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DO WE NEED A NEW CONSTITUTION?

Senator Westcott's Move In That Direction and the Changes Proposed.

In the KENT NEWS of last week reference was made to the movement for a new Constitution. The leaders in the matter seem to have placed the initiatory steps in the hands of Sanator Westcott, of this county, and the Baltimore American makes the following statement of the Senator's views:

"In a general way, I can say that we have not had a new constitution for thirty years, and that the one we now have was made at a period of our State history not calculated to furnish that calm, cool and deliberate discussion and judgment so essential in forming such an important document as a State constitution. We have grown beyond the anticipations of the farmers of our Constitution, who fully intended that it should be revised after twenty years' trial, and so made provision; but, in 1899, the people were not prepared to vote favorably upon it, and rejected the call by 30,000 majority.

"I anticipate no revolutionary changes. I would not favor the retirement of those officials elected for terms specified by the existing Constitution or statutes. On the contrary, I believe they should be permitted to serve out their terms. As to the expense of holding the convention, which will be one of the objections urged against it, I would say that the people should be prepared to meet it. In fact, it is an expense deferred ten years, as the framers of the existing document had fully intended that it should be revised at the expiration of twenty years, in 1887.

Some Proposed Changes.

"While I am not prepared to go into detail in the changes I would introduce, I will outline some of them briefly.

"In the first place, I would make the State comptroller four years, instead of two years, to conform to the governor's term. I would elect, by the people, also for four years, the State tax commissioner, the State insurance commissioner and the State treasurer, instead of by the legislature or Board of Public Works as at present.

"I would make the selection of the judges of the Orphans' Court conform to the election of other judges, whose terms are for fifteen years. In the terms of the election of judges there is a conflict in the Constitution. I believe that there is reasonable ground for an opinion that all of the actions of the several orphans' courts in this State for the past thirty yearts are nugatory, because of the conflict in the Constitution.

"I would provide that the terms of justices of the peace be lengthened, and that their duties and jurisdiction be enlarged, so that more capable and better educated men can be secured to fill these offices. At every session of our courts the judges and juries are burdened with petty cases, which should be decided by the justices, or are burdened with cases which find their way to the courts because of the ignorance of the justices; more efficient men not being attracted to the offices because of the small pay and limited jurisdiction.

"I would also enlarge the duties and importance of the constables, who constitute one of our oldest and most respectable institutions. And yet, so limited is their scope, and little is their authority understood or appreciated, that this very important office has degraded, rather than advanced, under our present Constitution.

More Representation for the City.

"I would increase the representation of Baltimore city in the State legislature. It is manifestly unjust that this city, which has fully one-half the population of the State, should not have even one-fifth of the representation in the legislature. I would increase the respresntation to, say thirty. I am aware that this proposition would provoke great opposition in the counties, but still the fact cannot be denied that Baltimore is suffering great hardships and injustice by the provisions of the present Constitution limiting her representation.

The Public Schools.

"I would also so change the Constitution as to make different provision for the distribution of the State school tax. I would amend the whole schoo! system I am unalterably opposed to the mixture of schools and politics, and I would take out of the hands of the governor the power of appointing the school commissioners for the county. I am aware that this change can be made by statute, but I would incorporate it in the Constitution, so that no change can be made offhand by every legislature. I would favor the election of the school commissioners by the people, and that their terms should be so adjusted that there would not be a complete change in the membership of the board every two or four years.

Extension of Sheriffs' Terms.

"I would also favor the extension of the term of the sheriffs in the city and county, from two to four years, or more, and would attach more importance to the office than it now has. I would place the sheriff and the constables in closer harmony, so as to increase the efficiency of the police force in the counties. I would also make the sheriff eligible to re-election. He has no sooner acquired a knowledge of the duties of his office than he has to abdicate, whether the people are willing or not.

Bribery at Elections.

