

GOOD ROADS THE CRY

Gov. Crothers Will Make This a Feature.

PREPARING DRAFT OF A BILL

Floor Leaders in House and Senate at Annapolis Confer with Attorney General Straus To-day—Will Ask Board Issue of Half Million to Perform the Proposed Work.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 7.—Messrs. Gorman and Benson, the respective floor leaders in the senate and house, will confer with Attorney General Straus, to-morrow for the purpose of preparing a draft of the legislation needed to carry out the good roads project.

This conference will not, it is thought, result in the preparation of such legislation as may be needed, but it is believed that those who are taking an active part in the project will be able to get down to a basis upon which an agreement can be reached. Mr. Straus has in his possession a mass of data that will aid the conferees in work they have in hand.

After the conference between Gov. Crothers and a special legislative committee it was announced that the legislature would be asked to authorize a bond issue of \$500,000, the bond to be floated as the money was needed, and it was assumed that the amount needed would increase each year as the facilities for doing the work improved. The work is to be done on a comprehensive and systematic scale. No part of the State is to be slighted.

To Avoid Pitfalls. Experienced legislators foresee trouble if an effort is made to enter into the details of road-building by attempting to say just what amount shall be spent in any particular part of the State. In order to avoid this Mr. Benson wants the whole matter to be placed in the hands of a commission that will work out the project. His views are widely endorsed.

Legislation looking to good roads in Maryland will, it is said, be the feature of the present administration of State affairs. So far as any one knows, it will be the one thing upon which Gov. Crothers will go down in history, as it is the only legislation of a constructive nature that can be foreseen for the next four years.

All to Be Represented. The thing to do, it is said, is to omit all details from the bill authorizing an issue of bonds and to provide for the appointment of a commission to take up the matter and formulate the plans. Only one limitation is to be imposed on the governor. In authorizing the commission it is expected to be specifically stated or generally understood that all sections of the State are to be represented. This limitation is to be made solely for political reasons. It is to insure to every section of Maryland representation on the commission, thereby allaying any fears that may arise of discrimination.

Gov. Crothers can be relied upon to appoint a commission that will insure the success of the good roads project. If influenced by nothing else, the fact, it is claimed, that must depend upon this commission to make a record for the four years he is to be the governor of the State insures this outcome.

Kern—Keyser.

Special to The Washington Herald. Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Feb. 7.—Married to-day in Woodstock, Va., at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Annie Fogle, Miss Edna M. Keyser to E. K. Kern, both of Harpers Ferry.

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VOTERS WILL KILL MEASURE.

Democrats Fear for Disfranchising Amendment at Polls.

Special to The Washington Herald. Annapolis, Md., Feb. 7.—The disfranchising amendment is now in the house committee on constitutional amendments, and it will be taken up next Tuesday, at which time the committee, of which Mr. Stanford, of Somerset, is chairman, will report a meeting. It will be promptly reported to the house and passed.

Now that the amendment question is practically settled, as far as the legislature is concerned, the next step is to pave the way for its ratification at the polls next year. The Democrats in and about the general assembly do not seem overconfident of securing the approval of that body. They realize that they are somewhat handicapped by the fact that the Poe amendment was beaten by such an enormous majority, and that the negroes have a right to vote on the question of their own disfranchisement.

In some quarters it is hinted that if the amendment falls at the polls the only solution of the problem will be the extension of the Wilson ballot law to the entire State.

BUGGY RETURNS WITH DEAD

Mysterious Tragedy in West Virginia Will Cost Two Lives.

Dying Man Tells of Highway Robbery and Murderous Assault on Companion and Himself.

Martinsville, West Va., Feb. 7.—Thomas Mills, of Eminence, is dead, and Emory Cassell, of Indianapolis, is dying as the result of a mysterious tragedy which occurred between 8 and 10 o'clock this morning.

Cassell and his wife are visiting the home of Mrs. Cassell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Modrell. The two men started at 8 o'clock this morning in a buggy for Mill Grove, in Owen County, to visit a brother of Mrs. Cassell.

After passing through Quincy the horse turned and came back. In the buggy was the dead body of Mills, while Cassell was unconscious.

Relatives of the men and police immediately began an investigation. They traced the buggy to Quincy, where the road gave evidence of there having been a fight.

Cassell became conscious for a few moments after his arrival in town. He is said in incoherent sentences, so it is alleged, that he and his friend had been beaten over the head and robbed.

