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CAUCUS or no caucus—secret or open—Governor Smith will be triumphantly elected.

EVERYBODY is laughing at the old granny Sun's "dinner pail" editorial—in short, its argument that 12,000 office-holders, school teachers, &c.—*will all lose their positions if Rayner is not elected!* That is the softest thing yet out.

MR. ELMER E. LEARY, of Rock Hall, was in town Monday. He thinks the men who buy up the barren bottoms under the Haman bill will find their pocket books barren in a short time. He is in favor of returning the shells to the bars, of increasing the size of rejected oysters to three inches and of placing the inspectors on the bars instead of at the packing houses.

GOV. SMITH'S friends will favor the secret caucus. Why not? What is the use of a caucus unless it is secret? Is not that the very essence of deliberate and untrammelled—unbossed—action! We want all to vote according to their judgment and not as dictated to by a few bosses or Republican papers in Baltimore.

The Sun's "Evil Eye."

For years The Sun used all its batteries upon Mr. Gorman, and yet that distinguished statesman is back in the Senate and is most likely to have even greater honors thrust upon him. The Sun championed the cause of Wm. J. Bryan, and that great man hit the earth with a mighty thud. It selected Mr. Straus as its next victim. That distinguished orator and extinguished politician bloomed and blossomed for a while 'neath the rays of The Sun, but soon faded away, leaving an unpleasant odor. The great luminary demanded Mr. Vandiver's retirement from the State Central Committee because of alleged incapacity, and the General comes back with a victory that makes The Sun look like a tallow dip. The "Shiner" is at present working its spell upon Mr. Rayner. Poor man! It is not hard to see his finish. He is too heavily handicapped. His refulgent and only backer, when it was on either side, has been on the losing side for many years. The proper Democratic policy in these days is to find out what The Sun wants and do the opposite.

Gov. Smith's Chances

The following interesting news is from a reporter on the field at Annapolis. He writes to his paper thus.

Before the two houses convened the following call for a conference was circulated, which received the necessary number of signatures:

"The undersigned senators and members of the House of Delegates hereby agree to hold a conference in the House of Delegates on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1904, at 8.30 P. M., for the purpose of nominating a person to be voted for for the office of State Treasurer and to confer in regard to the proposed amendment to the State constitution for the regulation of suffrage and to make provision for State aid in the construction of public roads."

The object of this call, it was explained, was to dispose of these questions before the senatorship was considered, they being regarded from a party stand point most important. Inasmuch as there is no opposition to the reelection of State Treasurer Vandiver a caucus is considered unnecessary and nomination will, therefore, be made at the proposed conference. This leaves the senatorship to be decided on its merits. It was thought until this morning that a caucus would surely be held next week, but after a thorough canvas the organization people are now so sure of their ground that the caucus may be deferred until the week following the inauguration. The Rayner people themselves acknowledge their candidate stands no chance of winning and one of his strongest advocates stated today that in all probability the Rayner votes would go to Ex-Governor Jackson.

There is no doubt the organization people have the situation well in hand, they can make or knock out whom they please, and at this writing it looks easy for Governor Smith. There will be no dark horse unless a candidate develops that is now entirely unforeseen.

The feeling is now so pronounced against Mr. Rayner that those who are espousing his cause are being ostracized, and among them are some who until now were looked upon as parts of the regular machine. The relations between Mr. Rasin and Mr. Rusk are more than strained. They had a wordy encounter in the main corridor of the State House this morning during which the city leader used some pretty plain language. Judging from the temper of those close to Mr. Rasin it is more than probable there will be a realignment after this "cruel war is over."

NEWS FROM ANNAPOLIS.

The Caucus Nominees Put in Office—Excellent Selections—What is to be Done.

The Legislature of Maryland met in the new State house Wednesday and selected the following Democratic officers, the Republican nominees being simply complimentary:

Democratic.

For President of the Senate—Spencer C. Jones, of Montgomery county.

Secretary—Robert L. Moss, of Anne Arundel county.

Reading Clerk—Albert J. Almony, of Montgomery county.

Journal Clerk—Alfred Ritter, of Frederick county.

Chief Engrossing Clerk—Llewellyn Kerr, of Wicomico county.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Geo. A. Shawer, of Carroll county.

Speaker of the House of Delegates—Dr. George Y. Everhart, of Baltimore county.

Chief Clerk—Dr. Benj. L. Smith, of Dorchester county.

Reading Clerk—Humphrey D. Wolfe, of Howard county.

Journal Clerk—John T. Burch, of Prince George's county.

Sergeant-at-Arms—I.T.J.Brown, of Somerset county.

Republican.

For United States Senator—Louis E. McComas.

State Treasurer—Thos. J. Shryock.

President of Senate—R. H. M. McCullough, of Cecil county.

