Kent News

SATURDAY, - - - JAN. 25, 1896.

Suit Brought.—Capt. Jno. E. Vickers, of Broad Neck, who was seriously injured at elevator B. Locust Point, a few weeks ago, has brought suit against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for $25,000 damages. He has employed Messrs. Baker, Leach and Tucker as his attorneys.

Orphans' Court. — Present, Judges Burgess and Byron. Letters of administration were granted to J. L. Shepherd Arabella V. Caulk and J. Ford Caulk, and Anthony Johnson and Louis P. Atwell were appointed to appraise said estate.

JANUARY COURT.

The January term of the Circuit Court for Kent county convened Wednesday, Judge Jos. A. Wickes on the bench.

The hearing of arguments in the demurrers filed by State's Attorney Urie were indefinitely postponed by the court.

The following resolutions were laid before the court by Eben F. Perkins, Esq., on behalf of the bar, in an appropriate manner and eulogistic speeches were made by James A. Pearce, Esq., and State's Attorney John D. Urie :

Whereas, The members of the Bar of Kent county have assembled to give expression to their feelings upon the death of HONORABLE JOHN M. ROBINSON, the late Chief Justice of Maryland; Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Justice Robinson the people of the State, the Judiciary of Maryland, the bar of Kent county and the several counties of the State have lost a faithful, learned and highly esteemed judge and jurist;

Resolved, That as presiding judge of our Judicial Circuit we have especial cause to lament his death.

Resolved, That from constant official intercourse it gives us great pleasure to testify to his official urbanity, his fitness, his readiness and his judicial dignity;

Resolved, That we will cherish his memory.

Resolved, That the court be requested to have these resolutions entered upon the minutes, that a copy be sent to the family of the late justice, and that the county papers be requested to publish them. It was further ordered that a copy of the resolutions and of such action as the court shall see proper to take in reference to the death of the late Chief Judge John M. Robinson shall be communicated to his family by the secretary.

The court was further engaged in entering judgments, ratifying sales, etc.

College Notes. — The societies at Washington College have elected officers as follows :

PHILOMATHEANS : President, E. R. McDorman ; vice-president, V. F. Ward ; rec. secretary, A. J. McCabe ; cor. sec. S. J. Moore ; treas. S. C. Coursey : chaplain, W. C. Rowe.

MT. VERNON : Vice-president, T. A. Goldsboro ; secretary, W. L. Wheatley ; cor. sec., E. L. Jones ; treas., J. S. E. Pardee.

PROHIBITION CLUB : Pres. J. M. White sec. S. C. Coursey ; cor. sec., E. R. McDorman ; treas., W. L. Wheatley.

The Philomatheans will give a banquet at the college on Saturday evening next.

The students are preparing for an inter-collegiate debate with Baltimore City College.

Some fine orations were delivered at the college yesterday by the Senior class as follows : Miss Mary Burchinal, Chestertown, "Character and Reputation ;" Miss Belle Boston, Chestertown, "Female Heroism ;" R. L. Gloyer, Dorchester, "Shall Cuba be Free ;" H. A. Jump, Talbot, "Negro Suffrage ;" S. R. Douglas, Wicomico, "Lynch Law ;" E. R. McDorman, Somerset, "The Venezuelean Question ;" E. M. Noble, Caroline, "Prospects of War."

THE STATE COMPTROLLER.

Mr. Smith Retires and the New Comptroller, Hon. Robert P. Graham, Takes Charge.

The simple ceremony of transferring the management of the State's financial affairs from Comptroller Smith to his successor in office, is thus told by dispatches from Annapolis : To-day at 11.15 A. M. the Hon. Marion deKalb Smith relinquished the cares of office to Comptroller Robert P. Graham, who took the oath of office before Governor Lowndes in the Executive office of the State House, in the presence of Mr. Smith, Treasurer Spencer C. Jones, Secretary of State Dallam, Senator Scott of Washington county and a large number of office clerks and newspaper men. Mr. Smith was the first to congratulate his successor, and Governor Lowndes, Mr. Jones and Mr. Dallam followed.

Mr. Graham furnished a bond for $50-000, with the Fidelity and Deposit Company as security. When he was congratulated Mr. Graham said that if his record compared favorably with that of the retiring Comptroller he would be satisfied.

Mr. Smith turned over to Comptroller Graham the keys of the State's safe deposit box. It takes two keys to get into this box. The Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer each carry keys, and two of them must be together in order to open the box.

