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Our latest telegram states that a House caucus would be held last night, but would not be binding unless the Senate united. Westcott voted for Mullikin yesterday. Wellington and Goldsborough both expect to win. Russum will be appointed judge next Tuesday.

The death of Judge Robinson and the age limit reached by Judge Wickes will give Governor Lowndes the appointment of two of the three members of our Circuit Court, provided the Legislature refuses to extend Judge Wickes' term. Who will be the lucky appointees? A full court will be elected next year.

Our county school board is liable to complete change in political complexion this year. Of the three members Mr. Davis has just died and Mr. Scott's term will expire in August. The Governor makes the appointments.

The Legislature is "rasling" with politics this week. The members are excusable, of course. Legislation is not possible while so many big official plums are ungathered.

A crowd of Kent Republicans went to Annapolis this week to hustle for Senator Westcott. If he does not win the great prize it will not be for lack of home support.

Death loves a shining mark! Two prominent officials are struck down this week. John M. Robinson was at the head of the State judiciary. George W. Davis was an honored member of the county school board.

The "gold bugs" are in clover! With frequent hundred million bond loans and the "gold reserve" bauble drainable at pleasure, the banking syndicates can carry high heads! But in the meantime the farmer sells his corn for twenty-seven cents!

In our view the vote for U. S. Senator yesterday is significant, and may indicate a victory for Westcott. Wellington and Goldsborough have evidently parted company, and Wellington cannot favor Dryden now that he has sold out to Goldsborough. Westcott's temporary loss is a good investment if it harmonizes his forces with Wellington's. The latter's defeat seems inevitable and he will surely aid Westcott to beat the new combination against him.

If it is true, as reported, that Captain Hyland has resigned the captaincy of the Anna B. Smith, then the sooner the Board of Public Works fills the vacancy the better. The oyster bars and the tonging interests need the boat's services and there is no excuse for her idleness if it is possible to get through the ice, and she ought to be able to do this when the dredger does. Let the authorities act at once. Three or four good men are named in another column for the captaincy. Select some one at once. The appointment belongs to the Republicans now. Let them name a proper appointee.

What is thought of an individual who is compelled to resort to frequent borrowing to maintain his credit? He is either a foolish financier or he lacks resources. The same is true of nations. Our financial policy is vitally defective or we have suddenly become very poor. A country credited with being the wealthiest on the globe has no excuse for its present embarrassments. Financial blundering or something worse must furnish the cause.

Boss Wellington has open rooms at the hotel in Annapolis with a big sign over the door "Wellington Headquarters." Here the crowd surge in and out and plentiful "fire-water" keeps the enthusiam at high water mark. Senator Westcott does not keep "open rooms." He has a modest parlor on the second floor of the same hotel, where those who desire to see him are made welcome.

The Baltimore *Evening News* suggests that in his fight for the U. S. Senatorial prize Senator Westcott may have to recognize the argument of one of his campaign supporters—"though small in statue he is strong in purse!"

The Sun Almanac.

The Baltimore Sun Almanac for 1896 is upon our table. Its 150 pages are filled as usual with valuable information. The book has become one of the essentials in the counting room, the lawyer's office, and indeed at every man's desk who would be up with the events of the day. We doubt if there is a newspaper office in Maryland which does not keep the "Sun Almanac" in a handy place for reference. It is given to each subscriber of *The Sun* with compliments of A. S. Abell Company.

Voting for Senator.

The first vote for United States Senator to succeed Senator Gibson was taken in the two houses of the Legislature separately last Tuesday. The balloting after the first day was in joint session. Mr. Wellington, the prominent Western Shore candidate, did his best to secure a caucus of the Republican members on Monday night but failed. In a caucus 42 votes would nominate. In the joint session, with all the members present, 113, it would require 57 to elect.

The First Ballot.

