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The Extra Session Question.

Gov. Smith will not call an extra session of the Legislature. We have been sure of this from the first intimation. No good would result from such a session and much harm might. The colored voters' rights are secure under the laws we have, and he will not be unjustly deprived of these rights by Maryland Democrats in any future legislation.

The only good excuse that could be given for an extra legislative session is that remedies may be applied to the bribery evil. But is it sure that such legislation would be adopted, even if the special session was held? We think not. Abundant opportunity was offered at the last session, and it was not overlooked, but nothing was done. Why? Simply because the leaders of the two great parties are not agreed as to what is the remedy.

The Easton Ledger well says:

"To call a special session of the Legislature now merely to pass a law to gain partisan advantage would be a sharp trick unworthy the Democratic party."

Our neighbors of the Centreville Observer also appreciate the bribery evil and favors a new ballot law—like that of the republican State of Massachusetts.

The following is from an ex-legislatureman in Kent, and a gentleman of broad views:

Tolchester, Nov. 28, 1900.

Editors Kent News:—Gents: As the time is drawing near for the Governor to decide whether we are to have an extra session of the Legislature or not to remedy the constitution as to the buying of votes, so the matter can come before the people at the earliest moment, in the next election, it seems but right that all good people should be up and doing, so that he can feel free to act. That something along this line should be done we all who love pure elections feel sure should be done and done at once. What that something is many of us may differ. But to me the best thing in sight is to repeal the constitutional provision relative to vote buying and put the full penalty on the buyer. Then while in session it would seem a good time to settle the controversy about the illiterate voter, and let us know if we are or are not to revise the ballot law. If we do not have the extra session the Republicans will preach from every stump in Maryland next fall that the Democrats will do this very thing, whether the Democrats have such thought or not. And another thought we must not overlook, if we do not stop this vote buying with an extra session this winter it will be just five years before we can do so, unless we call an extra session three years from now. Now let the Kent News and all good papers speak out. The time has come to act. And I say let the Democratic party show to all the people that while it wants to win it wants to do so fairly and honestly.

G. E. NOLAND.

Mr. Noland's suggestions are to the point and well worthy of serious consideration. There is no doubt of the truth of what he says relative to Republican "preaching." The opposition will take hold of any opportunity or arguments to gain advantage in the next political contest and there are none more effective than those which appeal to the fears of the ignorant classes. They will use the disfranchisement appeal if it is best adapted to solidify the colored vote. But they will not wait for issues of Democratic manufacture. They will make them—make them to order. And the Democratic party must rely upon fair means rather than drastic methods for retaining political ascendancy in Maryland. The calling of a special session of the Legislature *not to do* what many think ought to be its first object, might be a brilliant object lesson to prove Democratic intentions toward the colored race, but it would be a sore disappointment to a great many good Democrats, and besides, would fall flat and ineffective as a proof of Democratic fairness to opponents, when the need of other logic is at hand. The intelligent colored voter can never be made to believe that the Democracy as a party will purposely do them harm; they take no stock in the clap-trap campaign cries of re-enslavement or disfranchisement. It is the ignorant alone that are thus misled. The last Legislature had abundant opportunity to pass political measures if it had so desired and the Democratic party has abundant capital on the "preaching" argument in this fact.

J. H. C. Barrett, Esq., editor of the Dorchester Era, has been selected by Congressman Kerr, as his private secretary. He deserves it and we congratulate him.

Arthur Pue Gorman, Jr., son of ex-Senator Gorman, was married to Miss Grace Norris, on Wednesday last in N. Y. Avenue Church, Washington. The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. James L. Norris, and the wedding was a very brilliant one.

The New York supreme court has decided that a winner cannot recover money lent during a game.

Kent's Representation.

In another column we give the figures of the recent census in Maryland. Based upon these figures in the next Legislature Anne Arundel, Charles, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Washington counties will each gain a member in the House of Delegates. Washington and Anne Arundel will have five delegates instead of four; Montgomery and Prince George's are entitled to four instead of three; Charles, Kent and St. Mary's have now more than 18,000 inhabitants, and consequently will have three delegates instead of two. Kent has 18,786. In 1880 we were reported to have, 17,605, and in 1890, the number fell to 17,471!

