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The gospel according to "John" appears every Saturday morning now in the Kent News.

The Fourth was truly a glorious one in old Kent county. There were numerous pleasures and but one accident mar the glory of the celebration.

REV. CHAS. M. ELDERDICE, pastor of Federalburg M. P. Church, was nominated for Congress by the Prohibition party at Harlock by convention this week.

AT the solicitation of his friends in the Second District, Mr. William Fletcher Melvin has consented to be a candidate for County Commissioner from that district. Mr. Melvin is well qualified for the position and if nominated and elected will look carefully to the tax-payers interest. He will have the support of the TRANSCRIPT and its friends.

DEMOCRATIC and Republican Congressional primaries will be held on Tuesday, August 30th. The Republicans are having a hard time to find a candidate for Congress in this district, and it will be just as well if they don't find one, as no man they can put up will be able to defeat Hon. J. Harry Covington, who will receive the Democratic nomination without opposition. Maryland should elect a solid Democratic Congressional delegation this fall.

### SUBSCRIPTION LIST GROWING.

THE TRANSCRIPT'S subscription list is steadily growing. It reached the sun some years ago and later touched the stars and last week it was extended to the moon (Mr. Moon from Delaware sending in a dollar for a year's subscription). So we can now claim a subscription list reaching from the earth to the sun, moon and stars. What county paper can beat that? Let's hear from you, brethren of the press.

HON. M. W. FULLER, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died at his summer home in Sorrento, Maine, on Monday morning of heart failure, after a long and honored career. Justice Fuller was one of the big men of the country, and he wielded a powerful influence for good in his responsible position. The chief justiceship will likely go to Governor Hughes, of New York, who has recently been appointed to a vacancy on the bench caused by the death of Justice Brewer.

PAY as you go is not only a wise motto for an individual but it is also a sensible one for the county, and if this principle had been applied to the county finances in the past as it is being applied by the present board of commissioners, there would have been not the slightest necessity for the enormous tax rate of \$1.85 to pay the county's debts which have been accumulating from year to year because of bad business methods in the commissioners' office. Let the principle be applied with vigor from now on, and thus place the county on a sound financial basis.

A PRIZE FIGHT is a sad commentary upon the intelligence and morality of a nation as great as America. It is all the sadder when a white man has so little regard for the prestige of his race as to refuse to put himself in condition to do battle with a powerful and skillful opponent. The result of the fight, while in favor of the negro, shows conclusively that Jeffries cared more for the almighty dollar than he did for the honor and prestige of his race, and his refusal to train properly and to listen to the advice of those who knew the merits of his opponent better than Jeffries knew them himself, is the cause of his disgrace by a clever negro pugilist.

### WE TOLD WHOLE TRUTH.

In its last issue the Organization organ stated that in quoting Messrs. Wilbur Eliason and James S. Harris, the TRANSCRIPT had stated only a part of the truth, that both these gentlemen were indignant because we had given only a part of the truth and that both Messrs. Eliason and Harris had stated that it was wrong to levy such a high tax rate and the proper way to provide for the county's indebtedness is by a bond issue. We did not believe that Messrs. Eliason and Harris made any such statement regarding the county's indebtedness as the Kent News says they made, for we give both Messrs. Eliason and Harris credit for more business judgment than to state that a bond issue is a proper way to pay a debt. Such a method is simply robbing Peter to pay Paul. It is only saddling upon a future generation of tax-payers a debt that has been saddled upon the present generation of tax-payers and the man who believes that a bond issue is the proper method of paying a county's debts, believes simply that a renewal of an old note by the payment of interest and a part of the principal from time to time is the best method of discharging our obligations. So to be sure that we had not misquoted either

