Kent News

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A GREAT GATHERING!

Kent County Women Attend the W. C. T. U. Meeting in Baltimore.

The 22d annual convention of the National W. C. T. U. came to a close in Baltimore Thursday. The convention has been a most important one, and much legislation of great interest and widespread effect was enacted. Miss Francis E. Willard was re-elected president of the union, and is regarded today as one of the greatest women in this country. There were 600 delegates present each delegate representing 500 members. The daily sessions were attended by over 5,000 persons, mostly ladies.

Kent county was largely represented and on Tuesday she sent barrels of vegetables and dozens of poultry to help feed the big crowd. Among those present were Mrs. W. H. Stewart, Mrs. T. R. Hubbard, Mrs. James A. Shaw, Mrs. Charles Hurlock, Mrs. J. W. Corey, Mrs. Washington G. Skirven, Mrs. Tilghman Shafer, Mrs. J. S. Harris. Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort, Mrs. Rasin, Misses Sue Matthews, Anna Stewart and others.

Maryland was decided Saturday night to be the banner State for the work of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union at an outpouring of the "Y's," which took place in Music Hall as a part of the general convention.

The building was crowded with friends of the young temperance workers, and the stage was filled with young women, who marched in, lead by Woman's College girls clad in caps and gowns.

Mrs. Lulu Ramsay, State president of the "W's," and formerly State secretary of the "Y," of South Dakota, who won the banner last year, presented the coveted banner of the "Y's" to Maryland. North Dakota was a close second in this year's increase of membership, upon which rested the award, and received honorable mention. The banner is a handsome standard of white silk, gold embroidered with the "Y" motto.

Miss Annie Rothwell Stewart, State secretary, received the banner for the Maryland "Y's" and promised to cherish it. She reported an increase over last year of 636 paid-up members. She called Baltimore the banner "Y" city, with fourteen unions, and reported, among other work done by the young women of that city, the giving of a dinner last winter to 500 poor men.

THE gunning season opens in Kent next Friday. Persons are advised to peruse the NEWS columns before trespassing on gunning land so as to see who prohibits the same.

Colored Parade.

A demonstration among the colored race, such as has never before been seen here was witnessed in Chestertown Thursday. The occasion was a contest between churches at this place and in Queen Anne's, the representative from each church selling the most tickets being awarded a set of dishes and having the privilege of crowning the "queen of love and beauty." A parade was a feature of the day. First came the Oriental Band, led by Geo. B. Carmichael, then came Philip Casty escorting the queen, Carrie Hazleton, in a gaily decorated carriage. Then came a float in the shape of a boat, filled with children representing one of the cSlors of the flag, red, driven by George Cartey; next came two other wagons driven by Wesley Nichols and Wm. Goldsborough, Jr., representing the white and blue of the flag. Then followed a cavalcade of horsemen and horsewomen, followed by the Queen Anne's band and bicyclists. Speaking was held in the church and the issues of the day discussed by speakers from Kent Island, Baltimore and elsewhere. Rev. N. B. Snowden had the affair in charge. D. H. Brooks and Thomas Hazleton acted as aids. The "queen of beauty," Carry Hazleton, was crowned by Clara Goldsborough.

Annual Colored Fair.—The annual fair was held at Worton Point on the 19th inst., and proved the best one yet held there. Through the kindness of our friend, Mr. Wm. B. Stevens, we had a beautiful track, the day was at its best and good behaviour prevailed. The attendance was about 400 people, from Still Pond Neck and Cross Roads, Melitota, Butlertown and as far as Black's Station. With good trotting, the entertainment was free and many joined in the fun. Mr. Benj. Freeman was at a loss, his fast horse being disabled, yet the fun went on. Mr. Benj. Lively's "Odessa" and Mr. John Brooks' Belton mare, and Mr. James Wilson's Cyclops made a very fine bout. Brooks came in first, and Wilson, after hard driving, won second place, with Lively close at his heels. Addie P., of Worton, Mr. Gaunt's fine black and Mr. Fletcher Ringgold's roan horses did some pretty going. Meats and refreshments were in plenty. Our white friends gave us patronage also. We realized $72.

GEORGE W. WILSON.