Both were taken to the office of the coroner. Cassell's death is expected at any time.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Prisoner Was Accused of Striking Man with Ax Handle.

Special to The Washington Herald. Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 7.—Charles H. Bierly, charged with killing Robert Moorehead at Blue Ridge Summit on January 14, who was on trial for murder in the court at Chambersburg, was acquitted by a jury to-day.

Bierly was accused of striking Moorehead on the head with an ax handle while the latter was trying to enter Bierly's home while intoxicated. Moorehead died of a fractured skull.

Increase Liquor Licenses.

Special to The Washington Herald. Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 7.—The common council to-day adopted an ordinance fixing the liquor license for the coming year at \$1,500, an increase of \$750. This is the highest license in Virginia, and there is no doubt that it will become a law and that from ten to fifteen saloons of the thirty-three will be closed by its operation.

Cochrane a Native of Hagerstown.

Special to The Washington Herald. Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 7.—Charles C. Cochrane, the express messenger who was killed in a Western Maryland Railroad wreck near Gorman, W. Va., yesterday, was a native of this city, and not Baltimore, as at first reported. Mr. Cochrane was forty years old, and unmarried.

Boys Fine Maryland Farm.

Special to The Washington Herald. Boyds, Md., Feb. 7.—One of the finest farms in this section of Montgomery County, situated three miles north of Boyds, has been sold to Charles King, of Barnesville, for \$11,500. The farm was formerly owned by Nathan S. White, deceased. It consists of about 240 acres of land.

Engineer Killed in His Cab.

Special to The Washington Herald. Cumberland, Md., Feb. 7.—George McCahan, engineer on the Huntington and Broad Top division, Pennsylvania Railroad, was killed to-day while leaning out of his cab. His head struck a steel car and his skull was crushed. His remains were taken to Saxton for burial.

Life Prisoner Recaptured.

Special to The Washington Herald. Wilson, N. C., Feb. 7.—Deputy Mumford this afternoon arrested Charles Musgrove, colored, a life prisoner, who escaped from a railroad gang near Washington at Christmas. He was sent up for robbing the residence of Dr. William Spicer, of Goldsboro.

Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald. Winchester, Va., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, wife of John E. Hawkins, died at her home, near Boyce, yesterday, aged fifty years. Mrs. Hawkins was a daughter of the late Harrison Bayliss, of Frederick County. Eleven children survive.

Jury Fails to Agree.

Special to The Washington Herald. Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 7.—The jury in the case of R. D. Grimley, of Bluefield, in Va., charged with wronging Miss Irma Wade, late to-day failed to agree and was discharged. Grimley went to jail in default of bail, which may be furnished to-morrow.

Death of Samuel A. Thornhill.

Special to The Washington Herald. Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 7.—Samuel A. Thornhill, aged seventy, a well-known citizen, died suddenly here to-day. He was a native of Appomattox, and had not been in good health for thirty years. Several of his sons are in business here.

Lynchburg Budget Adopted.

Special to The Washington Herald. Lynchburg, Va., Feb. 7.—The common council to-night adopted the budget for the fiscal year of 1908-1909 as reported from the finance committee, the appropriations amounting to \$414,297.73, this being a slight increase over 1907.

Seeks State Office.

Special to The Washington Herald. Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 7.—Hon. Hayden Clement, of Salisbury, now assistant attorney general for North Carolina, has announced his candidacy for the attorney generalship.

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Lively Time at Church Election; Police on Guard.

WILLBANKS FACTION VICTOR

Session of Mount Jezreel Baptist Congregation, Colored, Lasts Until Late Into Night, and End is Not Yet—Midgits Prefers Hanging to Life Imprisonment—Society Notes.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU. (Bell Telephone 63.) 529 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 7.—Backed by the strong arm of the law, and in the presence of police officers and the city marshal, the congregation of Mount Jezreel Baptist Church, colored, is at midnight still engaged in electing church officers in compliance with a mandate issued by Judge Barley, of the Corporation Court, directing the church to elect its own officers.

This action followed the filing of injunction proceedings restraining Rev. Alexander Willbanks, of Washington, from further serving the congregation as pastor.

At 9 o'clock Rev. Alexander Truett called the congregation together and prayed for peace and harmony. John A. Wilson was thereupon nominated for chairman of the meeting. Wilson favored the Willbanks faction and Moses Stevens and Wash Jackson and others on the opposite side were hastily nominated for city ward.

