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Republican Prognostications.

A Ledger reporter recently had a talk with a Republican politician about the judicial nominations, soon to be practically before the people.

"Will the Republicans put out a judicial ticket in this judicial district?" asked the reporter.

"Of course we will. And why not?"

The Republican party in Maryland is now more thoroughly organized and better equipped than the Democratic party in any other section of the State.

"You do not expect to give anything away about that. This much I will say, that many sharp Democrats are uneasy about it, and are not at all satisfied that victory is assured for their side."

"Who is it likely will be your candidates?"

"The convention alone can determine that. It will be a convention composed of representative Republicans, unpledged, untrammelled by personal preferences or by political favoritism."

"Who are talked about amongst Republicans for judicial candidates?"

"I expect you newspaper men know more about that than I do. And you must admit that what there are not as many Republican lawyers in the district as there are Democrats, there is enough good and sound judicial timber."

"as the Ledger once called it—to enable the convention to select a first-rate bench. A good many Republicans favor a ticket composed of William J. Jones, of Cecil, Charles T. Westcott, of Kent, and George M. Mussum, of Caroline. Without pretending to know anything more about Republican sentiment than others, it would not surprise me if such a ticket is received with great favor and is finally put forward by the convention. And it would be a good and strong ticket. Its geographical distribution is first-rate, much better than that of the present bench, or any that the Democrats are likely to nominate; and these men are unexceptionable as to character and ability. Mr. Jones stands well up towards the head of the Cecil bar. He is also an old lawyer of distinguished ability and much experience. He is also scholarly, clear in judgment and of acute perceptions. Mr. Westcott is a young man of fair ability, and has had large experience in certain lines of law business. He is well-educated, a diligent student and a hard worker. Mr. Mussum would make a capital judge. He is bright and quick, and can see the right between two presentations of a cause as quick as any lawyer practicing in the district. He is a great favorite with judges and lawyers and is very popular."

"But I thought Mr. Russum was a Democrat?"

"What of that? Does that disqualify him from going on the bench? Republicans for sinking political considerations in nominating judges and giving their opponents at least a minority representation on the bench?"

"Well, I propose to do the questioning on this occasion. The idea is that Mr. Russum, as a Democrat, might not be willing to accept a Republican nomination."

"Of that, Mr. Russum himself must decide for himself. His politics have always been of a conservative character. It has not been long since he was a Republican, and held office under a Republican administration. A number of Republicans some years ago left the Republican party and acted with the Democrats, because they could not follow nor endorse certain Republican leaders and measures, and despaired of getting rid of one and curing the other. But the most of them have returned or are now returning to the party. Col. Webster, for instance, now collector of the port of Baltimore, commenced to act with the Democrats about the time Mr. Russum did. Now don't understand me as meaning to imply that Mr. Russum has left or contemplates leaving the Democratic party. I know nothing about it. But I, as a Republican, am willing to put him on our ticket for judge, regardless of his politics, and I know many other Republicans of the same way of thinking."

"It has been intimated that if Judge Stump were defeated in the Democratic convention, he would be put on the Republican ticket. What are the Republicans saying about that?"

"Nothing. The intimation of which you speak must be confined to Democratic circles. I have heard nothing of them amongst Republicans, and I don't believe there is a Republican around with such a notion in his head. No, if we take a Democrat to go on our judicial ticket, we will not take one who tried to go on yours and failed. We don't want your leavings. The Republican party has too much positive strength of its own now to make such a policy as that commendable. Besides Judge Stump will be nominated by the Democrats along with Judges Robinson and Wickes. I believe it to be certain you will nominate the present bench, and the fact will strengthen you a particle with the wrong to take the

judges all from one part of the strict. Talbot or Caroline ought to have a judge for convenience's sake, and as you Democrats will not take one from Talbot, we Republicans may try to give you one from Caroline. And then there are a great many people who think it is better to change the judiciary every fifteen years. They say if the framers of the constitution intended it to be a life office, which was terms of fifteen years each practically amounts to, they would have fixed it in that way. Now, we want a ticket that will give all the quiet, thinking people who have these views the opportunity of giving practical expression to them at the polls. Weston and Russell will fill that bill exactly, in my judgment. But then our choice is by no means confined to these three. We could take Cecil, Kent and Talbot; or we could, I am sure go into Queen Anne's and find a proper candidate."

