

The Democratic Advocate



FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 31, 1913

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- For United States Senator, BLAIR LEE. For Clerk of the Court of Appeals, CALEB C. MAGRUDER. For Comptroller of Treasury, EMERSON C. HARRINGTON. For House of Delegates, JOHN B. BAKER, JAMES B. GEORGE, IVEN H. SAYERS, WILLIAM W. SHAMER. For County Commissioner, JOHN WESLEY MYERS. For County Treasurer, O. EDWARD DODRER. For Sheriff, ALBERT L. DAVIS. For Surveyor, M. THODORE YEISER. Election Day, November 4.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Your Democratic Fathers obtained control of the Board of County Commissioners way back in 1867, almost literally at the point of the bayonet and by subscribing to the most odious test oaths, and the Democrats, with the consent of the people, have had the majority in that Board up to the present time—an uninterrupted control of forty-six years. What better evidence can be offered that a wise and economic policy has been pursued by this branch of our county government, than the toleration by the people of its control during this long period by one party? We question whether the like has occurred in any other county in the State.

This control is now in jeopardy, for the election of the Republican candidate for Commissioner would transfer it into Republican hands, and with it all the patronage that attaches to it: Road commissioners, Tax collectors, Constables and a number of other important positions would all be at the disposal of the Republican party, and would serve to strengthen it for all future elections, and would go far toward making this a Republican county for a long time to come; it is easy to lose it, but you will find it hard to reclaim it.

Your candidate, John W. Myers, is well qualified for the position both by temperament and experience, and there can be no valid reason why any Democrat should not support him. Don't permit any petty grievance you may entertain, because of some appointment the commissioners may have made to cause you to vote for his opponent, elect Myers first, then go to them with your complaint, and if they have made a mistake you will find them only too ready to correct it; this is more redress than you can obtain at the hands of any board of Republican commissioners.

Mr. Kemper is a very agreeable and somewhat popular man, and for this reason alone was named for the place, and not because of any qualifications he possesses for an efficient discharge of the important duties of the position. He must learn, and while he is learning tax-payers may suffer.

ATTENTION VOTERS!

The campaign is drawing to a close and the time for argument is nearly passed. On local matters no issue has been made against Democratic management of local affairs—no charges of extravagance or inefficiency have been made by the Republicans, and no reason assigned why any Republican, much less a Democrat, should vote to change the administration of our local government.

The Advocate has shown during the campaign that Carroll has the lowest tax in the state, and that the rate here is from 30 to 50 cents lower than in any county under Republican control. We have shown that in 1867, when the Democrats assumed the management of the county affairs, the debt was \$84,000 and the bank account overdrawn. That debt has been wiped out and a bank account of over \$12,000 is on deposit and taxes to the amount of \$2,849.04 due.

We have shown that the commissioners are now conducting county affairs on a tax rate less than the Republicans levied during the last year of their control, notwithstanding there are now double the number of roads and bridges to maintain, and court and other expenses are vastly greater.

Republican candidates are around begging votes. Not one can win except by obtaining Democratic support. When a Republican candidate comes to a Democrat, the Democrat should ask him in what respect he is better fitted than the Democratic nominee. Ask him, also, how long he has been in love with Democrats.

Go to the polls on next Tuesday and vote the Democratic ticket.

WHO'S 'GOT' OUR MONEY?

Governor Goldsborough is urging the election of the Republican Legislative ticket in the various counties of the State. He wishes the Democrats defeated, not alone for the advancement of Republican principles, but, to aid him in carrying out his Good Roads work.

Now what has Governor Goldsborough done in the two years he has held office to aid the cause of good roads in Carroll county? The whole of the year 1912 passed without a contract being made, or a stone being laid by his Commission. The only road work in that year was the completion of the Westminster-Sykesville road, and the building by the County of roads at New Windsor, Middleburg and Woodbine. The roads to Taneytown and Manchester were not touched.

