

The Transcript.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18, 1909.

CHRISTMAS is one week off. Are you happy?

THERE'LL be a jolly old time at Washington from now until Christmas. Congress is in session.

CHESTERTOWN should have a municipal charter. Easton, Cambridge, Salisbury and other large towns have it, why not Chestertown? This would settle the question of taxation.

LET the coming week be a record-breaking week for dealing with your home merchants. They have the goods for which you are not compelled to pay two prices.

THE Usilton-Smith organ proved itself to be the advocate of extravagance in county finances last Saturday, and it thinks that what the commissioners have done was right. What will the tax-payers of the county think of a paper that has so little interest in their welfare? We want the people of the county to read what they said in another column of this issue.

WHAT has become of that committee which was appointed some time ago to investigate the water supply of the town, and to suggest some method of securing more water? The Legislature will meet in two weeks, and the Water Board should be making some arrangements to secure more water, if they have not already been made. Hurry up, gentlemen, and let us hear something.

IT is reported that Governor Crothers will have the naming of the presiding officers of the next Legislature, and rumor has it that Mr. Adam Peoples, delegate-elect from Cecil county, will be the Governor's choice for Speaker of the House. Governor Crothers has stated on more occasions than one during the past month that he believes the party pledges as outlined in the platform should be carried out, and if he names as presiding officers, men who are in thorough accord with himself, he will have done much toward the accomplishment of those pledges to the people. Mr. Peoples is a good man, and with him as speaker, and Senator Arthur Gorman, of Howard, or Charles Lithincum, of Baltimore, as president of the Senate, the work of the Legislature will be well done.

A FALSEHOOD.

It has been industriously circulated by the political enemies of the TRANSCRIPT during the past week, and in fact for the past four years, that Mr. Hope H. Barroll is the writer of the editorials which appear from time to time in this paper touching matters of public interest. Such accusations have come to our ears quite frequently of late, but we have refrained from paying any attention to such willful falsehoods, preferring that our assailants reap the fruits of their own false statements in due time. These accusations have been so flagrant during the past week however that we feel called upon to state that its editorial columns of this paper belong to the editors, who are able to take care of all subjects usually discussed therein. We have never felt the necessity of calling in outside aid to assist in editing this paper, nor have we ever been accused of selling our editorial columns for the discussion of subjects that we are unable to handle ourselves, and whatever may be the motive of our enemies in endeavoring to discredit the paper and its editors, we shall continue to deal with public matters as forcibly and as courageously as we have done in the past. If Mr. Barroll, whom the TRANSCRIPT is pleased to number among its many warm friends and strong supporters, were guilty of all that is "said to his discredit" that Kent county ever produced, that Kent county ever produced, and he would by no means be able to give such prompt attention as he does to his splendid paper practice which is the envy, perhaps, of some of his accusers. We say it truthfully and without fear of truthful contradiction that Mr. Barroll nor any one else, save the editors of this paper, ever wrote an editorial for this paper or dictated a line of an editorial that has appeared during the years of our connection with the paper. We use a People's Column where all communications are properly classified, and which is always open to any authenticated author for the publication of any article touching public matters.

HOW DID THEY GET \$3,500?

If the law compels the County Commissioners to appropriate a sum of money annually to Chestertown for street improvement proportional to the town's taxable basis, which is about \$1,000,000, Chestertown should get 1/4 of the annual road levy. It is a well-known fact that the levy for 1910 has not been struck yet, and no one can tell what that road levy will be. How then did Chestertown get an increase of \$3,500, which is to be provided for in the 1910 levy? Upon what basis was

the \$3,500 increase given. \$3,500 is just 1/4 of \$28,000. Is it possible that the retiring Board of County Commissioners have spent \$28,000 on the roads of this County since the day of the last primaries and knowing this appropriated to Chestertown its 1/4 proportion of the sum they knew would have to be provided for in the levy of 1910, because they had already spent it, or was it upon the basis of what had already been spent, which added to the amount of the bills not accounted for in the last levy would make the astonishing amount of \$28,000 of the people's money already gone. The law says that Chestertown shall receive her proportion of the road levy. Now how could Chestertown get an increase of \$3,500 a year, if the retiring Board did not know that they had already spent \$28,000 on the public roads. It is up to somebody to explain this strict observance of the law and this pretty piece of financing. The people rebuked the Usilton and Smith faction in the last primaries for what they considered to be an observance of law in running the Commissioners through the county, and it looks like they have set a trap to catch themselves in again.

