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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

One of our valued correspondents points out that the industrious type of immigrant, particularly those from Germany, has done much toward the development of our country. The pioneer work of Germany looking to thoroughness and faithfulness in industrial work, in such contrast to the slip-shod methods used too often, cannot be too highly praised. Right here on the Eastern Shore we may perceive the results of the German's loyalty to the motto, "Excelsior," in their farm work and in their shop work. At Preston, Ridgely, Denton, and elsewhere the skill of these people is shown and imitated to advantage of our farmers. These men of German blood have done much toward improving the communities in which they have settled in considerable numbers. They are excellent citizens. Caroline county receives and welcomes such people gladly, for we know already what kind of people they are. But after the great war it is not likely that Germany will furnish many more new citizens for many years to come. That empire will be very short of men. The war's losses of the flower of Germany's young manhood has been most appalling. Millions of them have been lost. Germany will need all those spared to their country after the cruel slaughter is over. There will be great opportunities and great work to be done, and the young men will be kept within the fatherland. Largely the same conditions will obtain in other countries after the war. Men of action, of brain and brawn, will stay in Europe in greater numbers, and the tide of immigration will move slowly, it is thought.

Mr. Thomas J. Pence, one of the most interesting figures in public life, holding the important post of correspondent at Washington for some of the great publications, has been claimed by death. His writings fairly and fully presented national matters and aided the government toward the very cordial relations—the wonderful unity of sentiment—which prevails generally at the present time. The President, the Congress and the people are practically of one voice on most important matters, and thus the ship of State goes smoothly driven in the most perilous of waters of the present time. President Wilson, when told of his death was deeply grieved. He said:

"The death of "Tom" Pence has brought to all who knew him and to all whom he so loyally and earnestly served not only the deepest grief but a sense of irreparable loss. Few finer spirits have ever connected themselves with public service. He had very great ability and he devoted that ability to the promotion of the things he thought were right with a singular devotion and self forgetfulness.

"I feel that every man who desired the public good has lost a partner, and that the Democratic party in losing him, as secretary of its National Committee, has suffered a loss which it may not be possible to repair at all."

The question of closing up the whiskey saloons in various parts of the State, where liquor is now sold, will be a lively one in Maryland from now until election day in November. As has been before noted, the question will be decided by each community mentioned, by itself. The contention of the temperance people was that the whole State should vote whether or not intoxicants may be sold in any part. The State as a whole would undoubtedly have wiped out the business altogether. The opposition won, and has a chance to continue the saloons in Baltimore and several sections in the counties. The organ of the Anti-Saloon League, The Issue, thinks there is a chance to stop the liquor business in many sections and says the forces are being mobilized in every "wet" district. "The battle will open immediately and there will be no lull in the fighting," says the Issue.

Historic old Fort McHenry, which was the scene of very stirring events in history, and is a main part of the setting of the national hymn, "The Star Spangled Banner," is to be guarded and cared for forever by the city of Baltimore as a park, and every traveler to the city by the bay boats will be pleased by the fact, since it will greatly beautify the approach to Baltimore. The United States Senate on Tuesday passed Senator Lee's bill giving the city the right to make a park out of the property.

The Philadelphia Record notes that the Penrose machine all over that State has taken in hand the task to squelch the sentiment for Governor Brumbaugh, who is talked of for the Republican nomination for the Presidency. Senator Penrose doesn't propose to have a big candidate right in his own party in his own State if his name is not Penrose—a rose which smells no sweeter now than before.

One State after another has endorsed President Wilson and there is harmony everywhere in the Democratic party. The Maine Democrats, in convention assembled, say: "We indorse his leadership and demand his re-election because he is the safest, the wisest, the most humane and the most clear-headed statesmen now on the stage of the world."

Baltimore is to be given a fair chance to spread itself, as its citizens have hoped to do so long. The annexation bill is to become a law. The effect of this bill ought to place Baltimore ahead of a number of much younger and less notable cities, where it properly belongs.

President Campbell has introduced a bill to create a cemetery commission to investigate the advisabillty of the State creating a cemetery of some point safe from future encroachments by cities, and where real perpetual care shall for all time be given graves.

