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The Election Tickets Changed by Order of the Court.

The tickets to be voted next Tuesday were all printed, folded and ready to be delivered to the supervisors last Thursday, when State's Attorney Urie filed the petition of W. Harry Lambert asking for a mandamus to require a change in the type of the party designation. The enlarged ticket fac-simile showed the use of "uniform type throughout the ballot," *which was literally according to law*, but the small "r" used instead of a capital "R" was not according to the republican campaign education, and hence the application for a change.

No fair-minded man can say that the tickets were not printed strictly as the law directs—on clean, white paper and in large, clear type—but the court, in ruling upon the question, considered another legal provision in connection therewith, that is, whether or not section 44 requires the publication, eight days before the election, in certain newspapers of a FAC SIMILE OF THE BALLOT. The court practically decided that it did. This decision reverses the construction put upon that section by nearly every member of our bar and the best legal opinion that could be availed of in Baltimore city, and these opinions had governed the election supervisors in their action.

Our court—Chief Judge Pearce and Associate Judge Martin—decided that Section 44 was not fully complied with in publishing a "list of nominations" arranged "as far as practicable in the order and form in which they are to be printed upon the ballot," but that the supervisors must make the printed ticket conform to this published "list of nominations" in the use of capital letters. This was not done, in that in the publication capital letters were used for the first letter of the party designation, while in the ticket the small "r" was used. The court thought this nullified the publication, in that readers who had been instructed thereby might be misled in casting their ballots, and therefore required that the change should be made to make the two conform.

The supervisors, in ordering the tickets printed as they did, believed it to be strictly according to every requirement, carrying out the letter and spirit of the law. The publication was in small type, as may be seen in this issue of the NEWS, and larger, black type was ordered for the ticket so that it could be more easily read. In using the large type all capitals were discarded, except in proper names, to make the ticket conform to the legal requirement of "uniform type throughout the ballot."

R. D. Hynson, Esq., counsel to the board of supervisors, noted exceptions to the court's ruling and an appeal was taken, which, however, cannot be heard until the January term.

This is in few words the whole case of ticket printing change in Kent. The change was made at the demand of the republicans, and it is at much inconvenience to the supervisors and at considerable extra expense. And we believe the amended ticket is not as nearly conformed to the law as the original—the one first printed by direction of the supervisors. Nor do we think that the voter is at all benefited, except in so far as he has been instructed. Yet in both tickets—the original and the amended ticket—the type is large and plain and would meet the requirements of all reasonable minds not otherwise affected by private instruction.

So much for this contention over the ballot printing. And here it is just and proper to say that Mr. Wm. S. Carroll, the republican member of the board of supervisors, has acted in the spirit of utmost fairness and propriety. He readily assented to the "manner and form of the ticket" when presented for his approval, and thereupon, with the assent of the two democratic members, the order was given for the printing.

We wish it distinctly understood that this statement of fact is not to be construed as a reflection upon the court. As above stated, the court's action was based upon the construction put upon Section 44, and Judges Pearce and Martin may be right after all in their rendering of its meaning. They were certainly honest in their judgment and motives.

A prominent republican in Chestertown thus comments on the Roosevelt-Booker Washington incident: "I think if Mr. Roosevelt wanted to do something singular he had better gone over the falls of Niagara!"

SOMETHING unheard of before in our court annals occurred yesterday. Two courts were in session at the same time in the Kent court-house. Chief Judge Pearce and Associate Judge Martin sat in the law library to hear the Talbot election ticket case, while Judge Brown presided in the court room proper.

The People's Ticket is the Democratic Ticket—It is Worthy the Support of Every Man—Vote It!

The election next Tuesday will decide many important matters and it is the duty of every citizen to go to the polls and vote. The Democratic party in Kent has put forth a ticket that should have the support of *every white voter* in the county. Every man as a standard bearer of the party presents an absolutely irreproachable personal and political record. From top to bottom it appeals to every democrat and every citizen for his support, and true democratic voters in Kent will vote for every man nominated by the convention.

JOSHUA W. HERING, for Comptroller, has a record as a private citizen and a public man that cannot be excelled. With an unblemished spotless life, a pure democrat, he took up the duties of Comptroller at the call of his party to serve the people, as he had served in all his work—faithfully and well, and was unanimously selected to again stand for the position he has adorned. His ability, honesty, integrity and worth none dare assail.

JOSEPH FRANK TURNER, Clerk of the Court of Appeals, was selected by the Judges of that August body because of his special fitness and training for that work and for his personal worth and ability. His superior cannot be found and his equals are few. The democracy of Maryland unanimously ratified that selection and called him to be their standard bearer along with his matchless colleague this year.

