The Transcript.

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EDITORS.

WHITELAW REID, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, died at his residence in London last week. He had represented this country at the court of St. James since 1905.

THE past six months have been an era of slaughter on the railroads. Is there anything the matter with the modern system of railroading that so many accidents have marked the closing days of 1912?

PRESIDENT-ELECT WOODROW WILSON and family reached New York from their Bermudian vacation on Monday morning. The future President took a hand in steering the ocean liner, in order to school himself in the art of guiding the ship of State.

WHY not give your friend or sweetheart a year's subscription to the TRANSCRIPT? Some will give the Home Journal, some the Farm Journal, some the Pictorial and some other magazines. But none of these has as great a claim upon your patronage as the TRANSCRIPT, because it is your home paper, and seeks to build up your home and community. Think about this.

THE Progressive party is to succeed the Republican as the minority party in Cook county, Ill., which includes the city of Chicago, according to a decision by Judge Owens, in the county court, on Monday. The Election Commissioners were instructed by the court to recognize the Progressives instead of the Republicans in selecting judges and clerks of election.

THE county commissioners of Cecil county will receive this year the sum of $1,365.80 as the commissioners' share of the automobile licenses collected by the motor commissioner as against $1,629.53 last year. Why do not Kent county's commissioners receive any of this tax? We are informed by the clerk to the Board of Commissioners that Kent county did not receive anything last year, nor has it received anything this year.

THE TRANSCRIPT wishes everyone, its patrons and friends, as well as its enemies, a merry and joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. In our joy let us not forget those who are in sorrow. Let us try to gladden the life of some unfortunate little boy or girl, or some equally unfortunate mother or father with a substantial gift, just for that day, if for no longer. Let us make an effort to find such in our midst, and let us remember, also, that "the poor ye have with you alway."

ASKED COMMISSIONERS TO PAY BILL.

The Road Engineer took a trip out West last week to attend a Good Road Congress, having been appointed a member of a delegation from this State by Gov. Goldsborough to attend the meeting. He returned home and on Tuesday presented a bill to the Board of County Commissioners for his expenses for the trip. What good can the Road Engineer's trip to the Good Road Congress do the County Roads or County Commissioners, that the tax-payers should be asked to pay his expenses? The itemized bill of expenses is as follows:

To Railroad fare Baltimore to Cincinnati and return to attend American Good Roads Convention	$23.30
To berth Baltimore to Cincinnati	3.00
" " Cincinnati to Baltimore	3.00
" breakfast and dinner on tram going	2.00
" " " " " coming	2.00
Total	$33.30

EDITOR WILLIAMS, of the Cecil Whig takes a gloomy view of the future grandeur of Maryland, when viewed from the standpoint of future tax rates for county and State in his county. On account of the prospect of a State tax for 1913 and 1914 of 31 cents on the $100 and a correspondingly high county rate due to the waste of the tax-payers' money on the roads—the machine crowd spent $47,000 on Cecil county roads in six months under the road engineer system—the Whig editor feels like selling out, shutting up shop and moving to some clime where tax rates at least are not so high. Hold on, Mr. Editor, don't leave yet. The people of Kent have had an apple out of that bag! We are just emerging from the thraldum of excessive taxation. Our land is still productive, and while we have scarcely been able to make "both ends meet" because of excessive taxation, yet we are all still living and rejoicing in the prospect of the millenium, which is surely coming if the Anti-Organization is continued in control of the county government. You keep on hammering at the thing. The people will come into their own in Cecil just as they have in Kent, and in the next primaries we are going to make our control complete, and the millenium will be here.

INCONSISTENT ON ROAD QUESTION.

For some months past certain old Organization writers and leaders have been putting it out that the Board of County Commissioners will not give the Road Engineer sufficient money to keep the roads in the county in condition and that $18,000 or $20,000 is not enough money with which to work the roads properly, and hence the commissioners are keeping the Road Engineer's hands tied all the time and the roads are suffering in consequence. We are not surprised that the old Organization should assume a position of this kind, because of past conditions when they were in control of the Board of Commissioners, and anywhere from $40,000 to $45,000 were spent on the roads annually, indeed they spent $35,000 in the last six months of their term of control and the roads were in no better condition than they are. Organization leaders have made the statement only recently that they are going to win the next primaries and they are going to win *on the road issue*. The TRANSCRIPT is ready to meet them on this issue, and we are prepared to show in this article their utter inconsistency on this question, as well as on all others. In looking over our files recently, we came across this letter of the Road Engineer, and our reply thereto:

Chestertown, Md., Jan. 31, 1912.