READ EVERY WORD, MR. TAX-PAYER.

In order that the tax-payers of the county and town may see the utter hypocrisy of the author of the following editorial which appeared in the Smith-Usilton organ last Saturday, we publish it in full. We want the people of this county to sit down quietly and study the article in order to know for themselves that the Smith-Usilton faction is in thorough accord with the action of the "retiring" board of commissioners in wasting thousands of dollars of the people's money, when there was no necessity to spending much that was spent. We care nothing for their abuse. What we desire to do is to let the people know exactly the position of the Smith-Usilton faction and its organ upon a question that means so much to the pockets of the tax-payers and to the financial welfare of the town and county. If this is disrupting the Democratic party, let them make the most of it. We propose from now on to let the people know what has been done with their money, regardless of the feelings of the author of this editorial, whoever he may be.

A GREAT INJUSTICE.

It is a strange and unnatural thing that we feel called upon to defend the Democratic party from unwarranted and unjust assault of professed Democrats. These unjustifiable attacks have become so frequent and so virulent in their character that either a hat must be called or must of necessity result in the destruction of the Democratic party.

The last tirade was an abuse directed against the "retiring" Board of County Commissioners, simply because they were called upon to do that which the Legislature of Maryland compelled them to do. The law is explicit and mandatory, and reads as follows: "The County Commissioners of Kent county shall annually on or before the 1st day of January, pay to the Commissioners of Chestertown, that proportion of the entire county levy for roads and bridges which the total property assessed within the limits of Chestertown bears to the whole amount of assessed property in Kent county." This is an Act of Legislature which the Commissioners of Kent county are compelled to obey, and an Act which is also just and fair. In addition to paying their own town tax, the people of Chestertown have paid to Kent county in the last two years more than \$30,000.00 in taxes and all they asked for in return is a part of what the law gives them. This amount is about \$2,000 in 1899 and 1900 and for a number of years was continued at that figure without regard to the amount paid out for roads and bridges. Some years the amount due Chestertown would be very much more than \$2,000. In late years the cost of roads and bridges increased so much that the Board of Tax Commissioners felt it their duty to ask for their just allowance. This amounted to about \$3,500, so that for two years the increase would be \$1,500, which added to the \$2,000 usually allowed made the total \$5,000. So that the statement that Chestertown was to get \$5,000 per year was untrue. It will not be over \$3,500 if the present cost of roads and bridges continues.

This law was enacted in 1888; in 1892 there was an effort made to have it repealed. At this time in 1891 a public meeting was held in Isaac's Hall, protesting against the repealing of the law and a committee appointed to go to Annapolis to explain to our representatives the position of Chestertown. Among the members of that committee were Messrs. Hope H. Barroll, Samuel Hicks, R. H. Collins and others, and the Legislature, recognizing its justice and equity, refused to do so, and if the County Commissioners have been derelict in their duty or guilty of any wrong, let it be the fact that they have withheld this money all these years and refused to pay it over as the law not only authorizes but compels them to do. No one was better informed of the fact than the assailler, and what makes it all the more reprehensible is the fact that instead of giving a honest report of the matter they flagrantly misrepresented the whole affair. Is it more unfair to the First or Seventh district to contribute proportionately to the streets of Chestertown, their capital town, than it is for the people of Chestertown to contribute to the streets of the First or Seventh districts, or any other part of the county? Would it not be a very unjust thing for Chestertown to pay one-eighth of the entire taxes of Kent county and get nothing in return? It is useless to discuss this phase of the question at any greater length—it is sufficient to know that it is the law, and the County Commissioners are absolutely bound to obey it.

