Do We Need Watching?

Matters of Importance to Tax-Payers Discussed — All Parties Interested in the Outcome.

MILLINGTON, Dec. 6, 1897.

EDS. KENT NEWS:

Gents—A short letter in your last issue signed "Republican Road Mender, First District," interested me as a party man, and more particularly as a tax-payer of the county. The writer makes the declaration that he believes "there is more downright swindling in road mending than in all other county expenditures combined." We are half inclined to believe he is correct, though as a Democrat the writer has been shut out of all such work for a couple of years. My Republican friend, however, has been in the "vineyard" and enjoyed the grapes, and he is competent to testify as to their quality!

I am not disposed to criticise your correspondent, Messrs. Editors. I would rather commend him—for his timely reference to a matter of such vital imtance to the tax-payers of our county.

By reference to the last annual statement of the board of commissioners, which is published in the KENT NEWS of Sept. 18, a copy of which I filed away for reference and now avail myself of, I see that the road expenses of the county, which included bridges, &c., footed up the large sum of

$18,710.61!

Nearly twenty thousand dollars spent in one year for this one matter of road and bridge work! That certainly looks like an enormous sum to spend, especially when there were no costly bridges built.

But, large as the expense was, look at the figures for the year before. I got them from a copy of my file of the KENT NEWS for July 25, 1896. The cost for roads and bridges for that year foots up the sum of

$25,239.10!

Both years referred to were under the Republican administration. The cost under the previous Democratic administration, it is just to say, was very near as great, amounting to about $22,000 in '95. During the Democratic administration, however, substantial iron bridges were constructed.

I am not writing Messrs. Editors, to censure or defend either the Democratic or Republican parties. I am a tax-payer. More than that, I feel the heavy burdens of taxation, and in this I am not an exception to the tax-payers of the county generally. And still more, *I want relief. The people demand relief. The taxes are too high.*

The object of this communication is to get relief. To this end everybody should co-operate—everybody will co-operate, except those who are after "bleeding" the county for their own benefit.

The Republicans have woefully disappointed the tax-payers in this road work business, and they have been deposed. The Democrats are now in power. They are responsible. Where shall economy find the best field for work. I think in this very road work business.

Ten thousand dollars ought to be ample to do all the road and bridge work needed for the next year. Thus the taxes would come down very decidedly.

I know all the members of the present commissioner board, and I have no hesitation in saying that the county has never had a better board. They are not only honest men, but they are practical, common-sense business men, as well. They understand this matter of road mending and bridge making about as well as the next one, and they cannot easily be imposed upon. For these reasons I believe the tax-payers may expect great things in the way of economical road work, as well as lessened expenses on all sides.

The board starts off well in saving nearly one-third of the clerk's salary. But this is a small matter. Strike at the big expenses. Keep them down. The people will sustain the policy, and the party which gives us a low tax rate will be kept in power.

Respectfully, DEMOCRAT.

THE Baltimore Sun, the Republican ring organ, says "the Young Democracy of that city are organizing upon a sound money basis." By "sound" money it means *gold* money. The Sun gives the names of Wm. Shepard Bryan, Conway W. Sams, James H. Preston, James P. Gorter and J. Harry Irwin as the engineers of the movement, which we believe untrue. This "movement," if such there really is in Baltimore, or anywhere else in Maryland, to divide the Democracy of the State, is simply a Republican scheme with the Sun to father it. The Sun is already engaged in the campaign of 1898 and will use all its energies to continue the Republican delegation in Congress. Everybody who knows anything of Maryland politics understands this, and for that reason we are sure that no Democrat—especially the distinguished gentlemen named—will be caught in the trap it sets in the interest of the Republican managers, whether it be called "sound money"—with Cowan and Bruce as its backers—or "silver money," with Mr. Tom. C. Weeks as its inspiration. The Sun used both in the campaign just past and is preparing to do the same again next year.

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BEST TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Its Chief Officers Presented By the Grand Jury for Alleged False Statements of Its Condition.