EDITORS OF TRANSCRIPT:—Dear Sirs: I noticed a letter in your paper from H. H. Barroll criticising amounts spent by me. While the figures are correct, they, I think, are misleading and not stated fairly. Mr. Barroll would lead one to believe the money was spent during the bitter contest of last August, while in fact there was only $3,800 spent from June 13 to the last of August. Since then I have spent nearly $3,500 in oyster shells, and another $1000 in gravel. This work has to be done whenever I can get teams to do it. It is impossible to do any road work in January or February, and very little in March, and the balance on hand will be ample to repair the roads until the first of June. Now, if Mr. Barroll and your paper will give me the support the present Board of Commissioners seem inclined to do, I have no doubt but that I can make a success of the Road Law.

Respectfully,
ISAAC GIBBS, JR.,
Road Engineer.

[The figures given by the road engineer above as indicating what he spent from June 13th, 1911 to Jan. 15th, 1912 total $8,300. He admits that Mr. Barroll's figures showing that $12,721.99 were spent in the same time are correct. There is a difference of $4,421.99 between the engineer's figures and those given by Mr. Barroll, whose figures the engineer says are correct. Then what has become of the $4,421.99, Mr. Engineer?—EDS.]

It will be observed that on January 31, 1912, the road engineer admitted that he would have ample funds to work the roads until June 1, 1912, and yet shortly after the primaries of last May 6th, he goes before the commissioners and asks for an additional appropriation of $3,000 or $4,000, claiming that the annual appropriation had been exhausted, and lo! and behold, sometime after that he admits to Mr. Chas. D. Wood, president of the board, and to Mr. Samuel Hicks, clerk to the board, that he had spent $5,000 over and above his annual appropriation of $18,000. Now suppose the commissioners had given the additional $4,000, the road engineer would have spent **$27,000** on the roads last year, NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE ROAD LAW, WHICH WAS FRAMED AND PASSED BY THE ORGANIZATION, AND FOR WHOSE EXISTENCE THEY ARE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO-DAY, PROVIDED THAT ONLY 20 PER CENT. OF THE TAXABLE BASIS SHOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR ROADS.

In view of these facts, what kind of an issue can the Organization make out of the road question? And where is their consistency?

Now the TRANSCRIPT is ready to discuss this question dispassionately, and for the enlightenment of the tax-payers, but if we are going to be charged with misrepresentation and lying, we shall pay no attention to such thrusts, but we shall not hesitate to contiune to give facts.

This Was Not The Transcript.

The TRANSCRIPT is censured for many things by those who morally should give the paper their support in its efforts to improve moral and political conditions. But here is one instance at least where somebody else got on the wrong side of the record. The Centreville Record last week referring to an agreement between the school commissioners of Kent and Queen Annes whereby the latter was to pay a balance of $800 on account of Children of Queen Annes attending Kent schools, says:

"The Record finds upon investigating the statement to the effect that the Queen Annes board has agreed to pay the former $800 on account of joint schools is not true. The contract really entered into between the two boards provides as follows: The Queen Annes School Commissioners agree to pay to the School Commissioners of Queen Annes the same amount, or $15 for each child residing in Kent and attending school in Queen Anne. It is true that the balance in this account will be in favor of Kent county.

"There are a number of children living in Queen Annes and within easy reach of Chestertown who avail themselves of the town-graded schools. Some of these children have a full right to go there under the law which says that a child may attend the nearest school even though it is located in another county than the one in which he resides. While the Kent authorities cannot exclude these children they have the right to demand remuneration from the county in which the children live. There are at this time about thirty Queen Annes children attending school in Chestertown, and four children residing in Kent and attending school in Crumpton. It is plain, then, that the amount due Kent at the end of this school year will be less than $400. The tuition of fifteen dollars was considered equitable as that is the annual cost per pupil for maintaining the schools in each county."

STUDENT OF 67 YEARS FAILS.

