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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For Comptroller of the Treasury Department.
GEO. L. WELLINGTON.

For House of Delegates,
THOMAS D. THOMSON,
HENRY TROUTFELTER,
SAMUEL L. LITTLE,
JOHN BEGGS.

For County Commissioners,
JOHN C. DENNER,
WESLEY P. GOSNELL,
LEONARD ZILE.

For Treasurer,
CHARLES H. BAUGHMAN.

For Sheriff,
WILLIAM RICHARDS.

For Surveyor,
WILLIAM E. ROOP.

## Election Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls open from 8, A. M., to 6, P. M.

## An Excessive Assessment.

The *Advocate* wriggles and wriggles in a vain attempt to destroy the inexorable logic of facts and figures showing that for taxable purposes property in Carroll county is assessed at exorbitant figures. Selecting sixteen pieces of property as a probable example of the whole, it proceeds to assert that because those properties sold for $10,000—in round figures—more than the assessment, that, therefore the high assessment charge is a humbug and slander. This is not a campaign of sentiment. The Republicans are seeking to present the simple truth of the case and accomplish the relief to which the tax-payers of the county are entitled from unnecessary State burdens. Pride in the prosperity of the county is an admirable sentiment, but few will desire to entertain it at the cost of submission to unjust exactions upon their pocket books. The *Advocate* maligns the Republican leaders in charging them with libelling the county and declaring that they "would resort to any means to attain their object." They cannot be diverted from an honest purpose to secure justice to the tax-payers, by that sort of attack. The use of that mode of assault upon its opponents is a sign of the innate weakness of the *Advocate's* cause and of the unreliable and misleading character of its conclusions from an extremely partial test of figures. Fully three-fourths of the apparent excess of the amount of sales over assessment of the sixteen properties used by the *Advocate* for purposes of illustration was, as we have heretofore explained, made up on the single item of Mr. H. Haines' property, which became greatly enhanced in value of late years because of its contiguity to the railroad in Westminster. If it were possible to make a full table of all the sales that have occurred in Carroll county since the assessment of 1876, it would be seen that the aggregate amount falls far below the basis upon which taxes are levied. This is demonstrated by an examination of sales taken at random during the period named of which we give a partial statement below. The table herewith submitted has been furnished us by a gentleman who vouches for its accuracy and is only circumscribed by want of the necessary time to extend it further. It shows the assessment and the amounts for which forty-seven pieces of property, in various portions of the county, were subsequently sold. It will be seen that these forty-seven properties were assessed in the aggregate at $150,598 and sold for $120,957, a difference of $29,641, or nearly 20 per cent., and this notwithstanding some of them had been much enhanced in value by extensive improvements. These figures, as an argument, are unanswerable. They demonstrate the folly of our Democratic friends in attempting to maintain the integrity of an assessment that is every year taking from the pockets of our people an undue proportion of the State tax. The maintenance of this wrong is practically determined by the attitude of the Democrats on the subject, and the voters of the county, upon whom the burden falls, should defeat that determination by electing the Republican ticket. A careful study of the following statement will throw a flood of light on the subject:

