorney-General's opinion long before this. We are at a loss to know why Mr. Wickes has withheld this information. Certainly the people should know it, and since Mr. Wickes has refrained from making known the Attorney-General's opinion in the matter, we have taken the liberty to solicit the Attorney-General's letter from Mr. Barroll for publication. We have endeavored to bring to the attention of the State Central Committee the great danger of violating a custom that has been in vogue in the county for years, and with which the people have been and are perfectly satisfied, and now that the opinion of the Attorney-

General in the matter is known it will be all the more dangerous to do so, because of the fact that if the custom is violated it will not be because the law requires a change of method, but because a sinister and unfair motive is behind the desire on the part of the Organization leaders to retain control of the Board of County Commissioners. The functions of the members of the Board of County Commissioners are not co-extensive with the whole county except in a very abstract sense. A commissioner is simply the representative of his district, and has to do with matters pertaining almost exclusively to his own district. His relation therefore to his county and party is different from the Legislatureman, Sheriff, Treasurer or Senator, or Clerk. This is the strongest reason in the world why the Commissioner should run in his district. Public sentiment is against any other plan, and if the State Central Committee will act wisely, it will heed the desire of the great mass of the tax-payers and run the candidates for Commissioners in their own districts.

Attorney General Replies.

Attorney General Isaac Lobe Straus this week replied to a communication addressed to him by Hope H. Barroll, Esq., relative to running the county commissioners through the county. The reply to Mr. Barroll's letter is interesting, in view of the fact that an effort has been made by the organization leaders to make the people believe that Mr. Straus' opinion makes it compulsory to run the commissioners through the county, when all the time it has been known by those who had received a similar communication from Mr. Straus weeks ago, that his opinion states that the matter of determining how the candidates shall be run is absolutely in the hands of the State Central Committee, and that the law does not compel the candidates to be run in any other manner than the State Central Committee determines. Attorney General Straus' reply to Mr. Barroll is a vindication of the position taken by the TRANSCRIPT in an editorial some weeks ago, when it stated that the members of the county commissioners are absolutely in the hands of the State Central Committee. Those who have been undertaking to make the people believe that the primary law compels the candidates for county commissioners to run through the county, will now be compelled to find some other excuse for doing something for which there is no foundation, either in law or in custom, and since the receipt of Attorney General Straus' letter by Mr. Barroll, the people will be convinced that it was nothing more nor less than a trick devised by the organization leaders in their efforts to retain control of the Board of County Commissioners. Attorney General Straus' letter to Mr. Barroll is as follows:

Baltimore, Md., April 26, 1909. HOPE H. BARROLL, ESQ., CHESTERTOWN, MD.—DEAR SIR:—Almost continuous work for and in the Court of Appeals since the opening of the April term has prevented me from replying ere this to your inquiry of April 8th respecting the nomination of County Commissioners for Kent county. I beg to assure you that no inattention was intended, and that I am glad to reply to any inquiries you may make upon this or any other public matter. I gave an opinion some time ago to the Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee in reply to an inquiry addressed to him by Mr. Lewin W. Wickes of your county, which inquiry he presented to me for consideration and advice. In this opinion I held that where the State Central Committee of any county has determined that a nomination for a county office, whose functions were co-extensive with the whole county, was to be made by a direct vote, that is to say, by a majority of the members of the party in the county, the candidacy of every person seeking such nomination in the primaries must be submitted to the vote of all members of the party in and throughout the county, and that the vote upon the nomination of a candidate for such an office could not be restricted to Mr. Wickes of your county, or to one or two districts or any other limited section of the county. A copy of my opinion was forwarded to Mr. Wickes and I do not see why it has not been shown to you, or to any other citizen and voter of the county, or made public in full. It embraces both the opinion given and the reasons for it, as they appeared to me. Yours very respectfully, ISAAC LOBE STRAUS.

Order Nisi.

John A. Collison, Wm. T. Crouch, et al. In the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity. No. 1692.

ORDERED this 24th day of April, 1909, by the Circuit Court for Kent county, in equity, that the sale of the Real Estate mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by Harrison W. Vickers, Jr., trustee, under a decree of this court to make said sale, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown before the 3rd day of July, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 31st day of May, next.

