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## THE MARYLAND Free STATE

Friends and backers of Governor Albert C. Ritchie in his bid for a fourth term as Maryland's chief executive assert that he has been guilty of but one major mistake during the ten years in which he has been at the head of the Maryland government. That mistake was the combination of the offices of Chairman of the State Roads Commission and the Chief Engineer of that body in the hands of one man.

BUT being friends and backers of the Governor they have overlooked the numerous moves on the part of the Governor which have made Maryland lose all semblance of a democracy and placed it in the category of a monarchy with the power in the hands of the Governor.

If the clear-thinking citizens of Maryland do not classify as mistakes the taking away from the Senate the right of confirmation of all major appointments, the granting to the Governor the power to name or remove practically all of the administrative officials and the strangle-hold on the purse strings of the State which is given the Governor by means of the budget system then they are no longer clear-thinking citizens but are blinded by personal and party prejudice.

The Ritchie tenure in office has seen the whole system of the government of Maryland changed. And each change has been in the direction of placing additional power in the hands of the Governor and with a complete disregard for the rights of the citizens to self government.

There is little doubt but that Maryland has had earned for it a unique place among the State governments of this country. But that distinction has been gained at a terrible expense to Maryland citizenry. Under the Ritchie regime Maryland has established its right to the title of "Free State." It is free, indeed, from all semblance of popular government and each move of its monarchical-minded chief executive makes it freer.

All that is needed to make the race for the office of Sheriff of Kent County a complete success is to have a lady candidate come out for election.

The Baltimore Sun endorses Governor Ritchie's move for a fourth term and Governor Ritchie returns the favor by announcing a State-wide welcome for Van Lear Black, managing director of the Sun, whose chief claim to recognition is that he has so much time and so much money that he can afford to spend both in flying over Europe, Asia and Africa.

The Easton Star-Democrat has not as yet shown any great enthusiasm for the Ritchie fourth-term. Editor Shanahan is probably waiting for the Bay bridge problem to be solved. So opposed to the bay span idea is Editor Shanahan that he shades his news report of the meeting of the Eastern Shore County Commissioners here to look as if the only enthusiasm for the bridge came from Kent county.

## THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION

Under the present Constitution of the State of Maryland the voters must decide by referendum every twenty years if there is to be a constitutional convention for the purpose of changing the State constitution. 1930 is the year for this referendum and the Legislature in its last session authorized the placing of the question on the ballot for the election next November.

There has been so much to do over the choosing of the candidates for the various State offices that little or no attention has been paid to the fact that a decision on whether a new constitution is desired must be made in November.

The present constitution was drawn in 1867. In any document of that age there is much that is irrelevant and antiquated at this date. Fundamentally the document is sound. It, however, could stand much changing in minor instances.

The question that Maryland voters should consider is whether they desire to continue the present constitution or choose delegates to draw up a new one. It is a question of whether the voters want to take a chance on getting a better constitution or a worse one. Both are possibilities.

The constitutional referendum, however, is far from being a minor issue in the next campaign. It should receive careful thought from every one qualified to vote in the November election.

Democratic harmony in Kent County apparently doesn't extend to the race for the nomination for sheriff. As the candidates continue to announce the race looks like a wide-open affair with the possibility of a long shot scoring.

In contrast to all the hustle and bustle in the ranks of the Democratic party is the still silence in Republican ranks. It is to be hoped that this quiet is not that which usually precedes the storm.

Whether it was a political move or not Governor Ritchie's appointment of former-Governor Emerson C. Harrington to the Chesapeake Bay bridge commission was justifiable. If there are any objections to the span and any reasons why it shouldn't be built, Mr. Harrington, who is a large stockholder in the Annapolis-Claiborne Ferry, will be sure to find them.

## MOVING TOWARD PERMANENT PEACE

No more battleships will be built by the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy or Japan before 1936. Those nations had agreed in 1921 on a ten-year "battleship holiday." By mutual agreement they have extended the holiday for another five years.

Three of those five powers have agreed to dispose of certain specified fighting ships now in commission, thus reducing their navies below their present strength. France and Italy have not yet come into that agreement, as they have some mutual differences in regard to the Mediterranean Sea to adjust, but there is little doubt that eventually both of these nations will join the other great sea powers in sinking warships.

