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Should Board of Education Be Elected By The People? Think It Over.

(Editorial)

Every once and awhile some one suggest that the members of the school board, or as they are called now The Board of Education, should be elected by the people instead of being appointed by the Governor of Maryland. The suggestion very often is made by some one who has been disappointed contents, was burned to the ground Ray Brown, 3-4 acres \$10. in some matter pertaining to the schools, or by some one who desires to on Saturday evening December 31, Gilmore Becroft and wife to Fannie "get even" with the school authorities for a real or rancied wrong. Some between 8 and 9 o'clock; also 5 horses C. Henley and busband \$1300.00, lot object to the present system of oppointment because, as they allege, it is and 1 mule, 4 cows, 1 steer, 2 large in Mt. Airy. undemocratic; that the members of the board are not responsive to the will brood sows, 15 fine pigs, some chick- Joshua Trayer and wife to Lynn of the majority; that the board, as a whole, is autocratic and domineering and that the oppointments made by the Governor to the board is the exercise fodder, a large implement shed, hog of an autocratic power which should not be allowed to exist under a demo- pen, chicken house, and separator William S. Hoffman and wife 33 acres Church, Rev. McCaslin officiating, the Westminster Savings Bank, of land; J. Paul Smith, of Virginia, and cratic form of government.

The objectors of the present mode of appointment of members of the Board of Education for the several counties of Maryland may be right in their contention, but we doubt very much if the election of members of the any of the cattle out. A strong ton Bloom and wife \$100.00, 83 acres. Board of Education by direct vote of the people will solve all the real or imaginary troubles and create a millenium in school matters.

Some one has said that "we learn wisdom from experience" and if we in Carroll county will just stop a moment to hear the testimony of some of the older chizens who, in their younger days, took great interest in the public schools of Carroll county, and who lived in a time in Carroll county when members of the school Board were elected by the direct vote of the people, were almost frantic and had to be we teel sure that many of those who now advocate the election of members Of the Board of Education by direct voting will stop to think over the matter a niccie more carefuny. We may think the present generation is better for a few hours, to come home and and wiser than our forbears but we do not think any one will be bold enough find the buildings and stock destroyto claim we are more honest.

Let us examine some of the legislation in school matters passed within the company of Westminster was called non V. Yingling, both of Snyders- son, Mr. Charles King, Finksburg. lumber and coal business to his part- Dr. Jesse S. Myers, and Messrs. last by years and see if we are worse or better off now. The constitutional out, but, very unfortunately, just as burg, this county, December 24, 1921, Besides his son, he is survived by his ner to take effect January 1st. 1922. George R. Grumbine, George E. Markconvention of 1801, the last one held in Maryland, left the matter of the widow and one daughter, Miss Nellie the morning of the day of his death. er, Nathan M. Albert, W. Frank government of schools to the legislature which met shortly after the au- a valve burst and they could not do Reformed church, Manchester, this King. Funeral services were held at Mr. Smith served two terms as Thomas and Edward D. Duncan. Journment of the convention. That legislature passed a law providing for anything. So with a good force of county, by Rev. R. J. Freeman. the election of nve members of a school board in each county of the state men with buckets and tubs, water and for Baltimore City. At that time (1867) there was in the hands of the was carried to the house roof and it Republican school board of Carroll county the sum of \$75,000 invested in was saved from burning. Mr. Yingground rents paying 6 per cent interest which had been set aside by the ling's loss, which is heavy, is only sonage at Silver Run, this county, rectors. poard as a reserve fund, the interest upon which was sufficient to perman- partly covered by insurance. Several Miss Louise Lippy and Mr. Clarence entry take care of certain expenses of the schools.

The election of 1867 was carried by the Democrats and five members of party were elected members of the school board for Carroll county. the aght in Carron county was very bitter. The Civil War had just closed canualities went over the county promising school houses at nearly every cross road. The Republicans refused to make such promises because, as they claimed, sufficient lunus were not available to build so many school houses, the project invested in ground rents being dedicated to a specifi purpose.