ROOFING!

Having bought advantageously will sell—during the next month: 3 ply Rubber Roofing 55 lb. per square \$2.75 1 " " " 35 " " " 1.75 For prompt cash. Fixtures included. Needs no paint or coating for several years. JOSEPH GUEST, mar. 6-5m. Chestertown, Md.

Executrix's Sale

VALUABLE FARM in Queen Anne County, Maryland.

BY VIRTUE of the Power vested in me by the last Will and Testament of George W. Smith, late of Kent county deceased, which said will is duly executed, admitted to probate and recorded in Wills Liber J. E. M. No. 1 folios 96, etc., as on reference to same will more fully and at large appear.

Saturday, May 15th, 1909.

between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 2 o'clock P. M.

All That Valuable Farm

which belonged to the late George W. Smith, situated, lying and being in Queen Anne County, Maryland, called or known by the name of

"Providence" "Partnership." "Grove."

or by whatsoever name or names the same may be called, and lying on the public road leading to the Hill to the road leading from Ralph's Wharf to the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Wood Lot belonging thereto. This Farm contains

186 Acres, 1 Road and 25 Perches

of land, more or less, and is particularly described in a deed from John B. Brown Trustee to George W. Smith bearing date the 5th day of July 1881, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber J. W. No. 12 folios 288 & c., one of the Land Record Books for Queen Anne County, Maryland, as on reference to same will more fully and at large appear.

This Farm lies about 1 1/2 miles from and in sight of Chestertown. It is situated in Rich Neck, one of the finest farming districts of Queen Anne County. The soil is of the highest fertility and produces large crops of Wheat, Corn, Hay and is adapted to the growth of Fruit and other desirable crops, and which makes it especially desirable. The improvements consist of a

Frame Dwelling

with Barn, Stable and other out-buildings. It affords a fine opportunity to any one desiring to purchase a home or to make an investment in this portion of Queen Anne County where farming lands always command the highest market price and are desirable and much sought after for Homes and Investments.

Lot No. 2, IS ALL THAT CERTAIN

WOOD LOT

situated lying and being in Queen Anne County, Maryland, and which is a part of a tract of land

Called "Soulding"

or by whatsoever name or names the same may be called, situated on the Northwest side of the Public Road leading from Millington to Church Hill, the same being a part of the 70 acres of "Woodlands" which was conveyed by Christopher Goodhand and wife to Joseph M. Smith, and it is the same tract of land which is described in a deed from Joseph E. Smith to George W. Smith bearing date the 21st day of March, 1882, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber S. C. D. No. 1 folios 346 & c., one of the Land Record Books for Queen Anne County aforesaid. The said tract of Woodland contains five acres of land more or less.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase money cash on the day of sale and the residue in two equal installments, payable in one and two years from the day of sale, all unpaid purchase money to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured to the satisfaction of the undersigned or her attorney. The purchaser will be entitled to possession January 1st, 1910, the wheat crop is reserved, the purchaser will be given the Landlord's interest in all other crops, and will pay the taxes for the year 1909. All title papers at the cost of purchaser.

The wheat and tomato crops will be reserved. The purchaser will get the corn and fruit crops. The purchaser of each property will pay taxes for the year 1909.

MRS. MARGARET E. S. SMITH, Executrix of George W. Smith, HOPE H. BARROLL, Attorney for Executrix, C. H. HURLOCK, Auct.

Arrangements can be made to have \$6000 of the purchase money remain on the farm on first mortgage for five years, if the purchaser so desire.

MARGARET E. S. SMITH, Executrix. Subscription to the Transcript \$1.00 per annum.

Executor's Sale

TWO Valuable Farms near Chestertown, Md.

AND OF Valuable Real Estate in Chestertown.