Naval reduction is a long step toward permanent world peace. Complete disarmament is, in the present stage of civilization, impracticable, but an overmastering navy would not all the rest of the world if we continued to maintain a naval force out of proportion to our coast-line and our interests on the sea.

Certainly the way of peace lies neither in the rattling of the scabbard nor in the abandonment of defense," said President Hoover, and he added, lest he might be accused of "pacifism," whatever that is, "Let no one mistake me; there is a price no nation can afford to pay for peace."

## The Lancer

Harry S. Russell

Now and then (with due apologies to Miss Susie's column) someone writes a thing which expresses my thoughts exactly. Take for instance the piece scribbled by Robert Quillen, Editor, Fountain Inn Tribune in South Carolina. Editor Quillen says:

"The Tribune isn't a newspaper, but it does print items of local news that are of interest to its subscribers. That is its business. If you beat your wife or kill your mother-in-law or have a fight with a neighbor, I record that fact as it is reported to me. And there my interest ends. I do not take sides. The fact that I print the story does not indicate that I am a partisan. I am merely a score keeper, making a record of hits and runs. Whether you win or lose, hate or love, doesn't interest me. Your business is your business, not mine. I'm not your judge or defender. If you burn your house for the insurance, my report of the matter isn't an accusation of wrong-doing. I'm merely stating facts. The feeling that you are being accused and condemned comes from your conscience."

Hans Horsey tells this one on himself so it must be so. Hans, as most people know, is a former major league baseball pitcher. His home is in Kent county and since he has reached the age where pitching base balls isn't exactly in his line he spends some part of his time in umpiring contests of the national sport.

Last season Galena and Middletown played a championship ball game on the neutral field at Cecilton. Horsey was the umpire. He also had secured the peanut and soft drink concession for the day. During the course of the game, which was attended by a large and rabid set of fans from the neighborhoods represented, the supply of peanuts Horsey had for sale was exhausted. A signal from one of his aides informed Horsey of the fact and so the ball game was stopped while additional peanuts were procured and bagged.

Ray Moody insists that it is the duty of this department to make some reference to the class in hypnosis which is being conducted at Washington College by Dr. Fred G. Livingood.

As far as I am concerned a paragraph in the Kent News explains much. The paragraph in question states: "Seances have been held during the last month. Recently a special demonstration was conducted in Reid Hall, women's dormitory, with feminine seniors as subjects." It is my theory that when Dean Bolans rang the ten o'clock bell there were a couple of the girls that Dr. Livingood couldn't get around to and they remain in the trance. Anyhow that is as good an explanation as any.

And speaking of hypnotism, a well known Chestertown man informed me the other day that he had been under the influence of a hypnotic power for a number of years. The power, however, hasn't completely recovered. He is a married man.

One of the census takers in Kent is the authority for this story. He claims it actually happened, but after palming off that Lord Castle yarn last week I am inclined to be a little doubtful.

During the course of his visits of enumeration in a colored settlement in the county, he asked one young buck his name.

"Grover Cleveland Jackson," was the reply.

"Well isn't it nice to be named after a President?" asked the census enumerator.

"A President, what's dat?" came back the query.

"Godness, don't you know what a President is? Haven't you ever heard of George Washington?"

"Sho," smiled the colored buck, "he's mah brothah!"

It was at Havre de Grace. The ponies were running. That is as many were running as usually do. The ones that have carried my money have frequently failed to run.

A certain horse, Moko by name, because the nag's real tag escapes me, was a heavy favorite in the betting. He looked to be easily the best of the horses in this particular race and practically everybody and his brother had some down on Moko's nose.

The race started and the jockey on Moko rode him to perfection. He kept his mouth close to the rail just back of the leaders. When they entered the stretch Moko was pulled wide on the turn and came thundering down the home path apparently a sure winner.

Cries of "Come on Moko" drowned out all other yells of encouragement to other nags. But, and for this story's sake most important, just as the gallopin' ghee-gees went under the wire it was another nose that won. Moko which was poked under the wire a winner, cried most fervently for Moko to do his stuff, turned to a gentleman, who happened to be Charlie Eshman, local celebrity, and said, "That low down so and so and so and so of a Moko."

It was then that Charlie made that famous reply: "Lady those are the sentiments of thousands."

## Always Plenty of Moths

By Albert T. Reid



## TODAY and TOMORROW

By Frank P. Stockbridge

### FACTS

The basis of all successful business is facts. The head of one of the world's greatest corporations has a sign over the door of his private office reading: "What are the facts?"