Mr. Davis again on Tuesday morning what these gentlemen said and he stated emphatically that neither Mr. Eliason or Mr. Harris had said a word to him about a bond issue, and that Mr. Harris particularly, had stated that the Commissioners had done right in providing to pay the debts that had been incurred and that he was afraid they had not levied enough. We do not believe that either Messrs. Eliason or Harris is indignant at the truth and nothing but the truth as stated by us. If anything was said about a bond issue by either Messrs. Eliason or Harris, Mr. Davis states most positively that it was not made to him, and furthermore neither Mr. Davis nor the TRANSCRIPT believes that either of these gentlemen advocates such an unbusinesslike method to discharge the county's obligations. The truth of the matter is that the people's money has been spent not only on the roads of the county but elsewhere, and it has been ruthlessly wasted by the Organization who were disgruntled because they were defeated in a primary contest, and now that the appalling size of their wrong-doing is staring the tax-payers in the face they are framing all sorts of protests and excuses to place the blame for their mismanagement of the county finances where it does not belong.

### STOLE THEIR THUNDER.

In order for the tax-payers of the county to understand thoroughly the motive back of the argument which the Organization is using to catch the unwary voter by telling him that necessary money has been levied than is necessary to pay their debts, we shall conclude our discussion of the reasons for the levying of such an enormous tax rate of \$1.85 for the present by telling the tax-payers how we stole the thunder of the Organization. There is not the slightest question but that the Organization intended to make great political capital out of the reassessment of real and personal property, soon to begin in this county. For, according to the statement of a quondam adherent of theirs, it was their intention to ride into power and to secure control of the county commissioners office upon the returns of the assessment, which they believed they would control, because they have the majority of the General Assessors who are to do the work. It was their purpose to materially increase the taxable basis of the county by raising the assessment on property and believing that a high assessment would result in a lower tax rate, they intended to go before the people in the next primaries with the issue that they have made the tax rate lower by increasing the taxable basis. Just how this was going to benefit the tax-payers, we fail to see, for an increase in your assessment with a decrease in the tax rate does not necessarily make you any better off, Mr. Tax-Payer. They did not dream for one moment that the present board of commissioners would expose all the extravagance of the old board at this time, and levy a tax rate which not even as high as it is now, is sufficient to pay the county's debts. They thought that the present board would do just as the old board had been doing for years, and just as the Republicans did from 1895 to 1903, carry a big part of the county's indebtedness from one year to the next, and as occasion suited they could make the tax rate what they pleased whether it paid the county's debts or not, and when the assessment was over, and they believed that thousands of dollars had been added to the taxable basis, they thought the Antis would fall into the trap and strike a low tax rate, and they would consequently get the credit for a lower rate. But the Antis have stolen their thunder. They have wisely provided for the payment of the county's indebtedness as far as they knew it this year, and whether the assessment is higher or not, by good business methods the Antis will lower the rate next year. Now it is said that an effort will be made by the Organization to keep the assessment as low as possible in order that the rate may be correspondingly high next year. But they will be fooled again, for if the Antis succeed in paying off the greater part of the Organization's indebtedness this year, they can strike a tax rate which will be commensurate with sound business and good finance. As a matter of fact, the assessment should never have been taken in Kent county this year. If Wicomico and Worcester counties could have been exempted in the last Legislature, so could Kent county, and it was a great mistake to burden the county with the expense of another assessment, with our finances in such condition as they are, and especially as personal property was only relisted two years ago at a cost to the county of \$2,000 and not one cent's worth of benefit to the tax-payers. This assessment will cost Kent county between \$6,000 and \$7,000, and we do not believe it will benefit the tax-payers one whit, for it has been the experience of the past that for every increase in the taxable basis there is a corresponding increase in the county's expenses. But the Organization has placed the burden upon the tax-payers, and it is their responsibility to prove to the people of the county that it is to be of any real benefit to the tax-payers. The Antis are not responsible for this expense to the county, and we are quite sure that the present board of commissioners will use every effort to prevent the injection of politics into the assessment of any man's property. The Antis have stolen the Organization's campaign thunder, and that is the reason the Antis are accused of levying \$30,000 or \$40,000 more than is necessary to pay