| Dist RICTS. | Names of Owners. | Amount of assessment. | Amount for which sold. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | Samuel Lawyer, dec'd. | $2,321 | $3,267.16 |
| | Wm. J. Shaffer | 1,500 | 501.00 |
| 6 | Elias Robenstein | 1,830 | 1,635.50 |
| 1 | Emanuel Bollinger | 3,460 | 1,900.00 |
| 6 | Philip J. Yost | 2,772 | 2,000.00 |
| 6 | Jno. D. Loats | 3,250 | 2,600.00 |
| 7 | Louisa Adlesperger | 1,500 | 1,000.00 |
| 7 | Dr. W. K. Fringer | 2,300 | 1,875.00 |
| 3 | Wm. P. Burgoon | 1,000 | 697.50 |
| 7 | James T. Rinker | 2,300 | 1,700.00 |
| 2 | Peter Frounfelter | 1,980 | 1,780.12 |
| 7 | Airhart Winters | 11,630 | 11,430.50 |
| 5 | Nicholas Dorsey | 1,275 | 721.00 |
| 5 | Nathan Pool | 620 | 500.00 |
| 7 | Chas. W. Webster | 1,800 | 1,600.00 |
| 6 | David Stemmel | 540 | 507.80 |
| 6 | Uriah B. Sullivan | 5,614 | 5,000.00 |
| 3 | George W. Shull | 950 | 775.00 |
| 11 | E. Lincoln Brown | 4,432 | 4,226.00 |
| 1 | Wm. A. Norris | 2,400 | 2,300.00 |
| 4 | Wm. Caple, Jr. | 3,870 | 2,700.00 |
| 7 | Aug. Ensor | 14,300 | 9,257.00 |
| 7 | H. L. Norris | 3,475 | 3,425.00 |
| 7 | Daniel Mitten | 2,080 | 1,950.00 |
| 1 | Wm. Reindollar | 2,250 | 1,550.00 |
| 6 | Geo. W. Everhart | 1,000 | 500.00 |
| 12 | Mary C. Veitch | 1,200 | 1,100.00 |
| 4 | Jacob Weller | 450 | 370.00 |
| 6 | Jacob Snyder | 510 | 407.00 |
| 12 | Levi Myers | 475 | 300.00 |
| 7 | E. F. Reese | 4,000 | 3,355.00 |
| 3 | Peter L. Baumgartner | 1,100 | 550.00 |
| 10 | Jno. M. Hershey | 6,400 | 5,180.50 |
| 2 | Chas. S. Devilbiss | 1,500 | 1,200.00 |
| 2 | Chas. S. Devilbiss & Son | 2,500 | 2,000.00 |
| 1 | Philip Shriner | 400 | 318.00 |
| 5 | Jno. B. Ritter | 3,676 | 3,500.00 |
| 11 | Geo. W. Fritz | 4,685 | 3,700.00 |
| 11 | Peter Greenwood | 8,205 | 6,866.94 |
| 11 | Eli M. Hibberd | 8,825 | 8,175.00 |
| 7 | Rachel Sheets | 1,200 | 1,000.00 |
| 7 | Mary Ann Keefer | 2,500 | 2,305.00 |
| 7 | David Moul | 4,460 | 3,800.00 |
| 11 | J. Wilson Englar | 13,960 | 13,750.00 |
| 7 | John W. Lovell | 438 | 310.00 |
| 2 | Chas. S. Devilbiss | 1,300 | 1,210.00 |
| 2 | Chas. S. Devilbiss | 2,500 | 2,000.00 |
| | Total | $150,598 | $120,957.00 |
| | Excess of Assessment Or nearly 20 per cent. | $29,641 | |

Whence came the report, published in the *Advocate* last week, that any effort was to be made to elect Messrs. Denner, Zile and Baughman by trading, the object being "to have the county funds deposited in the First National Bank of Westminster?" The whole story is utterly without basis. Trading has not been thought of, much less considered, by the Republicans, and the bank deposit story has not even the "baseless fabric of a vision" to sustain it.

## It is Responsible.

The Democratic party is responsible for the fact that to-day there is a deficit of $15,000 to $20,000 instead of a secure and invested fund of nearly $77,000 for the support of the public schools of Carroll county. Democratic Boards of School Commissioners in the four or five years succeeding 1867 preferred to sacrifice that fund rather than discontinue the public schools, for the maintenance of which Democratic Boards of County Commissioners refused to make a levy. In pursuing this course both School and County Commissioners violated the plain provisions of the law. The school fund was made permanent by law, and no option was left the School Commissioners in the premises. They simply violated a solemn trust. It was their duty when the County Commissioners refused to obey the mandate of the law to close the doors of the public schools and throw the responsibility of that action upon the proper shoulders. But they saw fit to do otherwise, and between these two Boards the school fund was wrecked and the system left to a long and improperly supported struggle for an efficient existence. The natural consequence is a considerable debt, which the tax-payers are now expected to make good.

The Democratic party is further responsible for the levy of enough money in eleven years to pay off all certificates of indebtedness, amounting in 1867 to $68,475, while the larger part of the sums so levied were devoted to other uses and never accounted for, so that to-day, after the levy of upwards of $156,000 for the payment of $68,475 there is still outstanding and unpaid of that indebtedness the sum of $16,900.

The Democratic party is responsible for the system, or rather the lack of system of bookkeeping in the office of the County Commissioners, by which it has been impossible to make a plain and clear exhibit of the money levied and collected for the redemption of county certificates. It is known that in 1876 the sum of $1870 was paid to the Board of Control and Review, which never appeared in the published statement of county expenditures. What other sums were expended without having been made public as required by law it is impossible to tell. It has even been asserted, and, as far as we know, never denied that the records of the Commissioners' office have been tampered with by pasting paper over at least one leaf of said records. These things, it is true, occurred some years ago; but the people are none the less bearing, to-day, the burdens which they have imposed in increased taxation for school purposes and for the payment of a debt already twice paid. The "true inwardness" of all this will never be fully understood until a Republican Board of County Commissioners shall be elected and the records thoroughly investigated.

It will not do to say that the present Board is all right, careful and economical in the administration of county affairs. The matter lies back and beyond any action of theirs in regard to the ordinary affairs of the county. It concerns the present and the future, however, as is shown by the attitude of School and County Commissioners' Boards towards each other. There is manifest friction between these Boards, the outcome of the palpable and glaring violations of law on the part of their predecessors in time past.

