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EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON will not be a candidate for the Presidential nomination.

A $1500 GAME WARDEN is a nice little new creation by the present Legislature. Will any of our sportsmen be willing to accept this office?

COL. EDWIN H. BROWN has been elected president of the Queen Anne's National Bank, vice Judge Robinson. A good selection.

THE merchants of Cambridge have organized an association for mutual protection, particularly with regard to the extension of credit.

DELEGATE BAKER voted with the Wellington forces on Thursday in favor of the repeal of the Eastern Shore law. Nicholson voted to postpone action until after 1898.

MR. TURNER, the prohibition candidate for Senator, loses one vote in the recount. He is given 99 instead of 100. But he isn't a bit worried over it!

THE Baltimore *American* states that "Reform went to Annapolis by special train!" The train is probably sidetracked somewhere in the Anne Arundel swamps!

LAST Sunday was "ground-hog day" and as the animal did not see his shadow we are to have six weeks of good weather. But this week is anything but a fair starter in that line!

THE Baltimore *Herald* says "the silver lunatics have the right of way in the United States Senate!" That may be true, but can they do more devilment than the "gold lunatics" have done?

THE election officers in Worton district have the distinction of not making a single error in the count of the ballots on election night! All the districts did remarkably well in this respect but Worton is the only one perfect!

"WOMEN OFFICIALS" is the latest kink in Mayor Hooper's noddle. He is seriously considering the advisability of appointing lady members of the jail and almshouse boards. We see no objection to such a reform but many reasons in its favor.

SATURDAY was a red-letter day for society in Washington. The most prominent event was the public reception by Mrs. Cleveland. Every one who desired was welcomed to the presence of the wife of the President, and enjoyed a cordial handshake from her.

AND still they come! A bill was introduced in the House on Thursday to create *two* new State officers—a "dairy food commissioner," with a salary of $2500 and an assistant at $1500. The "Shore" will surely come in for one of these. How many more new offices this Legislature proposes to create the good Lord only knows!

THOMAS IRELAND ELLIOTT, ESQ., has been appointed by Mayor Hooper city solicitor of Baltimore, at a salary of $4,000 per annum. Mr. Elliott is a lawyer of marked ability and was prominent in the city council investigation last summer. He is at present associated with State's Attorney Urie as counsel for the contestee in the Pearce-Westcott case. He has for several years been a frequent visitor at the home of H. W. Vickers, Esq., "Lauretum Place," near Chestertown, where also his sister, Miss Rose Elliott, a popular and gifted young lady of the "Monumental City," is often a guest.

THE Republican clubs of Baltimore are opposing the "civil service" regulations for that city, and the measure will likely be antagonized in the House of Delegates. Governor Lowndes has written a message in favor of the measure. Why didn't he favor its operation in his own county?

IN another column we give the provisions of the new election law now before the Legislature. The measure is proposed by the Baltimore Reform League. It is not likely to pass in its present form, although there is a strong feeling in favor of some modification of the present law. It is fatally defective in its ballot clerk provision and its lack of secrecy.

THE Baltimore dredgers were badly beaten in their efforts to belittle the State Oyster Navy on Wednesday. The $1000 appropriation to the widow of a violator of the oyster law was defeated by a vote of 58 to 17. Ford's rantings and threats to blow the navy out of existence has had nearly that effect upon himself. He is a man of eloquence—and piety too, possibly, for he looks like an exhorter—but not a statesman!

JUDGE RUSSUM held his first court at Easton last Monday.

A GREAT coal combine has been formed in New York. Look out for a rise in prices!

HON. JOHN K. COWEN, the new president of the B. & O. Railroad, says his father was a native of Pennsylvania, but learned his trade of blacksmith at Rising Sun, Cecil county.

ONE of our Chestertown "reformers" dreamed the other night that he had realized his heart's desire—a good fat office—from Governor Lowndes. He enjoyed its emoluments and the chagrin of the Republicans for a little while. But—oh what a difference in the morning!

