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SENATOR GORMAN states his determination not to be a delegate to the National convention, and that he will not visit Chicago during its session.

"THE Eastern Shore law, like Banquo's ghost, threatens to make trouble," says the *Morning Herald*. And so it will—and ought.

THE explanations of President Bruce and Senator John Walter Smith in the Senate Thursday, relative to the little "spat" on Tuesday, were worthy of both these distinguished gentlemen.

THE Kent local-option law is to be amended by the addition of a section making the holding of a Government license prima facia evidence of "the intent of a person to violate the local option law."

IN another column will be found a communication on the subject of public road supervisors. It is written by a straight Republican and one of the most intelligent of Kent's citizens, and, coming from such a source, it will have thoughtful consideration by our board of Commissioners.

SENATOR GORMAN made a speech the other day in the Senate on the financial situation. It was a practical and forcible presentation of the subject, and shows the intelligent grasp of the Maryland Senator upon this great public question.

THE recount by the Senate committee in the Pearce-Westcott contest will not be made before next week. After that the boxes will be demanded by the House of Delegates. How long it will take that bod" to act no one can tell. It will be several weeks before the ballots come again into the possession of our court for its action relative to a recount for county officers.

AMONG the Kent visitors to Annapolis the present week besides the counsel in the Pearce-Westcott contest were Ex-Senator Wm. T. Hepbron, Ex-Senator W. D. Burchinal, Dr. S. G. Fisher, Wm. B. Usilton, Lewin W. Wickes, J. Herman Ireland and G. Hines Thomas. Mr. Hepbron was opposing the bill favored by the Game and Fish Protective Association, which would prevent the use of pound nets.

THE National Prohibition Convention Committee has selected Pittsburg as the place for holding the next National Prohibition Convention, on May 26, 1896. Chicago only offered the hall of Battery D, in which to hold the convention, but Pittsburg gave Exposition Machinery and $3,000.

IF Mr. Quay should extend the right hand of fellowship, Mr. Wellington would do well to have it examined before attempting a brotherly clasp. Mr. Quay might have an improved automatic nut-cracker in his willing palm.

IT is a waste of ink and paper for influential journals to prate about the condition of the Treasury as if it were something for which the Treasury itself is responsible. The condition of the Treasury is precisely what Congress deliberately compels it to be—bad.

THE first of the State elections this year will be in Louisiana on April 20th. The Democratic candidate is Murphy J. Foster. He was elected Governor in 1892 as the anti-lottery Democratic candidate. There were four tickets in the field against him, the lottery Democrats, the regular Republicans, the independent Republicans, and the Populists. He was beaten in New Oreleans, but the country parishes saved him.

Colored Members of State Boards.

Dr. H. P. Brown and George P. T. Jones are circulating petitions among the colored ex-members of the grand juries requesting Governor Lowndes to give representation of the colored people of the State upon all boards of institutions where there are colored inmates. The petition further states that the signers, in their official capacity, have visited these institutions, and, after a thorough inspection and examination, believe that such a representation is necessary. They also state that, as citizens, they believe the appointments hitherto made as an unjust and unfair discrimination against a large proportion of the people.

A BILL was introduced Monday night to increase che Governor's salary from $4,500 to $8,000. In Pennsylvania the governor gets $10,000; in Delaware, $2,000; in Virginia, $5,000; in West Virginia $2,700, and in Ohio $8000. The only States paying $8,000 or over are: Massachusetts, $8,000; New Jersey $10,000; New York, $10,000; Ohio, $8,000; Pennsylvania, $10,000. Maryland's salary is above the general average of gubernatorial salaries, and the general average of its neighbors which we have named is $5,540.

The New Assessment.

Mr. Bankard has introduced his new assessment bill in the House of Delegates. It is pretty much on the same line as the Hayes bill. Annual listing of all personal property is one of the features of the bill. One assessor for each election district in Kent will be appointed by the governor and conrfimed by the Senate, whose duties begin July 1; the pay is $3 per day for each assessor, and not over $150, or fifty days work, is allowed for any one of them. The county commissioners will serve as boards of Control and Review and receive $4.00 per day for the extra service. The question of mortgage taxation is introduced and will no doubt give rise to heated discussion.

Rock Hall Channel.

Messrs. James A. Pearce, Hope H. Barroll, Richard D. Hynson and Lewin W. Wickes, from Kent county, visited Washington last Wednesday in the interest of Rock Hall navigation improvement—that is, the dredging of a cut across Swan Point bar. They had a very satisfactory interview with Congressman Miles, who thought the matter might be gotten before the committee next week, when delegations are expected to be present and urge the great importance of the improvement.

Redistricting Kent County.