The whole business needs probing and correction, which it will, in all reasonable probability, never get under Democratic administration. The people, in continuing for twenty-two years an administration of one political complexion without requiring frequent investigations have not acted as they do in ordinary business transactions. They owe it to-day to Republican watchfulness that there is not much more of the county indebtedness outstanding, as it is well known the Commissioners were driven by the exposure made in the columns of the SENTINEL to devote the money collected for the redemption of county certificates to that purpose. That knowledge only came to the minds of the Republicans by observing that while a sum closely approximating the entire principal of the debt had been levied the interest account had been only slightly diminished, and this led to the inquiry which corrected the flagrant abuse of levying money from the people for one purpose and appropriating it to other and unknown uses. It is about time that the full light of day were turned on all the business transactions of the county, since 1867, by the election of a Board of Republican County Commissioners, and the facts concerning these matters learned, as far as may be, by county authorities intent on discovering exactly at whose door all these past abuses lie.

*Mr. Charles H. Baughman, the Republican candidate for County Treasurer, is admitted by his political opponents to be eminently fitted for the faithful and efficient discharge of the duties of that office. He has never before held a public office except that of clerk to the City Council of Westminster, which involved also a fiduciary trust, to which he was appointed by the votes of Democrats and Republicans alike, and in which he fully demonstrated his thorough ability as an accountant and fiduciary officer. He did not seek the nomination which has made him the candidate of his party for County Treasurer, and which brings him, for the first time, as a candidate before the people; and is therefore specially deserving the support of his fellow-citizens, Republicans and Democrats alike. In all the private stations in which he has been placed he has exhibited the most sterling qualities and eminent fitness for just such public trusts as that of County Treasurer. Well educated, intelligent, honest, upright and pure in public and private life, he should receive the votes of the people.*

Talk about the Republicans stealing and buying elections comes with a bad grace from any Maryland Democrat. So flagrant has been the stealing process in this State during the last fifteen years or more, that hundreds and thousands of Democrats have formed an alliance with the Republicans to prevent the continuance of the process, and their only apprehension of failure is in the practiced skill of the Democratic bosses to repeat the theft again.

*Messrs. John C. Denner, Wesley P. Gosnell and Leonard Zile should receive the unqualified and hearty support of every citizen who wants careful and economical county government, good roads, reduced assessment and low taxation. While they are the candidates of the Republican party for County Commissioners and should receive the solid Republican vote, because they are in all respects worthy of it, they will, if elected, administer county affairs on a strictly business basis; will see that the county records are kept so as to be intelligible and easily understood; will address themselves to improving the roads of the county and in every possible manner seek to promote the interests and prosperity of all citizens. Democrats who desire this kind of county administration should vote for Messrs. Denner, Gosnell and Zile.*

## Comparisons That Do Not Compare.

The *Advocate* indulges in numerous comparisons between the compensation received by the Republican Board of County Commissioners from 1865 to 1867 and subsequent Democratic Boards. It omits to show, however, that for the period named the Republican Board performed extraordinary service as a Board of Review and in other matters, for which the Democrats appointed a special Board, which was separately paid, but the amount of whose compensation was never made public until it was unearthed among the county records and published in the SENTINEL in 1881. According to the *Advocate's* comparison the Republican Board received in 1865-6, and 1866-7, $2,944.75. The figures are erroneous and should be $2,844.75. If we add to this the pay of the clerk to the Board the whole amount will be $3,644.75, a less sum than was paid to the Democratic Commissioners, Board of Review and County Treasurer, for similar services in the single year of 1876. The figures were given last week and we repeat them for purposes of comparison:

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|---|---|
| Received by County Commissioners in 1876 | $1,067.10 |
| County Treasurer | 800.00 |
| Board of Control and Review | 1,870.00 |
| Total | $3,737.10 |
| Received by County Commissioners in 1865-6 and 1866-7 for regular services, and acting as Board of Review and disbursing officers; also salary of Clerk | $3,644.75 |
| Difference | $92.35 |

The compensation of Democratic officers in 1876 was therefore $92.25 greater than the compensation of Republicans for similar services for two years.

The average compensation per annum of the Republican Boards from 1862 to 1865 was $698.71, while that of the Democratic Boards from 1884 to 1889 was $789.02, or $90.31 per annum greater. This shows how the *Advocate's* comparison does not compare, inasmuch as its figures are made to misrepresent the actual facts of the case.

