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STATE'S ATTORNEY McLANE will likely be the Democratic candidate for mayor of Baltimore and will surely win. He will make a strong candidate.

SENATOR OLIN BRYAN has been named as city solicitor by Mayor Hayes to fill the position vacated by Hon. Pinkney Whyte. The salary is $4,000 Senator Bryan will fill the place with credit to all concerned.

HON. ARTHUR PUE GORMAN took the oath of office Thursday as United States Senator from Maryland, and will be the leader of the Democrats in that body. He occupies his old seat, which has been heretofore kept by Senator Daniels.

THE Senate has been called in extra session. The regular session was occupied in talk and wasting time and now the public must pay for them to come back and finish their work. This gives the new Senators a chance.

WILBUR ELIASON, ESQ., visited Washington this week and interviewed the postoffice officials, who informed him that there would be no change in the postoffice at Chestertown until December.

J. F. SISK, of Cordova, lost $10,000 in a fire which burned his big store and two houses Monday afternoon. His insurance policy ran out a few days ago and *he had neglected to renew it!* Reader, have you renewed your policy?

POLITICS in Queen Anne's is getting interesting. Mr. W. Irving Walker, the Rich Neck hustler, is slated for a good place. One writer in the Centreville Record says: "Let us give our good citizen and neighbor, W. Irving Walker, a good office and show our appreciation of his good works last year. Remember our county road near Chester bridge and the rural route. Think of all the other little things he has done for our section. Let us show our appreciation and give such a worthy man our vote."

ONE of the most commendable contests of the year was that which took place last week at the Cumberland Y. M. C. A. There were 889 new members added to the association as a result of the earnest work of rival bands known as Reds and Whites. The Whites won with 484 new members, while the Reds had 405. Would that there were more such contests. What a contrast between this incident and that six-day bicycle race which disgraced New York a short time ago.

JOKES seldom amount to any good, but here is an exception. Members of Congress who like their "cold tea," which has been on sale in the restaurants of the Capitol for years, will have to go thirsty hereafter or provide private sideboards in their committee rooms. This is due to a joke of Representative Landis of Indiana, who, when the immigration bill was up, offered an amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor in the Capitol. It was agreed to and sent to the Senate with the understanding that it would be knocked out. But it wasn't. It is in the bill as sent to the President.

Allee and Ball Elected.

FOR the first time in four years the state of Delaware Monday secured full representation in the United States Senate. At a special session the State Legislature elected State Senator J Frank Allee (union republican) to the senatorship which expires in 1906, and Congressman L. Heisler Ball (regular republican) to the term expiring in 1905. Each will receive the back pay of $5,000 per year.

The selection was undoubtly due to pressure from Washington brought to bear upon the regular republicans in the Legislature, who have all along been opposed to the election of J. Edward Addicks or any of his adherents to the United States Senate.

"I am very happy," said Mr. Addicks after the result was announced. "It gratifies me to make one of my best friends, J. Frank Allee, United States senator. I propose to help elect a majority of the Legislature of 1904 favorable to my candidacy for the United States Senate."

The election is regarded as an Addicks victory, because of the refusal of the regular republicans to agree to a compromise with the democrats.

"I have only to say," said Senator Allee, "that I sincerely regret that I have to fill the place that belongs to Mr. Addicks."

James Frank Allee was born in Dover forty six years ago. His father was a jeweler and watchmaker, and from him Mr. Allee learned the trade and afterward succeeded him in the business, which he still conducts in Dover.

Dr. Lewis Heisler Ball was born near Wilmington, Del., in 1861. He was graduated from Delaware College in 1882 and studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He was elected state treasurer in 1898, and two years later was elected to the lower house of Congress.

County Investigation.

The county commissioners on Tuesday ordered an investigation of the public affairs of Kent county and appointed Sydney P. Townsend, Esq., and Prof. Fred Willson to make same on the lines laid down in resolutions published in another column. For a number of years it has been the custom of our commissioners to carry over a large indebtedness from year to year until now it has reached alarming proportions. The system cannot be charged to the Republicans any more than can it be blamed on the Democrats. Both have been guilty of this practise. The board of commissioners in 1899 failed to levy $5,500 for work done, and other proper charges, although that year the actual levy made by them was over $74,000. In 1900, nearly $13,000 was not provided for while in the year 1901 this sum was increased to $18,500, while the levy was fixed at $73,000. In 1902 this indebtedness amounted to about $23,000. In other words, if the levy was 90 cents last year, in order that the county should be free of debt by the levy, the tax should have been at the rate of $1.20! At the same rate of increase shown for the past four years, by the end of the present year the county will be some $31,000 in debt and we will still go on levying about $77,000 or $78,000.

