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FOR PRESIDENT:

HON. ARTHUR P. GORMAN,

OF MARYLAND.

FOR PRESIDENT.

The TRANSCRIPT has nailed at its masthead the name of Hon. Arthur P. Gorman as the Democratic nominee for President of the United States, and will continue to advocate him for this position until the convention meets in July and nominates him. Mr. Gorman can, for the asking, have the Kent county delegation to the State Convention which will meet in Baltimore to select delegates to the National Convention, to be held in Chicago in July, and the TRANSCRIPT will use its best efforts to further his interests for the position of president of this great United States, to which he is justly entitled for his valuable and unparalleled services in the United States Senate for the general welfare of the nation.

DELEGATE CECIL R. ATKINSON has presented a petition in the House of Delegates from citizens of Kent county protesting against the passage of the Haman Oyster Bill. The petition was referred to the Committee on Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries, of which Delegate Gibbs, from Kent, is a member.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT committtees in the Senate at the present session of the General Assembly is the committee on railroads and canals. To this committee is referred all questions concerning the Wabash terminal as well as all other railroad legislation. Senator Foxwell, of Kent, is a member of this very important committee.

DELEGATE ISAAC GIBBS, of Kent, is a member of the committee on Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries. To the this committee will be referred the Haman Oyster Bill as well as the Fish Law that appears in another column of this issue. The oystermen of the county are very much interested in oyster legislation, as well as in the present prosposed fish law. Delegate Gibbs happens to be the only member of the Kent delegation on this important committee. But he will look out for the interests of our watermen, and will be assisted in all of his undertakings by Senator Foxwell and Delegate Atkinson.

IT WILL BE especially gratifying to the friends of Mr. William H. McKee to learn that he has received an appointment as engrossing clerk to Capt. Cecil R. Atkinson, Delegate from Kent county. Mr. McKee, will make a most efficient officer, and his appointment is not only in recognition of the efficient delegate from Kent, but will be especially pleasing to Mr. McKee's friends here. Mr. McKee is the son of Mr. Daniel McKee, formerly of this county but now a prominent farmer of Queen Anne's, and one of its best and formost citizens and untiring Democratic workers.

THE DEATH of Senator Marcus A. Hanna materially weakens the Republican party in the approaching presidential election, because of the absence of sufficient executive and managenial ability to take the Senator's place as chairman of the National Republican Committee. Those in a position to judge state that the chances of Democratic success in the fall are bright if the Democratic party will select a man upon whom all factions of the party can unite. For reasons stated in last week's TRANSCRIPT, Senator Arthur P. Gorman seems to be the man of the hour. Maryland will send a solid delegation to St. Louis in the interest of the Maryland Senator.

THE MORTGAGE TAX REPEAL.

A bill for the repeal of the tax on mortgages has passed the Maryland Senate and will soon be up for consideration by the House. The wisdom of the Senate in passing this bill is evident for two reasons. In the first place, taxation always falls most heavily on those who are least able to stand it. In other words, the borrower of money has virtually to pay this mortgage tax, and he is far less able to stand the burden of the tax than the lender of the money. In the second place, it is the presence of this mortgage tax that has had a tendency to prevent a great deal of capital from coming into the State, thus obstructing the paths of many concerns that would enure to the advantage of the laboring element of the population. We trust that the bill will pass the House and be signed by the Governor.

AMENDMENT TO SCHOOL LAW.

The committee having in charge proposed amendments to the school law of the State has called a meeting of school officials and teachers at Annapolis for next Thursday, March 3rd, to aid in securing the necessary legislatian. A uniform school year of nine months, a minimum salary of $350 for teachers, and an increase in the State school tax to meet such conditions, are among the changes in the law contemplated. It is hoped that Kent county will send a delegation to Annapolis to attend this meeting. Dr. Stephens, the Superintendent of Education, is doing everything in his power to raise the standard of education and to secure a much needed increase in the salaries of teachers. His efforts will be seriously handicapped, however, if he does not receive the necessary co-operation from the teachers of the State. The school law should be amended in order to meet the conditions. There is no reason whatever why the State of Maryland should not have as progressive and up-to-date schools as any other State in the union. A State practically free from debt can certainly afford to increase the State tax a few cents in order to meet these conditions, but the safest and surest way to secure legislation of this sort is for the teachers of the State to press their claims. Let some of the Kent county school officials attend the meeting and present the claims of the teachers of the county.