It must be borne in mind, too, that the Republican administration was at a period when the purchasing power of a depreciated currency was greatly less than of the solid circulating medium of to-day, while the reasonable and proper expenses of the county could have been but little short of the amount now necessary. The county was no less in size, with a road mileage very little less in extent than at present and with all the court paraphernalia of to-day. The population was probably 30 per cent. less, to be sure, and hence there were not so many indigent poor; but, with wheat at $2.00 to $3.00 per bushel and other things in proportion, the cost of maintenance was naturally very much greater. And here is where the *Advocate's* comparison again fails to compare and is misleading and unfair. In fact, the whole history of the government of the two parties, when properly contrasted, is decidedly favorable to the Republicans. The people could not better subserve their own interests than by restoring the county government to Republican control.

*A vote for the Republican candidates for the Legislature is a vote for laws to protect the ballot and restore integrity and purity of elections.*

## Don't Be Indifferent.

The issues involved in the present campaign are too important to be regarded with indifference by citizens in general, and Republicans in particular. Reform in the election laws, by which the frauds which have tainted the ballot for State purposes for years may be checked and prevented; a thorough and careful investigation of county finances and county government for twenty-two years past; a better system of county roads, a crying necessity; improvement in public schools; reduction of assessment to a proper basis, thereby relieving the people from unjust State taxation—these are some of the important considerations of the canvass, in which citizens and tax-payers without regard to party are vitally interested, and some of which are of paramount moment with Republicans. They leave no room for indifference. The issues are too grave to be lightly esteemed. Republicans are earnestly invoked to activity and energy in bringing them to the attention of the people and in giving their best efforts to bring every Republican voter to the polls. The moment is auspicious for a telling blow at the corrupt State ring that has for years plundered the people and defrauded them at the polls. A large number of Independent and courageous Democrats in the State metropolis are in rebellion against their corrupt party managers with the most brilliant prospects of a glorious triumph over fraud and wrong. Let the Republicans of Carroll and the honest Democrats who are weary of conspiracies against the rights of the people, make a determined effort to place this good old county in the column of reform. Let there be no laggards and no stay-at-homes and victory is within our grasp.

*A vote for Mr. Wm. Richards, the Republican candidate for Sheriff, is a vote for as worthy and brave a man as lives within the borders of the county, and whose election will insure a faithful administration of the Sheriff's office.*

Republicans, vote promptly. When your ballot has once been cast it is safe against contingencies. Don't put it off till the close of the day. Something may then occur to prevent your voting at all. Vote early.

## Shall We Have Fair Elections?

This is the all-important question in State politics. It is conceded by every candid man that most of the elections in Baltimore city, during the last fifteen years, have been tainted by fraud. It is known that Mr. Henry M. Warfield was elected Mayor of Baltimore, in 1875, by a majority of at least 8,000. His opponent, Ferdinand C. Latrobé, was returned elected by about 2,500. What intelligent man doubts that J. Morrison Harris was elected Governor of the State in the same year? But he was counted out. In later years the same fate befel Munroe Heiskel and Judge Brown, as Mayoralty candidates; and candidates for the City Council, and other local offices, and for the Legislature have experienced the same fate at every recurring election during all these years. In spite of the earnest protest and active opposition of a large body of honest Democrats the managers have maintained their grip on the election machinery and have continued to pollute the ballot with fraud. Last Saturday night Mr. John K. Cowen produced two participants in these outrages, who, at the Concordia Opera House, told how things had been managed and the people cheated, wronged and defrauded of their just rights. Both of them implicated Mr. Gorman as an instigator of the outrages, and his precious pimp, the notorious Eugene Higgins, as an active agent in promoting the flagrant crimes recited against the integrity of the ballot. The men who told the story were Bill Harig, an employe of the Baltimore Custom House, under Collector Groome, and Charlie Goodman, a notorious rounder. The confession of these ruffians would be valueless taken alone, but, unfortunately for the bosses, the stories they tell are fully substantiated by concurrent testimony. Harig told of the operations of the ring in Baltimore, at various times, and Goodman related how he led a party of roughs and repeaters in Howard county in 1879 and prevented two hundred colored men from voting, while his precious scamps got in their own fine work at the polls. The outrage was committed for the purpose of electing Mr. Gorman to the Senate.

But none of this testimony was needed to substantiate the atrocious facts that ought long ago to have wrought the overthrow of the infamous Democratic ring. The truth is patent and has been so for many years; and it has received confirmation time and again from the lips of many Democrats of eminence and worth, who have repeatedly endeavored to bring about reform by coalescing with the Republicans; but have as often been defeated by the very methods they have been seeking to correct.

During all this time it has been known that the remedy for these aggravated and enormous wrongs lay in such legislation as would insure a fair vote and an honest count, and regular Democratic conventions have repeatedly pledged such legislation. Two years ago the solemn promise was made that a law specifically described should be enacted. The promise was broken with unblushing effrontery. The ring lives by fraud and will not place a club in the hands of its enemies wherewith to break its own head. Grown bolder it has ceased to promise; but finds, somehow, useful and pliant agents in such organizations as the Business Men's Association, which throws a mantle of quasi respectability around the hideous object yclept "the ring."