Senate.		House.	
Geo. L. Wellington.	3	Geo. L. Wellington.	22
Chas. T. Westcott...	2	Chas. T. Westcott...	16
John Walter Smith.	9	John Walter Smith.	12
Daniel M. Henry....	3	Daniel M. Henry....	6
A. Lincoln Dryden.	2	A. Lincoln Dryden.	5
Phillips Lee Goldsborough.....	3	Phillips Lee Goldsborough.....	11
Robert B. Dixon....	1	James C. Mullikin..	7
		Sydney E. Mudd....	1
Total.....	23	Henry R. Torbert...	1
Absent 2. Bond and Emory. John Walter Smith not voting.		Total ..... Absent—9. One vacancy.	81

In the complimentary Democratic vote Senator John Walter Smith, of Worcester county it will be seen received twelve votes in the House and nine in the Senate, making a total of 21, the other Democratic or Independent votes given to D. M. Henry, of Dorchester.

Second Ballot—Wednesday.

Republicans.	House.	Senate.
Wellington	25	3
Westcott	13	3
Goldsborough	14	3
Mullikin	8	0
Dryden	6	2
Dixon	0	1
Mudd	1	0
Democrats.		
Smith, (John W.)	12	9
Page	6	3
Totals	85	24

Third Ballot—Thursday.

Wellington	26
Westcott	18
Goldsborough	19
Dryden	4
Mullikin	7
Dixon	2
Smith, dem	24
Page	9

Fourth Ballot—Friday.

Wellington	30
Westcott	15
Goldsborough	22
Mullikin	8
Dixon	1
Mudd	1
Smith	19
Page	8
Wirt	1

Another ballot must be taken to-day, which may be decisive.

Postoffice Consolidation.

The spirit of "combination" and "consolidation" has gotten into the administrative part of the government. We condemn the trusts in business life and rail against the men whose shrewdness and pecuniary interests prompt them to combine for purposes of economy and convenience, and in the next turn we are found introducing the very same methods in governmental affairs! The post-offiee department seems to be thoroughly imbued with the purpose of consolidation and we need not be surprised to see the "little fish" gobbled up by the "big fish" as fast as the red tape machine can work it. It may be all right. Certainly it looks to efficiency and economy and these considerations are the most imporiant—but it will be hard on the little P. M's. Their offices will be absorbed by bigger officials.

The combination method has already been inaugurated in Maryland. It begins in Baltimore. In accordance with the recommendations of Postmaster Warfield, the Postoffice Department at Washington made nineteen postoffices within a radius of ten or twelve miles of Baltimore, sub-stations of the Baltimore postoffice. The change takes effect February 1st. The clerks in charge will come under the civil service law. Postmaster Warfield has changed the system of designating stations laying outside the city limits, numbering them from the numeral 200 upwards. The stations in the city will begin with No. 1, so that the county and city stations may be quickly distinguished.

Nearly $3000 worth of business was transacted at the Elkton telegraph office during the past year. We can't say what the business of the Chestertown office amounted to, but we believe its location— about a half mile out of town —reduces its receipts about one-half. The Western Union Company apparently has no concern for the convenience of the community.

The seventy-five horse power gasoline steamer Bertie E. Tull has been bought by E. James Tull, of Pocomoke, and Capt. E. W. Milligan, of Cape Charles, Va., and will run between Snow Hill and Baltimore City. Her route will be from Snow Hill and all of the river landings to Onancock, Va., thence to Baltimore.

Senator Mills, one of the greatest of the Democratic statesmen of the country made an able speech last Thursday on the financial situation. He regretted to differ so radically with the President, but he believes the latter is wrong—he is only adding to the people's burdens in issuing more bonds. He said Cleveland is opposed to "Democratic teachings." Antagonism to silver by great corporations and capitalists is what now curses the country, but the "lovers of gold" seem to have the grip on the nation's vitals, and the future is not assuring.

It is now said that Judge Russum will not decline the ermine!

The Democratic National convention is to be held in Chicago July 6.

The Kent Senatorial recount is announced to take place at Annapolis next Thursday night.

Kent gets one chairmanship in the House of Delegates. J. H. Baker, Esq., is complimented with the head of the committee on Agriculture.

Kent's Contested Election Case.

State's Attorney Urie received the papers yesterday from Judge Wickes in the county election contests, assigning Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, for argument on the demurrers filed in the cases.