The county ticket is as clean as any could possibly be as follows:

JESSE R. COPPER, the nominee for county treasurer, is a practical farmer of the second district. He is a son of the late Joshua Copper and a son-in-law of ex-Sheriff Robert W. Calder, a brother of W. Bradford Copper, Chestertown, and a half-brother of the veteran popular school-teacher, John W. Copper. Samuel, another brother is a prominent business man of the West. Mr. Copper lives on the Raymond farm near Urieville and is about 40 years of age. He is a citizen of high character, a first-class farmer and a good business man.

THOMAS J. FLETCHER, the nominee for Sheriff, is one of the best citizens of the seventh district. Mr. Fletcher's name, among his home people, is the synonym of uprightness and a strict moral conduct and business integrity. He served one term as County Commissioner with perfect fidelity to all the interests of the county and has proven in all his public life his eminent fitness for official station. The laws will be faithfully respected by TOM FLETCHER, without the shadow of doubt. He has made no promises of any kind as to appointment of deputy and if elected guarantees to place a man under him who will be a credit to the party and to all concerned.

It would be impossible to name a stronger legislative ticket. Neither of the nominees desired the honor, but, on the contrary, sought to avoid it, and are only forced upon the ticket by the popular voice. **SAMUEL J. JOHNSON** is a son of the late Col. Richard C. Johnson, who for so many years of his life held a high place in the councils of his party in the county. He is a farmer, near Massey, owning several of the finest estates in that section. He is in the prime of life and esteemed by all who know him.

WILLIAM T. NICHOLSON is a son of the late Robert Nicholson, so long prominent in public life in the county. He too is a prosperous agriculturist, and no better citizen can be found in the county. He is in the vigor of young and active manhood; of splendid social qualities, and generous to a fault. He is one of the most active Democrats in the county and his perfect political integrity was never questioned, while his high sense of honor and upright moral character peculiarly fit him for public trust. He is a worthy running mate for Mr. Johnson. If elected they will faithfully and zealously represent Kent county in the House of Delegates next winter. It is of the utmost importance that our people be represented by democrats in our State legislative halls, where laws of the greatest importance to the whole State to be enacted and where Sydney Mudd will be a candidate for the United States Senate. A vote for Johnson and Nicholson means a vote against grave-robber Mudd. Our oyster interests need watchful care for their preservation and protection and with Samuel J. Johnson and William T. Nicholson every oyster-man in Kent will feel that his interests are in safe hands.

HARVEY BRICE and **LEWIS C. AYRES**, the nominees for county commissioner, are men of unquestioned character and capacity. The first is a farmer, near Betterton. He is honest, intelligent and popular. Mr. Ayres is a fifth district man. He is equally prized for his estimable qualities as a citizen. Both will make first class officials.

Such is the ticket nominated by the Democratic party. It should win by a large majority. Among this list of candidates not one can be found, of whom it can be said that he has failed to respond to every call made upon him by his party or his people. It embraces every class of industry and represents the highest type of its class. Though democrats, they represent all the people and the well being of all.

Vote for every man with democratic after his name, and you will do right.

"A Shameful Cartoon."

The attempt of the Democratic managers to make the race question an issue in the Maryland campaign has reached its climax in the printing of a disreputable and disgraceful political cartoon, offering an insult to President and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, the first lady of the land. Taking as his subject the White House dinner to Booker Washington, president of Tuskego University—a man to whom the greatest educators of the whole world, gathered at New Haven last week, paid special honor for his efforts to elevate and educate his race—this cartoonist has depicted President and Mrs. Roosevelt, the gracious and charming mistress of the White House, as smiling and smirking over a brutal and ugly black negro—a negro of the lowest type—while her distinguished husband, as brutally and vilely caricatured, is sitting by, approving of his wife's actions.—Enterprise.

My! My! but isn't it awful! Just too disgraceful to think about, eh? And yet our cotemporary for weeks has been publishing caricatures of Governor John Walter Smith and others who are as deserving as President Roosevelt of respect in their official position. It depends very much as to whose ox is gored what is the enormity of the crime!

LET every democrat make a ballot before going into the booth.

DON'T try to make a big X. A small one in the centre of the square is the thing that is sure to count.

THE race riot near Balltown, La., ended in the complete defeat of the negroes, after ten persons were killed.

BUFFALO BILL'S Wild West Show los about 100 horses in a wreck at Linwood N. C., Tuesday.

