

The Democratic Advocate



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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

There has been much speculation for the past week or more, as to the organization of the present legislature—that is, as to who was to be President of the Senate, and who the Speaker of the House.

The names prominently mentioned for the Senate Presidency were Senator Lee, of Montgomery county, and Senator Price, of Wicomico county.

Several names were prominent for the Speakership, Marbury of Prince George's, Osborn, of Hartford and Cook, of Baltimore county. Within the past few days, the name of Mr. Trippe, of Baltimore city has been brought forward. Caucuses of the Democratic members of the Assembly were held at Annapolis on Tuesday night and resulted in the selection of Price as President of the Senate and James McK. Trippe as Speaker of the House. The subordinate officers were also agreed upon in Caucus.

At noon on Wednesday the General Assembly held its first session, and formally elected all the officers agreed upon in Caucus.

It is to be hoped that the Democratic party in the Assembly will be a harmonious body, and will act with prudence and conservatism. The political situation in our State is rather anomalous, having a Democratic legislature in both branches and a Republican Governor. This has never been the case in this State before, and places a responsibility upon the Democratic party that is unusual.

Let the Democrats proceed in an orderly and statesmanlike way, not attempting anything startling or radical, and if their efforts for the public good are thwarted by the Republican Governor, he and his party will bear the responsibility.

There never has been a time when our party, needed more than at present, wise leadership. It is no time for small politics. The Democratic party has a splendid record in the management of our state affairs, and the men who are at the helm now must see to it that the good record of the party be preserved, as far as it can be done under existing circumstances.

If the party is unable to accomplish all that it desires, it can at least steer clear of doing harm; doing that which may come back to trouble us in the future. The straight course is always the safe course, both for individuals and for political parties.

THE NEW STATE'S ATTORNEY.

The newly elected State's Attorney entered upon his duties on Tuesday, and has been kept pretty busy ever since.

There is no office in the proper conduct of which the public is more deeply concerned and in which vigorous, honest and able administration is more important than this office. Mr. Edward O. Weant was once before elected State's Attorney and he made a good record, and his past experience will no doubt be of much assistance to him during his present term of office.

Mr. Weant is one of the younger members of the bar and is known to be a lawyer of considerable ability, and we congratulate him and predict a successful term.

Mr. J. Milton Reifsnider whom Mr. Weant succeeds, retires with an excellent record. During the eight years he was the county's prosecuting attorney he had many serious and important cases and the percentage of convictions he secured was high.

RURAL MAIL-CARRIERS AND POLITICS.

An order issued by President Taft on New Year's day forbids the ten thousand or more rural free delivery letter carriers to take any active participation in politics, and empowers the Civil Service Commission to dismiss any of them found to be so engaged.

The rural carriers, like all other postoffice employees, are not to be denied the right of political belief and discussion of political candidates and issues, but all "pernicious activity in politics" is prohibited by the executive order.

A NEW EXCHANGE.

We are pleased to welcome as one of our exchanges The Jeffersonian, the new paper published in Towson, Baltimore county, which made its first appearance last Saturday.

In a leading editorial, it is announced that the political policy of the new paper shall be to make it the organ of the great Democratic party of which Thomas Jefferson was the founder.

We extend our best wishes for success and trust it may prove a weapon of great force to our party.

THE ARBITRATION TREATIES.

In the barbarism of antiquity, clubs and stone hatchets were the implements of warfare. As civilization began to dawn the arrow and the spear were used to destroy human life. Later, when intelligence struggled with brute force, blood was spilled with the knife and sword. The Middle Ages

saw the human race struggle in darkness and emerge to enlightenment through the smoke of gunpowder and the roar of cannon. And now the world has reached a point where the implements of war are so highly developed that the possibilities of destruction of life and property, in case two civilized nations should go to war, are something awful to contemplate.

In fact, the horrible consequences of war have made it necessary for nations to seek a method of preventing armed conflicts. Hence the Hague international court and the general arbitration treaties negotiated by this government with France and Great Britain. They are intended to avert war which modern invention and scientific application have made so dangerous.

Then there is the expense to consider. In olden times men could grab almost anything and make a weapon of it. In this day unpreparedness for war is a most serious condition for a nation. It takes several years to build a battleship and many years to erect fortifications and equip an army. Preparations for war have become so expensive that the people complain of the burdens.

