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✻Look at the figures following your name on the direction of your paper. You will see the date *to which you have paid*.

THE fires occurring about us should prove a warning to smokers. No man who thinks for a moment, will go about his stable with a cigar or lighted pipe in his mouth, and if our farmers were more careful about enforcing this order there would be fewer fires.

SCHLEY had a conference with President Roosevelt this week and it is likely that the entire proceedings will be referred to some high legal officer of the Government. The only way to settle this matter is to submit it to Congress.

ISAAC LOBE STRAUS is proving himself to be unfit for the position of speaker sought by him. He is acting very small in the eyes of the people. Because he couldn't have what he wanted he will kick and squeal.

THE Republicans in the House Delegates last Wednesday voted to a man for Straus' motion to adjourn. What a leader for the "Black Nights"! And it was nearly a week lost in legislation to gratify a disappointed seeker after place. This is surely not a very brilliant record for the minority party to begin the legislative session.

HON. ARTHUR P. GORMAN will be elected United States Senator next Tuesday notwithstanding the bitter fight made against him openly by the Republicans and secretly by his enemies. Maryland will then be represented by one of the best and ablest men within the Senate. The Philadelphia Bulletin, a rank Republican paper, well says "The Republicans in the United States Senate will not have quite as easy a time in dealing with the minority when the shrewd Marylander appears upon the scene again."

SIX masked men entered the National Stockyards Bank, north of East St. Louis, Ill., last Tuesday night, and after capturing and gagging the two night watchmen and fireman at the plant, and blowing open the vaults with dynamite, secured $5,000 in coin and currency, with which they decamped. For nine hours from 7 o'clock until 4 o'clock in the morning they were at work on the vaults without being interferred with. The entire East St. Louis police force, aided by the St. Louis police, are guarding all the avenues of escape, but as yet have obtained no clue to the robbers, who are believed to have escaped on horse-back.

THE Fidelity and Deposit Company was organized by Mr. Warfield jn 1890, and does business in almost every State of the Union and during the past year opened a branch office in London, where, with a good corps of representatives trained under Mr. Warfield in the home office, they are at present doing a good business. A casual view of the investments shows that $5,221,242.99 are of a good sound character and such as the Company must be very proud of.

A QUESTION FOR TAXPAYERS.

There is a proposition to change the present road-making system in Kent. The plan is for the Governor to appoint a road commission composed of a well-known taxpayer from each of the five old districts whose duty it shall be to supervise the roads.

A well-known farmer makes the following suggestion:

"As the Legislature is now in session let the taxpayers ask for a law to put the roads into the hands of the taxpayers, let the taxpayers hold an election (say the 2nd Tuesday in the month of February) in each year and elect one of their number a road supervisor (no one but a taxpayer to vote) who is to repair the roads in that election precinct at a cost not to exceed $15 per mile, now if more money than that amount should be needed it must be recommended by 5 taxpayers out of the 20 largest taxpayers in that precinct, and if any new road or new bridge costing over $150 should be needed the petition for such road or bridge must be signed by at least 7 out of 20 of the largest taxpayers in that district or precinct, and in the year 1903 there shall be elected 3 county commissioners to serve 2 years, and in the year 1905 three county commissioners only shall be elected one to serve 2 years, one to serve 4 years and one to serve 6 years and after the year 1905, one county commissioner shall be elected every 2 years to serve 6 years."

THE Hereford bull "Perfection 92,891" was sold for $9,000 Tuesday at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago. This is the highest price ever paid in America for a Hereford and the highest price in recent years for a bull or cow of any breed. "Perfection" was the charming Hereford bull of the International Live Stock Exposition held in December.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Delegate Giles, of Somerset, introduced a twin "Jim Crow" bill providing for the separation of white and negro passengers on steamboats and railway coaches.

Senator Brewington has introduced a bill authorizing the presentation to Admiral Schley of a $5,000 silver service from the State.

A voting machine was on exhibition at Annapolis this week and meets with much favor. Its cost is the greatest barrier to its general use, the estimate being about $30,000 for Baltimore city alone.

Mr. A. Lincoln Dryden has introduced a bill on novel lines. It provides for a State Commission of four members, two from the Eastern Shore and two from the Western Shore. The commander of the State navy is to be ex officio a member of the commission, which is to be bipartisan in its makeup. Under Mr. Dryden's bill all oyster shells are to become the property of the State, and no oyster dealer will be granted a permit to do business unless he enters into an agreement to have all his oyster shells revert to the State commission, which will distribute the shells on the barren bottoms in the Chesapeake bay.