The republicans would love to have it go out that democratic officials are trying to play a trick in the ballot. It is no such thing. No cleaner or clearer ballot ever was printed than the one they had changed by the court. And still they are not satisfied.

THE law compels the full first name of all candidates to appear on the ballot. Voters should make no mistake—Samuel J. Johnson is the same "Stoney" Johnson that was nominated by the Democratic Convention and who will make the people of Kent county an excellent representative.

LEON F. CZOLGOSZ was electrocuted in Auburn Prison, N. Y., at 7.12 A. M., Tuesday for the murder of President McKinley. His last words were "I am not sorry for my crime. I killed the President because he was an enemy of the good people—of the good working people." An autopsy showed no signs of mental degeneracy.

MR. PLATT, the republican candidate for Comptroller, is a Baltimore oyster packer. If elected he will be a member of the board of Public Works, and would name the captains of the oyster navy, and all such captains would be likely to come from Baltimore city, and in that event the oystermen of the counties could expect no mercy. Better let Platt alone and vote for Herring, the oyster-man's friend.

TRUE friends of temperance have no excuse for voting a prohibition ticket this year. Both parties have placed practical temperance men on their tickets and they should get every temperance man's vote. Now is the time Mr. Prohibitionist to prove your sincerity by *actions*, not words.

THERE is one provision of the new election law in regard to which the voter must exercise due care—he must now make his crossmark (X) in the square immediately to the right of the party name following the party name of each candidate for whom he wishes to vote. There is no possible way in which a single crossmark can vote the whole ticket or in fact more than for one man. Be careful to make your marks in the proper places and to make one for each candidate for whom you wish to vote.

A False Statement.

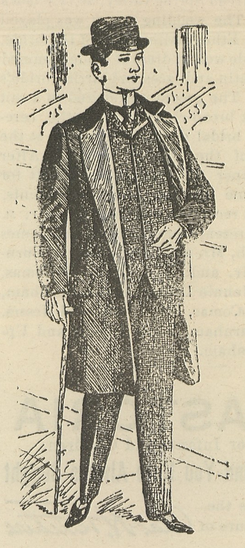
Our cotemporary has been having dreams and seeing ghosts as well as Goldsboro and other immaculate republicans. Supposing that the democrats would do what the republicans would, if they had the chance, the latter have been in a fever to see the ballot. A prominent republican says he was *afraid it would be on tissue paper!* Such nonsense.

Mr. Carroll was told by the NEWS editors that he would see the first ticket printed and that not another one would be struck off until the board gave their consent. The charge that "when he applied for a "proof" or sample of the same he was informed that he had no right to have or see the same" is a base falsehood. Editor Russell had simply been misinformed. To the contrary we assured Mr. Carroll that he should see the ballot and that they would be printed *after he saw it and as he saw it.*

WE are in receipt of the Newspaper Blue Book, published by Theodore Wiese, of Chicago, proprietor of the United States Press Clipping Bureau. The book gives a select list of the best newspapers in the United States and gives an interesting account of the way the work in the clipping bureau is carried on. Among the list of the best weeklies in Maryland is mentioned the KENT NEWS, of Chestertown.

A LARGE LINE!

Better goods this fall for less money, better quality at less profit, better value with more satisfaction are the inducements we hold out to



Clothing Buyers

this season. Our stock was never larger, and never more carefully selected than it is now; and includes Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing and Furnishings generally; and we are selling on the same good idea that we started out with four years ago.

We are keeping the quality at the highest notch, and the price at the lowest notch and we are doing it so naturally and so comfortably that people find it a wonderful satisfaction trading here. One of our principle **clothing features** is, that everything is marked in plain figures so that the child can deal here safely and as comfortably as the parent.

TROWSERS

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A Word About HATS

A seedy looking hat can do you lots of harm. A man can't look you into the face without seeing your hat. If its neat and becoming he notices it. If its seedy, you look seedy too, no matter how brightly your shoes may shine, or how natty your clothes are.

We are showing all the latest blocks and shades in FALL HATS, and the only reason that we sell $2 Derbys at $1,50 is because we are able to.

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STATE TICKET.

For Comptroller of Treasury:
WILLIAM KLEINLE,
of Baltimore city.

For Clerk of Court of Appeals:
DR. G. WEEMS PETHERBRIDGE,
of St. Mary's county.

COUNTY TICKET.

For State Legislature:
EDWIN W. SPEAR,
BENJAMIN F. RASH,

For Sheriff:
JOSHUA R. JARRELL.

