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IT WOULD not be a bad idea for some versatile writer to pen a humorous sketch entitled "Gen. Riggs in the Fire Patch."

SENATOR Moore, of Worcester county, has introduced a bill in the Senate to repeal the tax on mortgages in so far it applies to Baltimore city, and allow counties to collect the tax and apply it to their own revenues.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY has passed an enabling act, giving the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore authority to borrow a sum of money not exceeding $2,000,000 for the purpose of relieving conditions incident to the disastrous conflagration.

SENATOR GARRETT FOXWELL and Representative Cecil R. Atkinson, of Kent county, were the only representatives in the Maryland Legislature from the Eastern Shore who voted for Hon. Isidor Rayner for the U. S. Senate from the first to the last ballot.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA have at last come to blows, the first crack being struck by Japan in an important naval encounter off Port Arthur. Japan has captured several Russian battleships and cruisers and about 2000 troops. To what extent the war will be carried is yet speculative; but in view of the many "irons in the fire" it will require many good strokes of diplomacy to save the other powers of the world from the embroglio.

THE BALTIMORE DAILY PAPERS deserve the greatest credit for the promptness with which they have delivered their issues to the public. Notwithstanding the great fire, which reduced their plants to ashes, these papers hustled their various departments and equipments to Washington on special trains and through the courtesy of the papers there they have been able to supply the public. Such promptness in supplying the latest news to an anxious public is worthy of the highest praise.

OUR STRICKEN CITY.

The appalling disaster that has befallen the city of Baltimore within the last few days no doubt excites a feeling of deepest sympathy on the part of the people of the entire State. The business interests have been crippled, the most imposing structures have been laid in ashes, and thousands have been made homeless, and rendered, possibly, destitute. No other city in the union, save possibly Chicago, has suffered such a calamity, and there is reason for the greatest sympathy. The calamity will extend to other parts of the State, and the business interests everywhere will feel the force of the shock. And yet, with that determination and energy born in Maryland manhood, there will rise up from the ashes of the distressed city a new and better Baltimore, and what is now a smouldering mass of ruins, will be replaced by safer and more stately structures than those that have been burned.

LESSONS FROM BALTIMORE'S FIRE.

The appalling conflagration that visited our beloved city, Baltimore, during the early part of the week, and which laid in ruins the very heart of Maryland's pride, will no doubt furnish many wholesome lessons by which the cities and towns throughout the country will profit. Strange as it may seem for a city of Baltimore's size and prominence, one of the greatest hindrances to the proper control of the fire was the inadequate supply of water and defects in the fireplugs. There are occasions when conditions of the weather will very seriously affect the proper manipulation of the fire apparatus, but it seems to us that those in authority should exercise all diligence in their attention to such matters. No one knows when a serious conflagration may visit Chestertown, and while we are not making any complaint of our town commissioners for the proper performance of their duties, we especially urge them for the proper protection to property and home of the good people of our town, the fireplugs should be tested at regular intervals, the reservoir should be kept full of water and the fire apparatus should be kept in absolute repair. This is a matter to which no one would object, should any expense be incurred in keeping these things in apt readiness, so that in case of fire there may be no unnecessary delay because of defects in the fire apparatus. We hope that our commissioners will give their constant consideration to a matter of such importance, and we feel confident that they will do so.

NATIONAL PRESS COMMENTS.

How Hon. Isidor Rayner's Election to the U. S. Senate is Regarded in Other Parts of the Country.

NOMINATES HIM FOR PRESIDENCY.

(From the New York Press.)

The more startling fact about the election of the new Maryland Senator is that he recieved telegrams of congratulation both from Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Bryan. If he had been glorified by one and cursed by the other we should not be astonished. That would be the custom of the day. But that any Democrat of the size of a United States Senator and eligible to the Presidency should be able to attract the positive and negative forces of the Democracy, should be washed with the alkali of Cleveland and the acid of Bryan, is a political rarity of rarities.