The committee on elections of the State Senate held a meeting Monday night to hear H. H. Barroll and Rich'd D. Hynson, counsel for James Alfred Pearce, who asked for a speedy counting of the ballots in Kent county. Senator Westcott and his counsel, Thos. I. Elliott, were also before the committee and asked for time to produce testimony showing that the ballot-boxes had not been safely nor properly kept and were liable to be tampered with. Mr. Elliott and Mr. Westcott asked that this evidence be taken before the ballots were counted.

Mr. Crothers suggested that this evidence might do away with the necessity for counting the ballots. He therefore moved that the ballots be brought before the Senate committee on Thursday, January 23, and in the meantime an order is to be passed allowing the boxes to be taken before the justice of the peace, so that witnesses may see whether they are in the condition they were when sealed up on the night of election.

On Tuesday, Senator Michael made a report to the senate from the committee on elections that they had determined to recount the ballots cast at the last election in Kent county, in the case of Pearce vs. Westcott, on Thursday evening, January 23d, but in the meantime to afford Senator Westcott an opportunity to take testimony concerning their custody and care since the day of election. They asked the Senate to pass an order directing the clerk of the circuit Court for Kent county to produce the ballot-boxes and ballots before Justice J. Evan Thomas, in order that they might be viewed by witnesses produced by Messrs. Pearce and Westcott upon such days as may be required by each on or before January 22d, and that the clerk be further ordered to produce the ballots and the ballot-boxes before the committee on January 23d, at 8 P. M.

On Friday last, State's Attorney John D. Urie, for himself and as attorney for the Republican contestees, filed demurrers to the petitions of the defeated Democratic candidates for a recount. The demurrers set forth that the Democratic petitions utterly fail to justify a recount in that they allege no specific acts and offer no testimony or evidence to substantiate their claims, and therefore a dismissal of the petitions is prayed. The papers were fowarded to Judge Wickes, at Elkton, and his honor has not yet taken action in the same.

Hon. Jas. A. Pearce went to Annapolis on Thursday to attend the funeral of Judge Robinson. The Baltimore *Sun* interviewed Mr. Pearce and states that he said: "Speaking of his contest for the seat in the State Senate now held by Mr. Charles T. Westcott he said that he had every reason to believe that a recount of the ballots will show that six ballots rejected on account of alleged irregularities should have been counted for him. He believes that there may be one rejected ballot which should have been counted for Mr. Westcott. Should the rejected ballots be counted Mr. Westcott's majority of three would be wiped out. Mr. Pearce also says that in one district there is a discrepancy in the tally sheets and that should the corrected returns be in his favor, he will gain twelve votes."

A Kent Countain has been honored in Harford. Jackson W. Maslin, Esq., is one of the recently elected members of the Havre deGrace city council; he is a native of Kent but has lived in Harford since 1868. The Havre deGrace *Republican* thus refers to him: "Mr. Maslin is a young man, 33 years old. He is of quiet disposition, and unostentatious in manner, but firm and positive in his convictions. He is superintendent of the Havre deGrace Water Co., and secretary of the Columbian Building Association. Mr. Maslin made a good record last year, and his re-election is an endorsement of which he may well be proud. Mr. Maslin is prominent in the cause of Prohibition, and in 1893 was one of that party's candidates for the House of Delegates."

Clarkson thinks Senator Allison should be the next Republican candidate for President. He says no one can now predict the winner. It mav be Reed or Allison, McKinley, Davis or Morton. No one candidate will have sufficient votes to control the convention and several ballots will likely be required to make the nomination.

A new assessment bill has been introduced in the House. It is virtually the Hayes bill. An effort will be made as usual to tax mortgages, but it is not likely to go through.

It is understood that Gov. Lowndes will appoint Col. Geo. M. Russum as the chief judge of this circuit, and Judge McSherry as chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, to fill vacancies caused by the death of Judge Robinson.

Senator Dryden is reported to have "arranged" with Mr. Goldsborough. Dryden is out of the Senatorial fight and gives his vote to Goldsborough; the latter is to aid Dryden in securing the congressional nomination.