When the Democratic party went out of power, after paying for all roads constructed, cost of survey, and organization, and after setting aside enough money to finish paying for the road from Westminster to Sykesville, it still had to turn over to Governor Goldsborough's Commission \$2,414.17.

In 1912 a Democratic Legislature, at his request, appropriated \$3,170,000.00 for roads, and made the money available at once. Of this money Carroll County's share was at least \$320,000.00. This gave his commission about \$150,000.00 to spend in Carroll county. What has it done?

Last year nothing; this year it gave out contracts for building about two miles on the Westminster-Manchester road and about an equal amount on the Westminster-Taneytown road. With the exception of one of these contracts, they were given out too late for the work to be completed this year and so only one mile was finished.

If the three miles of the old Liberty Pike from Eldersburg to North Branch was repaired, the road from Westminster to Sykesville would connect us with Baltimore. It has been adopted as part of the road system of the State by the Good Roads Commission. Yet Governor Goldsborough's Commission has refused to repair it, saying it had no money. Why hasn't it any money?

It did not cost \$150,000.00 to build the mile towards Manchester, or the work on the road towards Taneytown. Where is the balance of our money?

Before any one votes for Governor Goldsborough's candidates for the Legislature from Carroll county, make them tell us, who's got our money?

LOCAL OPTION NOT AN ISSUE IN THE CHOICE FOR U. S. SENATOR

The following article from the Baltimore News shows how unfair is the persistent effort of Mr. Anderson to prejudice temperance people against Blair Lee:

"It is an odd development in Maryland politics that the Secretary of State, Mr. Bryan, should at this time leave his peculiarly responsible duties at Washington and come into this State to speak in behalf of Mr. Blair Lee's candidacy for the United States Senate.

"Mr. Lee is being attacked by Mr. W. H. Anderson, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. He is assailed as the tool of the liquor interests here, and, though he is not charged with having sold out for money, the man who would do all that Mr. Lee is accused by Mr. Anderson of doing would not be fit to strike hands with one who traded his political influence for pay. He would be beneath contempt.

"Mr. Bryan, who comes here to make a personal plea for Mr. Lee and to urge the people of Maryland to uphold President Wilson's hands by sending him to Washington, happens to be so strong a temperance man that he dares ridicule both at home and abroad to serve wine at his table even at State dinners.

"If so ardent a temperance man as Mr. Bryan fails to see how or why local option is an issue in the Senatorial election, what must thousands of others less devoted to the cause think of the character of the attacks made on Mr. Lee because he will not consent to make it the issue?"

SIGNIFICANCE OF TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

The result of the election in Maryland this year will be watched with interest by the whole United States. The question whether or not the people of this State propose to uphold the hands of President Wilson is a great issue in this fight. Upon the result of this election depend the control of the Board of Public Works and the selection of a State Treasurer, as well as the election of a United States Senator to strengthen the present slender majority of our party in the United States Senate and uphold the President in his fight for Democratic principles and policies.

Democracy means government by and for the people, and recognizes the influence of every individual. Your influence can be made potent in this contest. The Democratic party in its labors for the whole people wants your help.

Talk and work for Democracy's ticket, and see that your neighbor gets to the polls on election day and votes for its candidates.

It is a true Democratic principle that the people shall rule, and if their vote has named the various candidates for office, the plain duty now is to support them. This was emphasized by the State speakers at last Monday's meeting and Blair Lee, the champion of popular rights, applied the doctrine in no uncertain words.

TAXES APPORTIONED BY THE SQUARE MILE WHEREBY THE BARREN PEAKS OF CATOCHIN MOUNTAIN ARE MADE AS VALUABLE AS THE FERTILE AND PRODUCTIVE LAND IN MIDDLE-TOWN VALLEY.