Secretary of Senate Samuel H. Tattersall, of Baltimore city.

Reading Clerk of Senate—G. W. Engle, of Garrett county.

Speaker of House—James E. Godwin, of Baltimore.

The Governor's message was read and the Legislature adjourned until Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The Legislature will be required to elect two officials, namely, a Federal Senator and the State Treasurer. The law of Congress requires voting for Senator to begin on the second Tuesday of the session, which will be on the 19th of the present month.

The Constitution of Maryland requires the Legislature to appoint the State Treasurer on joint ballot at each session. But it does not fix the time, and it may be done at any time during the session.

First on the list of important measures will be an enabling act to amend the franchise clause of the Constitution, designed to limit the suffrage, more especially with regard to illiterate negroes. The Constitution of the State, taken in conjunction with the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, provides for manhood suffrage and fixes the qualifications of residence, leaving the Legislature without power to make any limitation whatever, except such as may be done indirectly through prescribing the methods, registration and the form of the ballot. The Legislature has no power to impose a poll tax or to require an educational or property qualification. The enabling act for the amendment of the Constitution will be introduced early in the session.

A bill will also in all probability be introduced to amend the election law as to the requirements of marking the ballots and otherwise. If the proposed Constitutional amendment of the franchise clause should be adopted that will not be done until the election of 1905, and it could not be made effective until the election of 1906, and in the meantime it is considered desirable by the majority leaders to do something.

The present Election law requires an annual registration in the city and a new registration in the counties at intervals of eight years, that is, before alternate Presidential elections. Under the law an entire new registration through the State will have to be made this year. Leaders of both parties complain of the enormous cost of the annual registration not only to the city, but to the party committees, and they also claim that annual registration furnishes no more safeguard against padded lists than annual revision. For these reasons it is believed that the two parties will unite in a bill to have the city registration less frequent.

It is rumored that a bill will be offered to require the railroads to provide separate cars or apartments for the races. Such a bill was pressed at the session of 1902 and was defeated, the railroad companies opposing it.

The Haman Oyster bill will be brought in at the beginning of the session. Auxilliary to this bill is the Haman Road bill, which sets apart revenues derived from leasing the barren bottoms of the bay as a road fund to be apportioned among the counties.

Entirely distinct from this road bill and in nowise conflicting with it, is the Shoemaker Road bill, which is intended to commit the Legislature to the policy of State aid to the counties in making good and permanent highways. It carries an appropriation of $100,000.

Oyster legislation affecting the natural beds will probably be enacted, such as providing for spreading shells upon them at the public expense.

It has also been suggested that the public school law of the counties should be recast, and it is said that a bill embodying a complete scheme has been drafted by competent hands.

It is more than likely that the Corrupt Practices Act, with which the people have become familiar, will again be offered.

JOHN E. HURST, senior member and founder of the dry goods and notion house of John E. Hurst & Co., on Hopkins Place, died suddenly early Wednesday morning at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Mr. Hurst had been operated on Monday afternoon by Dr. Finney for a growth on the lower portion of the left cheek. Death was caused by the formation of blood clot, which coursed through the veins until it reached the right ventricle of the heart, where it so clogged the heart action that death resulted in a few seconds. He was the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1895, was worth $2,000,000, was a valued resident of Baltimore and an honored citizen of the State.

"BABY" RUTH, the 10-year-old daughter of Grover Cleveland died Thursday of diphtheria.

MILLINGTON ITEMS.

Personals.—Miss Julia B. Ferguson returned to Baltimore Monday where she will resume her studies at the Woman's College.

Mr. Collins Stuart, of Philadelphia, spent the day Sunday with relatives in town.

On account of the storm last Saturday evening the drama which was to have been in the town hall by the young people was postponed until this evening January 9th, 1904.

Miss Bessie Hurlock returned to Allentown College, at Allentown, Pa., Tuesday, after spending Xmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hurlock.

Mrs. F. L. Smith is at the bedside of her mother who is very ill at her home in Newark, Del.

Mr. Wm. Weist with Ahern & Tonkin, is spending a ten-day vacation with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Pearl Ahern entertained Miss Clara Records, of Baltimore, last week.

Mr. Wm. Chance, of Camden, N. J., was in town several days last week.

Messrs. G. L. Bailey and Steward Barwick spent the day Tuesday in Wilmington, Del.

Misses Pearl and Ruby Ahern left for their different colleges Tuesday morning. Miss Pearl is a student at Maryland College, Lutherville, Md., and Miss Ruby of Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.

Mr. Albert Wild, of Wilmington, Del., spent Sunday with friends near town.

Mrs. H. E. Crane is quite sick at her home on Cypress street. Mr. John G. Moore is also on the sick list, having been confined to the house for the past two weeks with an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. L. A. Fallowfield, our new merchant, had his opening Thursday, Jan. 7th. Mr. Fallowfield recently purchased the store and dwelling formerly owned and occupied by Mr. D. J. Hall, who has moved to Crumpton.