UNDER and by virtue of the power vested in me by the last Will and Testament of John K. Aldridge, late of Kent County, deceased, duly executed, admitted to probate and recorded in Wills Liber J. E. M. No. 1 folios 109, etc., I will offer at Public Sale in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Md., on

Tuesday, May 11th, 1909

between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock noon, all the following Valuable Real Estate:

FARM NO. 1 known as

"The Aldridge Home Farm,"

"KINDNESS"

or by whatsoever name or names the same may be called, situated, lying and being in the Fourth Election District of Kent County, Maryland, situated about 2 miles from Chestertown and lying on both sides of the public road leading from Chestertown to Tolchester, it adjoins the two fine farms of J. Walter Skirven, and is also known as "The Josias Ringgold Home Farm". This farm contains

244 Acres, 1 Road and 9 Perches

of land, more or less, and is the same farm which was conveyed to John K. Aldridge by James A. Pearce, Executor and Trustee of Josias Ringgold, by deed bearing date the 14th day of April, 1896, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber S. B. No. 7, folios 705, etc., one of the Land Record Books for Kent county, Maryland, as on reference to same will more fully and at large appear.

Mr. Aldridge paid for this farm \$20,777.65, and it is one of the finest estates in Kent county. The soil is a rich loam, with red clay subsoil, and produces large crops of all the cereals, grass and fruit.

There is a PEAR ORCHARD of 655 trees. The buildings consist of a

LARGE COLONIAL Frame Dwelling

with ample Stable, Barn and all the other outbuildings necessary for farming purposes will be given Jan. 1, 1910.

FARM NO. 2, KNOWN AS

"THE PIPPIN FARM"

or "Steventon,"

situated on the east side of the public road leading from Chestertown to Fairlee, and lying opposite the fine estate of J. Walter Skirven. It adjoins on the south "The Carville Farm" of Harrison W. Vickers, Esq. This farm contains

163 Acres, 1 ROAD AND 9 PERCHES OF LAND,

more or less. It is the same tract of land which is described in a deed from James A. Pearce, trustee, to John K. Aldridge, bearing date July 18th, 1894, duly executed and recorded in Liber S. B. G. P. No. 2, folios 504, etc., one of the Land Record Books for Kent county, Maryland. Its soil is a fine rich loam with red clay sub-soil. It is in an excellent state of cultivation and yields fine crops of wheat, corn, fruit and grass.

There is a PEAR ORCHARD of 600 hundred trees in full bearing. The farm lies on Faneuil Branch, and is splendidly watered, so that it can be used for a stock or dairy farm, as it is convenient to Chestertown, from which it is only about 1 1/2 miles distant. There is an abundance of wood on the farm suitable for all purposes.

It is improved by a Comfortable Frame Dwelling in fine condition, and the outbuildings are good and ample for the farm. The size, situation and character of this farm make it exceedingly valuable to any one who desires a home, and it will yield a good revenue as an investment. It is well fenced and it is in fine condition. Possession will be given Jan. 1, 1910.

Frame Dwelling

in fine condition, and the outbuildings are good and ample for the farm. The size, situation and character of this farm make it exceedingly valuable to any one who desires a home, and it will yield a good revenue as an investment. It is well fenced and it is in fine condition. Possession will be given Jan. 1, 1910.

LOT NO. 3

Consists of ALL THAT House and Lot of Land

situated on the south side of Front or Water street in Chestertown, Md., and which was occupied as a residence by the late John K. Aldridge at the time of his death. This lot of land fronts on the south side of Front street 123 feet and 9 inches, more or less, running back to Chester river by straight lines at right angles to the line of said street as laid down on the plot of said town, and it includes part of the Water Lot designated on the plot of said town as No. 13, together with the whole of two Water Lots designated as Nos. 14 and 15; it is the same property which is described in a deed from John B. Brown, et al., trustees to the late John K. Aldridge, bearing date the 8th day of March, 1876, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber D. C. B. No. 2, folios 100, etc., one of the land record books for Kent county, Maryland, as on reference to same will more fully and at large appear.

The Improvements consist of a Handsome BRICK DWELLING

in splendid condition fitted with all modern conveniences, and it is one of the most beautifully situated and desirable homes in Chestertown. This affords a rare opportunity to any one who desires to secure a home in this the most desirable residential section of Chestertown. Possession will be given July 1, 1909.