If Senator-elect Rayner is equal to the miracle of making oil and water mix, and if his platform is strong and broad enough to hold Bryan and Cleveland at once, he is equal to the feat of bringing all the Democratic factions together. Until further notice, our candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination is Isidor Rayner of Maryland.

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON.

(From the Washington Post.)

Hon. Isidor Rayner, who has just been chosen to succeed Hon. Louis E. McComas in the United States Senate, is very well and favorably known to Washington. He has served in the House of Representatives; he acted as Admiral Schley's leading counsel before the famous court of inquiry after the death of the distinguished Jeremiah M. Wilson; besides, he has been a conspicuous and brilliant figure at the bar of our neighboring city of Baltimore for many years past. He comes to the Capital, therefore, heralded by many pleasant memories and awaited by many ardent friends.

"A FORTUNATE ENDING."

(From the New York World.

The nomination of Isidor Rayner by the Democratic caucus insures a fortunate ending of the Senatorial contest in Maryland. Mr. Rayner served as a Representative in Congress for three terms, from 1886 to 1892, and won a national reputation by his ability and his eloquence. Not the least of his credentials is the fact that he has fought and has been opposed by the rings and bosses of his State.

WILL MAKE SENATE LIVELIER.

(From the New York Evening Sun.)

Isidor Rayner will shine in the Senate, and as he is not the kind of man to sit with folded hands, he will be heard from as soon as he takes his seat. One has only to hark back to Mr. Rayner's six years in the House, when he gave as good as he received in bouts with the redoubtable "Tom" Reed and never failed to keep his temper, to realize that the minority will be strengthened by the accession of the new Senator from Maryland. Mr. Rayner is not merely fluent of speech and brisk at repartee; he has a good head on his shoulders, the saving salt of common sense and a pretty tact. He is, moreover, a shrewd man of business and a learned lawyer. The Senate will be a livelier body for the presence of another man versatile enough to make it sit up and listen.

MR. RAYNER'S CREDENTIALS.

Senator McComas Presents Them for Filing.

The credentials of Senator-elect Isidor Rayner, of Maryland, reached Washington on Wednesday, having been transmitted by Governor Warfield to Senator McComas, the senior Senator from Maryland, who submitted them to the Senate.

They were read in the Senate and placed on file.

TO CHANGE SCHOOL LAWS.

The committee appointed by the School Commissioners' Association made its report in a bill providing for these changes, among others:

To organize school boards in May and to have county school superintendents enter upon their duties Aug 1. The school boards to appoint all assistant teachers.

To increase pension fund to $20,000.

To make the normal school curriclum more professional.

To increase the minimum rate of 10 cents for county appropriations to 15 cents.

To provide a minimum salary for teachers of schools with an average attendance of 15 or more of $350 and a school year of nine months.

Increase of the State school tax.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TRANSCRIPT:

We, the citizens of that portion of Kent county known as "Kinnard's Point," and whose children attend what is known as "The Janvier School," requested a letter and a statement to be published in your issue last Saturday. We pay our taxes as do other parents in Kent county, and it happens that we live in a place not very thickly populated, but our children are denied the right of attending the public school which is both accessible and convenient. It causes the greatest possible inconvenience and hardship to fall on those who can ill-afford it. Some of us have to send our children four or five miles to another school. The Janvier School was kept open the entire school term during the years of 1892 and 1893. The attendance is not so large as it is in some schools of the county, but the attendance is larger than it is in other schools which are kept open. This year more children of school age have moved into our school district. There is not any reason whatever, on the surface, showing that we are not entitled to keep this school open, and we think the facts should be laid before your readers and the public so that it may be taken hold of by the proper authorities. We desire to receive the benefit of the public school system. It seems that the school commissioners do not feel able to keep our school open; though they do keep schools similarly situated with regard to attendance open. We firmly believe that the number in our school will exceed the number in several other schools in the county during the rest of this school year. The comparison of attendance will show that this has been done. If this statement be not correct we would like to be advised. There are seven children enrolled at Hopewell School, and an average attendance of five; at Mill Branch School there is an enrollment of thirteen and an average of 6.85, and so it runs.