Of the seven counties which gain in representation, six—all but Montgomery—voted for President McKinley. In 1899 Governor Lowndes carried four of them — viz., Anne Arundel, Charles, Kent and Prince George's — and lost Washington and St. Mary's by a close vote. The change in the apportionment is, therefore, apparently to the advantage of the Republicans.

It will be the duty of the Governor to make proclamation of the results of the census and announce the representation to which the city and counties are entitled,

Kent will get what she has never before received—a just representation—to the honor of which the census officials are entitled, and we take great pleasure in according this great credit to our county's census takers, who so faithfully and intelligently discharged their duties, as well as to the citizens who took enough interest in the matter to aid by information and otherwise.

The advantage gained by our county by this increased representation is in the weight of her voice in nominating conventions and in the Legislature. Heretofore on several occasions our need of this extra delegate has prevented our making a congressman and belittled us in many other ways.

Hereafter we are to stand in the front rank with the biggest of our Eastern Shore sisters. We already feel the dignity of our new position and gently throw out the hint to the "powers that be." *We have four votes hereafter, and —don't—you—forget—it!*

THE WHISKEY BUSINESS THRIVES.

Our town officers report more drunkenness in Chestertown last Sunday than for years. Why is it that the "whiskey soaks" prefer the Sabbath day for their drunks? Where do they get their rum? The answer to the first is that some of these gentry succeed in getting a little money during the week and these divide up with their comrades who are too far gone ever to earn a dollar, and on Saturday night the orgie commences, continuing over to the next day. The second question is just as easily answered. The jugs innumerable are coming and going to the cities every day, but the Saturday receipts are largest. But there is another source for this whiskey supply even more prolific than the city purchasing business. The "soaks" do not get their poison from abroad. They rely upon the local dealers. These latter are said to be numerous in Chestertown, notwithstanding the severe penalties of the law and the efficient administration of justice by the courts. Rum ranches are believed to exist on our main streets, conducted by white men, as well as the back streets and side alley jugs, handled by the colored soakers. These law-breakers, whose only object is to make money, deal out their cheap poisons without regard to consequences.

Another question:— Who are these bottle holders, and who conduct the rum ranches? It should be the effort of every good citizen to suppress them.

Wellington Shut Out.

A Washington telegram says: "In making up the Republican caucus list of the Senate, the name of Senator Wellington, of Maryland, has been ommitted at his own request. He has chosen a seat on the Republican side, however."

Congressman-elect Wm. H. Jackson made his first appointment this week, in person of Mr. Woodland C. Bradley to a position in the Custom House, Baltimore. Mr. Bradley will assume the duties of his position about the first of December. The salary is $720 per annum.—Salisbury Advertiser.

Baltimore is a well-governed city and the police board are doing the right thing in investigating the Olympia theatre tragedy. The police should not allow their "country cousins" to be murdered if they do sometimes forget themselves and get drunk while in the city.

Samuel A. Rice has been awarded a ten year contract for collecting, removing and burning Baltimore city's garbage and collecting and disposing of the dead animals, all ashes and other street and market refuse at his bid of $148,000 per annum The contract aggregates $1,480,000.

Gov. Smith has fallen heir to a grandson. His only daughter, Mrs. Arthur D. Foster, is the subject of hearty congratulations.

PUBLIC SALE OF

PERSONALTY!

THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming and leave the county will sell at public sale without reserve on the Wickes farm at Whaland's mill, near Chestertown,

On Monday, December 10, 1900

beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., the following personal property:

4 HEAVY DRAFT HORSES

Will work anywhere; sound and true. Two of them good drivers and two are extra heavy weight and young.

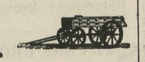
2 Short Horn Cows

One fresh now and other coming in profit. Good for 1 lb. butter a day, kind & gentle.

1200 Lbs. of Pork,

500 Bundles of Blades,

Several tons of Clover Hay, 30 Stands of Bees in patent hives, 500 good Chestnut Posts.