THE newspapers are rejoicing over the success of the bond issue. The bids were for over five hundred millions, but the Morgan syndicate scooped in the whole issue of one hundred millions at 110—which is a little over a *two per cent loan!* Money is plentiful in the hands of the gold kings and their plethora will continue to increase so long as the present financial policy of the government continues, while the masses of the people will grow poorer accordingly. We seem to be rapidly approaching the time when gold and gold-bonds alone will be worth shucks!

THE Maryland Senate by a vote of 12 to 7 refused on Wednesday to consider the confirmation of Treasurer-elect Shryock. Gov. Lowndes' nominations, are all to be "held up" in the Senate, it is said, until satisfactory minority supervisors of election are appointed. The Democratic Senators are certainly right in asking for fair treatment, but beyond this they will not be justified in going. "Right is might"—not the reverse of it.

### The Oyster Question.

Senator Johnson, the chairman of the committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, says there is no necessity for a general oyster law this year, but circumstances are always arising which makes some revisions necessary. This year, he says, it will be necessary to make some change in the manner of rating license on dredgers. The license on dredgers under the present law is $3 a ton measurement. Since the law was passed Congress has changed the method of measuring the vessels, which reduced the apparent tonage. A vessel, which under the old method, measured 50 tons and paid $150 license will now measure only 30 tons and pay $90 license.

It is Senator Johnson's desire to have one of the State steamers sold as being useless and expensive and beyond the means of the oyster fund to support.—Mr. Johnson also thinks that something should be done to protect and encourage oyster-planting. The natural oyster bars he thinks should be surveyed and set off, and that all other bottoms should be made open to planting, and that lots as large as twenty-five or fifty acres should be permitted, so as to give enough to pay a man for having it protected.

### A Victory for Silver!

The United States Senate by a vote of 42 to 35 has declared in favor of "free silver"—that is the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. The House, it is said, will not pass the bill, and even if it does it will get its death blow from President Cleveland. The vote, however is significant of two things: the strength of the silver sentiment, and that the financial issue is to be the prominent one before the people this year. The gold money advocates have been crying it all along the line that the silverites were dead—throttled in the last campaign. But this Senatorial vote does not look like it. The "gold bug" kings have had control of the government for many years now and the hard times have increased with each succeeding year until now nothing in the way of real estate or farm products are of any value. The gold dollar has continued to appreciate, and everything else—tested by that one standard—has continued to *depreciate*.

Mr. Harrity, the chairman of the Democratic national committee, admits that this financial question is the great issue in both parties. He goes further and says that he believes *the financial policy of the government is wrong*. He opposes the extreme free silver view, but he sees the fearful results to the people of the gold-bug policy, and declares it his belief that the parties will both adopt some more liberal policy with reference to silver.

The people are awaking to the vital character of this question and will likely be heard from in the approaching national campaign.

THE newspapers are discussing the propriety and practice of farmers putting their names on their houses or barns, that all persons passing may learn of the place of habitation of each and every farmer of the county. It would be a great satisfaction to travelers, and a convenience to those seeking country people on business.

CAPT. J. C. LEONARD, of Dorchester, and Capt. Lemuel J. Mitchell, of Annapolis, are applicants for commander of the oyster navy.