Senator Westcott has a plan for redistricting Kent county which, it is thought, will be in the interest of the voters generally. Instead of the present five districts the county will be divided into nine districts with a voting population in each of not over six hundred, and the voting places about as follows: Galena, Millington, Kennedyville, Still Pond, Worton, Chestertown, Pomona, Fairlee, Rock Hall. The hour for closing the voting will likely be changed from six to four o'clock P. M.

A TEST CASE.

The influence of the Baltimore city dredging interests in the present House of delegates was clearly seen last Tuesday. We were present and confess our utter amazement at the boldness of the men who are now antagonizing the oyster-tonging interests of the State. A bill was introduced to pay $1,000 to the widow of the captain whose boat was sunk while in the act of violating the law and in flagrant and murderous resistance to the State authorities! The action of Commander Howard in that affair has been commended by all good citizens, and now to have his gallantry discounted by paying the lawbreakers for their losses would be a lasting disgrace to the State. The speech of Mr. Ford, a Republican member from Baltimore, was remarkable for its vindictiveness; he denounced the brave Howard and said *the whole oyster navy should have been sunk to the bottom of the bay long ago!* He declared his purpose to destroy this shield of the tonger if he could. Mr. John O. Phillips, one of Queen Anne's democratic representatives, spoke earnestly against the infamous measure but it was voted a place on the House calender. Our Kent delegates, Messrs. Nicholson and Baker, both voted against the measure and will no doubt make an earnest protest in the interest of our oyster tongers when the bill comes up on its final passage.

Civil Service.

The Maryland Senate this week probably did the right thing in limiting President Bruce's civil service to Baltimore city. The counties are not yet prepared for such a sweeping measure. We can watch its operation in the city and if it proves to be a good thing then we can ask for its advantages.

"St. Vitus' Dance" Not Contagious.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., Jan. 25, 1896.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

The statement in your paper to-day that St. Vitus Dance, "Chorea," is contagious is both erroneous and misleading. Such is not the case, and to allow such a statement to go unchanged is to cast reflection on the teachers of our public schools, who, to my personal knowledge strive to the best of their ability to carry out the sanitary laws of the State, as applied to the public school and on the intelligence of our community. There is a condition known to science as "Habit Spasm," this sometimes gets into schools and spreads by virtue of sympathy and from one child watching another and unconsciously practicing the same contortions. This epidemic is quite rare however. I do not mean to say that the several children who have some serious trouble referred to have not Chorea, that is for the physician in charge to determine, but I do say and am prepared to prove my assertion that there is no such thing as contagious chorea.

To be contagious a disease must be capable of communication either by direct contact or by intermediate conveyance from one to another of a specific virus or germ that possesses the power of setting up in the party to whom so conveyed the same disease. Now as Chorea or (St. Vitus Dance) is solely and alone a disease of the nervous system—possessing no germ or virus it is impossible for it to be contagious. And the sending out to the world such a statement will surely make many a man smile and say that the humbug (or lack of knowledge) possessed by some one in Kent is simply marvelous.

W. FRANK HINES, M. D., Secretary.

The Westcott-Pearce Contest!

The Senate Committee on Elections on Monday night had the hearing of the contest of James Alfred Pearce, of the seat of Senator Westcott. Mr. Pearce was present, with Messrs. R. D. Hynson and H. H. Barroll as counsel. With Senator Westcott were John D. Urie and Thomas Ireland Elliott.

G. H. Thomas, who took the testimony, produced the record, contained in one hundred and twenty-five pages of manuscript, and Mr. Urie, for the concontestee, made the opening speech. He reviewed the testimony; in the First, Second and Third districts the ballots were counted in the midst of crowds ranging from thirty to one hundred in number; that in several precincts the ballots were left in care of persons not designated by law: that spoiled and rejected ballots were mixed in a peach basket, without any distinguishing mark; that the seals over the keyholes of some boxes were not found, and that in a vault, the key of which was kept by an aged janitor of the court. He contended that the security of the ballot had been hazarded.

Mr. Barroll, for Mr. Pearce, said that the testimony showed that the ballots had been in safe custody: the testimony about the rejected ballots was a tempest in a teapot, he said. He did not think Mr. Urie had been frank regarding the covering of the keyholes. There was no testimony that the keyholes had ever been covered by the seals, and there was no evidence, he said, that they had been tampered with, and that the only persons who had touched the boxes in the vault were Republicans. Dr. Fisher and his deputy had seen everybody who had visited the vault. In reply to a question of Mr. Randall, who wished to know whether it would be necessary to count the ballots, Mr. Barroll said that they had information that in one precinct six ballots had not been signed by the ballot clerk. Mr. Elliott reviewed the testimony of several witnesses, and said that there had been opportunites for fraud upon the ballot-boxes. He asked whether it was not the business of the contestant to furnish his evidence to demand a recount, and to make his proofs equal to his allegations. He denied that there [illegible] to prove [illegible] on account of Mr. Crother's sickness, the committee did not meet on Tuesday. The ballot boxes which were taken over on Thursday by Dr. S. G. Fisher, clerk of the Kent Court, are still in the State Treasurer's office, at Annapolis. The committee will probably reach a decision relative to the count early next week. It is expected to take several days to make the count, and the counsel on both sides will be present.

