LETTER OF

OMAR D. CROTHERS

Democratic Candidate for the Nomination of

Associate Judge of This Judicial Circuit

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF KENT COUNTY

At the solicitation of a great number of people in Cecil County and elsewhere, I have decided to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Associate Judge n this Judicial Circuit.

Personally, I believe that each county in the Circuit should have a resident Judge, but as the Constitution of the State provides that there shall be only three Judges for the five counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot, it necessarily follows that two of the counties must abide the inconvenience of not having one.

Therefore the question which the voters are to decide in the coming election is which two of the three counties Cecil, Caroline or Queen Anne's, shall be put to this inconvenience, or rather, which will be most benefitted by a resident Judge, as the counties of Talbot and Kent each have one, (Judge Adkins in Talbot, and Judge Wickes in Kent), whose terms will not expire for a number of years, and therefor are provided for in this respect.

In deciding this question, it would seem reasonable that the decision should be in favor of the county having the largest population, the largest amount of legal business, the most terms of Court, and the one whose people are most inaccessable to a Judge. Cecil County has a population of 23,612 as compared to 16,641 in Queen Anne's, and 18,652 in Caroline, (census of 1920). Cecil County has three Jury terms of Court as compared with two in each of the other counties of the Circuit. Elkton, the county seat of Cecil County, is thirty six miles from Chestertown, the home of Judge Wickes, and seventy-two miles from Easton, the home of Chief Judge Adkins, as compared with Centreville, the county seat of Queen Anne's, which is sixteen miles from Chestertown, the home of the nearest Judge, and twenty miles from Easton, the home of the Chief Judge, and as compared with Denton, the county seat of Caroline, which is about twenty miles from Easton.

Caroline and Queen Anne's Counties are therefore much more accessable to a Judge than is Cecil County.

From these facts it has always been recognized in the past that Cecil County should have a resident Judge, and it would have now, except for the untimely death of the late Chief Judge Albert Constable, who died after he had served only a few years of the term for which he was elected.

At the present time there is no candidate for Judge in Caroline County, and my information is, that there will not likely be any, so that in reality, the question to be decided is whether Queen Anne's County or Cecil County will be most benefitted by the Judgeship. Senator Legg, one of the candidates for Judge from Queen Anne's, recognizes the claims of Cecil County to the Judgeship in his published statement to the voters of that county, in the following language, "I fully realize that it is a long drive, and many times inconvenient to have to go to Chestertown, and at times still further to Centreville, when matters need the attention of a Judge."

From the above statement of facts, if you believe that Cecil County will be more benefitted by having a resident Judge, and less inconvenienced than Queen Anne's County, which has a Judge residing on either side of it, then I ask for your support, and the people of Cecil County believe and hope that you will at this time recognize its claims.

Assuring you that I will appreciate whatever support you may give my candidacy, I am,

Very truly yours,

OMAR D. CROTHERS.

TELEPHONE FIRST USED BY RAILROAD AT ALTOONA, PA.

The first telephone line put up for regular commercial purposes in connection with a railroad was run by Thomas A. Watson, Bell's assistant, with the help of Gardiner G. Hubbard, Bell's father-in-law, on May 21, 1877, at Altoona, Pennsylvania. The line was ordered by the Pennsylvania Railroad and directions were given to install it at Altoona for the superintendent of that division of the railroad. This was at the very beginning of the spread of the telephone over the country. On May 18 Watson had personally put up the first telephone line in New York City, from the office of Hilbourne L. Roosevelt at 40 West 18th Street to his home. On Sunday, May 20, Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Watson traveled to Altoona, then a long and fatiguing journey by rail up the Juniata River, and the next day, Monday, May 21, installed the first railroad telephone there near the summit of the Alleghany Mountains. The line was put up for practical business purposes and was so used from the date of its construction.

TELEPHONE HABIT GROWING RAPIDLY IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Telephone service in Constantinople is operated by a British private company. The service is good and, although the number of telephones is now only about 8,000, the people of Constantinople are reported to be acquiring the telephone habit and the business of the company is expected to increase materially. It is necessary that all operators speak both Turkish and French, and many of them speak as many as seven or eight languages.

Radio telephone communication is maintained between Santa Catalina Island, 30 miles off the coast of California and the mainland near Los Angeles where it makes a junction with the local and long distance wires of the Bell System. Since 1920, satisfactory commercial service has been given regularly.

"NO SMOKING" SIGNS HELP

A chain of sidearm lunchrooms patronized mostly by men, recently blossomed out with "No Smoking" placards on the walls, says the New York Sun. An inquisitive diner, puzzled at this sudden display of fastidiousness, asked the manager the reason. "Certain patrons have developed the habit of bringing newspapers in with them, and after they had finished eating would spend the balance of their luncheon period smoking and reading and chatting with friends," he said. "The situation finally got to the stage where, during rush hours, many men were forced to stand while eating because the only available seats were occupied by these lingering smokers. Of course it's all right in the exclusive restaurants for men to daily over their perfectos, for the patronage of those places is limited and everything proceeds leisurely. But in a beanery like this we have to speed service and keep the crowds moving. Yes, we've had a few complaints, but most of the kickers take it pleasantly when I tell 'em the reason for the signs."