As soon as the Democrats got control of the school board they sold the ground rents and spend the \$10,000 in building cheap stab school nouses in the-then districts of Carron county. These buildings soon led into decay, were insanitary, had very notice or no furniture and when the people of the county realized what had been done with the \$75,000 a howl went up and ST. JOHN'S OBTAINS BIRTH charge, Pleasant street, Hanover, Pa. Pleasant Cemetery. The pallbearers were samuel Monroe, Obediah Buckcounty realized what had been done with the \$75,000 a howl went up an over the county and the Democrats, at least the wise ones, saw a storm brewing which would probably sweep them out of power.

The members of the school board were cussed, discussed and damned by both Democrats and Republicans, and the wise men of the Democrati party, whose triends controlled the following Legislature, prepared a bill and had it passed taking away from the people of Carroll county the right Baltimore section of the Catholic were united in marriage at 5 o'clock UI. [HUL U III. cuit Court for Carroll County to appoint them.

Although the right of the Legislature to put the appointment of members John's School of this city was award- Lutheran parsonage, Lineboro, this of the school board in the power of the Judges of the Circuit Court was a ed a berth in the Baltimore section county. They were attended by Mr. mooted question the practice continued for many years. Unief Judge Miller of the league. of this circuit, however, refused to appoint members of the school board or Nine teams, including St. John' Anne Arundel county on the ground that a Judge of a Court had no right will contend for the Baltimore chamunder the state constitution to act as an executive officer, his duties being pionship. The winner will then play Mr. and Mrs. Cashman will reside in strictly judicial. In Carroll county the Judge appointed three Democrats the victors of the Washington and and two Republicans and for many years there was peace in school matters. | Western Maryland sections. This will

Unfortunately, or fortunately, for the Democrats of Carroll county, fol- give the winning team the championlowing the death of the late Judge John E. Smith, a Republican, a bitter ship of Maryland and the District of factional fight took place in the Democratic party over the nomination of Columbia. a successor to Judge Smith and the-then school examiner, as he was then | The league will get under way tocalled, realized that if a certain Democratic candidate were nominated and night when a double header will be elected he night be persuaded to appoint members of the school board who staged in the gym of Calvert Hall. would not vote for his re-election to the office of school examiner. In order | St. John's of Baltimore will play to head off any unfavorable action by the court the school examiner, who, by Sacred Heart of Mt. Washington and the way was a pretty smart chap, had a state-wide bill passed by the St. Martin's will hook up against St. Legislature which repealed the-then law and placed the appointment of Bernard's. members of school boards all over the state in the hands of the Governor, On the following day (Saturday) more City, composed of over two in the church auditorium. Rev. J. R. A State police force of 35 men. which is the law to-day. The members of the Legislature were very glad St. John's, of Westminster, will play hundred and fifty loyal Carroll counto relieve the Judges of the responsibility of making appointments, many of it's first game in the league at West- tians residing in Baltimore, will be the tion plan as prepared by the commis- reading clerk of the House and the them being lawyers, felt that the law placing the appointment in the hands minster. St. John's of Baltimore, paring for the greatest annual banof the Judges was only a makeshift and was enacted only for the purpose will be their opponents. The game quet in its history, which will be held of saving the Democrats from defeat at the hands of an outraged public. | will be played in St. John's Hall. at the Emerson Hotel, Baltimore, on a feature. Every man is given a tions.

Afterwards other laws were passed until to-day we have the law to which Play will start at 3 P. M. many objections are made, principally on the ground that it sets up an Below is St. John's complete 1922, at 7:00 P. M. sharp. obligarchy and the officers, who administer the same, are not directly re- schedule. All the games will be playsponsible to the people.

We have no brief from the present school authorities and will not attempt to defend any of their alleged wrongful acts, but we would remind many of those who speak and write on the subject of "responsibility to the people" that the present government of Maryland and of the United States is not a pure democracy, but a republican form of government in which the people act through representatives whom they must hold responsible for acts of omission and commission which do not meet the approval of the people.

If we shall return to the election of members of the Board of Education what guarantee will we have that they will not act just as those elected 50 years ago? Has human nature changed? Has the element of selfishness been eliminated from the human system? What's everybody's business is notody's business, and from the experience Maryland has had with laws submitted to the voters for their approval we are somewhat skeptical about the election of members of the Board of Education.