These assaillers seem to forget that the very men whom they are gratuitously vilifying are the very men who assisted very materially in making the recent election of the Democratic ticket possible. The "retiring" Board of County Commissioners are men of character and integrity, men whom the assaillers helped to place in office, and while it is possible that they, like all mankind, may have occasionally made mistakes, it is no justification to heap such wanton and unmerited abuse upon them as they are about to lay down the burdens of their office. There should be no bad feeling between the town and country and he who tries to stir up such jealousy and bitterness has not the welfare of the county at heart. Chestertown only asks for justice does Betterton, Rock Hill and other towns and we feel confident the present board will see the matter in the same light as did the old board and will work harmoniously for peace and prosperity to all.

WE CHALLENGE THEM TO ANSWER.

In reply to the disreputable charge which the Kent News made against the TRANSCRIPT last Saturday, when that paper took occasion to accuse us of vilifying the retiring Board of County Commissioners, simply because we were honest enough to condemn the action of the board in appropriating \$5000 to Chestertown at this time, we challenge that paper to truthfully and honestly answer the following questions for the benefit of the tax-payers of the county or else stand condemned of hypocrisy and an utter lack of concern for the financial interests of the county, in the eyes of all right-thinking people, who are in sympathy with the TRANSCRIPT in endeavoring to protect their financial interests:

1. The law requiring the county commissioners to appropriate to Chestertown a sum of money proportional to its taxable basis was passed in 1888. The taxable basis of the town has been practically what it is to-day for the past ten years. Will the organ of the Organization tell the honest truth for once, and let the tax-payers of the town and county know why the county commissioners felt themselves compelled by a law passed in 1888 to give to Chestertown \$5000 for the first time in 1909, when the people of the town and county, especially the poorer class of people, upon whom the burden falls heaviest, are burdened with a tax rate of \$1.81, which is only 18 cents less than Easton, more city with a population of 650,000, and 31 cents higher than the city of Philadelphia, with a population of more than a million? Was not the motive that prompted the act of the commissioners at the time more of a political nature than it was a desire to obey the law? Let them be honest, now, and tell the people, who have a right to know, the truth?

2. If the commissioners felt themselves in duty bound to observe a statute law, why did they not feel themselves equally bound morally to prevent the waste of thousands of dollars of the people's money on the roads of this county, which waste they knew was made in detriment to the interests of the tax-payers of the county, especially the tenant farmers? The tax-payers of the county, as well as those who were charged with vilifying the commissioners simply because a plain statement of facts was made concerning their action, voted in 1909 for these men, believing and hoping that they would put a stop to the wasteful extravagance of the tax-payers' money on the public roads purely and solely for political purposes. Let the organ of the Organization tell the tax-payers of this county whether the squandering of \$43,000 on the roads, more than \$25,000 of which was wasted in two districts of the county last year, is a fulfillment of the trust which the people placed in this board elected in 1909?

Doesn't the Organization and its organ, who have sanctioned the squandering of the people's money know that when the law, which they feel compelled to obey at this late date, was passed in 1888 it was the belief of the framers of that law that the waste of the people's money on the county roads would never reach the enormous sum of \$43,000? Those who framed that law in 1888, framed it on the basis of what would require about \$16,000 to work the roads of this county, which is all that is necessary if properly and wisely used. They never dreamed for a moment that it would require \$43,000 to properly work 625 miles of road, nor does any one else, save possibly, the Organization and its organ, think so. In view of this fact, and admitting that Chestertown is entitled to its one-eighth proportion of the annual road levy, we do not hesitate to say that Chestertown is getting all that it is legally entitled to, and that the waste of the people's money, by giving us a competent Road Engineer with the Caroline road law, and it will be very quickly seen what is to be done with the large proportion of the road law.

Was not the appropriation of \$5000 annually to Chestertown made by the commissioners at this particular time for the sole purpose of arraying the towns against the county, and had the Organization controlled the Board of Commissioners at present, would they have charge of the funeral services, which will be held at eleven o'clock on Monday, conducted by Rev. G. A. Morrison, in the Methodist Church? The will-bearers will be Edw. J. Wilson, B. Fred. S. Thomas, W. Plummer, Joseph R. Usilton and C. Romie Skirven.