RAILROAD NEWS.

How the Men are Progressing on the Pier and Road.

Work on the Queen Anne's and Lewes Railroad is progressing rapidly notwithstanding the many drawbacks. The pier at Queenstown is nearing completion and ere another month it will be completed. Nearly all the ties are ready for the rails and the flooring is laid. Work on the freight house is now receiving the attention of the workmen. The sides of the piles of the wharf floor up to the house floor are encased and the floor of the house laid and the runway for trucks, to land freight from the steamer to the wharf and thence to the cars, is completed.

Mr. Baker, the general overseer of the work, has had a great deal of trouble in the cut near the wharf: At the depth of thirteen feet he struck a springy piece of ground where he was unable to use his wheelers as the horses would sink so deep they could not pull. They will take the dirt out with small scoops which is very slow work. They will have to dig down three feet and then fill up with solid earth.

The fill across the Salt House branch is about completed under the superintendence of Mr. Joseph Wood as is also the cut through the Keating farm.

Mr. John Fountain has a gang at work putting in the bridge between Mr. J. P. Davidson's farm and Littig farm.

Mr. Rich. Janney has a gang at work about half-way the Sallie Harris woods.

The next gang you come across is in the field of the Sallie Harris farm which has a cut about fifteen feet deep and about a quarter of a mile long. Here you will see wagons drive in a tunnel and the scoops drive over a bridge and dump when a chute carries it into the wagons: after the wagons are filled they carry the dirt to the mill-pond where they deliver their cargo. The wagon bodies are put up in sections and a lever soon parts them and the dirt all falls in a pile. This is under the careful eye of Mr. Pott. Quite a number of farmers are furnishing teams for this work.

The piling is all in place for the bridge across the stream at the head of Sallie Harris' mill-pond and work will commence in a few days.

It will readily be seen that the contractor is losing very little time and with a force of 250 men and about 200 horses will make a big showing in a month's time. He will at least, with any fair weather, have a construction train on the road by the middle of next month.—*News.*

MARRIED.

At Still Pond Methodist Episcopal Church, Jan. 29th, 1896, by Rev. E. H. Nelson, WILLIAM T. DUKES, of Caroline Co., Md., and Miss LULA P. BONWILL, of Kent Co., Md.

DIED.

In Chestertown, January 11, 1896, GEORGE THOMAS, aged 14 months; and on Jan. 21, NELLIE V., in her seventh year, children of Gorge T. and Priscilla J. Cooper.

Put away those little dresses,
That our babies used to wear;
They will need them again, no never,
They have climbed the golden stair.

Put away those little playthings,
That filled Papa's eyes with tears;
They will need them again, no never;
They have climbed the golden stair.

In Chestertown, Saturday, January 25, 1896, JOHN WILLIAM, son of John and Martha Bartley, in his second year.

Tribute of Respect:

Resolutions of respect to GEORGE W. DAVIS, passed by the Kent County School Board:

WHEREAS, since the last meeting of the Board death has laid his hand upon our colleague, George W. Davis, and the commissioners desire to give expression to their sorrow, and to place on record their high esteem for their late associate; Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Davis the schools have sustained the loss of a faithful and conscientious county school official; and the Board has lost a valued and highly cherished associate.

Resolved, That we deeply symphathize with his bereaved wife, family and friends.

Resolved, That in testimony of worth, and as an expression of our friendship we direct these resolutions to be entered upon the journal of proceedings, to be published in the KENT NEWS and *Transcript*, and a copy sent to the widow of the deceased.

R. W. JONES,
CORNELIUS J. SCOTT.
By order of the Board,
E. F. PERKINS, SEC'Y.

M. E. CHURCH, Chestertown. Services at the usual hours. Morning subject is "Practical Gratitude." Evening subject is "Lost Opportunities." Missionary service in connection with the Sabbath School service. Revival service at the conclusion of the sermon in the evening. Public cordially invited to all the services.

CHRIST M. P. CHURCH—Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; Sunday-school at 2.30 P. M. The pastor, S. R. MURRAY, will make an address to parents in the evening. Morning, Communion Service.

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 by REV. K. M. BULL to-morrow at 3.15. P. M.

THE UNITED Y will hold a Social Meeting on NEXT MONDAY, Feb. 3, at Mr. John Hudson's, in Fairlee. Ladies requested to bring cake; gentlemen, lemons and sugar.
By order of the OFFICERS.

A DECREE of divorce "a vinculo matrimonii" has been granted to Elijah Gleaves from his wife, Mary Gleaves. tl.

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