"Another most important feature which needs radical treatment is the law relating to bribery at and before elections. Under the present constitution, both the giver and receiver of a bribe are to be punished. This provision renders any law for punishment of bribery, virtually nugatory, and impossible of execution, as one party to the crime cannot be expected to testify against another when his testimony convicts himself of a similar crime. The Constitution should be so altered as to punish the giver and not the receiver of a bribe.

County Commissioners

"I also believe that the duties of the county commissioners should be more clearly defined and enlarged, and their jurisdiction so extended that the legislature will be relieved of the many petty bills which come to it from the counties. They appertain to legislation which could be passed upon by the commissioners, if authorized.

The Jury System.

"I also believe that there should be a radical change in our jury system. The fact cannot be denied that evils have crept into it, and that they should be entirely done away with. I am not prepared at this time to suggest a substitute system, but I am confident that a better plan can and will be devised.

Union of Courts.

"I would also favor the union of courts of law and equity, as is done in New York and other States, in order that legal matters may be expedited.

The Convention.

"Of course," concluded Senator Westcott, "these are only a few of the many suggestions which arise in connection with a new constitution. Others will arise, and they will serve in addition to those I have mentioned to emphasize the importance of a new State document. A new constitution is certainly most essential to Baltimore city in the adoption and enforcement of its proposed new charter. As to the basis of representation in the convention, I would suggest about the same as that followed in electing members of the legislature—that is, counties with 18,000 population have two delegates, those between 18,000 and 28,000, three delegates, those between 28,000 and 40,000, four delegates, and those between 40,000 and 55,000, six. Some arrangement along the lines of population might be made, by which Baltimore city should have a larger representation than it now has in the legislature. Of course, the people would vote on the call in 1899, and, if adopted the delegates to the convention would not be elected until 1891. There is plenty of time for discussing proposed changes, suggestions and recommendations. The time has come for a new constitution, and the longer we postpone it, the more complicated, disorganized and conflicting will be our present Constitution, because of amendments and our statutory law."

Heart Rescue in 30 Minutes after momentarily expecting for years that death might snap the vital cord at any minute. This is the story thousands could tell and have told of the almost Divine formula, Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. Every day chronicles the taking away of many who have not heeded nature's warnings that the heart was tired out and needed the helplug that this wonderful cure gives. Heart disorders are insidious. Don't trifle. This great remedy attacks the disease instantly.—41. For sale by C. F. Stam and M. A. Toulson.

IT is reported that the largest life insurance policy issued by any company in the world was issued last Saturday to George W. Vanderbilt by a New York company. The policy is said to be in the straight life, twenty-year class, and amounts to $1,000,000. Mr. Vanderbilt is to pay $35,000 annual premium.

One Short Puff Clears the Head.—Does your head ache? Have you pains over your eyes? Is there a constant dropping in the throat? Is the breath offensive? These are certain symptons of Catarrh. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will cure most stubborn cases in a marvelously short time. If you've had Catarrh a week it's a sure cure. If it's only of fifty years standing it's just affective.—42. For sale by M. A. Toulson and C. F. Stam.

THE grand jury of Essex county, N. J. last week returned a presentment condemning the "overcrowding of churches." The telegram says, "Clergymen of all denominations criticise the presentment." "Overcrowded churches are preferable to overcrowded jails," one clergyman says, and added: "It is a pity that the alleged nuisance does not exist."

Dr. Agnew's Ointment Cures Piles.—Itching, Bleeding, and Blind Piles. Comfort in one application. It cures in three to six nights. It cures all skin diseases in young and old. A remedy beyond compare, and it never fails. 35 cents.—43. For sale by C. F. Stam and M. A. Toulson.

Bryan's a Good Shot!—Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, on his way to Mexico last week, stopped off in Texas for a duck hunting trip in Chambers county. He carried off the palm by bagging 43 ducks, 12 of which were canvas backs. He appeared in the best of health and is delighted with his trip. He has been joined by his wife and will spend three or four weeks in Mexico.