To build many bridges on the State highways and to construct a number of additional roads the Legislature has agreed upon an appropriation of $2,700,000, it is thought, and work will be resumed in a few days at a number of points.

Governor Harrington is quoted as saying that the State will continue to have the services of State Roads Engineer Shirley, whose work is highly commended. Mr. Shirley is a Democrat, but Chairman Weller recognized his ability.

### Election Expenses to Be Curtailed.

The bill to do away with much of the expense of the primary and general elections will likely become a law, and the candidates and the people generally will be glad of it. The bill prevents the hiring of automobiles or other vehicles for the purpose of taking voters to and from the polls. It also prohibits the employment of challengers and watchers at the polls in either primary or election contests. It prohibits the candidate for any State office, United States Senator or Member of Congress from expending more than five thousand dollars in any primary election. If this bill becomes a law it will cause a revolution in the matter of expenditures of money at elections of any kind. Under the present law, while it is unlawful to purchase votes either at a primary contest or at the general election, it does allow unlimited use of money in the matter of hiring runners, watchers and challengers, and in this manner hundreds of venal voters in a county can be employed on primary or election day to work for any special candidate, and, of course, to cast his vote for this candidate. In this way the Corrupt Practices Act has been gotten around and thousands of dollars have been spent both in the primaries and at the general election by candidates seeking preferment, all of which could be classed as bribery, although they were legitimate expenditures under the law. It now seems assured that the envelope system of the present primary act will be repealed and a secret ballot will be given the voters in all future primary contests in this State, beginning with the primary election to be held in May. This will also materially lessen the use of money in primary elections, because the voter will go inside the booth and mark his official ballot in secret, and there will be no opportunity for the candidate or the party workers to know how the voter marks his ballot.

### Pennsy to Continue Steamer Lines.

It is now assured that the bay line service to the Eastern Shore will be continued and that Baltimore and Eastern Shore patrons will not lose this very important connection. Even from the first it was not thought that any change so radical, involving such great loss to so many thousands of people, would be made.

A Washington dispatch Thursday said: "Acting almost at the last minute, the Interstate Commerce Commission today handed down a decision granting the petition of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Merchants, Shippers and Receivers' Association to extend the time of the order divorcing the Pennsylvania Railroad and Bay boats, namely, the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic and the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia companies. The order carries with it an indefinite suspension, pending further inquiry. This feature was a part of the Pennsylvania's petition, as it desired a revision of rates, this being the basis of its willingness to continue the lines if the extension was granted. On Saturday next, April 1st, the order of July, 1914, would have been in effect and Baltimore would have stood to lose millions in trade with the Eastern Shore points. The railroad company also was about to abandon its Western Shore lines, which were not included in the order. The Love Point and Claiborne lines were not disturbed by the order, being held as ferry service."

### Federalsburg.

Claude and Clarence Lankford, brothers, were injured on Monday when their carriage was struck by an automobile and hurled into a ditch along the Federalsburg-Hurlock State road. The young men were driving a spirited horse, which became frightened when their carriage was struck and ran off. The driver of the car did not stop to offer assistance. The Lankford brothers were bruised and scratched.

The funeral of Harry Van Newkirk, who died at his home at Federalsburg Thursday evening of last week, due to abscess of the brain, took place at Seaford. Mr. Van Newkirk was 40 years of age and left a wife and four children, three girls and a boy.

Miss Mary Blanche Seward, of Cambridge, has been visiting Mrs. Frank Bradley, Federalsburg.

### Community of Political Interest.

*From the Every Evening.*

The issues that arose immediately after the Civil War made both the State of Delaware and the Eastern Shore counties of Maryland decidedly Democratic, and so they remained, unswervingly, for a long time. The Democratic split over Bryan for President, in 1896, gave both to the Republicans, and Delaware has remained almost solidly Republican ever since. The Eastern Shore was recovered by the Democrats and then lost for several elections. Later, the Democrats came back to power and at present the Eastern Shore is Democratic. And, in view of the general community of interest that prevails throughout Peninsula territory, the political influences that affect the Eastern Shore people are sure to have effect in the two lower counties of Delaware.

White potatoes wanted.—S. F. Jopp.