One who signs himself "A Tax Payer," in the last issue of the "Sentinel" attempts to prove by a most unique and novel method that Carroll's low tax-rate is based upon an exorbitantly high assessment, and is therefore more imaginary than real. To establish his contention he sets forth that Carroll county is taxed on a basis of \$178.40 per "square mile," while Frederick county, with which he makes comparison, is only taxed on \$136.40, per "square mile," thus assuming that the value of the land within each such division in either county is the same; in that assumption lies the fallacy of his reasoning, as we shall most conclusively establish.

We have not the data at hand to show the number of square miles of mountainous, arid and uncultivated land there are in Frederick county, but we know that a goodly portion of that county consists of land of that character and is necessarily of little value, and yet this is a portion of the whole number of square miles among which our astute friend apportions an equal amount of the taxable basis of the county, ignoring the heavy valuation placed upon these uncultivated lands, but making use of it for the purpose of reducing the county's basis of assessment, which it effectively does when included in a general average. He treats the taxable basis in Carroll county in like manner, which is manifestly unfair and misleading because according to the last census 95 to 100 per cent. of the land area in our county is under cultivation, and there is not enough waste land to bring down the average. In Frederick county there are only six farms to the square mile, while in Carroll there are eight, the farms in each county averaging about the same number of acres, is proof conclusive that there is more land under cultivation in Carroll than in Frederick county, and hence more valuable when estimated by the square mile.

If "Tax-payer" wished to deal fairly with the question he has raised, why did he not compare the assessments of Carroll and Frederick counties, respectively, upon land of like fertility and improvements upon either side of the dividing line between the two counties? A reasonable conclusion is that such a comparison would have defeated his desire was to so befog the issue with figures, as to deceive and mislead the unappreciated, but honest tax-payer into voting for the Republican candidate for County Commissioner.

It is folly to say that it is by an unduly high assessment that we have kept our tax-rate for so many years below that of any other county in the State, when the people of the county so well know that it has been done by an honest and economic administration of the county's affairs.

We will wager the correspondent of the "Sentinel" a good work on "Political Economy," which he so badly needs, that he can't buy three farms in the county at their assessed valuation.

REMEMBER THE PAST.

If any individual among our Democratic German and Irish fellow-citizens contemplates cutting his ticket, let such an one remember that the Democratic party fought their battle for them in the days of the Know Nothings, when that party would not only have disfranchised them but deplored them of all rights and privileges of citizenship. Have they forgotten that the Democrats threw themselves into the breach and turned back the tide of religious and political fanaticism that would have forbidden them to become citizens? Will they cut their ticket while memory is able to recall these facts to mind? We will not believe that any of them can be so ungrateful.

So far as our candidates are concerned, we have good ones from Blair Lee down to the last one on the county ticket. They are men of unswerving Democratic faith; they are men of character and business energy, and they are men whom the Democrats will delight to honor. Let us avoid controversies and small talk and get down to the real business of the campaign. We want our party to succeed, and to accomplish it, let us each do our share of this important work.

Direct primaries, introduced by popular vote two years ago, are skillfully and persistently avoided by the Republicans, their idea apparently being that it is all right for Democrats but all wrong for Republicans. The policy of the latter is to stand back and enjoy any possible discomfiture that may result from a direct primary campaign but to stand ready all the time for any accessions to their own forces by reason of the family differences of their opponents.

The time has come when the great test of party unity is to be had. The direct system is built on the doctrine of majority control. The people have made the nominations; it is for the party to stand by them. No doubt after the sharp encounter of the primary campaign, the temptation to "fix" somebody is great. That is just what the Republicans want and it will be to their complete satisfaction to see as many Democrats "fixed" as possible.

What can the Progressive party expect from the Republicans by voting the Republican ticket?

EXCELLENT GENTLEMAN.

The American Sentinel in its issue of October 10, has the following to say about Mr. John Wesley Myers, the Democratic candidate for County Commissioner:

"Now the Sentinel has nothing to say against Mr. Myers personally. He is an excellent gentleman and worthy citizen."