N. T. Meginniss Not Admitted to Bar After Examination.

Among those who feel most keenly the disappointment in failing to pass the recent examination for admission to the bar is Nathaniel T. Meginniss, trust clerk of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore. Mr. Meginniss was among the large number of men whose names did not appear in the published list Wednesday of those who had passed.

Four years ago, when 63 years of age, Mr. Meginniss entered the law department of the University of Maryland. He studied hard and was graduated with honor last June. In addition to his diploma, he received the prize of $100 for the best thesis in his class.

Mr. Meginniss then stated that his age would not be any bar to his efforts to become a lawyer. He continued to perform his duties in the court while faithfully working on "quizzes" for the bar examination.

The many friends of Mr. Meginniss in Kent and Queen Annes have watched his course with interest, and extend their sympathy for what we know is a keen disappointment to his ambition. We have none the less confidence, however, in his business ability nor his sterling integrity.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

THE DINERS AT BETTERTON.

Betterton, Md.

DEAR SIRS—We have representative dinners at Betterton. Talk about your "Poor House Dinners," they are not in it. We are familiar with Mr. Will Beck, Mr. Scott Beck, Mr. Lewin W. Wickes, Mr. Harrison W. Vickers and others from Chestertown, Howard Turner, Harvey Brice and others joined them. They are evidently at work early as well as late. Why is it, anyhow, we always put Brother Billy first? Can you guess? They were as merry as a wedding party, and they think, through the public roads in Kent county, they can win a great victory, but they will find that we people in Betterton are not willing to be taxed to pay for State-Aided Roads $12,000 a mile. As for trying to convince us that Gibbs should have more money to mend the roads, that is something that will take more than four lawyers to put down the throats of such people as us. To return to the dinner. Everything was lovely. Each had a note. One of them ran something like this: "Harry, you are a good runner, why don't you run again? Why don't you keep on running? Every time you go by Barroll's office you go in a run, with Barroll after you." "Lulu, do not wear such a long face. Why do you look so disconsolate? Cheer up. You *look* as glad as a judge. What makes you so thoughtful? There is no reason why you should not attain your ambition, if you are not once more fooled by your friends. At any rate, sit up, take notice and see if you cannot be a judge in so far as telling us whether this is a good dinner?"

All was as merry as a funeral. The notes added to their merriment, and really they all looked like they had the roup when they left Betterton. Come again, however. We hear Johny Vandergrift has a sure roup cure. One of your friends in Chestertown needed some in May last, and we hear it worked like a charm!

BETTERTON DINER AS WELL AS HARMONY DINER.

Good Legislative Timber.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 20.

DEAR SIRS—We people in the Fifth District would like to have J. Frank Wheatley, of Chestertown, in the Legislature. Why can you not support him? He writes a splendid letter, a fine one, is an oysterman's friend, and a gallant son of the gallant old Fifth. Put him up and see what we can do for him.

Yours respectfully,
FIFTH DISTRICT OYSTERMAN

Preparing to Join Circuit.

At a special meeting of the Chestertown Road Drivers' Association held on Wednesday evening it was decided to hold a three days' race meet at Radcliffe Park, the week following Easton. Good purses will be offered, and an effort will be made to get some of the best horses in this section here. It was also decided to ask the farmers and grangers of this and Queen Annes counties to make an elaborate exhibit of farm products at the time of the race meet. Mr. James G. Beck, president of the local association, has been in correspondence with Mr. Broehm, president of the Md. Virginia Circuit, with a view to sending representatives from the local association to the annual meeting in Baltimore the middle of January, with a view to making the local association a member of the Maryland-Virginia Circuit, enabling it to come in for regular dates. The association is contemplating many improvements at Radcliffe Park in the spring, when they will enclose the grounds with a substantial fence, build a grandstand, and erect other necessary buildings.

The owner of a $1000 automobile in Maryland is compelled to pay $40.20 annually in taxes and licenses to the State.

Washington College Notes.

The annual open meeting of the Mt. Vernon Literary Society was held in William Smith Hall on Saturday evening and a large number of members and invited guests were present to enjoy the occasion. A feature of the program was the debate on the question, resolved, That United States Senators should be elected by the Direct vote of the People. The judges, Dr. Cain, Dr. Clarke and Mr. Wilkinson, decided unanimously in favor of the negative.