The fact that war has become so highly specialized is one of the strongest motives behind the movement for universal peace. It has become so apparent that war is a waste of human life and treasure, and that for nations to maintain themselves in readiness for war is an unnecessary extravagance, that the peoples of the world welcome anything that makes for peace.

That is why they want the arbitration treaties ratified. The way to convince their senators of this fact is to write them at Washington and tell them so.

TWO LETTERS.

The Old, Tried Lie Nailed Again. Westminster, Md., January 2, 1912.

To the Advocate:— I was recently conversing in his store with one of our merchants with reference to the prospects of prohibitory law in Carroll county. A drummer present (a very gentlemanly one, by the way) interjected the remark that he would vote for such a law, but that he was satisfied that no worse thing could befall the business interests of such towns as Westminster than suppression of the saloon. I said that my observation, though confined to the prosperous towns of the Eastern shore, led me just as decidedly to the opposite opinion, and asked him to cite a case in proof of his contention. He said that Morgantown, W. Va., had been a "boom" town so long as the sale of liquor was legalized, but that now trade had declined until it was scarcely worth while for commercial travellers to take it in their route.

I had spent a week in Morgantown two years before, and it appeared to me to be one of the liveliest, most prosperous, up-to-date towns I had seen. But to make assurance doubly sure I wrote in inquiry to Mr. Lucas, whose reply I subjoin. I suppose stupidity and falsehood will keep the same "boogie man" going, but I take pleasure in seeing the stuffing knocked out of it in this particular instance. If similar testimony is wanted from a half-dozen Maryland towns I stand ready to furnish it. The handwriting flames on the wall! The saloon must go! Respectfully, D. L. GREENFIELD.

Morgantown, W. Va., December 22, 1911. Rev. D. L. Greenfield, Westminster, Md.

Dear Sir:— Yours of the 9th instant at hand. I take pleasure in answering your inquiry, and have to say without any fear whatever of successful contradiction that your drummer friend has misrepresented our little city and would not dare make such a statement from a public platform here. I think I have had good opportunities for observation, have lived here for about twenty years, served a term at the head of our municipal government, and am identified with one of our local banking institutions as a stockholder and director. I knew Morgantown when liquor was legally sold within its limits. It was then a village of about twelve hundred inhabitants with mud streets but little traveled. Since the saloons were closed we have grown to a city of about ten thousand inhabitants. Our people are thrifty and industrious and have comfortable and attractive homes many of which are owned by the working-classes. Instead of wasting their substance in saloons the people patronize our Building and Loan associations all of which are prosperous and are the means through which laboring people can procure homes of their own. It has been remarked that a greater per cent. of Morgantown working people own their own homes than is common in cities of this size. Our growth in a business way has been no less phenomenal. We have good stores in all lines of merchandise, and a large number of "commercial travellers" make frequent and no doubt very profitable visits to our city. Since the saloon has taken its departure from us a number of well equipped industrial and manufacturing plants have located here, employing thousands of laborers, and we have paved all our principal streets some of which are traversed with trolley lines, and we have constructed seven large and well equipped public school buildings, all without the aid of one cent from the legalized rum traffic, and at the present time our city finances are in good condition. In short the abolishment of the saloon has been most salutary in every way, and the outlook for future prosperity in our city along all lines is very flattering.

While I have given you but a very hurried and brief outline of conditions in this city of saloons, we count investigation, and I would be very glad if you would show this letter to your drummer friend and request him to refute its contents over his own signature and send me a copy of his refutation. Very respectfully yours, I. N. LUCAS.

THERE'S GINGER IN SMITH & REIFSNIDER'S COAL.

That is, there's life and action and lasting quality. Start the New Year with some of this bright, snappy Coal.

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 " " " "Waste?
 " " " "Save?
Put some of your earnings in the Bank it will come in handy some day

Are you satisfied with your NET RESULTS of last year? Unkept resolutions weaken you; DOING what you determine to do will build your character. Bring the money you have in your pocket to our bank RIGHT NOW, and begin the year sensibly, by starting to SAVE and GET AHEAD. If you do, one year from to-day you will thank us. Saving only 25 cents a day—\$7.50 a month—and interest will amount to over ELEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS in 10 years.