Typhoid Fever.—The Denton *Journal* says: Not for many years has typhoid fever been so prevalent in this State. There are hundreds of cases, and the doctors are nearly all busy. All the physicians in this county have been fighting it, but have not been able to eradicate it. There have been quite a number of deaths in this county, despite the most faithful medical attention. Typhoid fever, the doctors tell us, is not a contagious disease, but is generally caused by a polluted water supply, often due to a hot, dry summer. This cause is very frequent, as has been recently shown by Prof. Abbott, of the University of Pennsylvania, who has made many experiments.

DEMOCRACY AROUSED!

The Greatest Meeting Ever Held in Kent!

SPLENDID SPEECHES AND GENUINE ENTHUSIASM!

The Determined Purpose of the People Clearly Manifest, that is to Save the County From Republican Rule!

Tuesday, Democracy's day, dawned clear and beautiful and the host of white men began to arrive in Chestertown early. Upon the arrival of the noon train carriages and escorts met the speakers, and preceded by a brass band, marched through town to the Voshell House where the party took dinner. About 1 o'clock the second district contingent arrived, headed by a brass band in a wagon drawn by six black horses, and the several districts continued to pour into town until several thousand people were on our streets. Chief Marshal W. H. McFeely and aids C. L. Gill, M. Ascher and J. H. Aldridge, got the parade in line at 2 o'clock and such a grand demonstration of Democracy was never before witnessed on a similar occasion. First came the Chestertown and Cliff City Democracy on foot numbering a hundred men, then came the speakers in carriages, followed by the several districts in carriages on horse and in wagons. Twenty large wagons gaily decorated were in line while scores of carriages and horsemen flung the Democratic flag to the breezes. Two bands of music made the air reverberate with harmonius sounds, while the cheers of the crowd sounded sweet to sympathetic ears. The parade halted in front of the court house, where the speaking was to take place, and the speakers were escorted to the platform.

Richard D. Hynson, Esq., as chairman of the State Central committee, called the meeting to order and the officers were elected as follows:

President—JAS. F. M. WOODALL.
Secretaries—B. M. Hazell, S. J. Wickes.
Vice-Presidents—

First District.

Dr. E. J. Clarke,	D. J. McCauley,
A. Hendrickson,	Frank P. Cochran,
Jas. R. Jones,	John F. Voshell,
Geo. A. Ireland,	P. F. Pierce,
James Donohoe,	E. B. Woodall,
S. J. Johnson,	Chas. W. Hurtt,
John F. Ernest,	W. E. Jarrell,
John N. Vansant,	Benj. Waters,
James R. Hicks,	Thomas Pratt,
H. J. Gray,	J. R. Willson,

Second District.

W. T. Hepbron,	Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs,
Wm. T. Lusby,	Samuel A. Merritt,
John B. Harris,	Smith Burris,
John McKee,	William Janvier,
J. W. Jarman,	James W. Hurtt,
John McGugan,	C. H. Crittenden,
E. B. Pennington,	W. J. Hurlock,
B. J. McCauley,	W. T. Crow,
C. H. Price,	Howard Gray,
Geo. R. Parrott,	

Third District.

Howard Turner,	Thos. J. Willis,
James Brice,	George R. Beck,
E. M. Taylor,	Frank Clark,
James G. Harris,	J. C. Jones,
Max. Price,	Wm. B. Stephens,
W. W. Duyer,	Wm. B. Edwards,
John H. Crew,	Wm. E. Loud,
Wm. H. French,	Thomas Davis,
Samuel G. Lee,	M. M. Rasin,
Lucas Alrich,	

Fourth District.

H. W. Vickers,	Wm. F. Russell,
John W. Loud,	C. F. Stam,
E. L. Maslin,	F. D. Lamb,
Jas. J. Goodman,	F. Woodmender,
J. Polk DeCorse,	Wm. Ford,
Edw. Lusby,	J. T. Blackiston,
Alex. H. Crew,	John F. Copper,
Frisby Newcomb,	Wm. T. Anderson,
J. H. Aldridge,	Jos. Peterson,
E. N. Roland,	Solomon Startt,

Fifth District.