LOT NO. 4 ALL THAT

BRICK STORE

Property

now occupied by J. H. Sides, adjoining the lot of land described on plot of said property as Lot No. 2. It adjoins lot No. 1 on said plot which is now occupied by Lofland & Chip, and the brick store property of Arlington L. Sparks. This lot will be entitled to the use of the right of way mentioned in the description of lot No. 1 and the lines of said property will be shown by the plot on exhibition at my office. This lot is entitled to one half of the division wall between said lot and lot No. 1, hereinafter described as far back as the break in said wall for the purpose of a stairway now used by Lot No. 1, to enter the upper portion of the building on Lot No. 1, which stairway shall not be removed by the purchaser of Lot No. 2 until January 1st, 1911, when this easement created upon Lot No. 2 for the benefit of Lot No. 1 shall cease and the purchaser of Lot No. 2 be entitled to remove the said stairway and enjoy Lot No. 2 free and clear of said easement. Lot No. 2 shall be entitled to a right of way over the alley which is now entering from Cannon street, and described as a part of Lot No. 1 in accordance with the lines of said alley and to a 10-foot right of way over the rear right of way into the rear of the building prepared by Gilbert B. Taylor, and on view in my office. This Lot No. 2 fronts on High street 19 feet 10 inches, more or less, between the lines of the lands of Arlington L. Sparks and Lot No. 1 to the centre of said division wall, and extends back an even width throughout of 164 feet, more or less, from the building line a point 4 feet from the stables on Lot No. 2.

If at any time the owners of Lot No. 1 desire to remove the stable and now stands and to change the right of way over Lot No. 1 for the benefit of Lot No. 2, then the purchaser of said Lot No. 1 shall have the right to change the right of way into the rear of Lot No. 2 by making said right of way 10 feet wide along the line of the Chambers-Nicholson property, and near such portion of the lot now occupied by the stable and stable yard, so that the said right of way will run across the stable yard or lot or along the northwest line of Lot No. 1 until it enters Lot No. 2 in such convenient manner as the owner of Lot No. 1 shall see same done, provided said right of way 10 feet wide shall always be kept free and open for the use of the purchaser of Lot No. 2. Possession will be given Jan. 1, 1910.

Being ALL THAT

House and Lot of Land

situated on the southwest side of Cannon street in Chestertown, Maryland, between Front and Princess streets. This lot of land fronts 65 feet, 6 inches, more or less, on Cannon street, with a depth of 145 feet, 3 inches, more or less, and is the same property which is described in a deed from Hope H. Barroll to John K. Aldridge, bearing date the 28th day of February, 1884, duly executed and recorded in Liber S. B. G. P. No. 5, folios 324, etc., one of the Land Record Books for Kent county, Maryland, as on reference to same will more fully and at large appear.

The Improvements consist of a Frame Dwelling

now occupied by John Ringgold colored. Possession will be given Jan. 1, 1910.

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The wheat and tomato crops on each farm will be reserved. The purchaser will get the corn and fruit crops. The purchaser of each property will pay the taxes for the year 1909.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Executor of John K. Aldridge, Charles H. Hurlock, Auct. a17-ts.

A. COHEN

Watch for Abe Cohen's Big Reduction Sale

FOR SPECIALTIES

In this space next week.

Mr. Cohen will have one of his Great Reduction Sales beginning next Saturday, and you'll be sure to find numerous bargains in the list. Wait for your chance.

ABE COHEN, Sandy Bottom Department Store

H. R. GRAHAM & BRO.

HORSE COLLARS.

SPECIAL SALE ON Having overstocked ourselves with good quality Horse Collars for this spring, we are going to make the following reductions for the next two weeks:

Table with 2 columns: Price per collar and Reduced price. \$2.50 Collars go at \$2.25, 2.25 " " 1.98, 1.50 " " 1.39. Above for Cash only.

Genuine Oliver Plows & Castings

If in need of a new plow don't fail to try the Oliver No. 98.

WIRE FOR YOUR SPRING FENCING.

The SQUARE DEAL FENCE. Better Lock, Better Wire, Better Galvanized—All Sizes.

New Deere No. 9 & Janesville Corn Planters

These machines are accurate for hill dropping or drilling.

H. R. GRAHAM & BROTHER.