## DECISION POSTPONED!

**The Pearce-Westcott Election Case Investigated by the Senate—Figures Given—Final Decision to be Rendered Next Week—One Verdict Conceded: "A Remarkably Fair Count by the Election Judges."**

The following table shows the result of the recount and the original vote as counted by the judges on the night of the election. The ballots "challenged" by counsel on either side foot up 27 Democratic tickets and 23 Republican tickets. The Senate Committee had a special meeting on Thursday night to dispose of these disputed tickets, but adjourned until next week without so doing.

| | Orig'l Count. | PEARCE. Rec't. | Chal'gd. |
|---|---|---|---|
| First District | 493 | 492 | 2 |
| Second " | 400 | 489 | 10 |
| Third " | 305 | 305 | |
| 4th 1st Prec't | 354 | 347 | 9 |
| 4th 2d Prec't | 101 | 100 | 2 |
| Fifth District | 507 | 499 | 4 |
| | 2160 | 2132 | 27 |
| | | WESTCOTT. | |
| First District | 347 | 344 | 5 |
| Second " | 356 | 351 | 5 |
| Third " | 304 | 304 | |
| 4th 1st Prec't | 396 | 392 | 5 |
| 4th 3d Prec't | 195 | 189 | 4 |
| Fifth District | 565 | 562 | 4 |
| | 2163 | 2143 | 23 |

RESULTS:

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|---|---|---|
| Undisputed Ballots—Pearce | 2132 | |
| " " —Westcott | 2143 | |
| Disputed Ballots—Pearce | 24 | |
| " " —Westcott | 17 | |
| Doubtful Ballots—Pearce | 3 | |
| " " —Westcott | 5 | |
| No Ballot Clerk—Pearce | 2 | |
| " —Westcott | 5 | |
| | | 56 |

Messrs. Barroll and Hynson returned home by Rock Hall yesterday. They are both hopeful of Mr. Pearce's success, but say the result is extremely close and doubtful. It all depends upon the decision of the committee relative to a few of what are termed "blurred ballots." These undetermined ballots, that is, ballots hardest to determine, are ten in number—6 Republican and 4 Democratic. Mr. Hynson describes one of these as "The Wandering Jew;" the voter began making his mark in the Democratic emblem and continued on down the sheet, but so out of line that before he got through he had struck into the Republican and Prohibition tickets!

The following is a report of the proceedings:

With due care and solemnity, the recount of the ballots in the Kent county contested election case, in which James Alfred Pearce, Democrat, claims that he is entitled to the seat occupied in the Legislature by Senator Charles T. Westcott, Republican, was begun Monday night by the Senate election committee, and after long sessions and hard work the districts were gotten through with Wednesday night leaving about fifty challenged ballots for after consideration.

The committee met at 8.30 o'clock, according to agreement, in the room of the finance committee, and Senator Randall, accompanied by Sergeant-at-Arms Hill, Montgomery Stagg and Wm. Page, went in search of Robert Bowie, of the State Treasurer's office, who has charge of the vault in which the ballots have been kept since their arrival from Kent county. Having found him at his home, they retraced their steps to the antiquated little building near the State House, where he opened the vault and allowed them to take out box No. 1, which contained three ballot boxes, one from the First district and two from the Second.

This large box is about the length of a coffin, though not so wide. It has a handle at each end, and the lid was tightly screwed down, seals bearing the name of Samuel G. Fisher, clerk of the court, being pasted on either side.

Messrs. Hill, Stagg and Page took up the burden, and as they marched to the State House through the drizzling rain, with a cold northeast wind blowing around their ears, the picture they presented revived recollection of the burial of Sir John Moore, the graveyard scene in "Hamlet" and other scenes of history. Some rude boys said they looked like grave-robbers, but those who knew them voted this a slander. Bearing the heavy box to the committee-room, the carriers deposited it on the floor, while John Sulivan was summoned to bring a screwdriver and open the receptacle, which he did with neatness and dispatch. Inside were the five ballot-boxes, carefully packed in straw and held down by cleats. It was agreed by the committee to take out the first ballot-box of the First district and count the ballots in that, so that the box was withdrawn and placed on the committee table. Senator Randall then produced the key from an envelope containing the others, and Senator Corothers opened it.

All the members of the committee were present. Only the votes for Senatorial candidates were counted. Senator Michael, chairman, called out the name of each candidate voted for, and they were duly recorded by the clerks, Thomas J. Ewell for Mr. Pearce and J. Frank Oldfield for Senator Westcott.