### ROAD ENGINEER'S REPORT.

In another column of this issue will be found the first monthly report of Mr. Isaac Gibbs, Jr., road engineer for Kent county. The report is published in response to a demand from a large number of tax-payers who are interested in the working of the roads under the new law, and shows that during the first month there were spent \$1061.55 on the roads and bridges, \$605.73 of which was spent in the First District, \$221.82 in the Second, and the remainder in the 4th, 5th and 6th districts. We have no intention whatever to criticize Mr. Gibbs in his report, but it is our right and our duty to the tax-payers to call attention to the law which governs the employment of the laborers and the amount of their pay. The law also stipulates that the Road Engineer shall make an itemized report to the commissioners every month, giving the number of laborers employed, the amount of their wages, the amount of material purchased and its cost. The law specifies only two classes of laborers on the roads, one a district or precinct supervisor who shall receive not more than \$3 a day for every day's actual work, and the other a day laborer who shall not receive more than \$1.50 per day for every day's actual work and less if the work can be done satisfactorily at less cost. A road supervisor for one month's salary would only \$78 per month, and every laborer, appointed by the road engineer, who alone, under the law, has the power to appoint both supervisors and laborers, would receive as a maximum salary \$39 for a month's work. We notice by the report that some of the gentlemen employed by the road engineer have received \$52.57, \$75.88, \$300.59, \$38, etc.

The report should state whether these gentlemen are district supervisors or day laborers, and itemize every day of their work. It should be remembered that the law does not permit any one to employ any laborers on the roads except the road engineer, nor does it allow any one to purchase materials for the roads except the road engineer. Now without the slightest disposition to unjustly criticize either the engineer or the county commissioners, we simply suggest that the engineer's report specify every item of expense, the number and names of the laborers and whether they are supervisors or day laborers, and that the county commissioners, who are the custodians of the funds of the county, work in harmony with the engineer to produce economy and thoroughness in the work of the roads.

It is the duty of the commissioners to see that the engineer's report conforms to the provisions of the law, for the people hold the commissioners as well as the engineer responsible for the expenditure of the money. We say this much in the spirit of justice and right to the tax-payers and for the county's interest, and we hope that in his next report the engineer will present an itemized statement showing who are supervisors and who are laborers, who is employing them and the amount and kinds of materials used.

### Commissioner George Gathering in the Coin.

There was joy on the fifth floor of the Union Trust Building, in Baltimore, last week because money was flowing in for motor vehicle and automobile licenses. Governor Crothers was happy because he saw an augmentation of the fund for public roads. Commissioner John E. George was happy because more money than he had expected had been received for licenses under the new law. The automobile law went into effect recently, and according to its provisions every automobile owner in the State must have a State license. When the office of Commissioner George closed last week it was estimated that about 2,000 licenses had been granted and the receipts were about \$16,000. There are about 3,500 automobiles in Maryland and about 2,000 in Washington, owners of which will take out licenses. All the receipts from licenses, as well as from fines, forfeitures and similar sources, help to swell the fund for improvement of State roads. Not all of the tags have yet arrived and consequently automobilists will not be arrested for several days for violating the law by not displaying their tags. The tags are expected to arrive in a few days and will be distributed. Several days may also be allowed by Commissioner George for delinquents to take out their licenses before ordering the arrest of persons for violating the law.

### Frank C. Whachter Dead.

Ex-Congressman Frank C. Wachter died at his home in Baltimore Friday of last week. He had been in failing health for a long time. He was born in Baltimore in 1861.

Mr. Wachter was a staunch Republican, and in 1898 was nominated by his party for Congress in the Third District. He was elected and re-elected three successive times.

In the interim he was nominated in 1903 by his party as a candidate for Mayor of Baltimore after a vigorous fight in the primaries when he beat W. D. Platt, the Organization candidate. He was opposed in the general election by Robert M. McLane, who defeated him, and hence became the chief executive of Baltimore city.