James L., the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goodman, of Worton, died last Thursday week. Funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Leonard Wiley, interment in the Union cemetery. Undertaker W. H. Krusen had charge of arrangements.

PUBLIC SALE

PERSONALTY!

THE UNDERSIGNED, having discontinued farming, and having no quarters for his stock, will sell at the place where he now resides, the Matthews Home farm, near Worton Station, On MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1909, BEGINNING AT 10 A. M., THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE PERSONALTY:

19 Good Milch Cows AND HEIFERS, 3 BULLS.

11 HEAD OF HOGS AND SHOATS. 1 Cypher's incubator, nearly new. One Dearborn, Shovels, Kitchen Furniture, etc.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums under \$10, cash; over that a credit of twelve months on note with approved security. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

HARRISON W. VICKERS, JR., Attorney. JOHN JESTER, Auctioneer. d18-1a.

SHERIFF'S SALE

REAL ESTATE.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, at the suit of Thomas E. Gardner, to the use of B. W. Duling, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Charles H. Mann, Arrie M. Mann and Alexander Mann and taken into execution all the right, title and interest of the said Charles H. Mann, Arrie M. Mann and Alexander Mann in and to the following described property to wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OF LAND WITH IMPROVEMENTS thereon, lying and being in the First Election District of Kent county, Md., on the public road leading from Peacock's road, to the site of the late Joseph Mann, containing 5 Acres, 1 Rod and 9/16 Perches of Land, MORE OR LESS, being the same tract of land which was conveyed to Henrietta Ashby, who day intermarried with William Brown, and others by deed dated Feb. 4, 1882, and which was conveyed by William Brown, et al., to Charles H. Mann by deed dated May 27, 1908, and recorded in Liber J. D. No. 17, folio 261, a land record book for Kent county, Md., by reference to which deed will more fully and at large appear.

And I hereby give notice that on TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1910, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock noon, in front of the Court House Door in Chestertown, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Charles H. Mann, Arrie M. Mann and Alexander Mann, subject to all prior liens and claims, in and to the said property, to satisfy said writ, debt, interest and costs due and to become due thereon. DANIEL W. HADDADWAY, Sheriff. d18-1a.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF House and Lot of Land.

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ALL THAT HOUSE and Lot of Land situate, lying and being in Chestertown, near Coleman's, Kent county, Md., on the public road running from Lynch's to Coleman, at the northeast corner of the land of Frank E. Bin, containing ONE-HALF ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, and which was conveyed to the said Lewis Wilson by Elizabeth Brown and others, by deed dated October 24, 1865, and recorded in Liber T. D. No. 15, folio 82, a land record book for Kent county, Md., by reference to which deed will more fully and at large appear.

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Christmas Cards

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5 Head of Horses

Two Dayton, 2 Sarreys, 6 Top Buggies, 3 Sleighs, Carriage Pole, Several Sets Harness, Collars and Collar Pads, Fly Nets, Halters, Forks, Blankets, Gum Aprons, Lantern, Chairs, etc.

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Christmas Goods and Toys

A BIGGER line than ever before, and we will positively sell them at half the price that others sell them for.

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is always quick sales and small profits, which everybody knows that, but for Christmas especially. We would rather sell them at cost price than to carry them over.

Toys! Toys! Toys!

Iron Body Express Wagons, extra strong, go at.....65c \$1.50 Hobby Horses go at.....90c \$1.25 Shoo Fly go at.....75c

Sleds, Trains, Autos, Velocipedes, Air Rifles and all kinds of TOYS for a boy that could be mentioned and also for a girl from 1c doll up to \$2.50 each. We will positively sell these toys at a sacrifice price.