William J. Atkinson, F. B. Hubbell and James Russell, manager, president and secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the Best Telephone Manufacturing Company of Baltimore, were presented by the grand jury Tuesday on the charge of violating section 97 of article 27 of the State code, making it a misdemeanor for officers of a corporation to make false returns for the purpose of influencing the price of the corporation's stock.

The alleged false statements as to the Best Company's financial condition were made when application was made to the Stock Exchange to have its stock listed. Subsequently receivers were appointed for the company, and it was found to have no assets of substantial value.

Charges were made against Mr. Atkinson, who is said to have been responsible for the alleged false statements, but the grand jury saw fit to include Mr. Hubbell and Mr. Russell in the presentment. It is said that Mr. Atkinson is in Chicago. He was formerly general manager of the Home Telephone Company, and is said to have left the city with the books of that company and of the Best Company also.

Mr. C. R. Atkinson, of near Chestertown, representing Mr. W. J. Atkinson, states that he is prepared to disprove the charges whenever the case is brought to trial.

WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec. 6, 1897.

A Queer Old London Street

Has been built, up on the Third Floor, Market street side—a wide-ish, narrow-ish, twisty street, with funny old shops on either side, and one shop that is in the middle of the street through perversest oddity of all.

Well, all those shops are stores—for the selling of Christmas goods, stores holding funny old goods and modern goods, too, shown and sold amid funny surroundings.

Queer, quaint, interesting.

But the goods are Wanamaker goods, sold really in the usual safe Wanamaker way, very different from the old way—same in prices; same every way as the regular stocks here, except for their strange surroundings. The idea is really decorative—a holiday unusualness.

Sixteen selling places along this street—

PRINT SHOP
[for pictures]
A BOOKSELLER'S
CANDY SHOP
[with queer fountain]
LEATHER AND STATIONERY
DESK FIXINGS
JAPANESE BOOTH
OLD CHINA SHOP
TOY SHOP
[with a miniature kitchen much over a century old]
NEEDLEWORK STALL
IRONMONGER'S
DRAPER SHOP
LINEN DRAPER'S
FLOWER MARKET
SILVERSMITH'S
CHEMIST'S SHOP
SHOE AND COBBLING SHOP
[with cobbler handy to fix up your shoes]

CHRISTMAS IN AFRICA—Santa Claus having coaxed a full-size elephant to help him with his pack. Too warm for reindeer. The little Hottentots are seeing their first Christmas—so are two mischievous monkeys. Second floor, Thirteenth and Market.

THE NORWICH COACH—Its route is from Norwich to London and at Christmas time the demands upon the line for the hauling of turkeys is so great that human "fares" are often given the cold shoulder. Mr. Hone, in his "Every-Day Book," says this line in December, 1793, hauled one thousand seven hundred turkeys. The coach is loaded. Four prancing steeds are ready for the start. Third floor, Juniper street.

A giant Kriss Kringle stands—and moves and blinks, in the Transept dome.

Caleb Plummer, the toymaker of Dickens' "Cricket on the Hearth," is shown at work. Basement.

And the great aisles from Market to Chestnut and Thirteenth to Juniper are perfect bowers of lit-up Christmas trees.

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CHESTERVILLE LOCALS.

A Case of Diphtheria Makes Its Appearance—Hog Killing—Farmers Back With Their Work—Personal Items of Interest—Ralph Bingham Spoke Wednesday.

Our community was shocked when they heard of the death of Miss Irene Gooding, a former school teacher of Mill Branch, at the residence of her mother at Goose Hill. The bereaved family have our sincerest sympathy.

The dreadful disease diphtheria is hovering around the village and the victim being Miss Mary Coppage, daughter of Mr. Samuel J. Coppage, a practical farmer. Mrs. Coppage is the only one allowed in the room and every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Dr. Comegys, of Millington, is attending her and thinks he will be able to stop the disease.

Mrs. Enock King is slowly improving and we hope she will continue and soon be able to be around.