Farming Utensils. 

1 3-spring Wagon, 1 horse cart, 1 2-spring wagon with hay rig, wood rig and body, one York carriage in good order, steel rake, first class cider press, 1-horse and 2-horse plows, cultivator, harrows, double roller and mower, plow gears, collars, bridles, truckers tools, hand plows, rakes, berry crates, lot of cider vinegar and many other things.

4 Set Wagon and 2 Set Carriage Harness.

Household & Kitchen Furniture.

2 good cook stoves, No. 6 and 8, for wood and coal, in complete order, carpets, chairs, side board, sewing machine, coal and wood stoves, 1 set of Antique Mahogany Furniture 75 yrs. old, in good order.

TERMS—All sums of $10 and under cash; over that amount a credit of 10 months will be given on properly secured note payable at Kent County Savings bank.

WALTER L. ELBURN.

J. H. Greenwood, Auct. m24.

PUBLIC SALE OF

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Having discontinued farming where Robt. J. Benton lives, on Hermitage farm, near Worton Station, will sell at this place

On MONDAY, DEC. 3rd, 1900.

at 10.30 o'clock a. m. following personalty:

4 Young Work Horses

2 3-Year Colts, 1 Mare in fold by Dr. Jarman's horse.

5 Head Milch Cows,

YOUNG and excellent, three and four years old. One with calf by side,

1 Holstein Bull, 2 Years Old, and 4 Spring Calves.

2 Brood Sows, 3 Farm Wagons, 1 Dearborn, 1 Dayton, 1 Buggy, Harness and pole, 1 Randall Harrow, 1 Osborne Mower, 1 Corn Planter, 1 hay rake, Horse Caft nearly new, Peach & Pear Baskets, 1 Grain Fan, 3 Cultivators, Harrows, Roller, Plows, Shovels, Forks, Wagon and Plow Harness, Two Cook Stoves, 1 Buffalo Robe.

TERMS—10 months credit with note and approved security. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

WM. J. VANNORT.

John H. Greenwood, Auct'r. n24.

FAIRLEE'S... CASH MERCHANT!

A. P. EMERSON

Successor to A. BRAMBLE,
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Has opened a fine stock of Winter Goods consisting of

Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions, Hardware, Boots & Shoes, Hats & Caps, Etc., Etc., Etc.

☞ Attention given to Cucumber Pumps and Repairs.

☞ I am buying goods for cash and selling for cash. Therefore I SELL AT LOWEST PRICES. Try me.

Levering's Coffee 12c.

Sage and Pepper 18 cts!

☞ Country Produce Wanted.

A. P. EMERSON, Fairlee.

Dec. 1, 1900.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

The County Commissioners hereby give notice that the "Smoketown" bridge on the public road near Kennedyville will be removed Wednesday, Nov. 21st, until further notice and travel will be suspended.

By order,
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
for Kent County.

H. Theo. Jewell, Clerk. n24-3t.

Our Buckwheat has come, and you all know it is the best.

WESTCOTT & DODD.

PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

HOUSE And LOT

In STILL POND, MD.

BY VIRTUE of a power of sale contained in the mortgage from Joseph J. Briscoe and wife to James H. Robinson, dated Oct. 18th, 1899, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent County in Liber J. T. D. No. 2, folio 569, etc., the undersigned, the attorney named in said mortgage, will offer at public sale in front of the Court House door, in Chestertown, Md.,

On MONDAY, DEC. 24th, 1900,

at 11 o'clock a. m.

All The Real Estate

mentioned in said mortgage, consisting of a lot of land situate and lying in the village of Still Pond, Kent county, Md., adjoining the lands of Mrs. Mary E. Whaley and others, having a frontage on the street leading from the center of the village to the back road to Betterton, of 60 feet, and a depth of even width of one hundred and eighty-one feet and six inches. It being the said premises recently occupied by said Jos. J. Briscoe.

THE IMPROVEMENTS

CONSIST OF A

SMALL DWELLING HOUSE,

in ordinary repair.