The share of the Democracy of Carroll county in the criminal practices of its city brethren is that it has failed to send men to the Legislature bold enough to antagonize the bosses and insist on the legislation demanded by every consideration of integrity and good government. Flagrant as the abuses have been; atrocious as are the outrages confessed and sought to be redressed by hosts of honest Democrats, the late Democratic convention in Carroll county failed to utter a word in condemnation or to give a single pledge of reform, or promise that its legislative nominees would lift a finger to right these grievous wrongs. Thus, while not actively assisting in the frauds perpetrated, the Democratic representatives of Carroll county have consented to them by their silence, and the new candidates of the party for the House of Delegates are in no manner committed to any measure of redress, either specific or general in terms.

It is high time that the people were taking the matter in their own hands and purifying the ballot by the election of men thoroughly devoted to the work of reform. The corrupt and corrupting influences of the ring have lowered the general moral sentiment on this question of fair elections; this question which lies at the very foundation of Republican government. Shall these unholy influences go on, subverting and destroying the tone of public morals until the whole structure of popular government crumbles beneath their withering touch? Every citizen has a responsibility in the premises that cannot be evaded. The right of suffrage brings this responsibility. Let every voter consider well this responsibility and remember that only by the election of a Legislature utterly and actively hostile to the ring and ring practices and sternly determined to correct them, can a reformation be accomplished. The Independent Democratic tickets in the First and Second Districts of Baltimore; the Republican in the Third District, and the Republican nominees for the House of Delegates in Carroll and the other counties of the State are not only pledged, but determined, if elected, to give us the Pearce law, with such features of the Australian system as may be adapted to our State government. Let every voter, who is determined to do his duty and maintain pure government for himself and children, vote for the Republican nominees. If he will have reform he must take this action at last. Why not do so now, and right the most prodigious wrongs every perpetrated upon free government?

*Mr. William E. Roop, the Republican candidate for County Surveyor, ought to be elected. He is thoroughly competent, a man of unimpeachable character and of strictly sober and temperate habits. The office for which he is a candidate, not by his own seeking, may not seem to be very important, but it ought to be filled by a man who has the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Roop possesses these in an eminent degree and these qualities should be recognized by the voters of the county at the polls, giving him a large and flattering majority.*

## Then and Now.

The absurdity of undertaking a comparison of county expenditures between the present time and twenty-two years ago, to the detriment of the latter, must forcibly strike every sensible man. During the incumbency of Republican Boards of County Commissioners a terrible war was either raging or its effects felt in a largely depreciated circulating medium. The purchasing power of a dollar of paper money, in 1865-6 and 1866-7, did not much exceed fifty per cent. of the purchasing power of a dollar in this year of grace 1889, or for the last ten years for that matter. Yet it was this depreciated currency in which taxes were paid.

The value of all kinds of property real and personal, from 1864 to 1867 was double and more than double its value now, in the circulating mediums of the two periods. Wheat was $2.00 to $3.00 per bushel, and everything else in proportion. Lands now valued at $50 were them worth little less than $100. The value of the $88,000 now exacted from the people of Carroll county, in the shape of taxes, is three times as great as that of the $68,000 collected by the last Republican Board. Then everybody had money in abundance, such as it was; and as, in the payment of taxes, it was estimated at the full value of a standard dollar in coin, the tax-payer had all the advantage of it. The roads were as well and better made than to-day; the schools were superior and the whole county government no less efficient on expenditures that were, in practical effect, not half as great, nor one-fourth as burdensome as those of to day. The tax-payers of the county could have paid $150,000 as easily then as they can now pay $88,000; yet the whole amount levied was only $68,000, a sum that was no burden. The people are paying heavily for the blessing of twenty-two years of Democratic government.

## Election Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls open from 8, A. M., to 6, P. M.

## An Investigation Demanded.

The necessity has arisen, by the issues made in the pending campaign, for a thorough investigation of the administration of county and school affairs during the last twenty-two years. It is known that prior to 1870 large sums were levied for the redemption of County Certificates, which were devoted to other and unknown purposes. It is also known that the invested school fund was dissipated and destroyed during the same period, and it is now charged, upon the evidence of an interest account, that a large interest bearing debt has been created by the School Board. The levy of money for one purpose and its appropriation to another and unknown use is in palpable violation of the law requiring the publication of a minute and detailed statement of county expenses. The failure to levy a sum for the support of the public schools, and its appropriation to other purposes when subsequently levied in 1869 to 1871, was another violation of law on the part of the County Commissioners. The destruction of the school fund was in downright contravention of a mandatory statute. The creation of an interest bearing debt by the School Board has no authority of law to sustain it. These things all demand thorough and searching inquiry which will only be made under Republican administration. If the voters and tax-payers of the county want this investigation they must elect the Republican ticket.