The difference between leaders and followers in this world is that leaders know how to use facts. The way to begin to prepare for leadership is to study facts.

The greatest collection of facts about the United States, our government, industries, business, people and conditions, is in a book published annually by the United States government. It is called "The Statistical Abstract of the United States." Anyone who wants to be able to answer any questions of fact about our nation can get them all in this book for one dollar sent to the Public Printer at Washington.

### WILLIAMS

The most widely known newspaper man in the world is probably Walter Williams. Williams started life as a printer on a country paper in Missouri. His education, except for a few years in the common schools, came from his newspaper work, travel and reading. He conceived the idea of a college of journalism and in 1908, established the first school of that kind, at the University of Missouri. There are fifty or so colleges of journalism now, in different universities, all founded on the Williams model.

The other day Walter Williams was made President of the University of Missouri. He still retains the title of Dean of the School of Journalism.

Journalism. He is the first newspaper man ever to head a great educational institution.

### SUGAR

Straw and cottonseed may soon supply the world with sugar. Xylose, one of the most widely distributed organic compounds in nature, is found in all vegetable fibers. It is a sugar which does not produce fat when eaten. It was first discovered in 1886 and chemists have been working for 44 years to find a cheap way to extract it. Up to recently it cost about a dollar a pound to get it out of the fibers. Under a grant by Congress two years ago the Federal Bureau of Standards has been engaged in chemical research into xylose, and now announce the development of a process which extracts it from cottonseed hulls at a cost of only five cents a pound.

The salvation of the cotton farmer may come through this added by-product of the cotton seed, though it will hurt the sugar-grower.

### OIL

Oil is the world's most precious commodity. I am not thinking especially of petroleum, which is the first thing we think of when we say "oil." Palm oil from interior Africa, olive oil from the Mediterranean shores, whale oil from the seven seas, were articles of international traffic centuries before Columbus.

Today the animal and vegetable oils are still sought for everywhere and consumed in larger quantities than ever before. America has contributed corn oil, peanut oil and cottonseed oil to the list. We produce more lin-

seed oil, from flax grown in the Northwest, than any other nation. Florida is beginning to produce tung oil, extracted from the nut of a tree native to China. The pursuit of whales for their oil has developed in the past twenty years to such an extent that international laws for the protection of these huge beasts are under consideration. Aviation has stimulated the demand for castor oil, which remains fluid at low temperatures and does not carbonize. Cod-liver oil is in greater demand than ever. Porpoise oil is used for lubricating watches. And the oil from coconuts is used in a thousand ways for foods, candies and cosmetics.

One of the newest scientific discoveries is a germ which will extract the oil from coconuts without pressure, economically and completely.

### WELCH

"No human being in this country is not his debtor, though millions have never heard his name."

No greater tribute could be paid to any man than that phrase which was applied to Dr. William H. Welch of Baltimore "Dean of American Medicine," on his eightieth birthday.

Dr. Welch's great work has been in starting in this country the methods of medical research into the cause and prevention of disease and in leading in the application of the results of research to the practice of medicine. His especial interest has been in preventive medicine. The public health systems of America owe their origin largely to him. It is because he established the principle that it is the physician's chief duty to aid in preventing diseases that the world owes him a debt of gratitude.

## THE WAY OF LIFE

By Bruce Barton

### WHEN IS A MAN OLD?

A dread to come to the end of a year," said a friend to me recently; "it makes me realize I am growing old."

That suggests a question. When is a man old?

In Shakespeare's time a man was old at forty, and often invalidated long before that.

Sir Walter Scott at fifty-five became the father of that he was an old man.

Montaigne retired to his castle at thirty-five to spend his declining years in peace and study.

Dr. Samuel Johnson once remarked that at thirty-five a man had reached his peak, and after that his course must be downward.

Physiologists tell us that in all mammals except man the period of life is five times the period of growth.

A dog gets its full growth in two years, and lives ten; a horse in five years, and lives twenty-five. On this basis a man should live from one hundred to one hundred and fifty years.

But William James, the great psychologist, said that most men are "old fogies at twenty-five."

He was right. Most men at twenty-five are satisfied with their jobs. They have accumulated the little "principles," and closed their minds to all new ideas; they have ceased to grow.