When a newspaper and the Republican organ of the county, speaks of a Democratic candidate in those terms, how can any Democrat or Republican help supporting him. Vote for him.

WHAT WILLIAM J. BRIAN SAYS.

"I would cross the Continent if by so doing I could help to put Lee in the United States Senate, and have the benefit of his brains and his heart. He is the kind of a man that we need in public life. He is a man whose ideals are high, whose conception of public service is exalted and whose sympathies are broad. They include all the people. I say I am glad to be here if I can by coming help to make more certain his election.

"Mr. Farran said, I think on the 15th of this month, that Blair Lee wanted to be elected to uphold the hands of the President, but Mr. Farran said he desired to be elected in order to tie the hands of the President. There is a great deal of difference as to whether you uphold his hands or tie his hands. The real effect of this election, so far as it concerns the Senate, is whether you are going to send a man there to act with or act against the President.

"In order that you can decide intelligently whether you want to help that President or hinder him, I think I ought to tell you something about the President and about what he is doing. I know no better way of telling you how to cast your vote intelligently than to make plain the kind of a man you have before you and the work he is trying to do.

"President Wilson's hands have been breaking the shackles that have bound you and they are ready now to open the door of opportunity to the people of this land, and these hands of the President have been extended in peace to all nations of this earth. How do you like the way he has used his hands? You are to decide whether you will send a Republican Senator there to tie these hands of Blair Lee there to uphold them."

DEMOCRATIC VOTERS.

Democrats, in this issue of the paper you will find the official ballot which is to be voted at the coming election, Tuesday, November 4. Look at it and familiarize yourselves on how to mark it. It requires 11 cross (X) marks to vote the full Democratic ticket this fall. Look for the word Democratic at the top of the first column opposite the small squares where you make your mark and follow it down to the bottom and then go back up to the second column, headed for County Commissioner, and follow it down until you have voted for all eleven. There are 7 cross (X) marks in the first column and 4 cross (X) marks in the second. If you do this you will make no mistake and your ballot will be counted.

TRADING FOR VOTES.

Republican workers, it is said are trading their whole ticket for a vote for their County Commissioner. Don't allow any Republican politician to sell the balance of his ticket for one man; vote the Democratic ticket in rebuke to the political bosses.

What changes time makes! There is Justice Theodore F. Brown, who was a Bull Moose in the primaries of last year, 1912, but flopped back into the Republican ranks before the election. He is now asking voters to help Kemper for County Commissioner. What was Kemper last fall?

Talk about promising offices, if Benjamin Kemper has promised as many offices to voters if elected County Commissioner as he did when he ran for sheriff, he would have a job for every voter in the county. Ask the voters in Myers' district about the promises he made when sheriff.

We notice that Clerk Oscar D. Gilbert, another exponent of the Bull Moose party, is out working for the Republican ticket. These Progressives must be a bunch of undesirables according to his way of thinking, for he spent last fall with them.

The American Sentinel is very much peeved over the loss of the dear little colored voters. Think of the terrible decrease in the colored vote in this county since 1888. In 1888 there were 516, in 1912, 454, a loss of 62.

Vote for O. Edward Dodrer for County Treasurer. He is a competent and efficient business man. Do not place another Republican in power to handle our county finances. You know what the last one did.

For sheriff of Carroll county the Democrats have presented Mr. Albert L. Davis, of Woolery's district, one of the best citizens in the county. He is a good farmer, a courageous and fearless man, but genial and kind-hearted, and will make an efficient officer.

The Republicans divided things up pretty well when they made their ticket; they did better than well—they placed Wooden, Routson and Ely, Bull Moose candidates, on the Legislative ticket and left themselves one.

What did Mr. Kemper say about Republicans who became members of the Progressive party last fall? The Progressives know the assertion he made without any comment from us.

TAXPAYERS HERE ARE FACTS.