*Messrs. Thomas D. Thomson, Samuel L. Little, Henry Troutfelter and John Beggs, Republican candidates for the House of Delegates, should receive the united and earnest support of all Republicans, and of Democrats who desire the restoration of purity in elections in the State of Maryland. They are capable, good and true men, who will faithfully legislate and vote for the integrity of the ballot and for a new assessment by which the people of the county may be relieved of the oppressive and unjust burden of excessive State taxation saddled upon them by the present high assessment. Let every voter who desires the accomplishment of these reforms cast his ballot for the gentlemen named.*

## Our Candidate for Sheriff.

Mr. William Richards, the Republican candidate for sheriff of Carroll county—the horse-trader as some of his political opponents sneeringly call him—possesses the characteristics which are specially demanded in an office of that character. He is a thoroughly abstemious man in his habits, of the strictest morality, and, while perfectly unassuming in manner, is self-contained, brave and resolute in the extreme. Such a man as he is in danger of being underrated, as he goes about in the pursuit of his legitimate and honest business among men, and there is no doubt that the Democrats have committed this blunder in regard to Mr. Richards. He should not lose a single Republican vote, but ought to gain a good many Democratic ones from those who appreciate true manliness and have no patience with the slurs that have been cast upon an honest and worthy man because his occupation does not harmonize with the refinement of their aristocratic souls.

*Republicans are advised to carefully examine their ballots before voting on Tuesday next. There is alarm in the Democratic camp and desperate means may be resorted to to prevent defeat.*

The SENTINEL denied last week a report that concurrently appeared in the *Advocate* to the effect, in substance, that a portion of the Republican ticket is being sacrificed or traded off for the benefit of the remainder. It is proper to repeat that denial and to stamp the report, as it deserves, as a willful misrepresentation. Let the Republican friends of the several candidates on our ticket be on their guard against just such rumors. They are manufactured for a purpose, and any irresponsible individual may start similar reports, calculated to produce injury to our cause, for the use of the wily schemers who give them currency. Republicans! throw the doubts and suspicions thus sought to be implanted in your minds to the winds and give your earnest support and effort to the election of our whole ticket.

## General Order to the Democrats.

The chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee has issued the following circular, which may be taken as a general order to the Democrats of the county to put on the armor and go to work for the office-holding brigade. The circular is issued in good faith of course, but it has an exceedingly funny side. It is a naive, if unwitting, confession that the election is largely in the interests of about 350 officeholders, made up of road supervisors, county constables, tax collectors, &c. Even the janitor of the court house is named. And these are only a portion of the brigade—that portion appointed by the County Commissioners. Here is the circular:

WESTMINSTER, MD., Oct. 29, 1889.

*Dear Sir:*—The Republican managers are bending every effort to elect two of their County Commissioner nominees, John C. Denner and Leonard Zile. If elected these two would constitute a majority of the Board and give the party control of the county government.

Besides levying and disbursing taxes, the Commissioners have the appointment of over 300 Road Supervisors, 12 Tax Collectors, about 35 Constables, the Steward of the Alms House, and the Janitor of the Court House. In the event of Republican success, every one of the present competent road supervisors, constables, tax collectors and other appointees would be turned out by January 1st, and their places filled by inexperienced Republicans, much to the detriment of the road system and the county government.

It is necessary, then, that particular attention be paid to the Democratic Commissioner ticket, in order that the Republican scheme be thwarted, and the present excellent management be continued.

You are earnestly requested to canvass your neighborhood, see all Democrats, and urge them to go to the polls and deposit straight Democratic tickets. Wherever possible make a vote for either of the Democratic nominees for County Commissioner, and aid Charles Brilhart for County Treasurer whenever you can.

The next Legislature will elect a United States Senator, a State Treasurer, a Police Commissioner for Baltimore, and various other officers, and the importance of electing our whole Legislative ticket cannot be too strongly urged.

The office of Sheriff is also an important one, and under certain circumstance the Sheriff has the selection of jurymen for the Circuit Court. See that our nominee receives the full Democratic vote.

The Republican managers are working unceasingly, and to elect the Democratic ticket it is necessary to have the full Democratic strength out on Tuesday, November 5th.

Begin work at once, and be at the polls on election day to work for the whole ticket.