Those of our farmers who have peaches have been shipping quantities of the fruit this week. It is of the Alexander and Early Rivers varieties,

## PUBLIC SALE OF Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF competent authority, the undersigned will offer at public sale in front of the Court House Door, Chestertown, Maryland,  
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### AT HYMEN'S ALTAR.

GOODWIN-PENNING.  
Miss Sara Earlan Penning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester E. Penning, and one of the most popular girls in Havre de Grace was married Saturday evening to Mr. Joseph Richard Goodwin, of Lynchburg, Va., at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride wore a Navarre lace gown, trimmed with sea pearls and old lace, and wore a tall veil, caught with lilies-of-the-valley, and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lily valleys. She entered the drawing-room on the arm of her brother, Dr. Oliver Parker Penning, of Baltimore, and was given in marriage by the father.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Walter E. Haupt, Mr. John L. Coulbourn, of Philadelphia, the only sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. She was gowned in pale pink meteor, trimmed with lace and pearl ornaments, and carried pink sweet peas.

A unique and attractive feature of the ceremony was an aisle formed of chains of daisies carried by the ten bridesmaids, who wore dainty frocks of white. They were: Mrs. William Penning, Jr., Mrs. John E. Rittenhouse, of Baltimore; Misses Violet Beck, of Kent county, Md.; Agnes Harvey, of Washington, D. C.; Molly Coulbourn, of Snow Hill, Md.; Juliet Knight, of Havre de Grace; Marcelene and Mary Elizabeth Pue, of Delta, Pa.; Isabel Beck, of Chestertown, Md., and Lillian Fink, of Westminster. The groom was attended by Mr. Simkins Savage, of Cape Charles, Va., as best man, and the ushers were: William E. Penning and W. R. Parr, of Richmond, Va.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. Ernest Carey, of Baltimore. The mother of the bride was handsomely gowned in lavender liberty satin. The drawing-rooms were effectively decorated with palms, ferns and a profusion of white flowers. The bridal couple stood under a huge bell of daisies and ferns, with a background of the same flowers. A collation was served, during which a string orchestra played. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin left for a trip North and will make their home in Richmond, Va. There were over a hundred guests from Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, Maryland and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable gifts.

### HARLEY-MCLANE.

Miss Mary Etta McLane and Mr. A. Seth Harley were quietly married at 3 p. m. Thursday, by Rev. Thomas Atkinson, of St. Barnabas Church, Baltimore. The bride was attired in a very pretty traveling suit of blue and large picture hat. Immediately following the ceremony the bride and groom, accompanied by Miss Edith Harley, left for a six week's trip to Chautauqua, N. Y., stopping at Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Niagara Falls and other points of interest. Mr. and Mrs. Harley will be at home to their many friends in Baltimore, after August 25th.

### ROLLISON-DAVIS.

Mr. Charles D. Rollison, of this county, and Miss Maggie Davis, of Wilmington, Del., were married at the M. E. parsonage by the pastor, Rev. Dr. L. E. Barrett, on Monday.

### Pomona Grange.

The Pomona Grange will hold its second quarterly meeting at Sassafras on Thursday, July 21st, 1910. The Sassafras Grange is preparing to entertain in splendid style, and the meeting will probably be held on the spacious lawn of Mr. Harry Griffith's beautiful country home. County Lecturer William G. Smyth is busy preparing a fine program which will be published next week. Every indication points to a most successful and enjoyable meeting, and every granger in the county should make an effort to be in his place at the meeting. Remember the day and date.

## Are YOU Ready For HARVESTING?

If not get ready by coming down to A. COHEN'S SANDY BOTTOM DEPARTMENT STORE, where all your wants will be supplied.