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A BANK'S CAPITAL AND SURPLUS

Is the fund that protects the depositor from loss, therefore, the larger it is the greater protection the Depositor has. This Bank has a

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| Capital..... | \$50,000.00 |
| Surplus fund of..... | 80,000.00 |
| Undivided profits of..... | 40,000.00 |
| Additional Stockholders Liability of..... | 50,000.00 |
| A total of..... | \$220,000.00 |

This means that this bank must lose \$220,000.00 before its depositors could lose one cent. This protection is for YOU. When you think "Bank," think

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CANNED GOODS—at the popular price.

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MATHER'S

JANUARY MARK - DOWN SALE
 BEGINNING SATURDAY, JANUARY 6.

This January Mark-Down Sale will be notable for the many bargains it will offer to the patrons of this store. Each year before inventory we are desirous of closing out all odd lots and reducing the quantity on all merchandise on which we have an overstock. Inventory is but a few weeks off and before that many thousand dollars worth of good, seasonable merchandise must be sold. All lines of goods will be represented in this sale. Come early and often to get your share of the bargains. The sale begins Jan. 6, and lasts through the month.

Shoe Reductions.

\$3.50 La France Shoes \$2.85.

Patent kid and gun metal, in blucher and button with dull kid or cloth tops, our regular \$3.50 shoes, to close out \$2.85.

Ladies' \$2.00 Shoes \$1.69.

Gun metal, patent colt and vicid kid shoes, only a few pairs of each kind, to close out \$1.69.

\$1.50 Felt Shoes \$1.00.

Ladies' felt shoes with leather foxing, also all kid shoes with felt lining, sizes 3 1/2 and 4 only; to close out \$1.00.

Men's \$2.50 and \$3.50 Shoes \$1.95.
 Odd lots of men's fine shoes, in all leathers, worth up to \$3.50; to close out \$1.95.

Boys' \$2.50 Shoes \$1.98.

Patent kid gun metal blucher shoes, the famous Orax brand, sizes 2 to 5 1/2; to close out \$1.98.

Boys' \$2.00 Shoes \$1.48.

Box calf shoes for boys, sizes 3 to 5 1/2, worth up to \$2.00; to close out \$1.48.

Boys' \$1.25 Shoes 98c.

Solid leather shoes for little boys, sizes 9 to 13, worth \$1.25, to close out 98c.

RUBBERS.

\$3.50 Boys' Boots \$2.95.

We have an overstock of boys "Ball Band" rubber boots; these are recognized as the best wearing boots made, wool lined only; to close out \$2.95.

Ladies' Rubbers 39c.

All sizes of ladies rubbers only 39c.

Men's Arctics \$1.38.

All sizes of men's heavy arctics, either bright or dull finish, worth \$1.60, to close out \$1.38.

50c Knee Pants 39c.

Boy's knee pants, sizes 5 to 14, regular 50c goods, to close out 39c.

Men's Ties 9c.

Men's four in hand neckties, that sold at 15c each. Just to close these out before stock taking we say 9c.

Linen Crash 8c Yard.

Our regular 10c bleached linen crash, special price for the month only.

25c to 35c Silks 19c.

Full range of colors in these popular goods. Fine for scarfs as well as dresses.

Blankets \$2.98.

Good quality, full size wool blankets that sold for \$3.50 to \$4.00. White, gray or plaid.

25c to 35c China 19c.

This lot includes American, German and Japanese China and every piece in a bargain at the price. Pretty salad dishes bon bon and fancy pieces of every variety. They are special for the month only.

9c 9c

Three big tables filled with household goods of every kind. Nothing in the lot worth less than 10c and many of the articles are worth double. Don't fail to visit our house-furnishing goods dept. during this sale. We will not handle the poor quality of granite and tinware that is made just to show how big a piece you can get for your money. Our big business has been built up by selling goods that have 9c quality, the kind that satisfy the kind that 9c bring the customer back. Even at the low price of 9c these are 9c quality bargains.

9c 9c

Food Choppers 9c

Will cut from 2 to 2 1/2 pound a minute, have three size end plates and are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction.

Family Scales 9c

There are many kinds of scales at all prices, and after looking for the best we have selected this make as the most value for the least cash.

Gravy Ladles 58c.

A \$1.00 quality silver gravy ladle. Guaranteed for 10 years wear and will wear longer. We only have a limited quantity and can get no more at this price.