We sincerely trust that our friends throughout the county will see the county commissioners and the members of the school board and ask that we be given the relief which we have asked for and been denied.

Very respectfully,

C. W. Harris,	C. E. Mench,
F. H. Meeks,	N. D. Clark,
W. A. Joiner,	B. C. Plummer.
A. J. Toulson,	

We, the undersigned, do heartily endorse the above;

Stavely & Bowers,	J. R. Copper,
Wm. Medders,	Jas. S. Harris,
A. J. Hackett,	A. L. Harris,
C. W. Hague,	J. W. Ivens,
Wm. Parr,	H. E. Cooper,
W. H. Bonwill,	G. N. Cooper,
J. S. Clark,	Wm. A. Wood,
J. B. Parrott,	A. S. Turner,
J. G. Harris,	G. W. Rash,
F. H. Harper,	Elwood Morris,
J. W. Howard,	J. P. Nicholson,
J. L. Price,	E. S. Morris.
J. H. O. Stokes,	J. H. Simpers.
J. R. Usilton,	

Md. Agr. College, Feb. 10, 1904.

EDITORS OF TRANSCRIPT, *Dear Sirs:* I wish, through your paper, to thank my friends in Kent county for sticking to me to the last moment for Police Justice. I did not make up mind not to ask for the place until about Feb. 1, when I wrote declining to take the position of Police Justice.

Yours, etc.,
J. EVAN THOMAS,

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Hynson were registered at the Belvedere in Baltimore last week.

Mr. Robert G. Nicholson and son, Charles, have been suffering with severe colds for some weeks.

Among those who visited striken Baltimore to view the ruins caused by the great fire were Messrs. James W. Chapman, Samuel Vannort, Frank H. Howard, Foster and Jack Cannon and M. A. Toulson, Richard D. Hynson, Lewin W. Wickes, Philip G. Wilmer, William W. Beck and Walter H. Haddaway.

Mr. James W. Lambert has been visiting relatives in Baltimore. He was in the city on Sunday during the great conflagration, and describes the scene of devastation and ruin as something appalling.

Miss Lillie Rowe, of Kennedyville, spent several days of last week the guest of Mrs. Alice McFeely on High street.

Mr. George L. Bowers has issued invitations to the marriage of his sister, Linda Maude Bowers, to Mr. Lawson Starcher, of West Virginia. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, in St. James Church at high noon. Mr. and Mrs. Starcher will be at home 444 West Main street, Grafton, West Virginia, after March 1st.

A delightful chocolataire was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis, Flatland, on Thursday evening of last week. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at St. James parsonage, when Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Sheridan, assisted by their popular daughter, Miss Mary, will give a Valentine social.

Dr. H. L. Dodd is improving rapidly, and will be able to attend to his practice in a few days. He is able to prescribe from his office at this writing.

Mr. William Welch, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his mother on Maple avenue.

The Misses Harvey, of Washington, D. C., are the guests of Miss Salye Beck on Maple avenue.

Mrs. S. L. Thomas has been quite sick at her home on Washington avenue for some days. Her daughter, Miss Laura, was compelled to lose one day from school on account of sickness.

Miss Anna Brock has returned from a pleasant visit with friends in North Carolina.

Miss Jessie Woodall, of near Chesterville, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. David Kendall, on High street.

Miss Alice Hackett, of Still Pond, has been the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Elwood Whaley, on Cross street.

Mr. Howard Turner, of Turner & Son, Betterton, left town on Tuesday on a business trip to Norfolk and southern points.

Mr. and Mr. John Robinson, Jr., of Still Pond, have been visiting friends in Delaware.

Miss Helen Carter, of Cecil county, is the guest of her sister Mrs. Hiram M. Brown on Front street.

Sheriff Keyser is recovering from a severe cold that has kept him confined to the house for days.

Mr. CliftonJarrell, of Gumbery, N. C., is the guest of friends in town.