TO AMEND THE FISH LAW.

We print the following article for the benefit of our readers. It was received at our office too late for publication in last week's issue:

FISH LAW.

"The following petition has been sent to Senator Foxwell and Delegates Atkinson and Gibbs from Kent county:

"TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE:—We, the citizens of Kent county, do petition your honorable body in behalf of those interested, to amend the present Fish Law as enacted in chapter 441, page 754, Code 1896, titled Fish and Fisheries, sub-title Chesapeake Bay. The object of your petitioners is to ask the repeal of section 94, of the above chapter and Code, so far as the same applies to the bay shores of Kent county, Md.

G. E. Noland,	M. deK. Smith.
C. N. Satterfield,	Jas. T. Dixon,
T. B. Durding,	R. D. Hynson,
W. R. Larrimore,	B. H. Coburn
	and 225 others.

"Section 94, which is asked to be repealed, is as follows:

"It shall not be lawful for any person in taking fish for sale by the use of pound nets, fykes or other contrivances now known or hereafter invented, in waters of the Chesapeake Bay, within the jurisdictional limits of the State of Maryland, and below Pool's Island in the Chesapeake Bay, at a greater length than 800 yards from low water mark; and any person violating this section shall, upon conviction thereof, before some justice of the peace of any county of this State most accessible, shall be fined the sum of not less than twenty and not more than one hundred dollars, or shall forfeit said net or nets, together with the boats and tackles."

All persons interested in this matter should at once notify Senator Foxwell and Delegates Atkinson and Gibbs of their wishes in the case, so that when the bill is prepared and presented for passage, there will be no claim that anything was done in the dark against any one interested. Our Senator and Delegates will be pleased to advance the wishes of their constituents in all such petitions.

HAMAN OYSTER BILL.

Provisions of the Bill as introduced in the Senate last week by Senator Robinson, of Harford County.

The following are the provisions, briefly stated, of the Haman Oyster Bill which was introduced in the Senate last week by Senator Robinson.

First—The bill affects all the bottoms of the bay and its tributaries except the natural oyster beds, which will not be permitted to be taken up. The definition of what constitutes a natural bed given by Judge Goldsborough, of the Eastern Shore, is adopted literally. A natural bed under this definition is one where oysters grow naturally in such quantities as to justify a person in resorting to it regularly for a livelihood. No such bed can be leased.

Second—The law is to be administered by a shell-fish commissioner, to be appointed by the Governor at a salary of $5,000 a year. The commissioner has large powers, but the right of appeal from his decisions is given.

Third—Provision is made for a simple system of conveyancing for oyser lots.

Fourth—Only citizens of Maryland will be permitted to lease lots and assignments of leases to non-residents are forbidden. Any resident of the State may lease bottoms beneath the open water of the bay. In waters within county lines the right to lease is restricted to residents or landowners of the respective counties. Landowners have the first right to lease, boatmen the second right and then other citizens.

Fifth—Lots very in size from 5 to 30 acres in county waters. In the open waters of the bay an individual may take up 100 acres. The term of the lease is 20 years. The annual rent per acre is from $3 to $5. No corporation is permitted to lease or acquire in any manner any oyster land. No individual can acquire in any way more than 30 acres in county waters or 100 acres in the open waters of the bay. This is deemed an absolute safeguard against any monopoly.

Sixth—The revenues arising from oyster leases are to be applied, first, to the expenses of conducting the system, the balance to be paid to a special road fund. The road bill accompanying this provides that this fund shall be distributed among the counties, to be expended in making good roads.

It is estimated by Professer Brooks that 400,000 acres of land under water now unproductive can be utilized and made enormously productive.

The bill introduced by Senator Robinson last week differs in some respects from that of two years ago. It includes Worcester county in its provision, which that of two years ago did not.

"JIM CROW" BILLS.