B. F. CROUSE,
Chairman County Central Committee.

*What the Republicans want in this contest is to poll their full vote. That accomplished, victory will be ours. Let every Republican consider himself a special committee to see that his Republican neighbor comes to the polls and casts his ballot.*

## It Can't Be Denied.

The difficulties which confront the Board of School Commissioners in Carroll county to-day are the inevitable results of flagrant violations of law by Democratic County and School Boards years ago. The county Commissioners refused in 1868 to levy the tax required by law for the Public Schools, and of levies of ten cents annually, for the three succeeding years, only paid the School Commissioners up to 1871 the aggregate sum of about $26,000. Under these circumstances the School Board defied the law requiring the invested school fund to be maintained inviolable, and commenced the process of its destruction. It has been utterly dissipated and paucity of means has subsequently harrassed the School authorities until, it is alleged with reasonable certainty, a considerable interest bearing debt has been created to meet the ever recurring demands upon the Board, and all without warrant of law.

*REPUBLICANS! Look well to your tickets and guard against ballots of spurious character.*

The Democratic story that the Republicans were arranging to sacrifice a part of their ticket, for the benefit of the remainder, had a double purpose. It was not only designed to create suspicion and sow dissensions among the Republicans, but was shrewdly intended to divert attention from a little game of their own in that direction. They are bending all their energies to gain votes for one man on the legislative ticket and their candidate for sheriff. A strong effort will be made in that direction and Republicans should be prepared to meet it and maintain their ranks unbroken, and poll their full vote.

Every registered voter is entitled to deposit one ballot and no more. Ring methods in Baltimore have for years perverted this safeguard of free government and human liberty, and the whole people of the State have been defrauded in the process. Now let every Republican voter in Carroll county realize it to be his duty to cast a ballot against this iniquity, and not encourage it by remaining absent from the polls. Republicans, one and all, vote promptly on Tuesday next and show the iniquitous ring that the spirit of liberty still burns brightly in your hearts.

One hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars levied by Democratic County Commissioners in twenty-two years, to pay a debt of sixty-eight thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars, of which sixteen thousand nine hundred dollars yet remain unpaid! That is a splendid exhibit upon which to go before the people and claim skillful financial management of county affairs. Yet the Democrats are making that claim today and challenging comparison. The comparisons thus far made are not much to their credit.

If the phrase hasn't been copy-righted we may be permitted to say: "It is said" that the ringsters have given up all hope of carrying Baltimore and are preparing to colonize their rounders, roughs and repeaters in the counties where they can do the most good. It isn't very likely they will trouble Carroll, but forewarned is forearmed and it would be just as well to keep a sharp lookout for the gentry and give them a warm reception if they should turn up in any of the districts of the county.

## Election Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls open from 8, A. M., to 6, P. M.

One of the special traits in the character of Mr. Charles H. Baughman, the Republican candidate for County Treasurer, is fidelity in the discharge of duty. Regret and surprise have been expressed by Republicans throughout the county that he has not made a personal canvass in all the districts. Mr. Baughman has fully appreciated the importance of such a course; but being Principal of the Central Hall School in Westminster has felt it incumbent upon him to give full attention to the duties thus devolved upon him, at the sacrifice of interest and inclination. He has therefore been unable to visit the people as he would otherwise gladly have done; not because he is indifferent to their opinions nor independent of their good will, but under the constraint of what has seemed to him a paramount duty. We heartily regret that he could not become personally known to the people of the county, as he could not have failed to make a favorable impression. He is not unknown, however, and has, in every district, warm and earnest friends who can attest his worth and ability.

The chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee makes an appeal to the Democrats to go to work in behalf of the candidates of that party for County Commissioners because there are something like 350 officeholders, including 300 road supervisors, who would be removed in the event of Republican success. Our Democratic friends seem to imagine that the offices of right belong to them, and are making a desperate effort to retain them. During the last twenty-two years the Republicans of the county have paid in taxes more than a million of dollars, a vast sum, which has been disbursed by Democratic officials and much of it received by the Democratic office-holding brigade. Certainly if the Republicans furnish half or more than half the money for the support of the county government it is only equitable that they should have a share occasionally in the administration of county affairs.

A full and honest vote and a fair count are the crying necessities of the pending election. Let Republicans perform their share of the work by casting their ballots early and promptly on Tuesday next. We'll have an honest count in Carroll county, and by electing a Legislature that will enact a proper election law will ensure a needed revision of the registration throughout the State, and prevent fraudulent voting and false counting in the future wherever they are now perpetrated.

While the Democrats are loudly decrying the colored voter and sedulously cultivating race prejudice on one hand, they are as earnestly seeking to gain voters from the despised African. It is the cry of "nigger! nigger!" on one hand to frighten timid white souls and an appeal for help to the despised race on the other. In Baltimore a colored Democratic Davidson Club has been organized. What arrant hypocrisy.