Sunday being a pretty day brought a large crowd out to church and Brother Sedwick preached an interesting sermon. At night he began the revival services which are being held every night and all of next week. So far there has been no conversions; he was disappointed in having help this week, but Mr. Miller comes next Monday, to take charge of the meetings and it is the wish of the pastor for the people to turn out and show their appreciation at least.

Miss Annie Copper, of near your town, accompanied Miss Dora Loller home last Monday.

Mr. Henry Jones and Jarmer Willis, of Chesapeake City, have been the guests of Mr. Thomas Jones.

Mr. Thomas Lusby spent the day with his brother, Mr. Wm. T. Lusby Sunday.

Dr. D. D. Lewis, of Vineland, N. J., visited this section of the county last week claiming to cure deafness and all spinal diseases. He treated several who are expected to be cured in a month.

Mr. E. B. Pennington returned from a visit to Raleigh, N. C., last Tuesday week; he was accompanied down by Mrs. P. who expects to remain all winter.

Mr. J. J. Lockwood, Sr., spent several days last week in Baltimore.

The wet weather keeps the farmers back with their work, whole fields of corn have not been touched, some of them will be thankful if they get their wheat threshed on this side of Christmas.

Quite a number are butchering hogs, some fine pens and heavy pork are being handled, but the heaviest hogs have not been butchered.

From the sound of the guns we imagine there must be a great deal of game around the forest.

Mr. Henry Anthony and son, William, have rented what is known as the Sparks Mill, and is running the same, Mr. Sparks having moved to Galena.

Mr. Glenn Anthony will remain on the farm vacated by his father.

Our merchants are getting ready to display their Christmas goods and ought to advertise them.

Mrs. Dennis McCauley and Miss Cecelia McCauley spent Wednesday of last week with Mrs. J. W. Jarman.

Well, what is the matter with Kent county, three murders within as many months, surely Kent is keeping up her bad reputation in that line. SOUTH SIDE.

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Klaw & Erlanger's Superb Production—"One Round of Pleasure."

As the time approaches for the first presentation at the Academy of Music, Monday evening, December 13th, of Klaw & Erlanger's gorgeous and fascinating exposition of extravaganza, "One Round of Pleasure," there is an increasing interest among the large clientele of this eminent firm of managers in Baltimore. The probabilities are, that of all the performances in that City which they have presented to the public, the presentation of "One Round of Pleasure" will be the most brilliant performance of their brilliant record.

If current accounts are to be received as correct, Klaw & Elranger will unquestionably give Baltimore a spectacular musical sensasioh of the most pronounced order. They have maintained with considerable credit to themselves the former high standards set by them in similar productions and in addition to this, they have probably improved in many directions upon any former attempts in this line of theatrical presentation.

One thing is patent and that is that Klaw & Erlanger deserve the commendation of that class of theatre goers who will and do support and encourage bright, witty, breezy comedy; interspersed with catchy melody and stirring ensembles—not to speak of several exceedingly well written solos for some of the principals and a number of songs of a comic genre. By this time, they have demonstrated, probably with generous profit to themselves and certainly with evident appreciation on the part of the public, that this class of work given in an artistic and sumptuous manner, and containing nothing which offends the good taste of their large clientele; is more than welcome in these somewhat "degenerate days of music and the drama."

Of the manner in which the production is made there can be given nothing but praise. It seems as if the boundary of lavish expense had been drawn when Klaw & Erlanger planned the scenic environnent and costuming of "One Round of Pleasure." Certain it is, that a more richly endowed production has never been in Baltimore. It seems safe to assume that the scenery and costumes represent the investment of a sum reaching far into the thousands. Sometimes it seems difficult to imagine how a paying investment can be made out of those ambitious extravaganze productions, which carry in addition to a very expensive company of artists, a batallion of chores women and men and an increased number of orchestra players, and a scenic and costume investiture which when displayed to the public view, seems to throw the glory of the richly colored oriental picture we read of into the shade of oblivion.

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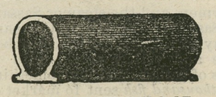

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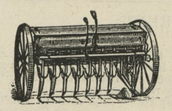

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