The first vote taken resulted in a misunderstanding, while on the second vote Wilson got the plum, Lafayette Hall, who appeared to be playing a leading part on the Willbanks side, was next nominated for secretary of the meeting. He was elected by a vote of 41 to 26.

At this point a dispute arose among the sisters and brothers, and the convocation became so enlivened that Policeman Young, on several occasions, used his baton on a few in the rear of the church to restore the required order.

Afterward the moderator declared that the election of deacons would be taken up. The names of all members of the church were called and each responded "yes" or "no" for their respective candidate. Shortly before midnight Benjamin Morris, William Triplett, and William Richardson had been elected deacons, with four more to be elected. The manner of electing became rather tiresome to some and they departed early in the night.

All of the trustees elected when this report closed were on the Willbanks side, and his chances for election appeared to be good. The majority of the congregation was composed of "sisters" and they, it is said, will almost vote as a unit for Willbanks. Following the selection of the deacons, trustees will be elected, and if a pastor is elected it will not, it is expected, take place before morning. Many of the congregation expressed their determination to remain all day and night in order to elect officers.

Prefers to Be Hanged.

George Midgits, colored, who will be hanged Friday next for murder, told Gov. Swanson yesterday, yesterday, that he would rather hang than have his sentence commuted to life imprisonment. The above statement was attributed to the condemned man some time, but his attorneys did not believe such to be the case. It is expected that Gov. Swanson will announce his decision in the case very shortly.

Justice Burrell to Have Hearing.

Justice of the Peace Isaac C. Burrell of Alexandria County, who was indicted at the December term of the circuit court for Alexandria County for compounding a felony, will be given a hearing at the county courthouse Thursday morning next at 10 o'clock. The case will come before Justice of the Peace David N. Rust, Jr., for trial. There are four indictments against the accused. Mr. Burrell was represented by Maclean & Moncre and Samuel G. Brent.

It was learned to-day that Miss Fanny Harris, who resides at 112 Duke street, and whose mother reported to the police last night that she was missing from her home, was married yesterday to H. R. Lemertie who boarded at the Harris home. The mother of the girl to-day ascertained that the couple were registered at a hotel here, and she endeavored to persuade Chief Goods, of the police department, to go to the hotel and bring her daughter home. Upon leaving the facts in the case the chief wisely decided to take no action in the matter.

Mrs. Margaret Davis, wife of James M. Davis, died this morning at her home, 1208 Prince street, after a long illness. The deceased was about thirty-eight years of age. Besides her husband one child survives here. Mrs. Davis was a native of Prince William County, Va.

"A Hop, Step, and Jump Through the Orient" will be the subject of an address which will be delivered next Friday night at the Young People's Building of the

Methodist Episcopal Church South by Representative Charles A. Towns, of New York.

The revival services which have been in progress during the past week at the First Baptist Church closed this evening before a large congregation. The services have been conducted by Rev. L. E. Dudley, of Norfolk, Va., and were very successful.

Rev. E. H. Swem, of Washington, is slated to deliver a lecture Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at a men's meeting, which will be held at the Young People's Building of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He will take for his subject, "The Strange Story of Seventeen Men."

Wedding invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brockert for the marriage of their cousin, Miss Victoria Johnston Peed to Mr. Charles Homer Townsend, of Washington. The wedding will take place Saturday, February 15, at 4 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brockert, 318 North Washington street.

A game of basket-ball will be played to-morrow night between the Alexandria Athletic Association and a team from Troop D, Fort Myer Cavalry.

Henry Jackson, colored, about fifty-five years of age, was found dead shortly after 7 o'clock to-night at his home, 318 First street, across the canal. The body of the dead man who lived alone, was found by William Payne, colored. An investigation disclosed that he died from natural causes.

CHAIN GANG IN WINCHESTER.

Mayor Orders Prisoners to Be Put to Work Cleaning Streets.

Special to The Washington Herald. Winchester, Va., Feb. 7.—Mayor Baker to-day resurrected the chain gang law and ordered all male prisoners confined in the city jail to be put to work on the streets. Quite a gang was used in cleaning the crossings and the innovation met with public approval.

Mayor Baker's action is indorsed by Judge Atkinson, of the corporation court, and hereafter all prisoners committed for minor offenses will have to work on the streets.

URGENT MEDICAL BUILDING.

Residents of Montgomery County Want Home for Health Board.

Special to The Washington Herald. Rockville, Md., Feb. 7.—At a large mass meeting held at the courthouse here this afternoon under the auspices of the Montgomery County Medical Society, arrangements were made to petition to the legislature for an appropriation to aid in erecting a suitable building for the State health department.