Jealous Rivals cannot turn back the tide. The demand for Dr. Agnew's little Pills is a marvel. Cheap to buy, but diamonds in quality-banish nausea, coated tongue, water brash, pain after eating, sick headache, never gripe, operate pleasantly. 10 cents.—44. For sale by M. A. Toulson and C. F. Stam.

WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec. 13, 1897.

Store open evenings until 10 o'clock hereafter until Christmas.

How Big is Kriss Kingle?

in the Main Aisle. He is 23 feet from crown to soles. It took 850 pounds of clay to model the head alone; 13½ pounds of hair for wig and beard; 43 yards of felt and eiderdown for coat and 48 quilts to line it. Three men tugged at the coat to fetch it from the tailor. His gloves are made from 7 yards of black goods and his boots from 15½ yards of black oilcloth. They are lined and stiffened with 10 yards of 2-yard-wide felt. It required 18 feet of lumber to make the buttons for his clothes and 728 feet of lumber was used in forming his skele-

ton. And Kriss Kingle isn't half so big and hearty as our welcome. Enjoy the Christmas store!

Handkerchiefs CLOSE shave! This seventy-four thousand four hundred handkerchiefs just reached us from Ireland! And they were needed. Such handkerchief selling is melting big piles rapidly.

France has sent big lots—and Switzerland.

Men's fine hemstitched French handkerchiefs—some plain centers and colored borders, others with plaid and striped centers and borders, $1 and $1.10 each.
Quieter sort—hemstitched, fine, pure white—$1.75 a doz., though now worth $2.50.
Or these—fine white hemstitched handkerchiefs—six in a box—$1.50.

SILK MUFFLERS—

Count the styles, if you've time—hundreds of them. To count and sort would give you such a picture of them as we've no space to print.

50c—Mostly all black—some colors.
75c—White and black—fifty patterns in the weaving.
$1—Gay colors and quiet, and many white mufflers from Japan.
$1.50—Finer. That's all.

Women's and Girls' Mackintoshes IT'S not only a satisfaction to always have at hand a sure protection for the dress when a trip must be made in the rain; it's a safeguard for health as well. Then the new Mackintoshes have a dressiness about them that is pleasing—light in weight; velvet collars and double capes on many of them—

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These price hints—

Women's Zenda Mackintoshes, cashmere face; neat check backs; double detachable capes, with inlaid velvet collar; in black and navy. $4. Girls' size, $3.75, in blue only.
Women's Mackintoshes, cashmere face; fancy plaid back; new style double breasted; single detachable cape; inlaid velvet collar; in blue and black. $6.75.
Women's Mackintoshes, with cashmere face, fancy backs; double detachable capes; inlaid velvet collar; in blue and black. $6.75. Same style as above, with fine serge face, $10.
Girls' Mackintoshes in navy blue cashmere face; fancy plaid back; single cape, with hood; both detachable; inlaid velvet collar. $5.

Men's Gloves TWO stores for them—needed, to hold the gloves and the hundreds who depend on this store for their supplying.

Chiefest kidskin gloves are these—made to our order in Grenoble—

"Royale," tan, red tan, brown, white, black. $2.
"University," tan, red tan, brown, black. $1.50.
"Exton," pearl, white, black. $1.50.

But they are more or less dressy.

For warmth—

Thousands of pairs—gloves for men who drive and ride bicycle or horse. $25 for the finest fur gloves. 25c for the cheapest warm glove we have.

Men's Overcoats THE shaggy frieze is probably the most liked overcoating of the year. Warm, serviceable, dressy—little wonder that it is. The colorings are black, brown and Oxford gray; made in the proper-est lengths, with all the latest touches of the best merchant tailoring. Some lined with Italian cloth, some with black worsted; all sleeves satin lined; many have shoulders lined with satin. Prices—

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Towels—boxed A HALF DOZEN towels in a neat box—good idea, isn't it? Fine to have such handsome towels to box at such little prices. These hints—

BOX OF SIX FOR $1.08—
Full bleached German Damask towels; with hemstitched ends and pretty broche borders of red and blue; size 20x40 inches—each one fairly worth a quarter.