The public schools are very close to the people and politics should never now ready for the organization of Carroll county, with its splendid hisbe permitted to enter into their control. On the other hand few voters care such a class and any woman interest- tory and its proud traditions, as well This week Postmaster Coonan ers to Baltimore. The Maryland Wednesday January 11th, at 2 P. M. to get mixed up in school matters because they know that a school fight can ed is requested to notify Miss Everett as to interest itself in its future well- again went to the Maryland Univer- Agriculture Society Complete. Prokill a political ambition very quickly.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT PLEASANT VALLEY

LARGE BARN, COUTBUILDINGS STOCK Charles H. Simon and Blum, both of York, Pa. AND CROPS ON FARM OF E. C. YINGLING BURNED

(Pleasant Valley Correspondent) The fine large barn of E. C. Ying-i ling at Pleasant Valley, with all its; James A. Buckingham and wife to ens, 200 bushels of wheat, a lot of Trayer and wife \$375.00, 144 square three sons and six daughters. corn, hay, straw, a lot of shredded perches. house. None of the family was at \$5.00. home when the fire was discovered, and those who saw the fire hurried J. Mathias, lot in Westminster \$1950. Northwest wind was blowing and the William E. Starner and wife to Roresidence was in great danger. The bert I. Flohr, property in Westminmen forced an entrance to the house ster \$3625. and began to carry out the furniture Armfield Gosnell et al to John and taking it to a place of safety but Gosnell, 1 acre \$5. before they had the house empty Mr. | William H. Umbaugh and wife to and Mrs. Yingling came home. They J. Hamilton Grimes and wife \$5. cared for by a physician. But, no wonder. When one just goes away ed by fire. It is sad, indeed. The fire houses at the East end of the village, E. Stonesifer, both of Union Mills, where the sparks were raining on this county, were married by Rev. , several times; also the large huckster shed of Elmer F. Kindig. Sparks

IN BALTIMORE LEAGUE

Diocesan League at Calvert Hall Col- Christmas evening, by the bride's lege, Baltimore, December 19th, St. pastor, Rev. R. R. Richards, at the

ed in Westminster.

Feb. 4-St. Bernard's.

Feb. 7-St. John's. Feb. 11-Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Feb. 14-St. Andrew's. Feb. 18-St. Ann's.

Feb. 21-Sacred Heart.

Feb. 25-St. Martin's. Feb. 28-St. Elizabeth's.

FORMED Home Demonstration Agent's office than January 12th, 1922, if possible. vices every night, excepting Monday, in regard to starting a dressmaking The main purpose of the Society is and three times on Sunday including class in Westminster The office is to keep alive the spirit of good old a 3 o'clock afternoon service. before Thursday, if possible.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

MARRIAGE LICENSES Roland C. Grimes and Ethel

Jenkins, both of Carroll county. Charles H. Simon and Lula Russell H. Gernand and Carrie Alice Grabill, both of Union Bridge. G. Henry Zenker and Grace Hunt, both of Baltimore.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Florence B. Scheufele et al to Eliza

YINGLING-DULL

STONESIFER-LIPPY

On December 27, 1921, at the par-

HESS-REESE

were carried by the wind for nearly Miss Hilda G. Reese, daughter of Saturday, December 31, 1921, aged a mile. The origin of the fire is un- Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Reese, Car- 70 years, 8 months and 11 days. She known. Mr. and Mrs. Yingling have roll county, and Ivan R. N. Hess, son is survived by one sister, Mrs. Emma the sympathy of the community, and of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hess, West Lee and one brother, Mr. J. Thomas they wish to thank all who assisted Manheim township, York county, Pa., Conaway. Funeral services, in charge so faithfully in saving their house were united in marriage Saturday of Rev. John Field, were held at the and helping clean away the debris. | evening at 7:30 o'clock in the parson- home Sunday, January 1st., at 2 P. age of the West Manheim Lutheran M. and interment was made in Mount the ceremony.

CASHMAN-COPPERSMITH

of near funeral directors. First Game Saturday, January 7. | Westminster, and Miss Billie M. At a meeting of the officers of the Coppersmith, of Bachman's Valley, CT Dill'C M and Mrs. Charles Helwig, of near Westminster, the latter being a sister of the bride. For the present Bachman's Valley. They have the best wishes of their many friends.