## MAKING OF A TOMATO CROP

### Prof. Henry G. Bell Gives Journal Readers Some Good Points.

The tomato is a tropical plant and it is not the number of tomatoes which are set on the vines but the number which you are to market which counts. Early maturity is vital to your profits.

Every pound of tomatoes delivered at the cannery or at the market requires eight gallons of water for its production. Thus it is easy to see that one of the biggest problems in tomato production is the conservation of sufficient moisture to produce maximum crops.

Most soils will grow tomatoes when they are well drained and supplied with a sufficient amount of organic matter to allow for free air circulation. Soils for tomatoes should be sweet and hold moisture well.

Fall plowing helps to conserve the moisture for the crop. If plowing at this time of the year is impossible, plow as early in the spring as you can and keep harrowing to save water until the plants are set in the field.

After the seed bed is properly prepared, the next step is to see that the plants have sufficient plant food to provide a good start and to mature the fruit before frost. This early maturity means dollars to you.

There are three kinds of plant food, nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, which every plant must have in liberal amounts in order to produce big crops of early maturing, quality fruit. Nitrogen causes the stem or stalk to grow rapidly. When plants start slowly and do not grow fast there is a lack of available nitrogen, known as ammonia. Available phosphoric acid causes tomatoes to ripen quickly and helps to make the fruit plump. When vine growth continues long and fruit ripens slowly, more available phosphoric acid is needed. Potash makes vines strong, helps fill out the fruit and to give it proper color and flavor. These three plant foods can be supplied in manure or commercial fertilizer, or both, but it is better to apply the farm manure to the crop which precedes the tomatoes, so the soil may have the benefit of the organic matter in the manure, depending upon commercial fertilizers for tomatoes themselves.

Most soils are lacking in one, two, or all of the three kinds of available plant food. The supply of phosphoric acid and potash in muck soils is low. Clays contain only a minimum supply of the three, while sandy soils are deficient in all. Tomatoes make use of a fair amount of nitrogen, a large amount of available phosphoric acid and potash. To make up for the natural deficiencies of the soils, and to meet the needs of the growing crops, many factors must be taken into consideration. For instance, if the land has been cropped heavily, it will be short of all three kinds of plant food.

Last summer we met a grower who produced 30 tons of tomatoes on a measured acre. To do this he applied 1,500 pounds per acre of high-grade commercial fertilizer. The other growers apply as low as 250 pounds, but as a general rule the heavier the application the greater the profit resulting and we do not recommend applications of less then 500 pounds per acre.

Whether you use 500 or 1,500 pounds, the best growers recommend applying all but 400 pounds through the fertilizer attachment of a grain drill or a broadcast lime and fertilizer distributor, just previous to setting the plants. This means a liberal supply of plant food near the roots to give the young plants a quick start, and a sufficient amount in the rows when the roots begin to branch out further. This provides for a normal development of the roots. Scatter a handful in a two-foot circle with the plant as the centre at setting time, mixing thoroughly with the soil. This application amounts to about 200 pounds per acre. The remaining 200 pounds should be scattered in the cultivator rows two weeks afer setting out the plants.

Choose the varieties which do best in your locality. There is much to be gained in securing tested, acclimated varieties.

Choose a cloudy, damp day for setting out the plants, for on such a day the plant breathes out but little water. Set the plants slightly deeper than they grew, tramp them in well and, if very large, clip off a leaf or two. Use only first-class plants. The distance at which to set the plants ranges from 3½ feet to 5 feet, depending upon the richness of the soil.

Cultivating kills weeds and saves the soil moisture. When each pound of tomatoes uses up eight gallons of water, sufficient and shallow cultivation to conserve the moisture supply becomes vitally important. Cultivating deeply often cuts off the roots.

Sound, ripe fruit weighs more than either over-ripe or green fruit, and means better returns for the grower, and a better quality product for canning and other purposes. Quality and flavor depend largely upon the work of the picker. See that he is properly instructed.

A large amount of badly bruised fruit is caused by the use of improper packages. Never use a box or basket with perpendicular sides, as the fruit in the bottom of these baskets is always badly crushed. The bushel package is usually too large for most convenient and satisfactory handling. One of the best packages handling tomatoes is a ⅝ bushel hamper used by some of the larger companies in shipping.