The minute a man ceases to grow—no matter what his years—that minute he begins to be old.

On the other hand, the really great man never grows old.

Bismarck, who died at eighty-three did his greatest work after he was seventy.

Titian, the celebrated painter, lived to be ninety-nine, painting right up to the end.

Goethe passed out at eighty-three, and finished his "Faust" only a few years earlier; Gladstone took up a new language when he was seventy; Commodore Vanderbilt increased the mileage of his lines from 120 to more than 10,000 between his seventieth birthday and his death at eighty-three.

Laplace, the astronomer, was still at work when death caught up with him at seventy-eight. He died crying, "What we know is nothing; what we do not know is immense."

I suppose that is the real answer to the question, When is a man old? Laplace at seventy-eight died young. He was still unsatisfied, still growing, still sure that he had a lot to learn.

As long as a man can keep himself in that attitude of mind, he is still young.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO IN THE ENTERPRISE

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1910

The State Council of the Jr. Order United American Mechanics is holding its annual session in Chestertown this week. The convention is composed of delegates from the various Councils throughout the State. They arrived here Monday night on the Steamer B. S. Ford. The visitors, about 200 in number, are being entertained by the local Council at the hotels and the homes of the members of the Order.

(The Enterprise of that date carried photographs of H. N. Willis, M. D. State Councillor, John Gale Ustun, Councillor Chestertown Council, William F. Malin, National Council Representative, R. Frank Elburn, an active member of the Chestertown Council, Professor J. L. Smyth, who delivered the address of welcome, J. B. McIntyre, an active member of the

Chestertown Council and Stonewall J. Coleman, Secretary of the Chestertown Council.)

At a meeting of the Chestertown Volunteer Fire Company held Monday night a resolution was adopted urging the ratification of the proposed \$10,000 bond issue for improving the Chestertown Water System.

The last trace of the Millington fire was removed last week, when the Quaker Cemetery, which was destroyed by that conflagration, was replaced by a handsome new one.

The Glee Club of the Chestertown High School will hold its first concert in the Assembly Hall of the school on April 28th under the direction of Miss Fannie Stuart. It is most com-

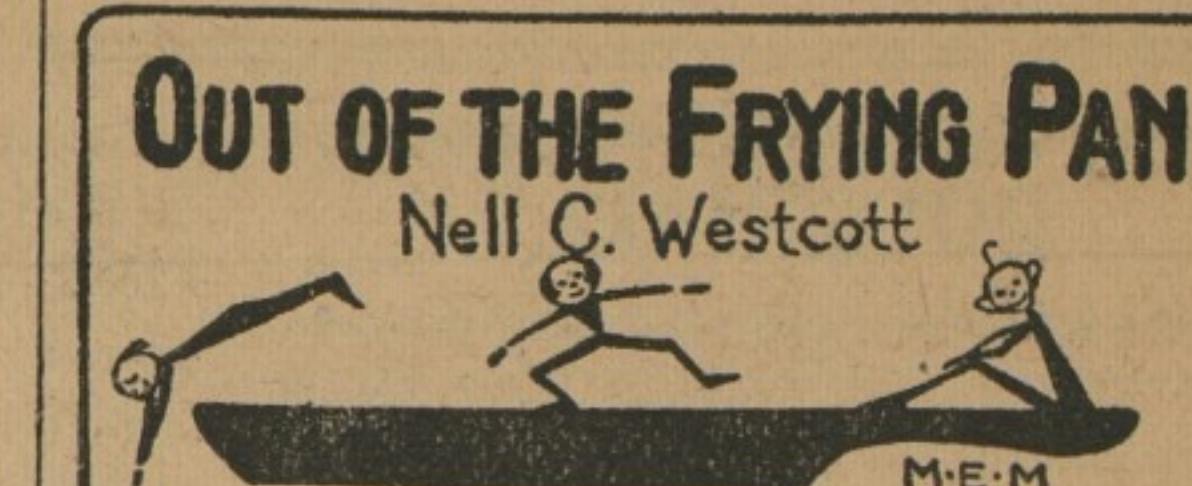
mendable in Miss Stuart to develop the musical taste of the children, and the public should encourage her efforts by their presence.

Governor Crothers yesterday appointed the following to be members of the Public Utilities Commission, created by the recent General Assembly:

Judge James Alfred Pearce, of the Court of Appeals, Chairman.