B. H. Warner, of Kensington, presided, and delivered a timely address. Addresses were also made by Dr. Marshall L. Price, secretary of the State board of health; Dr. James S. Gannan, of Washington, and A. P. Herring, of Baltimore.

FUNERAL OF DR. W. G. TUCK.

Many Out-of-town Friends Are Present at Services in Annapolis.

Special to The Washington Herald. Annapolis, Md., Feb. 7.—Funeral services over the body of Dr. Washington Green Tuck were held at Annapolis this afternoon, and were largely attended. Not only the greater portion of his friends in Annapolis, but many out-of-town persons were here for the funeral.

Among the prominent persons from out of town who came to Annapolis to attend the funeral were: Congressman Sydney E. Mudd and former Clerk of the Court of Appeals Thomas Parrott, both of whom were among the honorary pallbearers.

Indorse Poe Amendment.

Special to The Washington Herald. Rockville, Md., Feb. 7.—Although the Poe amendment to the State constitution was defeated in this strongly Democratic county, Democrats generally indorse the proposed amendment agreed upon by the majority party in the legislature. There are some Democrats, however, who do not approve it.

Breaks His Hip in Falling.

Special to The Washington Herald. Spencer, N. C., Feb. 7.—G. W. Burgess, aged fifty years, a well-known citizen of East Spencer, fell on the ice here yesterday and broke his hip, besides sustaining other severe bruises. He was picked up by friends and carried to his home, where he will recover.

Town Goes "Dry" by Seven Votes.

Special to The Washington Herald. Oakland, Md., Feb. 7.—At the annual election held at Friendsville, this county, the question as to whether the town should be "wet" or "dry" was submitted to the voters, and the anti-liquor people won by a margin of seven votes.

ROY HALE FOUND GUILTY.

Brother Will Soon Be Tried for Death of Slain Youth's Sister.

Special to The Washington Herald. Bristol, Va., Feb. 7.—Murder in the second degree and twenty years' imprisonment in the penitentiary at hard labor was the verdict of the jury in the case of Roy Hale, the nineteen-year-old youth who has been on trial at Jonesboro all week for the murder of Irby Davis, a brother of Lillie Davis, whom another member of the Hale family is charged with having murdered.

The court denied a motion for a new trial, and, in passing sentence, Judge Tyler said that he was satisfied that complete justice had been done. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court. Ack Hale, who is charged with the murder of Lillie Davis, will be tried in a few weeks at Blountville.

NEWSPAPER MEN ARRESTED.

R. W. Smith and R. D. Helner Accused of Jumping Board Bill.

Special to The Washington Herald. Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 7.—Randolph W. Smith and Robert D. Helner, claiming to be newspaper men and advertising experts, who came here to help get out a special edition of a local newspaper, were arrested this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Longer on the charge of defrauding A. H. Gunnell, proprietor of Hotel Hamilton, Hagerstown, out of a \$30 board bill.

MARYLAND COURT OF APPEALS.

Arguments Are Heard in Two Cases at Annapolis.

Special to The Washington Herald. Annapolis, Md., Feb. 7.—The proceedings in the Court of Appeals to-day were as follows: No. 31. Walter B. Miller vs. The County Commissioners of Wicomico County, appealed from the Circuit Court; was argued by Robert P. Graham for the appellant and Joseph L. Bailey for the appellee.

No. 32. Ernest J. Knabe, Jr., receiver, vs. Beverly Johnson et al.; appealed from the Circuit Court of Baltimore City; was argued by Edward C. Cunningham and Henry W. Williams for the appellant and S. S. Field for the appellee.

FATALLY STABBED IN FALLING.

Daniel Skelley, of Cumberland, Expires from Accidental Wound.

Special to The Washington Herald. Cumberland, Md., Feb. 7.—Daniel Skelley, president of the Fraternal Eagles at Frostburg, this county, died last night in the midst of the festivities of the tenth anniversary of the order.

Mr. Skelley was president of the largest organization in Maryland outside of Baltimore City. He was going home after serving the members of the organization as caterer, and had with him a knife which he had used on four former occasions. In crossing the street, fell, and the knife, which he had brought from his home, penetrated his right side, and before assistance could be rendered, he died of his wound.

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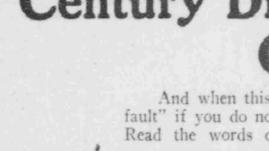


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