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THE President of the United States did the right thing in dismissing from government employ the bogus historian Maclay.

A GOOD PRIMARY ELECTION LAW is essential to the best results from a good election law. The latter should be the pure Australian ballot, treating all classes alike, and the primary law should cover the whole State. The same reasons for a city primary law will apply to the counties.

THE Baltimore Morning Herald is now trying to make Admiral Schley a candidate for the U. S. Senate against Gorman. It is laughed at for its pains. Pretty soon the Herald will be horrified at the suggestion of Schley as a Democratic Presidential possibility.

A TRAIN was run over the road to Love Point. In the course of a few weeks it is thought that regular trains will be running there. If Queenstown creek becomes frozen trains will make connection at Love Point with the boat of the Queen Anne's railroad.

A FARMER named Sterner has been arrested in Carroll county by the State Fire Marshal on the charge of setting fire to his own barn and destroying same—presumably to get the insurance.

GOVERNOR LESLIE J. SHAW, of Iowa, has accepted the post of Secretary of the Treasury, vice Lyman J. Gage, resigned. New York financiers are said to be dissatisfied with the President's selection on the ground that he is not learned in finance. Wall street's hostility may be the new Secretary's best recommendation.

Our State Legislature.

Chairman Murray Vandiver has sent out from Democratic headquarters invitations to all the Democratic Senators and Delegates-elect to the coming Legislature asking them to dine with him on Monday night at the Eutaw house.

The General Assembly will convene in regular session at noon on Wednesday of next week, New Year's Day. Many questions of importance to the people of the State will come before the Legislature at this session. The Legislature consists of 26 Senators and 95 members of the lower house. This is a greater number of Delegates than the Legislature of this State ever contained at any previous session. Of the Senators 17 are Democrats and 9 Republicans. In the House there are 51 Democrats and 44 Republicans. The Democratic majority on joint ballot is 15. In the House the Democratic majority is only 7, and the minority being strong will doubtless exercise a wholesome restraint upon the majority.

A joint meeting for the election of United States Senator will be held January 14. The Democrats throughout the State seem to be universally in favor of the election of Senator Gorman and in response to this prevailing sentiment and their own personal desires, it is believed every Democratic member of the two Houses will heartily support the honored ex-Senator.

The Baltimore Sun says "the more important questions of legislation which are expected to be considered at the coming session are amendments to the election law, amendments to the city charter, a bill, in all probability, to create a railroad commission similar to those of some of the Southern States; a primary election law, a law providing for the taxation of franchises, for diverting from the treasury of the State to that of the city the whole sum collected in the city for liquor licenses, instead of 75 per cent., as at present. There may also be a movement to compel the Baltimore street railway company to sell six tickets for a quarter. It is also believed that the Congressional districts will be rearranged. Provision will have to be made to give effect to the amendments to the Constitution providing for increased representation of Baltimore, ratified by the people at the late election. This will require a division of the city into four Legislative districts."

THE JUDGES of the New Castle County Levy Court Tuesday afternoon gave John Lynn, president of the Levy Court of the County, an unhappy Christmas present when they sentenced him to one year in the workhouse and to pay a fine of $3,000. He was convicted of obtaining $56 of the funds of the county, by false pretense in presenting a bogus bill for work done in the county in the name of Lawrence E. Whiteman. The jury in the case, it was learned, took only one ballot, and this was unanimous for conviction.

The President Against Schley.

A Washington letter to the Sun of Thursday says: The opinion is expressed by public men in Washington that President Roosevelt injured himself by his outburst against Gen Nelson A. Miles at the White House on Saturday. The episode is more talked about now than it was when first brought to public attention. There has been some change of sentiment among Senators regarding the Schley controversy during the past week. This is to be ascribed in large measure to the influence of President Roosevelt, who has taken the position that the verdict of the Court of Inquiry should end the controversy.

Legislation Needed.

Our county jail is now full of prisoners, all colored, and most of them for petty offenses. And this is no unusual thing of late years. The cost to the county is enormous and goes far toward the heavy tax rate which our people have to bear. The time is propitious for some improvement in our criminal laws touching these cases. Instead of warming and feeding this horde of worthless loafers at the expense of the county, why not compel them to work on the town and village streets and public roads? Certainly there can be some improvement in the law.

THE ELECTION CONTEST.

Hearing Before Justice Melvin Yesterday—The Testimony Carefully Taken for Legislature Hearing.

Yesterday was the day fixed for beginning the testimony in the Legislative contested election case and Justice Melvin's office was thronged during the day by witnesses and others interested. The general public seem to take very little interest in the matter. Messrs. Smith and Beck conducted the case for the contestants—Johnson and Nicholson—and Urie for Kendall and Trew. J. N. Wheatley was the first witness and testimony was all relative to the character of the marks on the uncounted ballots. Other witnesses followed, namely: Robt. C. Morgan, Wm T. Nicholson, Harvey Brice and James Sheats.

After the witnesses for the contestants are through, then Mr. Urie will have witnesses for the other side before the Justice. It will take several days to conclude the testimony according to the progress made yesterday.

The testimony taken will be transmitted to Annapolis and given in charge of the Legislature, and as soon as the committee on Election is appointed they will analyze the testimony and if in their judgement, the facts justify further proceedings the matter will be presented to the House for further action, and if a recount of the ballots is ordered by that body the boxes will be sent for and taken to Annapolis. Under the most favorable progress in a Legislative contest it will take a month to reach and conclude a recount, and very often the session is over before the end of the contest.

In the contests for county officers—sheriff, treasurer and county commissioner—the officers returned elected have until the 30th, next Monday, to answer summons served to them. The proceedings in these cases will be delayed by the Legislative contests, unless the Circuit Court, before whom county contests are heard, shall decide, after hearing the testimony, that there is no sufficient ground for a recount.

Mr. Smith expresses the opinion that the contestants, according to the testimony so far produced, on a recount in the third, fourth and six districts will show a gain of from twenty to thirty votes. Should this hold good in the first, second and fifth districts the gain will be equally as many, which would seat both the Democratic members of the House.

THE cold snap of last week caused consternation among the orange growers of Florida. Some of the wealthy owners have a board covering for their orchards with big stoves in which they kept up a roaring fire! Many growers lighted bonfires and kept the cold away. The thermometer registered 20° at Jacksonville Friday.

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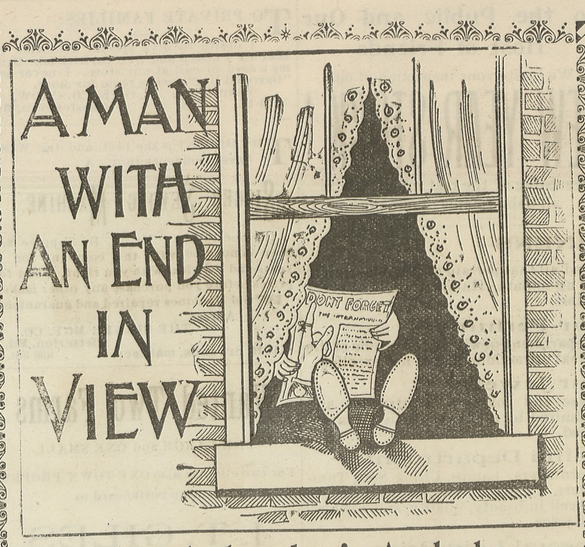

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