The Senate Corporations Committee today reported Senator Brewington's "Jim Crow" law with an important amendment. As originally introduced by Mr. Brewington, the bill applied only to railroads operating in the counties of the Eastern Shore, exclusive of Cecil.

The committee amendment, which came in the form of a new bill, extends its provisions to Calvert, Anne Arundel, Charles and St. Mary's counties and to steamboats plying in the waters of the 12 counties enumerated in the bill. The bill does not apply to the caboose cars on freight trains, to Pullman cars nor to through trains which do not do a local business.

As applied to steamboats, it is made the duty of the captain, purser or other officer to assign white and colored passengers to the respective locations they are to occupy as passengers, and to separate, "as far as the construction of his boat and due consideration for the comfort of the passengers will permit, the white and colored passengers on said boat in the sitting, eating and sleeping apartments; provided, however, that no discrimination shall be made in the quality and convenience of accommodations afforded passengers in said locations." Nurses and attendants are excepted.

For violation of the law steamboat officers are to be fined, upon conviction, not less than $24 nor more than $50 for each offense, and the same penalty is put upon conductors or managers of railroads. They may refuse to carry passengers who refuse to submit to their allotment, may eject them from trains and such passengers may be fined from $3 to $50 and sent to jail for not more than 30 days.

The bill was made the special order for yesterday at 11 o'clock.

In the House the Judiciary Committee made favorable reports upon both of the Jim-Crow bills introduced at the beginning of the session. One of these bills applies to the entire State and the other only to the counties of the Eastern Shore.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

A bill has been introduced in the House, the object of which is to permit a manufacturing corporation chartered in Maryland to do business in other States.

It was decided at a joint meeting of the House and Senate Committees on Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries to draw a substitute for the Haman oyster bill, introduced Friday in the Senate. It is alleged that many provisions of the Haman bill are impractible, and for this reason a new measure is necessary. Since the Committee on Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries was announced, a stormy time has been predicted for the Haman bill.

Senator Gill introduced in the Senate Friday the amendment to the Constitution of the State drawn by Attorney General Bryan, for the purpose of eliminating the negro voter. The bill to amend the election law to carry out the provisions of the Constitution was offered at the same time. This amendment prepared by the Attorney-General, it is said, has no chance of passage. The Democratic members of the joint committee on constitutional amendments has agreed to push what is known as the Poe amendment, and says it is certain to pass. The essential features of the Poe Amendment is the clause giving the register of voters discriminating power to reject an applicant who fails to satisfactorily expound a clause of the Constitution of the State of the U. S. The Bryan plan provides a property qualification for voters, and this no doubt, would insure its rejection by the people.

Delegate Isaac Gibbs has introduced a bill in the House to amend the charter of Chestertown. The matter was discussed in an editorial in the TRANSCRIPT some time ago.

Delegate Atkinson has introduced a bill to repeal Sec. 94, Article 39, of the chapter on "Fish and Fisheries."

New Advertisements.

Do not forget the splendid entertainment to be given in Stam's Hall on Monday evening. The Wesleyan Male Quartette and Miss Boynton. It is simply charming.

Read the fertilizer adv. of Wilbur W. Hubbard on the 5th page of this issue. They offer therein their various brands for all spring crops. This concern has been manufacturing and selling Super Phosphates for 28 years. 56 seasons in our midst and they inform us that they have more orders booked thus far than ever before at this season of the year, which certainly speaks well for their brands, and they deserve patronage, too, and employ lots of labor and are an up-to-date fertilizer concern.

John Bartley, propritor of the big Department stores, has a special ad. concerning wall paper. He is up-to-date in this line of work, as you will find by reading his advertisement.

Bedworth, Jr., the greatest race horse in the State of Maryland will make the season at Rose Hill stock farm from March 1st to June 20th. There is no need for us to discuss the merits of the beautiful horse. We all know him and are proud of him and his owner. See his card on 8th page.

GREAT STRIDES OF THE PRUDENTIAL.

The claim of the Prudential Insurance Company of America that it "Has the Strength of Gibraltar" is amply justified by the figures shown in its annual statement, which will be found on the 8th page of this issue.

From these figures it appears that no less a sum than $293,000,000 of paid-for life insurance was written during the year 1903, bringing the total amount of paid-for life insurance in force up to the astonishing sum of $931,000,000.