After the swearing in Mr. Smith took Mr. Graham to the Comptroller's office, introduced him to the clerks there, and made him acquainted with the main details of the business.

Comptroller Graham is not yet 30 years of age, and is the youngest Comptroller ever elected since the 3rd incumbent of the office, Ex-Governor Whyte, who was elected in 1853 at the age of 30.

Reports from Still Pond state that Medders & Co. 29c. sale as advertised in the NEWS was a great success and they expect greater ones next week. Read their adv. "Big bargains."

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Rev. Wm. Galloway is assisting Rev. J. W. Easily in his revival rervices at Centreville. Twenty conversions resulted at the meeting held Wednesday night and the total number will probably reach forty to date.

Rev. J. D. Kinzer, president of the Maryland Conference, preached to a large audience at Christ Church Sunday night. His theme was the Holy Ghost and well did he present the subject.

The M. P. Sunday school of Kennedyville elected officers on last Sabbath morning, the result being as follows : Superintendent, Wm. T. Hague ; assistant, Wm. S. Hurlock ; treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Lane ; secretary, Miss Nettie Whitely ; assistant, Miss Jennie Meredith ; librarian, Norman Faulkner and Stephen Newcomb ; organist, Miss Annie Shafer and Miss Maggie Seney. After the election of officers the pastor gave a very interesting talk regarding his experience in Sunday school work, and encouraging the school for a more active work in the future.

Revival services have been continued at the M. E. Church the past week. Dr. Alfred Smith preached on Monday evening on which occasion six penitents presented themselves at the altar.. Dr. S. R. Murray preached Tuesday evening.

PEARCE vs. WESTCOTT

EVIDENCE AS TO THE CUSTODY OF THE BALLOT BOXES.

Judges from all the Districts Testify Before Justice Thomas—The Evidence Concluded Wednesday.

State's Attorney John D. Urie, counsel for Charles T. Westcott the senatorial contestee, commenced taking evidence Saturday morning before Justice of the Peace J. Evan Thomas in conformity with the action of the Senate committee. James A. Pearce, the contestant, was represented by Hope H. Barroll and Richard D. Hynson. The boxes of the fourth district were brought before the Justice ; and one glass was found to be badly cracked. James W. Lambert, the republican judge, testified that the glass was broken when used on the election day, and he saw no difference in the boxes to-day and when sealed on November 5. Sam'l Vannort, chief judge, who sealed the boxes, stated that the box was broken when sealed and was in the same condition exactly yesterday. He did not consider the crack of a nature to render ballots insecure. Clerk S. G. Fisher testified as to the care of the boxes since return day after the election, November 7, stating that the boxes had been kept in the vault with land records and court-papers and had had even greater care bestowed upon them than ordinary papers and records. The vault door was open during the day, unless he or Deputy Greenwood left the office, and then it was locked. At night the key was locked in a desk drawer in the clerk's office and the office locked. He, his deputy and janitor had excess to the office and to the vault key until the contest was decided upon. Then he took constant and personal charge of the key, and the ballot-boxes were securely boarded up. The broken box was in a wooden box and at the bottom or next to the bottom of a pile of boxes 6 or 8 feet high, and gave no evidence of ever having been moved. The keys to the boxes were sealed together in an envelope on return day and were still in his possession.

The second precinct box was also examined by Chief Judge J. C. Loud, democrat, and gave no evidence of having been tampered with. The boxes were placed in charge of Mr. William Groves over night. C. G. Hadaway, republican judge, testified that so far as he could judge from the seal the box had not been tampered with, unless there was some way of removing the bottom, and from the general appearance he thought the box was in the same condition as when sealed. Deputy Clerk Greenwood testified to the care of the boxes, and that before the contest was decided upon he had seen Wm. H. Lambert, Jr., an active republican worker, examining the boxes and told him to keep his hands off. He also saw Attorney Beck on a ladder and told him not to touch the boxes. He was sure the boxes had not been tampered with. The vault is protected by iron shutters and double iron doors.

Mr. Wm. H. Lambert, Jr., republican, testified that he had reason to suspect that the boxes had been tampered with and gave as his reason that the Democrats being in power, with a majority of officials, after waiting 30 or 40 days had entered protest. Then, too, the boxes were not legally sealed. The key holes and lid openings not being covered, suggested that the boxes had been "fixed." Mr. Lambert testified to seeing a light in the vault on the morning of Dec. 13. Clerk Fisher testified to having the vault and office keys in his pocket at his home at that time.