House Burned.—Mr. J. E. Hurlock met with quite a loss Monday morning when the large frame house on his Andover branch farm was destroyed by fire. The farm is tenanted by Mr. C. E. Wooleyhand, and probably he and his family would have perished had they not been aroused by neighbors. As it was they lost their all, saving nothing except one bed, a quilt and a few other trifles. In going over to a neighbor's, about a half mile distant, Mr. Wooleyhand's wife and sister had their feet badly frosted, as they were very thinly clad and the morning very cold. The origin of the fire is unknown. The house was partially insured in the Kent Mutual of Delaware.

Social Items.—Mr. and Mrs. John S. Mabery, of near town, gave a social Wednesday evening, December 30th, in honor of their son, William, of the U. S. Signal Corps. Quite a number of relatives and friends were present. The evening was spent playing various games and the enjoyment of fine music, after which they partook of a sumptuous supper consisting of all the delicacies of the season. Among those present were Mrs. David Mills, Misses Daisy, Martha and Roland Mills, Misses Annie, Ethel and Eugene Mabery, of Clayton, Del., Misses Elva, Lizzie and William Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. William Nickerson and daughter, Grace, Mr. Alenda Smith and sister, Kate, Mr. George Gordon, Miss Julia Moffett, Miss Martha Gordon, Mr. Guy Everett, Mr. George C. Dixon, Mr. Sidney Dixon, Miss Edith Dixon, Millington; Mr. Ernest Davis, Christiana, Del., and others.

Pretty Weddings.—A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Holy Cross P. E. Church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The contracting parties were Miss Mary, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Comegys, one of our most popular and attractive young ladies and Mr. J. E. Spear, the eldest son of Mr. E. W. Spear, a prosperous farmer, near town. The bride was becomingly attired in a traveling suit of blue cloth with hat to match and carried bride's roses. The groom was attired in conventional black. Rev. Albert Ware performing the ceremony. The ushers were Messrs. Paul Comegys, brother of the bride, and Dr. Norman Dudley, of Church Hill. The bride was given away by her father The church was prettily decorated with evergreens. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Finley Collins. The happy couple amid showers of rice and well wishes took the 2.23 train for Philadelphia and other points North. We extend our best wishes.

PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN

FURNITURE

BY VIRTUE of an order of the Orphans' Court for Kent county, Md., the undersigned, administrator of JENNIE LAMB, deceased, will offer at public sale at her late residence in Fairlee, on

MONDAY, January 25, 1904,

AT 10.30 O'CLOCK A. M.,

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1 BUGGY, NEW SURREY, SLEIGH, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of Eight Months on note with approved security, with interest from date,

MARION DEK. SMITH,
CHARLES B. LAMB,
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PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

VALUABLE

Personal Property

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at public sale at his residence, known as "Wellington," one and a quarter miles east of Cecilton, on the road leading to Middletown, on

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13th, 1904

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TERMS OF SALE.

All sums of $20.00 and less, the cash will be required; all sums over that amount a credit of Nine Months will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser. Positively no goods to be removed until the above terms are complied with.

SAMUEL HURLOCK.
WILLIAM J. SMITH, Auctioner. j2-ts

January Sale

is on; we did a great trade last season but have too many goods; 10 per cent off Heavy Overcoats, Suits and Trousers. 10 per cent. off Tailoring from heavy weights except the special $5 Trousers and $15 Suits. We can save you money, and by coming right now you get first choice and have all the balance of the Winter to use the goods. The biggest bargains we have ever offered in Shirts, seconds and closing out stock of two makers. Negligee and Stiff Bosoms White, Stripes and Fancies, all sizes, now 25, 50 and 75 cents, every one worth double or more.

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10.30 a. m.—Preaching.
2.30 p. m.—Missionary Day in Sabbath school
6.45 p. m.—Song Service.
7.30 p. m.—Preaching.

PREACHING at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 10.30 a. m., at Grace Presbyterian Church 3 p. m. and at Worton Presbyterian Church 7.15 p. m., to-morrow (Sunday) January 10th.

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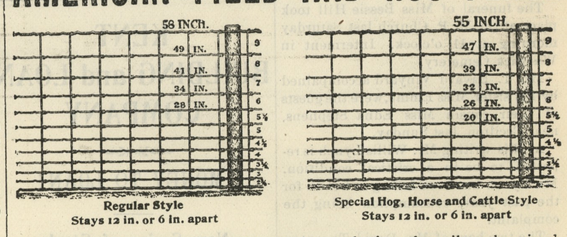

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the estate in Kent county, Md., of

JENNIE LAMB,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of June, 1904, 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 subscribers.

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