R. B. Wilson,	Thos. W. Skirven,
George Beck,	James B. Wilson,
Thos. J. Vickers,	Walter Stokes,
Elmer E. Leary,	Louis C. Ayres,
James D. Kelley,	Wm. Burgess,
George Bell,	Morritz Ascher,
Morgan Brown,	Geo. L. Maslin,
Wesley K. Ayres,	Wm. A. Crouch,
Vincent T. Lee,	Richard W. Jones,
Wm. Stevens,	Thomas Glenn.

Mr. Woodall gracefully accepted the honor of presiding over the meeting and after a few appropriate remarks introduced our next Governor, JOHN E. HURST. Mr. Hurst was in no condition to speak, having been on the stump for several weeks speaking almost every day, but made a noble effort and struck home some telling blows. Among other things he said: "I stand here as a nominee of the Democratic party. I did not seek the nomination. It came to me without effort on my part. It came largely from the business men, who thought I would represent the people of the entire State. I think I know people and the people know me. John E. Hurst and Lloyd Lowndes are not issues at stake. It is Democracy or Republicanism. I represent the principles and party of Democracy. This party has been in power for a period of more than twenty-seven years, and I ask any one on the other side to name one reason why this party should not remain in control, and the only reason the republicans can give is that we are in and they are out and want to get in. They say this is a local matter, and yet when Lloyd Lowndes was nominated Mr. Hoar said this is the day of our salvation. Look at the history of the State since we have controlled it, and yet our opponents say there should be a change. On what grounds I am unable to say.

Mr. Hurst then discussed some measures which were offered by the Republicans in the State of New York, especially the public-comfort bill. The Republicans only got the public-comfort bill up for pure devilment. If such a bill were passed in New York State, where the percentages of colored population is small, what kind of bills would they not have here if they were to get in possession of the Maryland State government? Lowndes does not say much about the election of the United States Senator. No, my friends, they would put a force bill on my friends, they would put a force bill on you like the one that was killed by democratic votes.

"We are told that there has been fraud in the registration in Baltimore city. I do not believe it. No matter which party controlls there are bound to be some illegally registered voters, and I for one regret it. Yet the *Sun* says there has been great frauds. Mr. Wellington says we have beat the Democrats two to one. Yet that same Baltimore *Sun* does not say anything about Wellington. Mr. Lowndes says he wants good roads. I saw in a newspaper published in his own county that they had the worst roads of any county in the State. Now he is the boss there. Why does he not begin at home? With all respect to the Baltimore *Sun* and E. F. Abell, who has always been my friend and his father before him, I want to ask him one question: If they represent Democratic principles, will not *the Sun* have to support Mr. Lowndes's administration if he is elected? Will Mr. Abell go behind Lowndes' administration for the next four years.?

"I leave Mr. Abell to figure out the answer. I have no unkind words for him. He has a right to exercise his judgment, but for God's sake let me say to him, don't get away so far as not to be able to get back again. Stop to think.'

Mr. Hurst closed by referring to the whole ticket and said "I expect to be elected Governor of Maryland and I want your distinguished Kent countian, James A. Pearce, to be my right-hand bower; I want his brains, his advice and his honest Democracy."

Senator C. J. Faulkner, of West Virginia, was next introduced. He is a man of fine statue with clear voice and keen eye and his earnest words were attentively heard. He said:

"I have come to add my help to the Democracy of Maryland because I believe upon her depends the next presidential election. I congratulate you upon this magnificent outpouring of the Democracy of old Kent. I am glad to see that you have aroused yourselves in this campaign. There are some Democrats who are dissatisfied and who threaten to vote the Republican ticket; yet the Republicans of Maryland pledged themselves to the national Republican platform of 1892, and what does that mean but that every man on the ticket endorse it? Now let us see what they mean. "First of all in their platfarm is the McKinley bill. Are you willing to endorse that?"

"No," cried a man in the audience.

"The second is the force bill," continued the speaker. "Senator Frye said it would mean a bayonet behind every ballot. Are you willing to endorse that?"

"No," cried another auditor.

"The republican platform of 1892," continued Senator Faulkner, "also denounces the Democrats of the South, accusing them of perpetrating outrages upon the colored race for political purposes. Do you endorse that?

"There was something which happened recently in Washington which I think the Republican candidate hoped would not get on the wire. Mr. Lowndes was there trying to stir up contributions for the Republican campaign in Maryland. (Laughter.)