A well-drained, well-fitted, well-aired soil, a liberal supply of plant food to feed the plants properly, and to insure early maturity, combined with color and size, followed by care in cultivation and harvesting, mean good crops of quality fruit.

HENRY G. BELL.

### Hicks' Forecasts For April.

A reactionary storm period is central on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. New moon or moon's conjunction with earth and sun, falls on the 2nd. The conjunction of the great planet Jupiter with earth and sun is on the 1st, and with the moon on the 2nd. The combined disturbances of Mercury, Venus and earth bear directly on this period. We predict that sultry conditions, falling barometer, threatening clouds and storms of rain, wind and thunder, will prevail generally during this period. It will be wise to anticipate excessive downpours of rain at this time. Look out about Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, for rainfalls amounting to local freshlets and floods, with probability of dangerous wind storms and tornadoes. Close on the heels of these storms, expect change of winds to westerly, rising barometer, dashes of snow and sleet over central and northern sections, with much colder weather and killing frosts generally.

A regular storm period is central on the 8th, extending from the 6th to 11th. As in the preceding period, combined influence of earth, Venus and Mercury, bear directly on this period, the moon is at extreme north declination on the 7th, in apogee on the 9th, and at first quarter on the 10th. This period will open with weather growing unreasonably warm in western states, and in the same section the barometer will fall to unusually low readings. Very threatening storm clouds will develop, and from about Saturday the 8th, to Tuesday, the 11th, storms of violent to dangerous character will sweep from west to east across the country.

A reactionary storm period is central on the 13th, 14th and 15th. During this period expect a very marked and sudden rise of temperature, passing as a rapid warm wave from west to east. These conditions will culminate on and touching Saturday, the 15th, in a very low barometer, unseasonable warmth, and wicked storms of wind, rain, thunder and hail.

A regular storm period is central on the 19th, extending from the 17th to the 22nd. The moon will be full, or in opposition with earth and sun, on the 17th. It will be in perigee, or nearest the earth, on the 21st. Jupiter will be in perihelion, or nearest the sun, on the 17th. Neptune will be in quadrature with earth and sun on the 20th. The Venus period is at its center on the 18th, and will be one of the chief disturbing factors throughout this month.

A regular storm period, having its center on May 1st, and extending from April 28th to May 4th, will be in transit as we approach the end of the month. Much of the electric viciousness of the Venus equinox will express itself in this period. The conjunction of Jupiter and the moon on the 30th will increase storm probilities on and about that day. The moon being on the celestial equator on the 28th, will tend greatly to depress barometer readings, to marked rise of temperature, and to the generation of startling storms of lightning, thunder, rain and wind.

### In Memoriam.

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear mother, Mrs. Sarah M. Covey, who died six weeks ago—February 20, 1916.

Dear mother, I miss you through the weary hours,
Miss you as others do sunshine and flowers;
Daytime or nighttime, wherever I go,
Dear mother, we all do miss you so.

If mother were only here—
My life is so weary, so full of sadness and pain;
Each day brings its shadow, its mists and its rain;
There is no ray of sunshine my pathway to cheer,
But sorrow would vanish if mother were here.

Each hope for me is blooming, but blooms to decay;
Each joy that I treasure soon withers away;
My dreams, full of beauty, in gloom disappear,
But soon all would brighten if mother were here.

—By Her Daughter, Gertrude.

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MEETINGS

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**Candidate for the United States Senate**

Primary May 1, 1916

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1916**

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| Ridgely | 4 p. m. |
| Denton | 7.30 p. m. |

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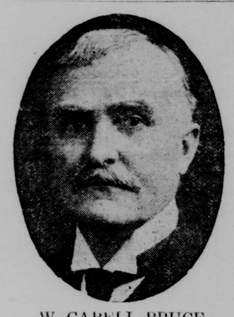

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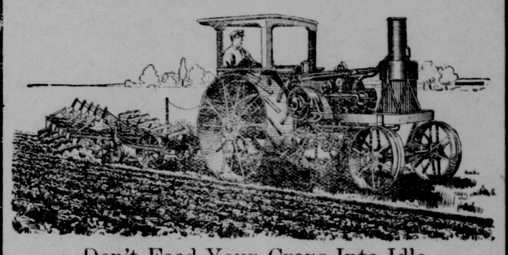

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