Men's \$1.00 Caps 75c.

Men's winter caps that sold for \$1.00 now go for 75c. These are splendidly made and for such a style that they are dressy enough to wear anywhere.

Men's 75c to \$1.00 Underwear 58c.

Shirts and drawers in nearly every size, but the lots are small so we have decided to put a price on them that will move them.

MILLINERY.

All millinery must be closed out regardless of cost. These low prices will move it quickly.

Trimmed Hats Half Price.

Lot of trimmed hats, worth up to \$6.00, to close out half price for any trimmed hat in the house. A few good shapes that will be trimmed to order at reduced prices.

Children's Hats 49c.

Lot of children's hats suitable for children from 2 to 8 years, worth up to \$1.50, to close out only 49c.

Coats and Suits.

A few coats and suits left that will mean bargains for late buyers.

\$12.50 Suits \$9.85.

New models, of the best styles, splendid quality for a low price, to close out \$12.50 suits \$9.85.

Suits for Stout Women.

Several suits of good quality suiting, in a very staple style, made to fit large women, sizes 37 to 45. To close out \$12.50 suits for \$9.85.

Suits \$7.50.

We have just 6 suits that are last season's style, worth from \$15 to \$18 each, good colors and sizes, to close out \$7.50 each.

50c Flannelette Gowns 39c.

5 dozen regular 50c gowns to close out only 39c.

COATS.

The lot includes handsome black cloth coats, plush and caracul coats, grey mixtures and the popular polo coats, all will be closed out at these reduced prices.

\$18 to \$20 Coats, \$14.50; \$15 to \$16.50 Coats \$11.50; \$12.50 Coats \$9.85; \$10 Coats \$7.65; \$8 Coats \$5.75; \$5.00 Coats \$3.95.

Children's Coats.

\$10 Plush Coats \$7.65; \$2.50 and \$3 Cloth Coats \$1.98, and \$1.50 and \$2 Cloth Coats 98c.

\$2 Rain Capes \$1.69.

A few rain capes left of the \$2 quality, these will be closed out at \$1.69.

Furs, 1-2 to 1-3 Off.

Several furs left that will mean many bargains. Muffs, Scarfs and child's sets, all go at these reductions.

\$1.25 Wrappers 98c.

"Mendels make" flannelette wrappers, regular price \$1.25, to close out only 98c.

DRY GOODS.

10c Bleached Muslin 8 1/2c.

A fine quality of yard wide bleached muslin, clean and free from starch or lime. A year ago this muslin would have brought 12 1/2c and on the lower market of today is worth 10c yard. Do not fail to supply your wants now at the low price of 8 1/2c.

40 inch Muslin 8c.

A good medium weight unbleached muslin, splendid for sheets. Has been selling for 9c, but for this lot we ask only 8c.

Good Yard Bleached Muslin 7c.

A good quality muslin and while not entirely free from starch is exceptional value at the low price asked.

35c Damask 29c.

A pretty mercerized table damask in good quality.

Percaloes 8c.

A regular 10c quality of yard wide percale, in both light and dark patterns.

Underwear 19c.

Lot of ladies' pants in first quality goods, regular sizes. These have been selling at 25c, but we want to reduce the quality on hand.

Underwear 12 1-2c.

Lot of odds and ends in children's underwear that sold at 25c each, just half price.

Lace and Embroidery 3c.

Big lot of lace and embro. that sold at 5 to 8c yard. Just to reduce stock before invoicing we say 3c.

50c Gloves 25c.

Lot of ladies' 50c knit golf gloves at just half price.

These January prices mean great opportunities for you to get seasonable, reliable merchandise at a big saving in price. It will pay you to be among the ones always on the job.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs 5c.

Lot of fine handkerchiefs with the popular one corner embro. sold at 10c each. We bought a very large quantity and to reduce stock will sell 20 dozen at half price.

98c Sweaters 75c.

Big lot of the regular 98c sweaters, mostly boys but there are a few men's in the lot, and they all go for the low price of 75c.

\$2.50 and \$3.00 Sweaters \$1.98.

Mens and ladies' wool sweaters that sold at \$2.50 to \$3.00, now reduced to \$1.98.

Men's 10c Handkerchiefs 4 for 25c.

Hemstitched white hand