"Who?"

"Oh, well, don't press your questions too abruptly. How would ex-Judge Carmichael do? You know he voted the Republican ticket last fall; and if the Republicans should now take him up and put him on the bench, would it not be to the credit of a disposition to compensate him to some extent for the hard treatment he received when on the bench before? But I will not amplify further. Doubtless you have something better to do, and more profitable, than to sit here listening to my chatter."

And the reporter was unable to interview anything further from the interested whose silence became as obstinate as an Anne Arundel board of county commissioners.

Peninsular Railroads.

THE DELAWARE RAILROAD AND ITS BRANCHES—GROWTH OF THE SYSTEM.

J. P. Pennington, writing in the Industrial Review for August, recounts the development of the Peninsula railway system. He says:

In 1831, a dense unbroken forest of gloomy pines stretched from New Castle to the Delaware Bay, for many miles, the country was sparsely populated, and the rich and varied resources of the Delaware and Chesapeake Peninsulas—the valuable oyster deposits, and the great belt of oak and pine timber extending along the ocean front, and the products of the bays, rivers and estuaries—clams, crabs, fish, etc.—were as yet unknown to those energetic pioneers of progressive civilization, who were, however, knocking loudly at the doors of the wilderness, and they practically crossed the threshold when they triumphantly consummated the first grand achievement in modern science and mechanism—the construction of the first link in the Peninsula railroad chain, known as the New Castle and Frenchtown, 10 miles in length, running from New Castle, Delaware, to Frenchtown, an obscure village on the Elk river, Maryland. The rolling stock, "his true, was in keeping with the crude ideas of the time—constructed with a view to hard service and utility rather than to show an elaborate ornamentation. It was known as the "omnibus" line, the cars being modelled upon a plan identical with the omnibus of this more modern date. They were mounted upon four wheels, and the passengers occupied the seats in pairs. The engine was without a cab, and was stopped at intervals to take on a fresh supply of wood fuel. The first tangible evidence of the future result of the great benefits of the importance it gave to commerce. Vessels were dispatched from Baltimore to connect with this road at Frenchtown, thence freight and passengers were transferred to New Castle, and reached points north, by rail-vessel or stage-coach. A strong opposition to railroads had already sprung up among the people, and this opposition, particularly among the operators of the coach lines, was intensified when there became a perceptible diminution in their receipts, and the driver, as his horses plodded along through the heavy sand over lonesome, dreary roads, relieved the monotony of his isidome duty by singing the famous song which began with "God curse the railroads and canals." But the current was irresistible. The success of this experimental road inspired its projectors with a desire to extend their sphere of usefulness, and on the 7th of July, 1837, the first regular train passed over the newly-constructed road from Wilmington, Delaware, to Perryville, Maryland, and a few years later the tracks were extended to Philadelphia. This road is the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore, the connecting link between the North and the South. The New Castle and Frenchtown road was soon absorbed by the new line, having been sold by the Baltimore, commenced to act with the Democrats about the time Mr. Russum did. Now don't understand me as meaning to imply that Mr. Russum has left or contemplates leaving the Democratic party. I know nothing about it. But I, as a Republican, am willing to put him on our ticket for judge, regardless of his politics, and I know many other Republicans of the same way of thinking."