Delegates Stephen C. Little, of the city delegation, and W. Trickett Giles, of Somerset, will both present oyster bills later in the season. Mr. Little is holding off until the dealers in Baltimore city can agree upon certain details in connection with his bill. He desires to frame one that will suit as many elements of the industry as possible. Mr. Giles' bill will provide for the planting of oysters on the barren bottoms of the Chesapeake.

A bill providing for a system of compulsory education will be introduced early.

Hon. A. P. Gorman was nominated for the United States Senate and Murray Vandiver for State Treasurer by the Democratic caucus. No other names were mentioned in the caucus, and so far as the Senatorship was concerned action was unanimous.

The Republicans in caucus nominated Hon. Wm. H. Jackson, of Wicomico, for U. S. Senate, and Gen. T. J. Shryock for Treasurer.

IN the New York Central Railroad tunnel that burrows under Park Avenue, two local trains collided Wednesday and 15 passengers were killed and twice that number injured.

Report of the Condition

— OF THE —

Kent Building & Loan Company,

At the close of the year Dec. 31, 1901.

—RESOURCES—

Investments	$10,700 00
Supplies	98 00
Cash	1158 18
Total	$11,956 18

—LIABILITIES.—

Installment Stock	$7715 30
Full Paid Stock	3600 00
Net Profits for Distribution	639 88
Total	$11,956 18

I, Jefferson L. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer of the above named company, solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JEFFERSON L. SMYTH.
Secretary and Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Justice of the Peace, this 4th day Jan., A.D. 1902.
T. WATERS RUSSELL, J. P.

Correct Attest:—
J. H. SIDES,
W. M. CULP.

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JOHN F. RICE, the successful Live Stock Dealer, of Fairlee, has removed to the Geo. Bacon farm at the Flat Lands, between Melitota, Chestertown and Worton Station, where he will make his home. He will be in a better position this year to handle stocks of all kinds, especially Suckling Pigs, and all orders directed to JOHN F. RICE, Worton Station, will receive prompt attention. Hoping to hear from you, I remain,

j3-3t. JOHN F. RICE.

Phone 17.

KENT COUNTY'S

Leading Livery!

MY TEAMS

are First-Class in every particular, and satisfaction always given to my customers. Traveling salesmen conveyed to all parts of the Peninsula at moderate prices. Teams for private parties furnished at short notice. Give me a call. Respectfully,

GEO. B. McWHORTER,
Chestertown, Md.

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TOWN TAXES!

All Corporation Taxes for 1901 are DUE, and settlement is requested.

By an act of Assembly of 1900 All Taxes not paid by January in each year, will be deemed in arrears, when interest will be added, property levied upon and sold.

M. WILBUR THOMAS,
Collector.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the estate in Kent county, Md., of

ANNA MARIAH JOHNSON,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouches thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of June 1902, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under my hand this 31st day of December, 1901.

SIMON FREEMAN.
Administrator.

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TRUSSES, ETC., Descriptive Catalogue Free
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Statement

OF THE

Financial Condition

OF THE

Fidelity and Deposit Company of Md.

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER, 31, 1901.