Here is a table taken from the State Tax Commissioner's report of taxes levied for 1907, 1908, 1909 and 1910 in the counties of Maryland together with the city rate in Baltimore.

Take Carroll county and you will find that the rate remains the same for the four years, and then look at the other counties and see the advances made on their tax payers. It shows that Carroll is the best governed of any in the State, which speaks well for the Democrats, who control the affairs of the county.

In 1907 Carroll's tax rate was 12 cents lower than any other county; in 1908 24 cents lower; in 1909 10 cents lower, and in 1910 35 cents lower. Is Carroll under Democratic rule good enough for you? Or do you want to pay \$1.18 under Republican control as in Frederick?

The State Tax under Governor Crothers was 16 cents on the \$100. Under Governor Goldsborough, the present executive you are paying 31 cents on the \$100; about double.

Following are the tables as compiled:

Table with columns for Year (1907, 1908, 1909, 1910) and County (Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, etc.).

The above reports were made to the General Assembly of Maryland in 1910 and 1912. The tax rate for the county has not been compiled for 1911, 1912 and 1913. In Carroll however, it is still 60 cents.

Our candidate for County Commissioner, John W. Myers, has always been interested in the public schools of the county and will, if elected, contribute in whatever way he legitimately can to promote the best interests of both teacher and scholar.

Shall we permit our State and county to risk Republican rule? Shall we as Democrats, whatever our family differences, yield to the popular will and stand by the candidates the people have selected? These are two grave questions which every Democrat should ponder.

The Republican Platform declares in favor of Woman Suffrage, which is equivalent to the enfranchisement of negro women, you can't confer the right to vote upon the white women of the State without at the same time conferring it upon the colored women also.

Vote for the Democratic Legislative ticket and put an end to the threatened doubling of the negro vote in the State.

Let every Democrat bear in mind that there are more Democrats than Republicans in the county, and if all will be loyal to the ticket our success is assured. No necessity for trading.

Reports of a reliable character from all parts of the State indicate that the Democratic majority in the next Maryland Legislature will be the largest of any session since the war.

If you are in favor of upholding the policies of Hon. Woodrow Wilson, the present Chief Executive of our Nation, vote the entire Democratic ticket on November 4th.

By the way, the Republicans have a Progressive on their ticket from last fall's fashion. It is James M. Stoner, candidate for sheriff.

The Times says that Benjamin Kemper has had experience in county affairs. In what way? Chasing escaped prisoners?

Benjamin Kemper, when sheriff could not keep the prisoners in jail. What would he do guarding the finances of our county?

A vote for Myers, Dodrer and Davis is a vote for men who can fill their respective offices with credit.

HUNTING FOR HAPPINESS.

Happiness is found in various places besides the dictionary—and some of them are highly improbable locations. Often it takes perverse delight in eluding capture by those who are looking for it always and everywhere; on the other hand, it will frequently discover itself to those who have done their duty without giving it a thought. You will come upon it in hiding sometimes in the homes of those who have scarcely anything else in the house—where with a laugh it will leap out at you and take you by surprise. You may expect that its presence will be revealed in the homes of those who are presumed to have all that heart could wish—and, instead, you will be hold only the evidences of querulous discontent.

Happiness is a commodity that, like love, does not come from the intercession, and is not to be had for any amount of money. A child runs across a field ablaze with sun and brings his butterfly net down with all his might where the bright winged insect pauses a moment on a flower. Then he raises the net to find—nothing, for the brilliant visitor has fluttered away upon his gorgeous pinions. That is what happens to those who pursue the butterflies of selfish pleasure and of fashion—the end of the quest is emptiness.—Philadelphia Ledger

Advertisement for Winter Clothing featuring 'N-O-W' and 'THE MILLER BROS. CO. Popular Cash Store.' Lists items like Overcoats, Suits, Sweaters, Underwear, Shoes, Hats, Etc.

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