OF BALTIMORE TO BANQUET

The Carroll County Society of Balli-Thursday evening, January 19th,

The committee is arranging an unusually interesting program, which EVANGELIST STARKE AT will be fully announced later. splendid dinner will be served at the nominal figure of \$3.00 per plate. It is the hope of those in charge of the affair that many residing in Carroll county will take the opportunity tenary M. E. Church, this city, next roads. to enjoy this delightful occasion. At- Sunday, the 8th, and will preach at A gasoline tax of 1 cent a gallon more city Democratic politicians captendance is not limited to members, 10:45 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. The ser- for road maintenance. but all Carroll countians, or friends, vices will continue until January Increased salaries for judges. DRESSMAKING CLASS TO BE who wish to subscribe will be made in inclusive, and a strong chorus State armories for Hagerstown, only worse, if Baltimore is given an welcome, but should send their appli- choir will lead the singing. A bright Silver Spring, Centreville and Cum- increased representation in the As-Several people have called at the cations to the committee, not later song service at every meeting. Ser- berland

being.

OBITUARY

ROBERT G. RIDGELY

Robert G. Ridbely, aged 23 years, son of Samuel G. and Mary A. Ridgely, of Sykesville, died Monday, January 2, 1922, at the residence of morning, January 1st., 1922, at his to use all their knowledge of economy his parents.

Wednesday at 1:30 P. M., and the powerful physique, he fought the ments in the streets. Mayor Smith tery, Sykesville, this county.

ALFRED E. KEENEY

Alfred E. Keeney died Saturday, December 31, 1921, at his residence near Finksburg, this county, aged in his day, was a physical, financial, dence and respect of all the citizens. 75 years, 11 months and 5 days. Be- intellectual and religious power in Mr .Smith married Miss Margaret sides his widow he is survived by the community, and one of the found- LaMotte, of Glen Falls, Baltimore

The funeral services were held Maryland College of this city. Albert S. Spencer and wife to Tuesday at 11 A. M. at Finksburg and the interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

The pallbearers were Thomas Ireto the scene, but were unable to get Arthur F. Will and wife to J. Clay- land, Joseph Stocksdale ,Edward January 1st. a member of the firm of field, this county, and Paul Smith, of Peeling, John Armacost, Charles Smith and Reifsnider, lumber and Washington, D. C.) and by three Kay and William S. Stever. Harvey Bankard & Son funeral

DANIEL KING

Lawrence county, Tennessee, Decem- L. Reifsnider Jr. was taken into the Theological Seminary and Rev. Edber 28, 1921, aged 78 years. His re- business and the firm of Smith and gar T. Read, a former pastor officiatmains were shipped from Lawrence- Reifsnider established. ville, Tenn. on the 29th, and arrived In the full realization of his phy- Westminster Cemetery. at Asbestos on the 31st. from whence sical condition Mr. Smith a few The pallbearers, all of whom were Miss Mildred A. Dull and Mr. Ver- they were taken to the home of his weeks ago sold his interest in the selected by Mr. Smith, were: Dr. his son's residence, Sunday, January Mayor of Westminster in the days F. A. Sharrer and Son funeral di-1, 1922, and interment was made in when taxes were low and the Mayor rectors. Reisterstown.

F. A. Sharrer & Son, funeral di-

MRS. FRANCES A. SHIPLEY

the late Henry Shipley, died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill, Gamber, ingham, Norris Stocksdale, Talbert Buckingham, Geo. B. Knox, and Clinton Shipley. F. A. Sharrer & Son,

dsor, is enjoying a repetition of the ernor spoke—or rather read from Second district, Baltimore city. good things which came to it last his message—for more than an hour. The Senate: year. The revival services which be- He was applauded several times. gan with the Watch Night Service is especially when, near the close, he Cecil county. increasing in interest and power. said that the budget would permit of The pastor, Rev. W. C. Parrsh, is do- a tax rate of 30 cents, a reduction of son, Talbot county. ing the preaching and Mr. J. V. five cents from the rate of the cur-CONITY Christy, gospel singer, of Baltimore, rent fiscal year.

On Sunday afternoon at 2.00 P. M. Things Governor Recommends In His in the naming of officials of the two special invitation to be present.

Evangelist Starke will be at Cen- Bond issue of \$3,150,000 for State leader in the House.