TERMS:—The whole of the purchase money will be required to be paid in cash on the day of sale or on the final ratification of the sale at the option of the attorney, with bond and approved security. The purchase money to bear interest from day of sale

The above terms may be modified to suit purchasers.

MARION DeK. SMITH,
Attorney named in Mortgage.

J. H. Greenwood, Auctioneer. decl-ts.

PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

PERSONALTY!

THE UNDERSIGNED having rented his farm will sell at public sale at his residence ner Kennedyville,

On THURSDAY, Dec. 6th, 1900,

beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., the following Stock and Farming Implements.

12 HEAD OF HORSES

AND COLTS,

all good drivers. One Stallion, Sanborn, 4 years old and an excellent driver, one Gray Mare with colt by her side, one month old; and Two Yearling Colts.

35 Head of Cows

and HEIFERS,

well bred Holstein Cattle, second to none in the county, some are registered, others entitled to be registered.

About 15 TONS OF GOOD HAY.

Farming Implements,

1 McCormick Binder, nearly new; 1 Deering Binder, 1 Deering Mower, 1 Bickford & Hoffman Drill, nearly new; 1 Horse Rake, 4 three horse Oliver Chilled Plows, 1 two-horse Rollins Drill Plow, 1 Hyland Roller, 1 Stoddard Corn Planter, 1 Corn Sheller, one-half interest in Grain Fan, 1 Sulky Cultivator, 5 Hand Cultivators, 1 Spring Tooth Harrow, nearly new; Twin Harrows, nearly new, 80 teeth 2 each; 1 Hand Fodder Cutter, 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Clover Seed Seeder, 1 Peach Rigging, 2 Farm Wagons, 2 Hay Riggings, 2 two-horse Spring Wagons, 1 Milk Wagon, 16 Milk Cans, 1 Carriage, 10 Sets Plow Harness, 3 Sets of Wagon Harness, 10 Work Bridles and Collars, 1 Side Saddle, 2, 3 and 4 horse Trees, Forks, Shovels, and other small implements that are found on a well conducted farm that are too numerous to mention. Some household furnishing goods.

TERMS OF SALE:— All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of 12 months will be given on note with approved security.

DANIEL HILL.

Chas. H. Hurlock, Auctioneer. n24.

SMALL FARM FOR SALE

ON BORDERS OF ROCK HALL.

This farm contains 20 to 25 ACRES of good, kind LAND, with Water front and clear unobstructed view of Chesapeake Bay.

Large 9 ROOM DWELLING with all necessary outbuildings, all in first class condition. A FINE WELL OF WATER in the yard. Place is well stocked with FRUIT TREES, Grape Vines and an Asparagus Patch all in bearing.

Situated at mouth of Huntingfield Creek, west end of Allen's lane, one mile from Rock Hall church, school and post office. Mail delivered at gate every day. I am asking no fancy price.

Also 1 Sorrell Mare, good driver; 2 Alderney Cows, one wagon and harness and other things used by farmers. I will give clear title and deed on day of sale.

CHAS. R. KERR,
Rock Hall, Md.

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Morgnec.

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If We Don't, But We Hope to Catch You First.....

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Now stick a pin right here so that you'll not forget it. We can sell you the **Best Overcoat for $10.00** that you ever saw and if its a better one or a cheaper one that you want, why we'll give you the best value and style to be found anywhere. Our lines of MEN'S, BOYS' and CHILDREN'S

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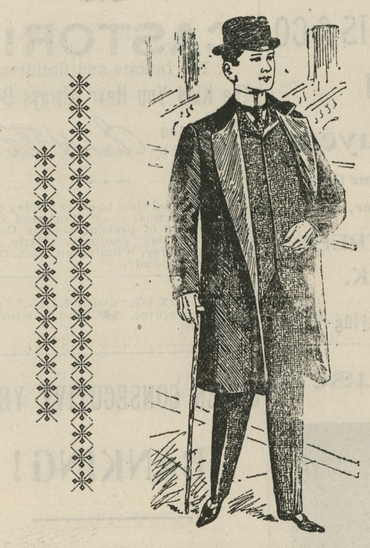

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