A Senate order was passed that night to employ these clerks at $5 per diem. Senator Crothers, with needle and thread, strung the ballots as they were counted. Hope H. Barroll and J. Herman Ireland, representing Mr. Pearce, and Thomas Ireland Elliott and J. D. Urie, representing Senator Westcott, stood on either side of Chairman Michael and watched the count. Senators Westcott and Day and Capt. Wm. D. Burchinal were also present.

The count began at 9.40 P. M. It had taken some time to get the boxes and the casket containing them, hence the delay. The ballot-box when opened was in good shape and full of ballots. Even the keyhole was pasted with a slip of paper bearing the names of Thomas M. Britton, J. F. Ernest and J. C. Turner, the judges of election. In counting doubtful ballots were strung separately to be considered by the committee.

A dispatch in the *Sun* on Thursday says: The Senate elections committee have finished counting the ballots in the Kent county contested election of Pearce against Westcott. The work was finished tonight, and after casting up the vote the committee adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, Thursday.

The result of the recount has demonstrated that Kent county has remarkably careful and painstaking election judges. In the third district the vote was identical with that returned by the election judges and no ballots were disputed. The work of the committee has been slow on account of extreme carefulness in the recount.

The total vote returned by the recount was 4,442. Of this number Mr. Westcott has 2,143, and Mr. Pearce 2,132, and Mr. Turner, the prohibition candidate, 99. The official vote gave Westcott 2,163, Pearce 2,160 and Turner 100. Taking the undisputed ballots, Mr. Westcott has now a majority of 11 votes over Mr. Pearce.

The contest will hinge upon the decision of the committee on the disputed ballots. There are about 48 of these. Some of the disputed ballots are claimed to be improperly marked, some have distinguishing marks other than the official stamp and some do not show the initials of the ballot clerk. To decide upon the validity of these ballots will be the first work of the committee in the morning, and they will hear argument from counsel before passing upon them.

It is probable that many of the disputed ballots will be either passed upon or thrown out entirely by agreement, and the contest may narrow down to only a few of the whole number.

It is the general opinion that if the committee takes the intention of the voter as the sole guide in deciding upon these disputed tickets, then most of them will be counted for the respective candidates, and in that event Mr. Westcott's election is pretty well assured. If, however, the strict letter of the election law is adhered to, most of them may be thrown out, and in that event the result is in doubt.

Mr. Westcott said after the recount that he regarded his position now as stronger than before. On the other side, it is claimed that fully two-thirds of the ballots in dispute are democratic tickets and should properly be counted for Pearce. Both sides are satisfied that there has been no tampering with the ballots.

## THE LATEST!

**It was a Fair Count—Results of a Study of the Ballot Cast in Kent County.**

[*Special to the American.*)

STATE HOUSE, Annapolis, February 6—The Committee on Elections decided to-day to let the Pearce-Westcott contest rest until next week. Members of the committee are in need of rest for themselves, as is also Senator Westcott, who has been winding up what he calls his campaign of six months by spending from eighteen to twenty hours a day with the committee in counting the ballots.

For a short time this morning the committee and council on both sides sought to reach a conclusion about eliminating some of the fifty five ballots in dispute, so as to expedite business at the concluding session of the committee. But nothing could be accomplished in that direction. It was conceded on all hands that the count made at the election in Kent was one of the fairest that had ever taken place in the State. No evidence, either, of tampering with the ballots, and in the Third district the count tallied exactly with that made in November.

HASELTINE'S building and the adjoining building of the American Baptist Publication Society, on Chestnut street, in Philadelphia, were destroyed by fire Sunday last. The upper floors of the Lafayette Hotel were badly damaged also. The guests were removed in safety. The total losses will aggregate about two million dollars.