The only part the Republicans have had in the government of Carroll county, during the last twenty-two years, has been the privilege of valuly protesting against the expenditure of the invested school fund, and the levying of taxes for one purpose and their appropriation to another. Yet they have paid, during that period, not less than a million of dollars to support the county government.

The Democrats are endeavoring to injure Mr. Charles H. Baughman, the Republican candidate for County Treasurer, by representing him as an exceedingly proud and haughty man. There never was a greater misrepresentation. In fact it is the very opposite of the truth. He is one of the most genial, personally friendly and easily approached men in the county.

*A vote for the Republican Commissioners' ticket is a vote for good roads, fair assessment, economical county administration and relief from unjust taxation.*

The Republican ticket is composed of gentlemen who are not old stagers, running for a second, third or fourth term, but who are all good men, who enjoy public confidence and should have the hearty support of every member of their own party, and also of those Democrats who are weary of ring rule.

The assessment in Carroll is not all right. Facts and figures indicate that it is in excess of the value of the assessable property of the county. The people are paying a larger proportion of the State tax than those of other countries. The way to remedy the wrong is to vote the Republican ticket.

The *Advocate* says, among other things, that "in the event of Harrison's election," "wheat was to be $2 per bushel." Would the *Advocate* like the reliability of all its other declarations to be gauged by that utterance?

Republicans, vote promptly. When your ballot has once been cast it is safe against contingencies. Don't put it off till the close of the day. Something may then occur to prevent your voting at all. Vote early.

*A vote for Mr. Charles H. Baughman is a vote for thorough efficiency in the keeping of the county records and the most capable administration of the affairs of the Treasurer's office.*

Another American heiress has made a fool of herself by marrying a foreign title. She was Miss Clara Huntington, daughter of C. P. Huntington, of New York. She is now Princess Hatzfeldt, her husband being a German and a spendthrift, who finding himself hopelessly in debt, drove with papa Huntington the sharpest bargain possible. To do the American father justice he was averse to the transaction, but yielded to the importunities of wife and daughter. He forced the Prince, too, to lower his demands, before coming down with the necessary cash, thus selling his daughter and buying a title; an altogether shameless proceeding. It is a little uncertain whether the daughter is in love with the Prince or his station, probably the latter, as otherwise she would not have made herself an object of traffic.

Don't forget the Mass Meeting at the Court Ho


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**Public Sale.**

THE undersigned will sell at public sale, near the Depot, Westminster, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 1889, at 2 o'clock, P. M., a choice lot of OAK LUMBER, consisting of Heavy inch-Plank, Scantling, Laths, &c. All properly seasoned. Terms easy.
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This desirable lot will be offered at public sale, on the premises, on

*SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th*, 1889, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash, one-third in six months and one-third in twelve months from day of sale; the notes to bear interest and to be secured.

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**VALUABLE Real Estate**

AT PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned will offer at public sale, on the premises, adjoining the city of Westminster, Md., on

*Friday, 8th day of November*, 1889, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following lots: No. 1 contains

FOUR ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

It is in the finest condition and has a stream of water running through it, and produced this season 12 barrels of corn to the acre. It is now sowed in rye and timothy. Adjoins the land of Messrs. John Galt and Thomas Tate, on the Uniontown road.

No. 2 contains 6 ACRES, more or less, and adjoins the land of Messrs. John L. Reifsnider, Hugh Daley and C. C. Gorsuch. It is in a high state of cultivation and is now in clover, and is considered one of the best tracts in this neighborhood.

No. 3 contains about 2½ ACRES, and is on the Cranberry road, adjoining the lands of Jacob Shaeffer and others, and is within 200 yards of the turnpike. It is also in fine condition and crops well.

All of the above land is admirably located for trucking and pasturing, and their location makes them easy of access at all seasons.

Also on

*Saturday, November 9th*, 1889, at 10 o'clock, A. M., will be offered a lot containing

NINE ACRES, MORE OR LESS,

situate a few hundred yards from the turnpike, adjoining the lands of Jacob M. Hoff and others, about 4 miles below Westminster. It is covered with fine young TIMBER, principally chestnut, and has a never-failing spring of water on it. In a few years it will be very valuable, and has a fine road leading to the turnpike. Also, on the same day, at 1 o'clock, P. M., on the premises, on the Gorsuch road, adjoining the German Church, the lands of the late Simon Shaffer and Jacob Leister and the Baumgartner farm, owned by H. Haines and H. E. Morelock jointly, a tract containing

45 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

It is heavily covered with fine young TIMBER and has excellent springs of water. It will be offered as a whole or divided to suit purchasers, except about 17 acres adjoining the Baumgartner property, which will be offered as one lot. It is within a mile of Tanuery Station.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash, and the balance in one and two years from the day of sale; the purchasers to give their notes, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale; or more liberal terms will be made if desired.

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