On Monday, Thomas I. Elliott, Esq., of Baltimore, appeared to assist Mr. Urie and three sessions were held. Mr. Samuel Shuster, janitor of the Courthouse, stated that until six weeks ago he had access to the Courthouse and vault, but at that time Clerk Fisher had taken personal care of the keys, and he had no access to the vault since. He had been in the Courthouse once at night since the election, and then it was for Wm. H. Lambert, Jr., republican. Had heard Atkinson, York and others say that they thought the boxes had been tampered with, but did not believe that Clerk Fisher or Deputy Greenwood had been a party to the transaction ; said that Janitor Shuster had seen ex-Sheriff Dodd, coming out of the vault, but thought it was before election. George E. Owens, ballot clerk for third district, examined the boxes, and testified he was present when the boxes were sealed and so far as he could judge, the seals were as they had been left on the night of November 5. Heard some one say that the slip was not large enough to cover both slit and keyhole, so would put it crosswise. Geo. L. Bowers, republican judge, of Third district, after examination, testified to the best of his knowledge, were in same condition as on the night of election. He was present and saw them sealed. Charles England, the republican judge for the second district, stated that he was present at the sealing up of the boxes on the night of the election. J. Herman Ireland took charge of the ballot boxes, and he took the keys and placed them in his purse. The seals were written and he was of the impression that seals were placed over the key holes. Had no doubt that the boxes could now be opened without disturbing the seal. Did not know it was his duty to cover the keyhole entirely. If boxes were left in their present condition it was neither the intention of himself or Mr. Ireland and did not think he did. Unused ballots were left in polling room, and with the boxes were taken to Mr. Ireland's office. On the following Thursday witness and Ireland brought the boxes and unused ballots to Chestertown. Unused ballots remained around the room until after count was over. A number of others were in the polling room besides the officers of election. Witness brought one box and one hundred ballots to Chestertown, and Ireland brought the other box. He had keys to both boxes and was alone. Garrett Foxwell came to town with Ireland. About two weeks after the election he found a number of unused ballots in the bottom of his carriage. consequently could not have delivered all to the clerk of the court. Saw no ballots taken to be voted which were not properly signed by the ballot clerk. After the boxes were locked he tried them to see if he could open them, but found that he could not. The keys were left in his pocket until delivered on return day to the Clerk of the Court Fisher. Did not know which of the boxes he brought to Chestertown.

Joseph W. Harper, republican ballot clerk, and son of Franklin H. Harper, newly elected judge of the Orphans' Court, went into details of election day matters in the second district. He testified that after tickets were counted they were placed in baskets, from which they were taken and placed in boxes and the boxes left on a table closed, but unlocked. He saw boxes after they were sealed by England and was under the impression that the seals were wider than they now are. The paper was damp and he did not remember seeing the corners of the seals turned up as at present. Did not see any unused ballots with ballot clerk's initials on them. Did not see any unused ballots lying around the room, but did see some on the table. Could not say that the seals now on the boxes are not the identical seals placed on them on election day.

Messrs. Barroll and Hynson, attorneys for Pearce, the contestant, on Tuesday called witnesses to break down the statement relative to a light being seen in the vault and other statements of a similar character. Deputy Greenwood testified that about three weeks ago he was notified by Mr. W. Melvin that the office door was found open, and that he returned to the courthouse and locked the door. Mr. Melvin testified that as he and two other officers of the Loan Association were leaving the courthouse on a night in December they found the door to the clerk's office standing ajar. They went inside examined the vault door and found it securely locked. He immediately notified Mr. Greenwood and the latter went and secured the door. Samuel Shuster, janitor was next called. He said he saw Sheriff Dodd coming from the vault on the morning of the election with boxes, and that he never saw him there at any other time; that he gave the vault keys to Dr. Fisher, clerk of the court, Dec. 6 and has not had them since ; has not seen any light in the vault or any evidence that the vault had been entered by violence or any other secret way.