"This year we find the Baltimore Sun advocating giving the election to the Republicans; that they will hand it back in 1896. I put the distinguished writers of those editorials against the same paper in 1894, appealing to the Democracy not to turn the State over to the Republicans because they could get it back in 1896. Now, with all due respect to that journal, I ask you how a result which could not be effected in 1894 can be effected in 1895? (Applause.)

"I tell you, gentlemen, I have just come from the great Western reserve of Maryland, Allegany and Garrett counties, you find no lukewarm Democrats there. No Gorman nor anti-Gorman. The ranks are forming and the question for you to answer is whether you will stand under the banner of protection for the few or the banner of equal rights for all. The line between the parties is as long as infinity itself, but it is also like a geographical line, it has no width. One must be either on one side or the other; there is no middle ground.

Suppose you turn over this State to Mr. Lowndes. Who appoints the election officers, the justices of the peace? You turn over the Legislature; who appoints the police? If those vast powers were turned over to the Republicans it is a question as to how many of you gentlemen would cast your votes in 1895. I have seen in my State whole lists of names stricken from the registration books by Republicans and no notice given to the voters until they went to cast their ballots. (Applause.)

When Republicans are accused their press is with them with scarce an exception. If they are charged with crime, their fellows flock around them. So let it be when any of your officials are accused with offenses; stand by them until they are proved unworthy of their trust. (Applause.)

It is claimed that there is no national issue in this campaign. No national issue! Isn't there to be a United States Senator elected in 1896?

These malcontents strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. They cry 'Gorman' and strain at a gnat, and then turn around and swallow the whole Republican ticket! (Cheers and applause.)

When was it that the times changed which prevailed under Grover Cleveland's first administration? When he turned over the government to the Republicans wasn't the country prosperous; wasn't the Treasury full? What was it that altered this? It was the McKinley bill. They put up the protection so high that they cut down the revenues of the government. They burnt the candles at both ends, so that when Grover Cleveland was again elected he found the country in a distressed condition. (Applause.) During 1893 Congress passed more beneficial legislation than had been seen since the beginning of the country. That Congress also repealed more vicious legislation than any two Congresses since the organization of this government. Will you approve or will you disapprove the action of a Democratic Congress in passing those important measures? Your staying at home or voting the Republican ticket will be a condemnation. (Applause.)

A Pure and Honest Democrat.

"You have nominated," continued the Senator, "a gentleman whom I have met on several occasions. I want to say to you that there has never been one word of criticism as to his purity, independence or ability. Slander, whose end is sharper than a sword, has not dared to raise a word against the character of John E. Hurst. (Applause.) Does he not measure up to every Jeffersonian demand for officials? Yea, he is a pure and honest Democrat. (Applause.) And when you have said that I ask you where is any Democrat who can justify himself before his own conscience or before his God in casting his vote against John E. Hurst! (Long applause.)

The speaker then gave a full inside history of the recent passage of the Sherman law, the tariff law, etc., in such a clear manner that matters heretofore clouded were brought to the light.

"The loss of Maryland in 1896," the speaker went on to say, "means the loss of a Democratic President, though we carry every Democratic State without Maryland. I appeal to every Democratic son to be loyal to the principles which are inculcated in you, and, if you are, I feel sure that in November the wires will bring us the news that Maryland will be saved from the disgrace of having lost the Presidency for us." (Applause and cheers.)

A table was erected on the court house green and hot coffee and ham sandwiches served to over a thousand people. The coffee was delightful indeed, one man drank *fifteen* cups, it was so good. Ten bushles of sandwiches were consumed!

The Night Meeting.

As early as 7 o'clock every seat in Stam's Hall was occupied and standing room was at a premium. Chairman Woodall announced as the first speaker of the evening JAMES E. ELLEGOOD, of Wicomico, and a warm reception was accorded him. The speaker opened with a kindly reference to his first visit to Kent, when as a boy he came in search of an education at Washington College. Then walking into political themes he spoke earnestly and fervently for forty-five minutes. "This," he said is an unmixed, unadulterated contest between Republicans and Democrats. The issue is plainly Republicanism or Democracy and you are called upon to make the decision, to render the verdict. Maryland is a Democratic State. Has a good, wholesome Democratic majority. If turned over to the Republicans it will be done by Democratic traitors.