Mr. Pennington enumerates the branch roads as follows:

The Breakwater & Frankford, from Georgetown to Selbyville; the Junction and Breakwater from Harrington to Lewes, on the Delaware Bay, connecting with the Old Dominion Steamship Company for New York; the Dorchester and Delaware from Seaford to Cambridge, Maryland, on the Choptank, in daily communication with Baltimore by steamboat. All these roads are partly or wholly operated in Delaware. The Smyrna and Delaware Bay, from Pipers Cove, on the Delaware Bay, to Massy's Junction, Maryland; the Delaware and Chesapeake, from Clayton, Delaware, to Oxford, on the Choptank, Maryland; the Eastern Shore, from Delmar to Crisfield, Maryland, on the Annapolis, and the west oyster fields of Tangier Sound; Kent County, from

Bombay Hook, on the Delaware Bay, to Chestertown, Kent county, Md., on the Chester River; the Queen Anne's and Kent, from Townsend to Centreville, Maryland; the Wicomico and Pocomoke, from Salisbury through the great oak timber belt of Worcester county, to Ocean City, Maryland, a fashionable seaside resort on the Atlantic coast; the Worcester, from Salisbury to Franklin City, Va., and Chincoteague Island, via steamer; and the Worcester and Somerset, from Newtown Junction to Pocomoke City, on the Pocomoke River, Maryland. The cost of construction of these roads aggregates \$8,523,065, number of miles in operation, 449; number of stations, 196; capital stock represented, \$4,500,000. Most of them have outlets on rivers which empty into the Delaware and Chesapeake bays, thus having direct connection with the cities and intermediate towns the bays by steamer. Most of the towns and villages about which these roads circulate are the direct result of railroad enterprise, and to complete the grand system the prospective road from Pocomoke City to Cherrystone, Virginia, will make an air line from Florida to Maine, and put the products of the Peninsula into Philadelphia and New York markets 24 hours earlier than at present.

Money Wanted.

A. J. Blackiston & Son, are respectfully requested to call and view the 15th day of September, as we will need the money to go to the city to buy full stock of goods. H. BLACKISTON & SON, August 21st, 1882.

REAL ESTATE AND Personal Property FOR SALE.

The undersigned will sell at private sale his farm fronting on the Henderson and Maryland roads, in Caroline county, containing

27 1/2 ACRES OF LAND, adjoining the lands of Emory Burnie, James Graham and others. The buildings consist of a new five-roomed

DWELLING HOUSE, Stable, Smoke-house and hen-house. I will also sell the crop of corn now growing on the farm, one cow and a lot of poultry.

I not sold at private sale, I will offer the entire lot at auction on

Tuesday Sept 12, 1882.

JOHN KENDALL, Auctioneer, Queen Anne's county, Md. H. Irwin, Aucr.

The Peninsular Fair.

NINTH GRAND ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL Exhibition!

OF THE P. A. & P. ASSOCIATION, To be held at Middletown, Del., TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, SEPT 19th, 20th and 21st.

Premiums \$7,000. Exhibits solicited from all parts of the Peninsula, or everywhere. No entry fee for exhibits. Three trials of speed each day, under the rules of the National Trotting Association.

Premiums for Speed Trials, \$2,150. Ample space for all exhibits. A platform has been constructed within a few steps of the Entrance gates, at which all passenger trains will stop during the Fair.

Excursion Trains will be run and Tickets sold at greatly reduced rates. Special and very low rates of Freight will be given exhibitors by the Delaware railroad and its branches.

Ample accommodations for all kinds of stock. Hay and straw free for stock on exhibition.

Entry Books for exhibits open from September 11th. Write to the Secretary for a premium list.

Entries in Trials of Speed close September 7th, at 11 o'clock, P. M. Entries in Trials of Speed, ten per cent. of purse.

For further information, address W. SCOTT WALKER, Secretary, Middletown, Del.

EXECUTOR'S SALE

TOWN PROPERTY.

By virtue of authority contained in the last will and testament of Holliday Voss, late of Caroline county, deceased, which has been admitted to probate in the Orphans Court for said county, the undersigned will sell at public sale in front of the Court House in Denton on

Tuesday, September 19, 1882

between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, P. M. of that day, all that house and lot situated, lying and being in the town of Denton, on the South East corner of Fourth Street, adjoining the property of Henry Blackiston, John H. Fountain and others, and whereon Holliday Voss resided at the time of his death. It being the same property conveyed to the said Holliday Voss by Thomas K. Stewart and wife, by deed recorded in Liber J. F. No. 2, folio 10, and 13, one of the land record books for Caroline county, as reference thereto will fully appear.