The present board of commissioners deplore this condition of affairs as much as any one, and this action of Tuesday evidences their desire to secure a solution of the whole matter.

Messrs. Townshend and Wilson are good accountants and state that their object will be to make an honest and faithful investigation of the county's affairs and to recommend such a system of book-keeping as will enable the commissioners and the tax-payers to know exactly the condition of the county's finances at any time It required considerable nerve to order this investigation, but we are sure the board has the hearty approval of every tax-payer in its action, and it is earnestly hoped that Messrs. Townshend and Wilson will meet every requirement of the important position which they have accepted. It will require at least a month to make this search.

Presented With Gold Watch.—At a large meeting on last Thursday evening of the Church Aid Society of Bond Chapel at the parsonage, a very impressive presentation took place. Vice-president Samuel W. Brown, on behalf of the congregation of Bond, presented to the pastor, Rev. A. H. Covey, a magnificent gold watch. In the presentation Mr. Brown was eloquent in his words of commendation for the work and zeal which Rev. Mr. Covey had shown in his pastorate of the past two years among them. In his reply Rev. Mr. Covey feelingly spoke of the harmony which had prevailed in all his dealings with Bond and Mowbray and the warm appreciation he felt for this token of their high regard and esteem. The watch was a beautiful one of solid gold, with 1903 carved on one side and A. H. C. on the other. On the inside is engraved "From the congregation of Bond M. E. Church to Rev. A. H. Covey."

SUNDAY was observed throughout the country as crusade day against cigarettes. Cigarette smoking is an evil that is fast sapping the life out of the youth of Chestertown and of Kent county and our citizens and parents are not alive to it. Their title of "coffin nails" is not a misnomer by any means and if the public could see how they are made possibly they would be more impressed with their harmful influence. Cigarettes contain a large amount of opium, in fact, large enough to fasten an incurable appetite for the stuff in order to keep the same on the market forever. "Havana flavoring," used principally in the same, is made from the tonkabean, which contains a revolting poison and is sold all over the country. The wrappers, as represented by manufacturers to be rice paper, are made of common paper or of filthy rags picked by rag pickers and bleached white by means of arsenic. Cigarettes of to-day are much worse than those in by-gone-days, because in former times, wrappers were made of rice paper and cigarettes were retailed at ten for ten cents. Manufacturers have cut the price and resorted to the use of common paper or rags referred to as a matter of economy. The merchants who sell cigarettes to boys are as guilty of wrong as the lad who smokes them and even more so in some respects for he not only harms the boy but violates the law.

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WILLIAM A. BELL,
mh8-2m. Chestertown, Md.

NOTICE.—I am prepared to take horses to work for speed at my track, "Rose Hill," near Chestertown.

BY THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

STATEMENT

Showing the condition of

The Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

of Kent Co., Md., Dec. 31, 1902.

INCOME.

Total Income during the year..... $13,620 73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total Expenditures during the year, 13,621 14

ASSETS.

Real Estate	$ 9,837 73	
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	14,400 00	
Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, Stocks or other collateral	3,400 00	
Bonds and Stocks owned by Company	33,760 00	
Cash in Office and in Bank	10,501 82	
Other Assets, Premium Notes held by the Company	$198,653 00	
Admitted Assets		71,899 55

LIABILITIES.

Net amount of unpaid losses claimed or reported	5,300 00	
Total amount of all Liabilities		5,300 00
Surplus regards Policy holders		66,599 55
Surplus as regards Stockholders	$ 66,599 55	
Amount of Policies in force in United States on 31st Dec. 1902	2,148,348 00	
Amount of Policies written in Maryland during the year, 1902	119,500 00	
Premiums received on Maryland business in '02	9,907 66	
Losses paid in Maryland during 1902	7,477 57	
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1902	7,477 57	

STATE OF MARYLAND,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BALTIMORE, January 30, 1903.

In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the statement of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Kent county, Maryland, to December 31st, 1902, now on file in this Department.

LLOYD WILKINSON,
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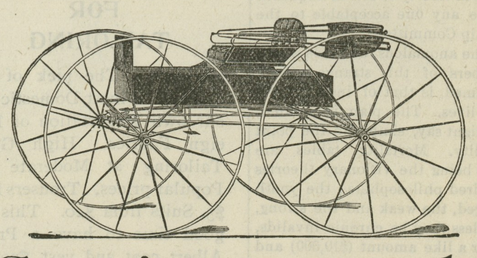

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