BOX OF SIX FOR $1.50—
Fine all white German Huck towels, ready hemmed, and with pretty damask borders; size 22x42 inches.

BOX OF SIX FOR $1.50—
Fine bleached German Damask towels, with knotted fringe, and pretty colored borders in red, pink, blue and gold; size 22x42 inches.

BOX OF SIX FOR $2.10—
Fine Damask towels, with knotted fringe, and bordered—some all white, others with light blue, pink, yellow or red borders; size 22x50 inches.

John Wanamaker.

CHESTERVILLE LOCALS.

Faith in "Shouters"—And Mormonism—Big Porkers—Personals &c.

Our village gave Ralph Bingham, the great orator, a hearty welcome last Wednesday night. He proved to be more than represented. While the church was full there was room for more and a handsome sum was realized. He got off some fine imitations on the young lady entertaining her best man, and mother making her six-year-old daughter play the piano for her company. He rendered some very fine music on the violin, imitating different birds. The finest of all was while playing the 'Mocking Bird' a cat came in and made quite a laugh, but the cat did not catch the bird. He expects to return some future time and will be warmly welcomed.

The revival services have been continued all the week with little success. Rev. Mr. Miller, of Aberdeen, came last Monday to assist with the meetings. Why don't some of the Double Creek shouters come over and stir up the meetings? Our people don't believe in shouting and they have few good, live meetings.

Elders Samuel D. Brown and Charles D. Hardy, of Utah, ministers of the gospel, are canvassing this section. Their denomination is the Latter Day Saints, better known as the Mormon Church. They are on foot going from house to house conversing and leaving a discipline of their teaching. Their headquarters in the State are at present at Elkton, Md. May they meet with success in their cause.

Hog butchering is the order of the day and some heavy weights are reported. Mr. Thomas Hurlock killed 36, the average being 270 pounds, the heaviest weighed 315. Thomas Clements' 18 averaged 238, the heaviest was 310 lbs. Thomas Bennett's heaviest was 316, and Garrett Foxwell's 351. Willard Dill, the merchant, has one that will beat them all, he has not been killed yet, but it is said that he will reach 500 lbs.

Mr. James Bennett and wife, of Melitota, are spending the week at Mrs. B.'s father, Mr. Edw. Cooper.

Miss Viola Moffett is visiting friends in the Monumental City.

Mrs. Wooters is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Johnson, near Sassafras.

Mr. E. B. Pennington, Jr., who sailed from New York in Sept. for Cape Colony, South Africa, returned last Saturday. While he liked Africa he thinks there is no place like home—Old Kent.

There is still plenty of corn to husk, wheat to thresh and the poor farmers are worrying themselves to death over the bad weather.

Mr. Sewell Plummer, a photographer of Templeville, is delivering some fine crayon pictures he took in October. He intends to locate in Centreville the first of the year.

Mrs. Thomas Hurlock had two turkeys stolen from her one night last week.

Mrs. Mary Coppage is still very low with diphtheria. Her life is despared of. We hope she will recover soon.

Mr. George Jones spent Thursday and Friday in Chesapeake City the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Henry Jones.

SOUTH SIDE.

Christmas Shopping Made Easy.—When visiting Baltimore you can save much time by going direct to Oehm's Acme Hall, the mammoth clothiers and outfitters, Baltimore and Charles streets, where you will find the largest assortment of holiday gifts ever spread beneath one roof. They have ample facilities for handling the vast crowds that throng the great store, and the bundles of out of town visitors are especially looked after, thus saving you all worry.

How to Prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Oolegah, Ind. Ter. *Chief.*

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Christmas Hints

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Christmas Hints, too

Women's Cloth Capes, flare collar, full sweep, $15, $10, $5.
Kersey Coats, velvet collar, silk faced, $5.75.
Astrakhan Curl Boucle Reefers, shield front, flare collar, $2 or $3 below regular prices, $7, $6.50, $5.
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