For Treasurer:
M. A. TOULSON.

For County Commissioners:
R. T. TURNER.
JAMES E. APSLEY.

Have You Grit and Loyalty.

The old parties are in a great conglomeration worked as a continuous teetering-seesaw-match, and the much worshiped devil of political corruption and saloonism at both ends and the pure "Temperance voter" and "christian" balancing on the middle, and with much zeal pitching their consecrated votes to the saloon and slum element at each end, thus forming a link to the chain that works a kind of "Anti-saloon" perpetual motion, acting as a saturnalia love-feast and source of enjoyment to that peculiar type of "rara-avis"—the dear "Temperance voter" and "Christian." These who feel it so very comforting to their conscience to say: "You Prohibitionists throw away your votes." Ah! indeed, does not this threadbare charge come as pure and simple audacity to those who in the presence of High-Heaven, stand firm and for square in voting for a "Dominant issue"—that "God inspired principle" that declares "the Legalized Saloon must die"—notwithstanding a vast majority of "Christians" by vote for old rum soaked parties declare "the saloons shall live" to destroy soul and body of the dear ones of the home circle, for the saloon must be supplied with the "human grist" from the ranks of the children, now innocently sporting under the parental roof and attending the day schools and Sunday schools to take the place of many thousands now being saloon-embalmed to pass into the drunkard's grave and hell. Heaven and earth are exclaiming in thunderous voice, where! where! is our much vaunted Christian citizenship?

Reader, you may now have gathered around you dear bright boys and girls, that in less than a decade or two by reason of rum may cause your heart to bleed in deepest anguish. O! then, when, alas! too late, remorse will seize your conscience, and Satan will dance in glee at your deep grief and exclaim, you voted with my crowd to perpetuate the saloon, to prepare souls for hell. How astounding! that any true Christian man in this age can raise his voice in singing, "Praise God from whom all blessing flow," and at the same time praise a political party by vote that says fill this nation with saloons. Who are the patrons? Your children. Evidently, not a few Christians are not far removed from the followers of "Ingersoll's teachings."

In the discipline of the M. E. Church and all other Christian Churches have made like utterances—is this: "We insist that the United States Government (granting the right to make rum by paying a Government tax of $1.10 per gallon) and various State Government in tolerating (by license) the liquor traffic for a money consideration are guilty of "wicked complicity" with a business whose awful work of destruction brands it (and all so voting) alike an enemy of God and Man." "Believing as we do that the traffic is intoxicating beverages sustain the relation of an efficient cause to the vice of intemperance we hold that "no member" of the Methodist Episcopal Church can consistently contribute by voice, vote or influence to perpetuation and protection of the traffic."

We will accept "no compromise," but demand the unconditional" surrender of the rebellious business." Dearly beloved, there it is, as in the discipline of your church, and as the "Bishops" and "General Conference" has declared. Are you loyal or disloyal to such requirements? Are such utterances of imperial, or utopian intent? Has not the time fully come for all professing Christians to call a halt? Is the continued supremacy of either of the old parties of such importance to the cause of truth and rightousness as to demand the allegiance of "Christian Men? It is not a lamentable, and sad spectacle to see "Christian" men meekly bending their neck to the yoke of the "Satanic Saloon Power," surely much more galling than was the condition of the "Galley Slave" in a past age. Christian man? can your conscience be reached? can you be implored to stsnd erect as man, a free man, a patriot, to your Home, State, and nation, and with the might, dignity, grandeur, and force of imperial manhood strike a blow to aid in killing the enemy of your home, the damnable licensed saloon, and doing so stand with a clean conscience. Strike that blow and please your God by voting a solid and clean Prohibition ticket. May God give you strength to do so. What preacher will stand in the sacred desk the coming Sabbath, November 3rd and read that part of the discipline above quoted.

That unusual interest is being shown in the forthcoming engagement of Charles Frohman's Empire Theatre Company at the Academy of Music which begins Monday night, Nov. 4th, for one week, in Henry Arthur Jones' great play "Mrs. Dane's Defence" is strongly evidenced by the advance sale and everything indicates an audience of unusual size and fashionable quality on the night of the opening performance. The play is generally regarded as the greatest yet written by the distinguished English dramatist who is regarded at the head of his profession in Great Britain. It ran all last season at the Empire Theatre in New York City and is the biggest financial success the Company has ever had. The great measure of success which it won in New York and London has been duplicated in every other city where it has been presented. The Company is rn unusually strong and well balanced one and it is not difficult to appreciate why Mr, Frohman regards it as his pet organization.

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