The following program was rendered: Call to order; scripture reading and prayer; roll call; address of welcome, president; impromptu, G. Conrad Reier; music, Prof. Theodore Peet; declamation, "Sparatacus to the gladiator at Capua," M. Getty Keller; Clay's Valedictora, M. Lester Baldwin; vocal solo, Thos. W. Perkins, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Medders; debate, "Resolved, That United States Senators Should be Elected by direct vote of the People"—affirmative, Andrew W. Pardew, Thomas M. Garrett; negative, Irwin O. Ridgely, Marion H. Landing; announcement of decision; adjournment for reception in Mt. Vernon Hall.

The reception committee was as follows: Wendell D. Allen, Marion H. Landing, M. Getty Keller, Andrew W. Pardew and Irwin O. Ridgely.

The officers of the Mt. Vernon Literary Society follow: Wendell D. Allen, president; G. Conrad Reier, vice president; Marion H. Landing, recording secretary; W. Russell Wheatley, corresponding secretary; M. Getty Keller, treasurer; Stephen R. Collins, historian; Irwin O. Ridgely, critic; Herbert F. Davis, Sergeant-at-arm.

Dr. Cain, the faculty, and the students of the college, have entered into an aggrement whereby it is hoped to prevent hazing at the college. Dr. Cain compels all students of the college, with the exception of the senior class, and every student who enters in the future, to not only sign a pledge that they will take no part in any hazing of other students but that they will do all they can to abolish hazing.

Removals About Galena.

Mr. John P. Cochran has moved to the residence in Galena formerly occupied by Mr. Jas. D. Davis. Mr. John Ford has taken the John Walls property, and Mr. Wm. Holden goes to the Ford place. Mr. Wm. Fogwell goes where Mr. Holden was, and Mr. Wm. T. Stradley goes where Mr. Fogwell was. Mr. Cagot Beaston will tenant the John P. Cochran farm next year. Mr. William Lecates goes where Mr. Beaston was; Mr. Omer Manlove will take the new house in Georgetown being erected by Mr. J. E. Woodall. Mr. Elmer Jarman, who purchased the Colin F. Taylor property is preparing to move in. It is said that Mr. Jarman contemplates opening a first-class livery.

PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will sell at public auction at his residence on Water street,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1912,

at 2 P. M., all his

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Including Bed Room Suits, Pillows, Springs, Mattresses, Carpets, Linens, Chairs, Pictures, Kitchen Utensils, Ornaments and various other things.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1912,

commencing at 11 o'clock A. M., the following Personal Property:

2 MARES

One bay mare, Kitty Knight, 6 years old; 1 bay mare, May, 4 years old.

1 COW

Carriage, Wagon, Dearborn, Cultivator, Plow, Harrow, 7 sets of Harness, Hay in barn, Corn in barn.

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TERMS OF SALE—On sums of $10 and under, the cash will be required; on sums over that amount a credit of seven months will be given on note will approved security. No property to be removed until the terms of sale are complied with.

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Mortgagee.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Attorney.
JOHN T. JESTER, Auct. d21ts.

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—OF—
Valuable PERSONALTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, intending to discontinue farming, will sell without reserve on the farm where he now resides, near Locust Grove, on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1912,

Commencing at 10.30 o'clock A. M. sharp, the following Valuable Personalty, to wit:

16 Head of Horses

INCLUDING

One Gray Mare, 14 years old, good worker, in foal by McRussell, (42,980), dam Messenger mare; 1 Gray Mare, 5 years old, good driver and worker, with lots of speed if handled; 1 Bay Mare, 4 years old, good looker and will make something nice, shows speed; 1 Bay Horse, 5 years old, good worker and driver; 1 Bay Horse, 5 years old, good worker and driver; 1 Sorrel Mare, 3 years old, by McRussell, dam by Hoaxer, broken to work on farm; 1 Sorrel Mare, 3 years old, by McRussell, a No. 1 mare; 1 Weanling Colt, by McRussell, dam Messenger mare; 6 2 years old, 2 3 years old, all by McRussell, and out of dams by Cresent Wilkes, Crew's Messenger, Hoaxer and Sanborn horse.

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