A certain luminary in Baltimore would have us believe that the election is purely a local one. But, gentlemen, this is false. There is something involved more than the election of a governor, county ticket, etc. National issues are involved! There can be no divorce between National and State issues. As goes the Governorship so goes the legislature and no one can dispute this. The whole county is watching her. She has always been Democratic, but just as sure as she goes Republican in '95 so she goes in '96. My friends, keep Maryland in the Democratic column. I want to feel that she has her anchor deep in the soil of Democracy.

The Republicans are trying to convince Democrats that reform lies with them. That they will bring about good citizenship and good roads. Now if Mr. Lowndes will improve his Allegany citizens and roads and then come before us we will give him a hearing. But, gentlemen, he has the worst roads in the State! His remedy is worse than the disease. Remodeling and reshaping is not always reform. The kind of reform that they are after is reforming Democrats out of office and reforming Republicans in.

I stand for three great reforms, viz., civil service, tariff and the ballot, and the Democrats have reformed these things. But we need to reform the body politic. We must have an organization and if the body politic was pure we would have leaders and not bosses. We want to reform the purchasing of votes and I trust the day is near. What's the difference, my friends, between the Democratic and Republican machine? Is the Republican less tyrannical, no! Less corrupt, no! How did they reform in New York and Pennsylvania? Platt and Quay holds the reins as tight now as before. If you elect Lowndes you only strengthen the Republican machine without knocking a cog from the Democratic wheel. In Kent the Republicans have one of the most tyrannical little machines in the state. It is like calling a nurse with the yellow fever to come to nurse a man with the remittent fever!

The Democratic ticket is conceded to be clean by every one from the top to the bottom. Then why not vote it? I think Kent county ought to feel proud of her representatives on the ticket and give it such a support as never given before. Here is my friend, Smith, an efficent officer and intelligent citizen, on the State ticket. He should receive a majority equal to the stars in the heavens or the sands on the shore. And here is the noble son of a noble sire, James A. Pearce, a man of great mind and a worthy son. These men are clean and pure in mind and heart. I expect to hear of a good majority from Kent, but of course you will not equal our majority. You don't raise Democrats like we do in Wicomico."

Congressman Hemphill.

The next speaker was Congressman J. J. HEMPHILL, of South Carolina. The speaker captured the audience at the very outset and held their closest attention to the close. He made a strong speech rich in witty gems and unanswerable arguments. He spoke of the tyrannical rule of the colored race in South Carolina years ago and pictured the horrors of the result of Republican success in Maryland. Said he "I am from the State of South Carolina. ('Thank God for it,' cried a voice.) I come from a State where they don't sleep in politics, and if they ever do seek rest they sleep with one eye open and one foot out of the bed. (Applause.) They talk a great deal about the candidate of the Republicans in Maryland, saying he is a good Republican. I have no doubt he is as good a Republican as any who ever stuffed a ballot-box or any who ever conceived that he was commissioned by the Almighty to drag the Anglo-Saxons down to the low level of the African race in the Southern States. I am very fond of Maryland. It is a splendid State. It has fine men, magnificent women.

"There is a paper in Maryland which has received far more from the Democratic party than it ever gave to it, and it is urging people to desert Democracy. What will happen if you vote for this man at the head of the Republican ticket? You will have four negroes in office to one white man. In South Carolina they tried Republican rule, and filled the halls of legislation with lounging sons of Africa, whose natural color needs no paint, but whose natural odor needs some perfume. (Laughter and applause.)

"They tell a story down in Carolina about a man who died and went to perdition. The devil showed him around and he saw Republicans and Democrats and others. Among the crowd he described some men hanging up to a wall and he asked his satanic majesty who they were. 'They are,' he replied, 'Democrats who voted the Republican ticket, and they're so infernally green we had to hang 'em up to dry 'em out.' (Laughter.)

"I tell you that if this State is turned over to the Republicans the youngest Democrat in it may as well give up any ideas of holding office. For do you not know that there is no deed, good or bad, honest or dishonest, moral or immoral, that a Republican will not do for the good of his party. I tell you, too, that as Maryland goes in this campaign so it goes in 1896. (Cheers and applause.)