____ sity, Baltimore, for treatment.

Former Mayor Smith Dies After A Long Illness

lumber and coal business of the late and Mrs. Martha Fenby wife of Dr. Alfred Dell and for a number of Edward Fenby, of Baltimore). place where Smith and Reifsnider Tuesday afternoon, Rev. H. L. Elder-

Joseph W. Smith died Sunday and Common Council were expected home in this city, after an extended in order to keep the city clean and The funeral services were held illness, aged 60 years. A man of healthy and make some improveinterment was in Springfield Ceme- fatal disease with all his strength, met every requirement and the never, until weakened, did he sur- citizens of this city wanted him to render his duties as a citizen and serve longer, but his increasing business affairs forbade it. It was the

He was a son of the late John only public office he held and he re-Smith, of Wakefield, this county, who, tired from the same with the confiers and a firm friend of Western county, Maryland, by whom he is survived, and by four sons (Dr. Fred-

Joseph W. Smith was a director of erick Smith, of Cumberland, Mary-The Westminster Ice and Cold Stor- Joseph and F. LaMotte Smith, of this age Company, a trustee of Western city). He is also survived by two Maryland College, and up until brothers (Dennis A. Smith, of Wakecoal merchants of this city. When a sisters (Mrs. Charles Billingslea and young man Mr. Smith purchased the Mrs. Wm. R. McDaniel, of this city,

years conducted the same at the same | The funeral services were held Daniel King died very suddenly in conducted business. Later on John dice, President of the Westminster ing, and the interment was in the

Maryland Legislature Organized

Mrs. Frances A. Shipley, widow of Senator Norris, of Baltimore, Elected President of Senate and John L. G. Lee, Speaker of House,

Both Democrats Both branches of the Legislature, Sale of the State-owned armory lot settled down to business at noon Wed- at North and Maryland avenues. nesday and proceeded without unne- Reorganization of the Baltimore cessary delay to organize their re- city police force. spective bodies. The majority party A loan of \$1,500,000 for general having selected the presiding officers construction. and desk clerks in caucus Tuesday night, there were no contests except The officers of the two houses those staged by the minority party. elected are:

These were, of course, expected, and | House of Delegates: were regarded by both as mere formalities. It required some time to Montgomery county. finish the details, but once the wheels CHURCH began grinding, they moved smoothly First district, Baltimore city.

Governor Ritchie this Wednesday district, Baltimore city. delivered in person his message to the General Assembly, which met in First district, Baltimore city. St. Paul's M. E. Church, New Win- joint session to hear him. The Gov-

UUULL is again in charge of the music. His The Governor called upon the handling of the large choir of fifty Democrats in the Legislature to revoices, sometimes mixed and some- deem the pledges made in the party's times men only, is excellent, while platform. At the conclusion of his his solos drive home the word of address both houses adjourned unti! next Tuesday at 8 P. M.

speaker. Special music in the form sion headed by former Judge Burke. chief pages of both houses. of chorus and quartette work will be Reduction in the number of elec-

the insane.

Increased appropriations for the picked by John J. Mahon, and the public schools.

of women.

Minor Officers Elected.

Chief Clerk-Albert J. Almoney,

Reading Clerk-Clarence A. Wolf, Journal Clerk-Edgar N. Ash, First

Sergeant-Arms-John C. Slowick, Chief Page-Henry Hazenkamp,

Secretary Emerson R. Crothers,

Reading Clerk-Charles E. Simp-Journal Clerk-Robert Coursey,

Queen Anne's county. Sergeant-at-Arms-William G. Robinson, Fourth district, Baltimore city. Chief Page-John Wagner, Fourth district, Baltimore city.

City Democrats Get Plums The city Democrats fared very well houses in the caucuses Tuesday night,

capturing the sergeant-at-arms of Esaias, pastor of the Chatsworth M. Adoption of his State reorganiza- both houses, the journal clerk and Benjamin B. Baker, of the Second district, who has been chosen chair-Additional provision for the care of man of the city delegation in the

selection seems to be popular. Installation of State-use system in Senator Snader, of this county, was CENTENARY M. E. CHURCH the State prisons.

Removal of the political disabilities Senate and Joseph Wolfinger, of Washington county, Republican floor

House, is said to have been hand-

The manner in which the Baltitured all the best jobs only shows what will happen to the counties,

FARMER'S CALENDAR

gram in "Maryland Farmer."

The Woman's Civic League will January 10, 11 and 12. All Farm- meet at the County Agent's office on Every member should be present.