T. S. Dodd said he was in the vault on election day, as it was his duty as sheriff to deliver the boxes to the clerks. He had not been there since, except during business hours, and then only twice—once with the new sheriff and afterward with his deputy. Mr. Gemmill, of Worton district, testified that he saw no difference in the boxes now than when they were sealed on election night. Jos. R. Usilton of the same district, said the seals were just as he and the Republican clerk had left them. There was no store in the village and paper was scarce so they could not entirely cover the key hole and slit, but the opening is just as it was on election night — not large enough to admit a ticket. The boxes were kept for two days in the parlor of Mrs. Fowler's house, adjoining the polling place. No one was allowed in the room and the boxes had not been disturbed when he got them Thursday after election. The Republicans helped to seal the boxes and found no fault with them. George E. Lambert, a republican judge in the Fifth district, testified that the boxes and seals are exactly in the same condition they were in on election night. Mr. Keyser the Democratic judge testified to the same effect. John C. Turner, republican judge of the First district, said he could see no change in the seal or boxes in his district and that he helped in the sealing and accompanied Britton and the boxes to town on the Thursday after election.

J. Herman Ireland, Democratic chief judge of the second district, testified that after election closed, he and Mr. England sealed boxes, after ballots had been placed in them. Was quite sure that England placed slip on boxes, night of election. After polls closed and boxes sealed, took boxes, poll book and unused ballot to his room just across the street from where the polls had been held. Room door was locked and he kept key. Keys of boxes given to England. Witness did not see boxes from election night until the following Thursday, when boxes were brought to Chestertown. England had kept keys to boxes. No one had access to his room and he did not believe anyone had been left in the room. His room not 4 feet from Mr. Davies' room. Thought Mr. Harper's statement that unused ballots lying around the room was a mistake. Unused ballots were in booth. War of words which Harper speaks of was caused by Samuel J. Comley, republican ballot clerk declining to sign returns. After some discussion, Comley, stated that Mr. Westcott told him not to sign and gave this as reason for not signing. Did not say why Westcott told him not to sign. Witness considered the ballot boxes as safe in his room as in his private home. Witness asked England, republican judge, if he thought there had been any irregularities at Kennedyville, and he said no ; thought it had been as fair election as he ever saw. Witness stated that no question arose on election day which was not endorsed by mutual agreement of all the judges.

The first witness called for the closing day's testimony was T. M. Britton, democratic chief judge in first district. He sealed boxes night of election. By consent of all judges, two rejected ballots placed in a box with keyhole not covered. This was done because thought would want to get rejected ballots, pads, dies, etc., out. Kept boxes in hall of his house until Thursday. After examination of boxes and seals, witness stated they were in same condition as on night of election, when placed in hall of of his house on that night. Door of hall kept locked nearly all the time and house quarantined because of five cases of scarlet fever in his family, consequently considered ballots safe.

J. F. Ernest, associate democratic judge in first district, testified as to two rejected ballots, which by agreement of all the judges, were not to be counted because improperly marked.

John C. Turner, republican judge, testified that he considered the rejected tickets were intended as votes for the Republican ticket, but did not say so on election day. Thinks there were three defective ballots.

Charles England, republican judge, testified that Dr. J. H. Kelley, a good Democrat, took sides with young Comley in discussion at Kennedyville about signing returns. Comley gave reason for not signing that the wrong man was allowed to vote on name of Samuel Jess. Witness objected to man voting, but he swore his name was Jess and was allowed to vote. Did not think he told Ireland it was a fair election as he ever saw, but would not say positively that he did not. There was a great deal of noise and disturbance between ballot clerks during day. Democratic Clerk Shallcross changed during the day at request of Democrats, and Charles Gill put in his place. Told witness that Shallcross was sick. Objected to Gill's appointment because witness had no authority to appoint a ballot clerk.

Samuel Comley testified that he was the Republican ballot clerk and refused to sign the returns because a man had illegally voted and the tally sheets were not as he had made them. Mr. Westcott told him if there were any irregularities or false voting not to sign the returns. "My tally sheets have been destroyed. I told the judges when the man gave the name of Samuel Jess that he was not Sam'l Jess ; that I knew S. Jess."

John McGee, special deputy-sheriff at election in 2nd district testified that S. Comley's conduct at the time was very unbecoming. "I had to interfere with him on one or two occasions. He was very noisy, cried and caused considerable excitement ; he apologized to me for his conduct. I saw him snatch a Democratic ticket from Frank Carroll and told the voter that was not the ticket he wanted. I saw him offer ballots to negroes before they asked, etc."

John B. Harris, associate Democratic judge of the 2nd district, said he didn't think the key holes were entirely covered election night. "Capt. Hill, candidate for commissioner acted as ballot clerk while Comley was out." This closed the testimony and Esquire Thomas' court adjourned at 8.30 o'clock Wednesday night.

Mr. Hines Thomas, the efficient clerk, wrote about 155 pages of legal cap of testimony, which he accompanied to Annapolis Thursday.

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