Is it fondness for the music of hard cash clashing on glass that prompts so many clerks to scatter change all over the surface of showcases? Or is it simply desire to see those receiving it work for it—dig for it till finger nails break? Whatever the temptation to strew the coins in manner that makes their recovery vexingly difficult—it seems to be irresistible. You can cup your hand invitingly and put the most appealing look in your eye, but they ignore both hand and eye and broadcast them—then drop into interested pose to watch you grub for them, says the Washington Post. It is hard enough to make the money offered for change, and it is vexing to have to work hard for it when broken into smaller denominations. What ever the pleasure that accrues to the clerk who scatters it over the glass the clerk should realize that the patron of his counter doesn't share it.

A short item of news recently heralded a great victory, the virtual conquest of the Sahara desert, for that is what it amounted to. A new kind of caravan, composed of five little French caterpillar automobiles, has just crossed this wilderness in 21 days, as compared with a minimum of three months required heretofore by camel caravans. The trip taken was from Algeria, on the north coast of Africa, to French West Africa, a distance of 2,000 miles, the expedition being organized from the standpoint both of exploration and experimentation in automobiling. Somehow it seems to presage the era visioned by Isaiah: "The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose."

While the ex-kaiser still rolls in wealth, other German princes are hard up. They hammer loudly at the door of the pension office. A general's pension is applied for by Rupprecht, ex-crown prince of Bavaria. George, duke of Saxe-Meiningen, claims he is eligible for an inspector general's pension. Prince Oscar of Prussia applies for a brigade commander's pension, also asks the salary due him for the last quarter of 1918. He gets the latter, in an envelope addressed to "Mr. Oscar von Hohenzollern." How are the mighty fallen!

Efforts are being made to prolong the average life of printers. Those efforts are worth while. Newspapers are not the only things dependent upon printers, among others being liberty, education, and the advancement of the race.

Washington reports that the sale of postage stamps is on the increase, indicating better business conditions. Then, too, the college boys and girls have probably begun to write home for money.

The census bureau has just published figures showing that it is difficult to keep girls on the farms, but that might have been guessed from the well-known fact that the boys won't stay there.

One of the many things tending to make European finance ministers sore is the news that the latest American bond issue was oversubscribed about one billion dollars.

Paris milliners are now using rooster feathers to bring down the price of hats. But you'd be surprised to know the Paris milliner's idea of a low-priced hat.

But then a nation whose idea of music is jazz, would accept popular novelists as its elucidators of social, mental and moral conditions.

We may at least feel tolerably sure of one thing. This country is not going back to the finicky, prudish days when legs were called "limbs."

OLD BIBLES

On the editorial page of the Baltimore News, August 11, 10.30 a. m. I noticed a few minutes ago I saw a clipping about Bibles about 300 years old. It interested me from the fact that I have in my home one of these old Bibles, from which I quote —"The book is a testament from the Greeke," imprinted at Londan by Robt. Barker, Ann 1614. Preface to this book dated Anno Domini 1578, collected by R. F. Hervy. On one of the record pages is a poem finely written with ink, dated 1626, no name signed. Subject is "Happy is the man that makes his last daie the subject of his meditation." It would take about half a day to read one page. Type, spelling, etc., so different from today.

FRANK H. RUTH, Galena.

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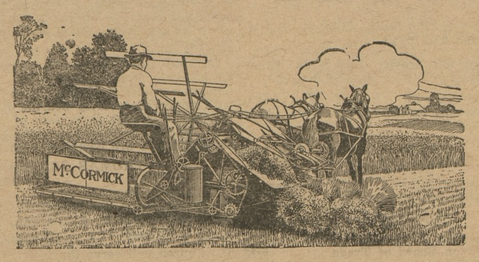
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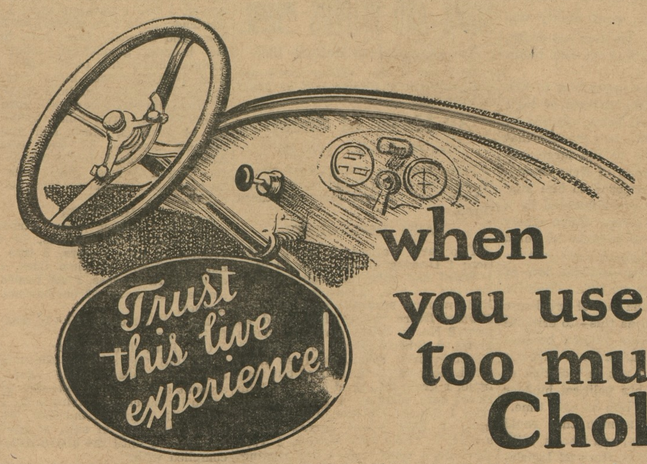
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