"The only time we have kept them out of late years was when we nominated Grover Cleveland. If it had not been for what Maryland furnished that campaign and the head of the campaign committee there would never have been any Cleveland or any Democratic success. And the people all over the nation are again looking forward to that same help, and we must have it. And I am sure that we will not look in vain. If we don't get into line you are going to see some of the loneliest Democrats after the election you ever saw in your life. Half of those who are doing their best now to break up the party are like the fellow who was trying to get a bull home and the animal ran away with him. He met a friend on the road:

"'Why, Jim, where in the dickens are you going?' asded the friend.

"'I'll be darn if I know,' was the answer; 'ask the bull.'

"That is exactly the position of those people who will call themselves Independent Democrats in the coming election."

It was one of the best speeches ever delivered in Kent and requires the speaker to properly present it; his reference to the black race was timely and fairly made and his *kind* reference to the Republicans brought forth storms of applause. Mugwumps, lilly-whites, Pinkney Whytes, and other whites received special mention and the speaker closed with a beautiful peroration wishing the Democracy a grand victory and predicting peace, plenty and prosperity as a result.

Mr. Marcus Ascher, a local songster, made quite a hit with his original song accompanied by Mr. Dave Ford on the autoharp.

The college students held a torchlight parade before the meeting and made the welkin ring with their yells for Hurst, Pearce, Smith and others.

AN OYSTERMAN TO HIS BRETHREN.

MESSRS. EDITORS KENT NEWS:

The Tonger who wrote the article entitled "An oysterman to his brethren" first dipped his rakes in the Chester river 30 yrs. ago this fall, and after a few years absence again took up his residence in Kent's oyster sections and has since followed the occupation of oysterman and fisherman. He owns a little place which he bought with his hard earned money, placing full confidence in the people of the State of Maryland, believing they would allow things to remain as they were at the time, otherwise the property would not have been of anything like the value to him. Had he known that there would have been even an argument in favor of taking the oyster people's rights from them, he would never have bought the property and settled in what was, is, and can be kept the grandest State in the Union. And I honestly believe the best way to keep it thus is to elect always the full Democratic ticket.

Gen. Agnus said well, and truthfully, in his speech on 15th inst. in Baltimore, that this is a home fight—for our home welfare. This is true and no one does it fit better than those engaged in the oyster industry in this State—the oystermen who have by hard work and economy bought themselves homes close to the river so that they could be near their work. What will those homes be worth to them ween the depleted bars are sold? And what bars will be left to us tongers when the rich corporations lease them? Our work on the river will be done! The country, already well stocked with farm hands of experience would leave no opening for us there. And if there was work for us on shore, how few of those used to a free life on the waters could get down to working on a farm for 50 cents a day? They could not make enough to pay taxes on their homes and feed their children. It is hard sometimes now to make both ends *meat*. But then it would be well if they could make both ends *corn bread!*

Some of the colored tongers, becoming frightened at the idea of leasing or selling the oyster bars, have been assured that if such a thing did happen, it would be a good thing for *them;* that there would be hundreds of police wanted and the colored men who worked for the ticket would be the ones to get the best possible places on the water force. This is a bright picture, for *us*, to sit along the shore and see our rivers patrolled by a negro police force. And if we should go fishing with hook and line, to be overhauled and searched by the police, to see if we had any implements in our boat with which to take oysters.

Now, Messrs. Editors, I am not writing for buncombe, and this is no fancy sketch. *Real danger* is in front of us. Republican orators and newspapers may talk as they please about their platform and pledges; actions speak louder than words. We know what they have desired and *tried to do* in the past, and I have not the slightest doubt but that *if the Republicans win the election this fall our living is gone*—the oyster beds are sure to be leased or sold.

OYSTERMAN.

THE CLERGYMAN'S REPLY.

Mr. Lloyd Lowndes Tries to Enlist the Ministers in His Behalf.

To the Editor of The Morning Herald:

Mr. Lloyd Lowndes evidently thinks that clergymen have no memories or convictions. He has addressed a personal appeal to a number of them, and has struck more than one snag. He wrote thus to an eminent minister of the Gospel a few days ago:

"Cumberland, Md., Oct. 12, 1895.