- 8c yard wide Unbleached Muslin for horse covers only.....5c
- 10c, 15c and 25c White Goods (slightly soiled along edge) all only .9c
- 10c, 12c and 20c Lawn.....all go for 7 1/2c yard
- 8c Dress Gingham, in large remnants.....go for 5 1/2c yard
- They will not last long at this price.
- 15c Percalé, staple goods.....go for 10 1/2c yard
- 30c Red Table Cloth.....go for 19c yard
- Turkish Towels.....go for 5c each
- 20c and 25c Embroidery, extra wide.....all go for 12 1/2c yard
- 12c Embroidery.....go for 5c yard
- This is the same as getting a gold dollar for 50c.
- Light Calico.....go for 4 1/2c yard
- Ladies' \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00 Shirtrwaists.....Reduced to Half Price
- Ladies' 50c White Underskirts, nicely trimmed.....go at 29c
- \$2.50 Ladies' Dress Skirts in voile.....go at \$1.69
- Table Oil Cloth.....go at 1 1/2c yard
- \$1.50 Boys' Russian Blouse Suits.....go at 69c
- 25c Children's Rompers.....go at 19c
- 50c Summer Silks in all colors.....go at 39c
- 50c Summer Corsets.....go at 33c
- 50c Men's Undershirts and Drawers, sample goods.....25c
- Men's 35c and 40c Shirts.....go for 25c
- 30c Japanese Matting, best quality.....go for 19c
- 75c Rugs with fringe.....go for 29c
- \$1.75 and \$2.00 Hammocks.....go for \$1.25
- \$3.00 Porch Rockers.....go for \$1.49
- \$1.50 Porch Willow Rockers.....go for \$1.49
- \$12.50 Bedroom Suit.....\$10.50

GREAT REDUCTION ON MEN'S CLOTHES FOR THE BALANCE OF THE SEASON.

### Here is an Eye-Opener for Everyone

- Mason's qt. Fruit Jars, 1 dozen in a box.....42c a dozen
- Two-burner New Perfection Oil Stoves.....\$4.25
- Three-burner New Perfection Oil Stoves.....\$5.75
- \$20.00 Harness Saddle, 5-piece, genuine with beaded reins, black and russet.....\$13.50
- \$16.00 Harness, buckskin lined saddle.....\$10.50
- Cups and Saucers, per set.....25c
- Knives and Forks, per set.....39c
- Teaspoons, per dozen.....9c
- Pint Tin Cups.....1c each
- Plates.....5c and 6c each

We have Vegetable Dishes, Meat Dishes, Glass Pitchers, China Bowls in all kinds.

SPECIAL! SPECIAL!

1 50c Agate Sauce Pan, with top and baled handle.....go at 19c

### We are Still the Headliners in Low Prices on GROCERIES. To Prove it:

- American Granulated Sugar at COST.
- 1 10c-pkg. Pudding.....at 7 1/2c
- 1 5c Loose Coffee.....at 13 1/2c
- 1 10c-pkg. Kern Kinks.....at 7 1/2c
- 2 1/2 lb. Fairbanks Soap.....at 7 1/2c
- 1 lb. Good Rice.....at 9 1/2c
- 1 5c-pkg. containing 50 Envelopes.....at 7 1/2c
- 1 can Chipped Beef.....at 7 1/2c
- 1 can Borden's Malted Milk.....at 7 1/2c
- 1 can Borden's Condensed Milk.....at 7 1/2c
- 1 can Borden's Evaporated Milk.....at 7 1/2c
- 1 can Borden's Sterilized Milk.....at 7 1/2c
- 1 10c-pkg. Tapioca.....at 7 1/2c
- 1 10c-pkg. Van Camp's Condensed Milk.....at 7 1/2c

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If you are going to buy a Buggy or Carriage, be sure to see our line and get our prices before buying, as we think that we will be a position to save you some money.

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- Egg Vanilla.....10c
- Egg Watermelon.....10c
- Egg Royal.....10c
- Coffee and Cream.....5c

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