Miss Violet Beck is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beck.

Mrs. Curtis Crane is to give an oyster supper on Friday night.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Mr. Archer M. Crawford, of Warwick, to Miss Adelaide L. Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cochran, of near Middletown, on Tuesday evening, February 16, 1904.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Messrs. Brittingham, Rasin and Whittington paid a short visit to friends at Kennedyville last Sunday.

Messrs. T. Garey and E. Wood met with an accident last week. They were out for a ride in Queen Anne's county when their sleigh broke down. They were quite a distance from home so Mr. Wood turned back to town and got a buggy, while Mr. Garey stopped at a friend's house. They got back to college about one o'clock in the morning and they both say that it is a wonder the horse did not run away, for the accident came all of a sudden and just as they were going down hill.

It was quite an interesting audience that listened to Miss Peebles, of Baltimore, last evening, lecturing on "Venice."

The Bible class of the Protestant Episcopal Church has now a membership of nearly thirty. Most of the members are students of the college. Dr. Martin invites every student to attend the class on Sundays at 2.30 P. M. Mrs. Ringgold, the Bible teacher, who has made a study of the Bible for many years, is anxious to have a large class.

Dr. Martin began his series of instructions to the confirmation class last week in the church immediately after the Litany. Bishop Adams expects to visit Chestertown in the near future.

Dr. James W. Cain, who has been very anxious that the college should have a Glee and a Mandolin Club, has been repaid already in his efforts. The Mandolin Club, composed of Messrs. Stephens, Porter, Davis, Truit, Sutton, Moore, Garrison and Shutz has been practicing regularly for the past few weeks. Mr. Stephens, who is president of the club, is a musician of rare talent and doubtless the club under his direction, with the assistance of Dr. Cain, will render a programme in the near future that will show nothing but credit to the musicians. Dr. Cain is very much elated over the spirit which the boys seem to show in their efforts to help in the welfare of the club.

When You Have a Cold.

The first action when you have a cold should be to relieve the lungs. This is best accomplish by the free use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This Remedy liquefies the tough mucus and causes its expulsion from the air cells of the lungs, produces a free expectoration, and opens the secretions. A complete cure soon follows. This remedy will cure a severe cold in less time than any other treatment and it leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition. It counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by M. A. Toulson, Druggist.

Public Sale
—OF—
PERSONAL PROPERTY.

THE undersigned administrator of Emory Bordley, colored, deceased, will sell at Public Sale on the premises of the late Emory Bordley near Millington on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1904,

commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. the following personal property:

1 GREY MARY, 10 years old, 1 SORREL COLT, yearling, 1 Spindle Wagon, 1-one horse Wagon, 2 Sets of Harness, 1 Set Plow Gears, 100 bundles of blades, 16 bushels of Corn, 20 bushels Potatoes, Shovels, Spade, Forks, Cultivator, 3 Halters, 1 Collar and 2 Bridles, and Household and Kitchen Furniture, 2 Stoves, and numerous other things handy to have about.

TERMS OF SALE.—All sums of $10 and under, cash; on all other sums a credit of 6 months will be given on notes with approved security, with interest from day of sale. No property to be removed until the terms of sale are complied with.

WM. J. VANNORT,
ts. Administrator

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Taxes are Due and Must be Paid.

The law is very plain and says: "On the first day of January in each year, taxes shall be deemed to be in arrear and interest shall be charged and collected on all taxes not then paid from September 1st; the date when they are due and payable, and immediately after the first day of January the Treasurer shall deliver to each delinquent, who has not prior thereto received the same, an account of his assessment, with a notice and warning to said delinquents attached thereto, that UNLESS PAYMENT BE MADE IN FULL WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTICE, THAT THE SAME WILL BE COLLECTED BY LAW, and said Treasurer may at any time between the first of day of January and the first day of April seize, levy upon and sell the property of such delinquent, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay said taxes with interest and costs thereon, &c.