TERMS OF SALE.

One fourth of the purchase money on day of sale, and the balance in two equal payments of six and twelve months from the day of sale, deferred payments to be secured by notes, with approved security, interest added, payable at the Denton National Bank, of Denton, Md. Upon the payment of whole purchase money, the Executor will execute a good and sufficient deed to the purchasers, at the expense of the purchasers.

LUTHER H. GADD, Executor of Holliday Voss, dec'd. H. Irwin, Aucr.

ORDER PUBLICATION.

Henry Harris vs. Mary Elizabeth Pruitt, et al.

In the Circuit Court for Caroline county. Equity.

The object of this order is to procure sale of the real estate of the late Thomas Harris, of Caroline county, State of Maryland, for the purpose of partition.

The said Thomas Harris, deceased, died on the 23rd day of July, 1881, and his will, in this cause, wherein he alleged that said Thomas Harris, late of Caroline county, departed this life on or about the 10th day of August, 1871, intestate as to his real estate, and possessed at the time of his death of a certain farm, tract or tracts of land in fee simple, fully described in certain deeds filed with said bill of complaint, as a part thereof.

That the said Thomas Harris died leaving to survive him a widow, Mary Elizabeth, who afterwards intermarried with William A. Pruitt and who is still living; and that said Thomas Harris had no child or children living at the time of his death, and no kindred nearer than a brother and a sister.

That the said Pruitt is the only brother and heir at law of the said Thomas Harris, and entitled to one undivided half interest of said real estate, and that the children of said Thomas Harris, deceased, to-wit: Susan Harris, a sister of the said Thomas Harris, namely, William B. Medford, James H. Medford, Susan A. Medford, and Frank Medford, are the only children of said Thomas Harris, and entitled to the other undivided half interest therein. That William W. Medford is the surviving husband of the said Susan Harris, deceased.

That the said real estate cannot be divided without loss and injury to the parties interested. That it will be for the benefit and advantage of them to the same sold and proceeds arising from such sale distributed amongst them in proportion to their interests, all of which will appear by reference to the bill of complaint filed in this cause, which is prayed to be taken as a part thereof.

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That the time of filing his said bill of complaint it was not known to the complainant, although it was a fact that said Wm. B. Medford was a non-resident of the State of Maryland; that he did not then and does not now reside therein, but is a resident of the State of New York.

The complainant prays that the said real estate be sold and the proceeds thereof be distributed as aforesaid, and that the said Wm. B. Medford, James H. Medford and Susan A. Medford be appointed trustees to receive the proceeds of the sale of said real estate, and that the said Wm. B. Medford, James H. Medford and Susan A. Medford be appointed receivers of the same, and that the said Wm. B. Medford, James H. Medford and Susan A. Medford be appointed trustees to receive the proceeds of the sale of said real estate, and that the said Wm. B. Medford, James H. Medford and Susan A. Medford be appointed receivers of the same, and that the said Wm. B. Medford, James H. Medford and Susan A. Medford be appointed trustees to receive the proceeds of the sale of said real estate, and that the said Wm. B. Medford, James H. Medford and Susan A. Medford be appointed receivers of the same.

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That the time of filing his said bill of complaint it was not known to the complainant, although it was a fact that said Wm. B. Medford was a non-resident of the State of Maryland; that he did not then and does not now reside therein, but is a resident of the State of New York.

The complainant prays that the said real estate be sold and the proceeds thereof be distributed as aforesaid, and that the said Wm. B. Medford, James H. Medford and Susan A. Medford be appointed trustees to receive the proceeds of the sale of said real estate, and that the said Wm. B. Medford, James H. Medford and Susan A. Medford be appointed receivers of the same, and that the said Wm. B. Medford, James H. Medford and Susan A. Medford be appointed trustees to receive the proceeds of the sale of said real estate, and that the said Wm. B. Medford, James H. Medford and Susan A. Medford be appointed receivers of the same.

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