Mr. Walter W. Abell, former publisher of the Baltimore Sun.

Mr. James M. Ambler, a member of the Baltimore bar.



Cut-price suppers seem to be coming more in favor among the County churches and organizations as a means to raise money for various uses. These suppers are certainly deserving of their popularity as it makes it easier for entire families to enjoy them. One is being held for the benefit of the new hospital on Friday of this week. Don't forget to search the papers for it: it means good eats, a good time and all for a good cause.

A Cecil County paper had two news items in which one man was nearly shot because he did not speak in time when challenged by a watchman, who supposed he was a trespasser; and in the second item another man was nearly shot because he spoke too soon and was overheard by a gunman. In both cases, fortunately, the marksmen were poor shots.

"Courtesy is the one medium of exchange which is accepted at par by the best people of every country on the globe."

Have you noticed the growing habit of THE LANCER? He is making almost as frequent reference to his wife as I used to to our old family ford.

Listening in at the turkey meeting last Friday forced me to the conclusion that research workers must be direct descendants of Job. Dr. DeVolt gave a most interesting talk on the research in regard to poultry diseases that is being carried on at College Park. It must take infinite patience, endless work and that one gift of God—an open mind!

The Bentztown Bard set Chestertown to verse after his recent visit here—did you see it in his column? His too had none of us here have a facile enough pen to reply to him in kind. My own pen has gone dry taking minutes of all the meetings of organizations to which I am secretary. They have so many night meetings my better half has to ride up a week or so ahead with me for our one dissipation—the movies.

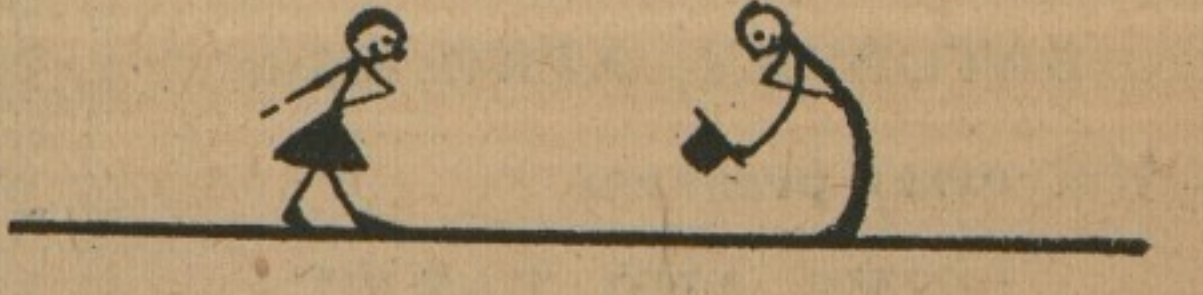
There's a female crooner around Chestertown. She ought to be captured and placed in a broadcasting station—she should out-croon Rudy, himself, if I'm not mistaken.

If Andy had been in Chestertown this past week he would have had good use for both raincoats—for light rains and heavy rains. The weatherman was with the wet voters throughout the week and Easter shopping was approached with not so much enthusiasm as usual.

Went Rip Van Winking over Kent roads last Sunday and it certainly is an interesting occupation to go over the new concrete roads and remember the times when the same stretch was all but impassable. When the tour of inspection is made on May 26 it may interest many of the out-of-town visitors to a certain degree but never to the extent that it does those who are familiar with conditions before the improvement was made. And Kent, as a whole, never presented a prettier picture than it did on this rainy Saturday—she should out-croon Rudy, himself, if I'm not mistaken.

Another definition of an optimist is sent in by the Frying Pan: "An optimist sees an opportunity in every obstacle while a pessimist sees an obstacle in every opportunity." Then of course there is that good old standby that a pessimist is one who turns out the light to see how dark it is.

And another sends these comforting lines: "Don't worry if your job is small And your rewards are few; Remember that the mighty oak Was once a nut like you."



Mr. William Thompson, Sr., of Still Pond, met with a painful accident Saturday. While making tea cream his hand was caught in the machine. He was hurried to Philadelphia on the afternoon train for treatment.

The Washington College baseball team broke even in two contests played last week. They lost to Rock Hill College and defeated Johns Hopkins University.

The return of Rev. F. T. Little as pastor of Christ M. P. Church for another year is very gratifying to the members of his congregation and the people of the community with whom he is quite popular.