The Treasurer does not desire to sell any property but unless delinquents settle at once he will be compelled to collect by law.

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f6-tf Chestertown, Md.

Mortgagee's Sale of
House and Lot of Land
In Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland.

BY virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage from Benjamin Ringgold, colored, to James Ringgold, colored, dated April 18, 1901, duly recorded in Liber, J. T. D. No. 4, folios 522, a Land Record Book for Kent county, Md., the undersigned attorney named in said mortgage, will offer at public sale in front of the Court House door in Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1904,

between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock noon, all those pieces or parcels of land situated in Chestestown and distinguished on the plot of said town by the numbers 1, 2, and 3, with all the improvements thereon, it being the same property which was deeded by George W Elias and wife to Benjamin Ringgold by deed recorded in Liber S. B. No. 1, folios 546, one of the aforesaid Land Record Books.

The property is now occupied by William Dorsey, colored.

TERMS OF SALE:—One half of the purchase money cash on the day of sale; the residue thereof in six months from day of sale All unpaid purchase money to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the undersigned; or the whole of the purchase money may be paid on the day of sale at the election of the purchaser. All titled papers at cost to purchaser.

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J16-ts. Attorney named in Mortgage.

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SHERIFF'S SALE
—OF—
Valuable TRACT OF LAND.

UNDER and by virtue of a writ of fieri facias issued out of the Circuit Court for Kent County, at the suit of John D. Urie against the goods and chattles, lands and tenements of Alexander Wilson and David Wilson, and to me directed, I have entered upon, seized and taken into execution all the interest of said Alexandra Wilson in the following property to wit:

All That Tract of LAND

lying and being in the Third Election District on the road leading from Smithville to St. James Church, and adjoining what is known as the Samuel L. Usilton land, and

Contains Five ACRES OF LAND

more or less, together with the improvements thereon; the said land being the same property which was conveyed to Alexandra Wilson and John H. Wilson by Louis Stewart, by deed dated January 23, 1886, and recorded in Liber S. G. F. No. 4, folio 168 of the land records of said Kent County, and I hereby give notice that on

TUESDAY, March 8th, 1904,

at 11 30 o'clock A. M., in front of the Court House door, in Chestertown, I will sell all the right, title, interest and estate of the said Alexandra Wilson, to the highest bidder for cash, in and to said property to satisfy said writ, debt, interest and cost due and to become due thereon.

THOMAS J. FLETCHER,
f6-ts. Sheriff.

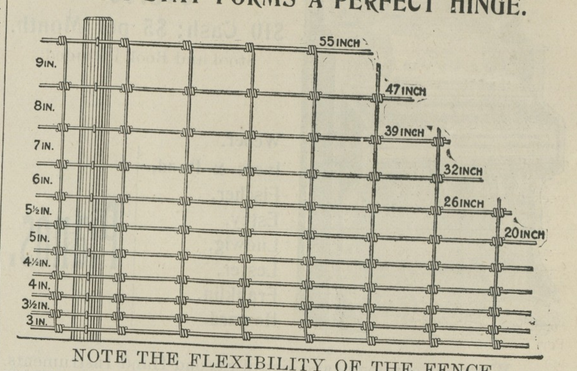
NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that no throwing of rubbish such as bushes or other obstructions on the public highways that are calculated to frighten horses shall be permitted. The law will be enforced against all offenders.

ALFRED C. LOUD, Pres.;
BRADFORD C. DUDLEY,
LOUIS AYRES,
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PERRY B. RASIN.
d26-tf CHARLES L. DODD, Clerk.

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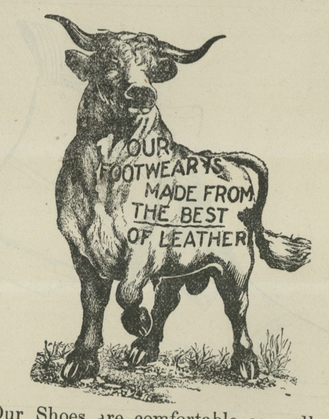
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