"Rev.—— Dear Sir—You have doubtless considered the clear and emphatic declaration of the Republican party in the platform adopted at Cambridge in favor of such a revision of our election laws as will insure fair elections, and an ample opportunity for the true expression of the popular will, as also its broad and liberal principles on the subject of education and civil service reform.

"The present necessity for better methods and the administration of state affairs in accordance with these principles impels me to ask for your influence and support, and I will esteem it a great favor if you will do what you can for our state and county tickets, for I know your aid will be of great advantage in forwarding the objects we have in view. Yours very truly, "LLOYD LOWNDES."

To this effusive appeal in behalf of Republican opportunity to overhaul our election laws, one fearless divine makes the following reply:

21st October, 1895.

To the Hon. Lloyd Lowndes, Cumberland, Md.:

Dear Sir—In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., wherein you do me the honor to ask for my "influence and support for our state and county tickets," permit me to say that I am in politics a Democrat. It would, therefore, be unkind to the purity of your character and extremely unjust to myself were I to wear the mask of Democracy while I played for a season on the part of a Republican. I have always held broad and liberal views on the subjects you mention. They are principles alike dear to the Democratic party, like all others that bear on the peace and good order of society. It must be weakness or the fury of passion and prejudice of the hour which can so blind a Democrat to behold any other teaching within his party. Nor can I believe that any Democrat exists of so unforgiving a nature as to be ready to stab Democracy in the state or county because men and measures are not exactly up to his conception. Why should I vote the Republican state and county tickets? Point out in what has Democracy failed in the administration of state or county affairs according to the principles of honest, just, impartial government. Is there a state in the Union, especially is there one in the hands of Republicans, more truly and patriotically governed for the good of the whole people than Maryland? You intimate that our election laws need revision, implying that as they are they do not "insure fair elections." In whose favor would you have them revised? To suit, forsooth, "the platform adopted at Cambridge!" I have heard cries of this sort before made by Republicans, and I have seen them give to the wind every opinion and principle for good government when necessary to keep them in power. Duly-elected citizens have been rudely cast out at the point of the bayonet. I can never forget what I witnessed in North Carolina during the dark days of carpetbagism. Those very principles you refer me to were trampled upon and for what? To keep black Republicanism in power. The people of the South were uniformly plundered and oppressed by such a platform as that at Cambridge. Republicans in principle are Republicans still. I shall not mention the disgraceful scenes of Republican rule in Maryland. You, sir, may be simply used by the prejudices and passions of others to make appear that this state is in a deplorable condition, and that an honorable leader was necessary in the present discontent to overthrow Democracy. I trust you will be defeated in your efforts of mistaken zeal for good government, for I can only see in it a snare and delusion. What has Republicanism ever done for civil service reform? A Democratic president has made some little effort. Mr. Cleveland has kept men in office whom Republicans would have invited to resign. Why anyone, much less yourself, sir, should think there was a "pressing necessity for better methods," I am surprised. Anyhow, I am fully persuaded that the Republican party can never give better methods. The pressing necessity is equal taxation for all and of all legitimate property, and a reassessment made in such wise that there can be no escape. This, I know, the party you lead will never give. The combination you hold will allow no assessment unless it meets the approbation of the "ring"—your master. This I have on the authority of a true and sincere Republican. The only safety for Maryland, in my humble opinion, is to elect Mr. John E. Hurst and the state and county tickets he represents. Then I am convinced the wishes of the people will be fulfilled.

I am, sir, sincerely yours,

PERSONAL.

The people are finding out their interest in the purchase of Furniture. My sales within the last ten days have been beyond my best expectations.

I have sold many suits and single pieces—in some instances furnishing dwellings from bedroom to kitchen in distant sections of the county. Low prices, good Furniture and fair dealing is the secret of my success.

I am in competition daily with city establishments, and will not be undersold. Newest styles of fresh goods constantly received.

Buying direct from the factories at net cash rates, puts me in a position to sell just as low as the largest city house, and I am determined to prevent any one from having any reason to go to the city to buy anything in my line of Furniture, Carpets, Curtains, Paints, &c.

"A word to the wise is sufficient."

PERCY T. McFEELY,
Old Stand, opp. Voshell House, Chestertown.

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