Resources

Par Value.		*Book Value.*
	Real Estate (Fidelity Building)	$600,000 00
125,000	State of Georgia 4½ per cent. Bonds, 1911-1912-1916	140,000 00
100,000	State of Maryland 3½ per cent. Bonds	105,000 00
30,000	State of Tennessee 3 per cent. Bonds	28,500 00
1,120,000	Baltimore City Stock, 1928 1930-1936-1940-1945	1,258,360 00
200,000	City of New York 3½ per. Export Dock Gold Bonds	218,000 00
50,000	City of Buffalo (N. Y.) 3½ per cent. Bonds	51,500 00
25,000	City of Mobile (Ala.) 4½ per cent. Bonds	27,000 00
10,000	City of Norfolk (Va.) 5 per cent. Bonds	11,200 00
21,000	City of Westminster (Md.) 3½ per cent Bonds	21,000 00
39,500	City of Frederick (Md.) 4 per cent. Bonds	41,080 00
10,500	City of Rockville (Md.) 4 per cent. Bonds	10,500 00
25,000	City of Petersburg (Va.) 5 per cent Bonds	27,500 00
25,000	City of Richmond, (Va.) 4 per cent. Bonds	26,000 00
25,000	City of Havana (Cuba,) 6 per cent. Bonds	25,500 00
18,000	Hyattsville (Md.) Waterworks Bonds (4 per cent.)	18,595 00
30,000	Lucas County (Ohio) 4 per cent. Courthouse Bonds	34,050 00
30,000	Montgomery County (Ala.) 5 per cent. Bonds	33,300 00
500,000	United Railways and Electric Co. of Baltimore 4 per cent Bonds	475,000 00
100,000	Baltimore Traction Co. (N. Balto. Div.) 5 per cent. Bonds	120,000 00
48,000	City and Suburban Railway Co. of Baltimore 5 per cent. Bonds	54,480 00
35,000	Lake Roland Elevated R. R. of Baltimore 5 per cent. Bonds	42,000 00
25,000	Charleston City Railway Company 5 per cent. Bonds	25,875 00
10,000	Baltimore, Catonsville and Ellicott Mills Railway, 5 per cent Bonds	11,880 00
25,000	Atlanta (Ga.) Consolidated Street Railways 5 per cent. Bonds	26,250 00
10,000	Second Avenue Traction Co. (Pittsburg, Pa.) 5 per cent. Bonds	11,500 00
532,500	Monongahela River R. R. and other 5 per cent. Car Trust Bonds	532,500 00
100,000	Charleston and Western Carolina R. R. 5 per cent. bonds	108,000 00
103,500	Baltimore and Ohio S. W. Division 1st 3½ per cent bonds	91,080 00
50,000	Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. 1st mortg 4 per cent. Gold Bonds	51,000 00
50,000	Wilmington and Weldon R. R. 5 per cent Bonds	59,500 00
30,000	Raleigh and Gaston R. R. 5 per cent bonds	33,600 00
11,000	Georgia Pacific Railroad 6 per cent. Bonds	13,750 00
10,000	Petersburg Railroad 6 per cent. Conds (Class B)	13,050 00
11,000	Virginia Midland 1st Mortgage 6 per cent. Bond	11,770 00
30,000	Virginia Midland 2d Mortgage 6 per cent. Bonds	34,800 00
150,000	Consolidated Gas Co. of Baltimore 5 per cent. Bonds	168,000 00
12,400	310 shares Farmers' and Merchants' National Bank Stock of Baltimore	20,615 00
11,000	110 shares National Union Bank Stock of Baltimore	12,980 00
15,250	1,525 shares National Mechans' Bank Stock of Baltimore	45,750 00
200,000	Georgia and Alabama 1st Consol Mortgage 5s	216,000 00
100,000	United States Government 3s	108,000 00
244,718	British Consols	244,718 00
12,000	St. Michaels (Md.) 4 per cent. Waterworks Bonds	12,060 00
	Agents' Debit Balances (less commissions)	73,913 93
	Premiums in course of collection (Home Office)	8,893 76
	Cash in Office and Banks	387,644 06
	Total	$5,691,794 06

Liabilities

Capital Stock	$2,000,000 00
Surplus	2,500,000 00
Premium Reserve Requirement	704,698 55
Claims Adjusted (checks out)	966 87
Claims Admitted (in process of adjustment)	46,178 43
Claims reported, but proof not filed, etc	26,843 14
Claims not admitted	134,256 40
Undivided Profits	278,850 66
Total	$5,691,794 05

(GOOD ASSETS not included in above over $100,000.00.)

Remarks

Gross Receipts for 1901	*$1,369,260.20*
Net Earnings Over Expenses 1901	*838,662.09*
Losses Paid During 1901	*450,148.94*
Dividends Paid Stockholders 1901	*244,963.00*
Total Dividends Paid Stockholders	*974,896.50*

THE FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND has paid to its patrons since organization for losses incurred by dishonesty, embezzlement, etc., $1,909,241.00

It is the largest and strongest Surety Company in the world.

It has the largest NET SURPLUS of any Surety Company in the world, viz., $2,769,248.16.

It has the largest PREMIUM RESERVE of any Surety Company in the world.

It has the SMALLEST amount of Outstanding Premiums in proportion to the premiums written of any Surety Company in the world.

It declined during 1901 to write or renew business amounting to over $200,000 in premiums because of inadequate rates and undesirable character of risks.

EDWIN WARFIELD,
PRESIDENT.

HARRY NICODEMUS,
SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

JAMES D. LUCAS.

NOW AND THEN

There comes a time now and then when every gentleman feels the need of an exceptionally stylish and well put-together suit of clothes. The occasion may be a wedding, a reception, a journey, or some other important function and for the accommodation of our patrons we will keep a complete set of sizes of these particular goods. But all fancy's are thrown into our

January Clearance Sale

and the prices fastened to them will certainly make 'em go humming. The character of our clearance sale is too well established to need explanation. We have at present a fair selection of goods but there'll be no more filling in and the lines will soon be reduced so the first to come will of course be best provided for.

JAS. D. LUCAS,

OPPOSITE STAM'S HALL.

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