CONGRESSMAN MILES is putting in his best efforts for the improvement of the Annapolis Naval Academy. Its present dilapidated condition is a disgrace to Uncle Sam. The efforts of a certain New England statesman (?) to remove the Academy is not likely to meet with success.

### Right, you are, Bro. Quinn!

There is only a handful of Democrats in the legislature at Annapolis, and some of these try to keep up factional troubles and add new impediments to getting together. It is time that this foolishness stopped.—*Crisfield Times.*

### DIED.

In Millington, Saturday, Feb. 1, 1896, Mrs. JAMES NICKERSON, widow of the late James Nickerson, aged 50 years. She leaves two sons.

At the residence of his brother-in-law, A. L. Benjamin, yesterday morning, THEODORE CARROLL, aged about 45 years, son of Thomas and Sarah Carroll. [Funeral this Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock interment at Chester Cemetery.]

M. E. CHURCH, Chestertown—Sabbath, Feb. 9th, Class-meeting 9.30; Preaching 10.30, Sermon, subject: Temptation; Sabbath-school 2.15; Epworth League Prayer Service 6.45, leader, Miss Anna G. Lambert, subject: Winning Souls to Christ by Works of Mercy and Help; Preaching 7.30, Sermon, subject: Life Fleeting: Revival service following sermon. Public cordially invited.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Worton REV. K. M. BULL, pastor. Sunday-school 9.30 A. M.; Preaching 7.15 P. M.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION

—OF—

The Kent County Savings Bank,

at Chestertown, Maryland, at the close of business, December 31, 1895.

RESOURCES:

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| Loans and discounts | $85,585 46 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 1,075 67 |
| Reserve Agent | 17,854 57 |
| Checks and other cash items | 440 45 |
| Cash on hand | 11,927 09 |
| Total | $116,883 24 |

LIABILITIES.

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| Capital stock | $20,000 00 |
| Savings and Special Deposits | 51,837 93 |
| Transient deposits | 42,479 32 |
| Undivded profits, less expenses, interest and taxes paid | 2,565 99 |
| Total | $116,883 24 |

State of Maryland, Kent county:

I, WM. F. RUSSELL, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM F. RUSSELL, CASHIER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of January, 1896.

CHARLES ESTES, N. P.

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11½ buys extra good 7-8 Bed Tick price 15
9½ buys good style Dress Goods price 12½ and 15c.
9½ buys Best Satines and Worsteds price 12½c.
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98 buys Our "Buffalo Robe" Lining was $1.75.
6¼ buys Best Dress Ginghams were 8, 10 and 12c.
3½ buys Lot Calico Remnants only 3½
12½ buys Women's Under Shirts were 20
12 buys Child's " " 22 & 25
29 buys Men's Heavy Under Shirts were 45c.
33 buys Men's Wool Under Shirts were 50 cents.

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49 buys Men's "Bay State" Gum Shoes only 49c.
39 buys Women's "Boston" Gum Shoes only 39c.
39 buys a lot of Men's Flannel Shirts were 55c.
29 buys a lot of Men's Over Shirts were 40 cents.
37½ to close 20 dozen Men's Heavy Flannel Drawers were 50c.
$1.69 buys Men's Best Kersey Pants were $2.25.
½ price on Men's Over Coats ½ price
½ price on Men's Suits Cloths ½ price

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18 buys Arbuckle, Leverings, My Choice, Enterprise and Lion Coffee—all for 18c
19 buys good Natural Tobacco worth 35
4 buys Best Harford County Can Corn 4
5 buys Choice "whole" Can Tomatoes 5
2 buys Pure Buckwheat Flour only 2
35 buys Our Best 50c. Mix Tea only 35
23 buys Good Tea, Black Green or Mixed only 23c.
4¼ buys Ivory Soap only 4¼
4¾ Fine Rice worth 6c. 4¾
18 Gold Dust Washing Powder 18
3¾ All Laundry 5c. Soap 3¾

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1 Valentine.

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