The number of policies in force is over five million, or, in other words, it may be stated that more than one million families enjoy the benefits of life insurance protection through the Prudential.

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CHURCH NOTES.

It is currently reported that Rev. F. Burgette Short, who for the past two years has been assisting in increasing the fund of the Pacific Slope University in California, will resume active pastoral duties in the Wilmington M. E. Conference at the approaching session. Mr. Short is one of the most popular members of the Conference, having made an enviable record as pastor of Epworth M. E. Church, Wilmington, prior to going to California.

Rev. W. T. Murphy, an American Missionary, who was sent to Japan some time ago by the Methodist Protestant Church, is credited with having induced the Imperial Government to so change the laws of that nation as to prevent the sale of young girls which has been a custom there for years, many parents selling their daughters for debt. Rev. Mr. Murphy is now in this country and will lecture on his work in Wilmington tomorrow, (Sunday.)

The young peoples temperance meeting at Salem M. E. Church is postponed until tomorrow (Sunday) evening, Feb. 28th, on account of weather.

Rev. E. H. Vandyke, a native of Queen Anne's county, has returned to Japan where he has been for 13 years a Missionary of the Methodist Protestant church. For six years he was president of the Japan Conference. Ill health of his wife caused him to return.

A meeting of the qualified members of Christ M. P. Church is called for next Thursday evening for the purpose of electing church officers and a delegate to the annual conference which meets in Alnutt Memorial church, Baltimore, the first Wednesday in April. The delegate elected will have the right to participate in the election of delegates to the General Conference which meets in Washington in May, as well as to vote for or against the proposition of church union.

The M. E. Sunday School is making elaborate preparations for their Missionary Anniversary which will be held in the audience room of the church on tomorrow (Sunday) evening week.

The Missionary Anniversary of the Asbury M. E. Sunday school, Millington, will be held on Sunday evening, February 28th, at half past seven. An excellent program has been prepared. If the Sunday is stormy then the first clear Sunday will be used.

A Woman's Home Missionary Society was recently organized at Millington by Mrs. Bass, national organizer. The Society now has 24 members and has already taken up some Home Missionary work.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. J. P. Ahern on last Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the instance of the Epworth League social. All reported a good time. Music, games and refreshments constituted the program of the evening.

Rev. C. E. Redeker, pastor of Nichols Memorial M. P. Church, Odenton, Anne Arundel county, and State Organizer of the P. O. S. of A., delivered a splendid address to Washington Camp, Chestertown, on Tuesday evening at their camp in Fraternal Hall.

CHRIST METH. PROT. CHURCH.
9.30 A. M. Testimony Meeting.
10.30 A. M. Sermon theme: "The Sabbath of God."
2.30 P. M. Sunday School.
6.45 P. M. Christian Workers' Song Hour.
7.30 P. M. "Youth; Its Ideals and Work." A series of addresses with special music.
"Joseph; The Relation of Moral Probity to Secular Success," by Fred G. Usilton.
"Sampson; The Use and Abuse of Physical Strength," by Leonard B. Smith.
"Solomon; Intellectual Culture and its Failure," by Thos. D. Bowers.
"Daniel; Courage in the Religious Life," J. Waters Russell.

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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 right, title and interest of said Alexander Wilson in the following property to wit:

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TUESDAY, March 15, 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 Alexander 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,
Late Sheriff of Kent county.
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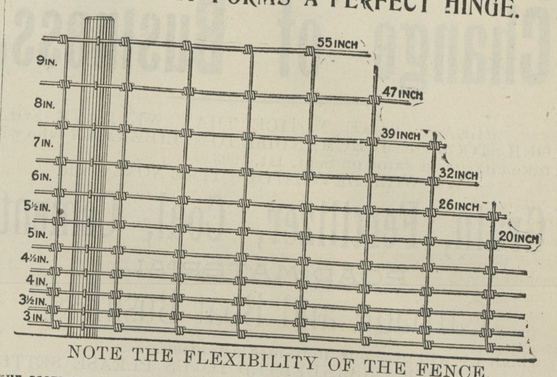

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