The Baltimore *American* states that "the independents switched off on the second ballot and voted for Henry Page because they had been told that Henry was a Gorman man!"

MARRIED.

At Still Pond Methodist Episcopal Church, Jan. 8th, 1896, by Rev. E. H. Nelson, JACOB CROWDING, Jr., and Miss SUSIE W. JONES, both of Kent.

At the M. E. Church, Galena, Md., Jan. 15th, 1896, by Rev. E. H. Nelson, assisted by Rev. Frank Fletcher, ARNOLD J. STEWART and Miss ETTA S. HICKS.

DIED.

January 17, 1896, SAMUEL PERCY, infant son of John and Ida Hudson, aged 2 months.

ESTHER ELIZABETH MAUD, youngest daughter of Washington and Mary S. Crouch, died at the home of her parents in Piney Neck, aged 6 years, 3 months and 2 days.

Dearest Esther, sweetest sleeper,
Thy pains and griefs are o'er;
Even thy pale, blue eyes have ceased to weep,
And they shall weep no more.
Thy lovely form we loved so well to the cold grave is resigned,
Yet we hope to meet again when the days of life are fled;
There in heaven, with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

PARENTS.

Obituary.—Departed this life January 10th, 1896, near Chestertown, Md., Mrs. FANNIE DECOURSE BRAMBLE, beloved wife of J. EDWARD BRAMBLE, and youngest daughter of the late John and Julia A. Davis, aged 35 years, 1 month and 4 days. Mrs. Bramble's health had been failing for more than a year, but it was not till about three weeks before her death that she was confined to her bed. During that time her suffering was intense, yet she bore it with Christian fortitude and resignation, seemingly waiting the summons to come. She was a consistent member of Bond M. E. Church, a devoted wife and an affectionate mother. She leaves a faithful husband and one son to mourn her death.

Why do we mourn for dying friends,
Or shake at death's alarms?
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,
To call them to his arms.
Why should we tremble to convey
Their bodies to the tomb?
There once the flesh of Jesus lay,
And left a long perfume.
Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose,
Unbroken by the last of foes.
Asleep in Jesus! far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be:
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.

BROTHER.

St. Paul's Church—There will be service at St. Paul's Church Sunday, the 19th, at 3 o'clock P. M.

St. James M. P. Church—Rev. J. D. Kinzer, D. D., will preach at St. James M. P. Church, tomorrow, Sunday morning, at 10.20 o'clock.

First Presbyterian Church, Worton Rev. K. M. Bull, pastor. Sunday-school 9.30 A. M.; Preaching 7.15 P. M.

Grace Presbyterian Church of Kennedyville, will be supplied with preaching Sunday by Rev. K. M. Bull.

A full attendance of the United Y. is desired at Mr. J. P. Nicholson's on MONDAY NEXT, Jan. 20th at 7 o'clock. An interesting program has been prepared. Miss Annie R. Stewart, State Organizer of Ys, will deliver an address. The former president, Miss Ida Crew, will be present if she can leave her father. The new members and all others who desire to unite with them in the ennobling work for God, and home and native land are especially invited.

M. E. Church—Services will be held in the M. E. Church of Chestertown, on Sabbath, Jan. 19th, 1896, at the usual hours. Class-meeting 9.30 A. M.; Morning preaching service at 10.30, sermon, subject; Soul-saving; Sabbath-school 2.15; Epworth Prayer service 6.45; Evening preaching service, 7.30, sermon, subject; Self Surrender. Revival services following sermon and continuing during each evening of the following week, excepting Saturday evening. Public cordially invited to all services.

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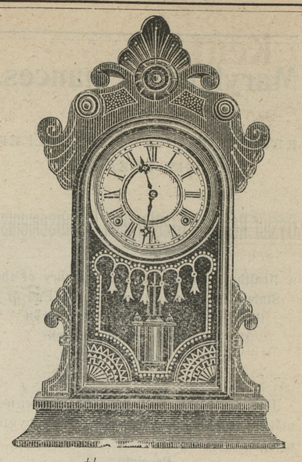
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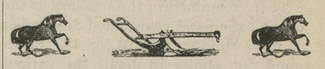
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