1 lb. Package New Seeded Raisins.....6c 1 lb. of the Very Best Butter Nuts.....11c 1 1/2 oz. Package New Seeded Raisins.....6c 1 lb. of French English Walnuts.....12c 1 lb. Package New Currants, only.....7c 1 lb. of Almonds.....15c 1 lb. Package Dates (new).....6c 1 Extra Large Coconut, whole.....4c 1 lb. Package 20 raisins.....6c 1 lb. Walter Baker's Chocolate, with a woman on it.....12c 1 lb. Atmore Mince Meat, Keystone.....12c 1 lb. Mixed Nuts.....12c 1 Large Package of Figs.....5c

We Have a Larger and Better Assortment of Candy Than We Ever Did. French Mixed Candy.....5c per lb Broken Candy.....5c per lb Assorted Flavors of Chocolate.....5c per lb

Great Reductions in House Furnishings.

1 Iron Bedstead, Mattress, Spring and Rollers all for.....\$4.50 1 Wooden Double Bedstead, all oak, with slats, go at.....1.75 \$6.50 6-ft. Extension Table go at.....3.96 30c Heavy Matting go at.....22c 25c Matting go at.....18c We also have 15c and 12c Matting, as good as others ask 25c and 20c. 35c Raz Carpet, 25c 25c Rag Carpet go at.....15c 25c Floor Oil Cloth.....19c a yard 50c Linoleum, extra heavy quality, go at.....35c \$2.50 Brussels Rugs.....\$1.90 1.50 Smyrna Rugs go at.....85c

Here is an Eye-Opener for the Ladies.

Yard-wide Outing, sold for 10c yard, now go at.....7c 12c Brown Canton Flannel go at.....7c 8c Dress Gingham go at.....5c 12c Flannellette go at.....7c 7c Broadcloth go at.....45c 65c All-Wool Skirts go at.....45c 25c Flannel Skirts go at.....19c

TO THE WATERING MEN & FARMERS

\$4.50 Gum Boots, best grade that's made.....\$3.90 3.00 Gum Boots, plain tops, go at.....2.25 3.60 Goodyear brand Glove go at.....3.00 2.75 Men's Leather Boots go at.....2.25 3.50.....3.00

MEN AND BOYS' CLOTHING.

\$2.50 Best Corduroy Pants go at.....\$1.75 2.50 Best Men's Dickey's Kersey Pants go at 1.50 3.00 Men's Kersey Single Coats go at.....2.00 8.00 " Corduroy Suit of Clothes go at.....5.50 6.50 " Kersey.....4.50 1 lot of Boys' \$5.00 Overcoats for only.....3.25

Blankets, Robes and Comforts

AT A REDUCED PRICE. 65c Comforts go at.....45c 90c Comforts go at.....59c White and Gray Blankets, per pair, from 45c up to \$5 Horse Blankets of all kinds, from 75c to \$5.00 a piece.

WE ARE HEADLEADERS IN ALL MERCHANDISE, IN Groceries Especially!

GRANULATED SUGAR AT COST. 1 bbl. Best in the World Flour go at.....3c 1 lb. ".....6c \$6.50 1 bbl. Patasco Superlative.....\$6.50 15c package Coffee, Leverings or Gem.....3c 1 lb. Washing Soda.....1c 1 block Fairbanks Soap.....3c 1 package Gold Dust.....3c 1 lb. package Bread Soda.....3c 1 can Pet Milk.....3c 1 box Sea Gull Yeast Powder.....3c 1 Tumbler of Best Mustard.....3c 2 boxes Coffee Essence.....3c 1 bar Sweet Heart Soap.....3c 1 1/2 bottle Vaseline.....3c

Now are you ready for your Christmas Cakes? Come down at A. Cohen's Store and you will find everything positively fresh, new, this year's goods, such as raisins, currants, London layer raisins, figs, dates, citron, Walter Bauer's chocolate, mixed nuts, walnuts, almonds, paper shell and hard shell; butter nuts, Atmore's mince meat and sweet cider for mince meat. We will sell them lower than any one else. Also pulverized sugar go at 5c a lb.

Wishing you all a Merry and Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

A. COHEN,

Sandy Bottom Department Store. The Leader of Low Prices. Will take EGGS, BUTTER and other produce for the highest market price. Who ever brings this advertisement will get one 5c package of Kerosene Oil Preparation or 1 piece of Fine Toilet Soap.