Letter From Baltimore.

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The registration of voters closed on Tuesday, and is fairly complete so far as the men are concerned, and the registration of the women, while not complete, is far in excess of the most sanguine expectations of the suffragettes themselves. The indications at the present time are, that a very large proportion of the newly enfranchised will follow the family politics in their affiliation,-that the women who come from Democratic families are Democrats and those from Republican families are Republicans, and this the case to a greater degree than was expected is evident upon an examination of the list. It is also clarly evident that there will be no woman's party and no lining up by the new voters on merely sexual lines. This will no doubt be a great disappointment to the strong-minded sisters who led in the fight for suffrage, and who confidently conservative women do not want a be leadership in a new women's party, which has failed to materialize. The truth is the most intelligent and really conservaive women do not want a women's party, and do not intend to have on, and, if there ever should be one, it will be small and insignificant, for the women generally will work with the men in the two old-line, historic parties of the land.

The campaign is going on with increased vigor, and the Democratic leaders appear to be satisfied with the situation. The Republicans are not having many meetings outside the black belt, and, up to the present time, they have had a dearth of good speakers. Mr. Weller has made a speech or two but his efforts are such dismal failures that those who have heard him, even members of his own party, have felt genuinely sorry for him,and,those who had expected something, so much had been claimed for him, especially by himself, were greatly disappointed. A gentleman who was present at the Charles county meeting, where Mr. Weller was greeted by several hundred colored people, and a beggarly array of whites, said;

I have heard so much of Mr. Weller that I was surprised, not only at the wretched speech he made but at the manner in which it was delivered. And everybody there was surprised, and filled with wonder that his friends allowed him to make such an exhibition of himself. He not only can not write a speech but his delivery is something dreadful to behold. He reminded me of the old fable, where it is related the jack-ass put on the lions skin, and suddenly appeared at a gathering of the animals. All bowed down an showed great fear of him, thinking he was really a lion, until he opened his mouth, and brayed aloud. The fear and reverence disappeared and the animals all said, "Why this is nothing but a wretched ass, instead of a lion, let us chase him away." And when the great Weller, the great and powerful leader of his party opened his mouth, I thought of the fable of ancient times which I had read when a boy at school. Mr. Weller is wise in keeping away from the public gaze. His personality is not attractive, and, as a public speaker he is about the limit in all that a stateman ought not to be.

The contest for the Presidential ticket and the Senatorship have so overshadowed everyhing else that little is heard of the several candidates for the House of Rrepresentatives. During the past few days however, the contest in the Third District beween the present able Congressman, Mr. Coady and Mr. John Phillip Hill, have attracted some attention, owing to the injection of the religious issue by certain fanatical agitators who are opposed to Mr. Coday's re-election. It is rather strange that these finatical attacks are almost always made against the Democratic candidates, and in the interest of Republicans. It is also strange that in every campaign in recent years religious agitators have been imported into Maryland to aid in the election of Republican candidates. In 1895 there were several well known religious agitators here to aid the Republicans, and they have been followed by others in every successive campaign, until the malodorous Waldron arrived, a few years since, and, it is reported that he is still at work, and working harder than ever this year, for the whole Republican ticket from Harding down, except that he draws the line at Sidney Mud, as the party of great moral ideas, the Republican orginazation has been true to the purpose of its founders, all of whom were original know-nothings. In the sixty odd years of its existance it has turned out more cranks and followed more isms than any of the organization in the history of the country. And to-day it is asking for a return to power on false pretenses, and should it succeed, it will still be the same old party of shoddy contractors, star route, frauds, credit-mobilier swindles haters of the Presidency and so many more iniquities that want of space prohibits their enumeration here.

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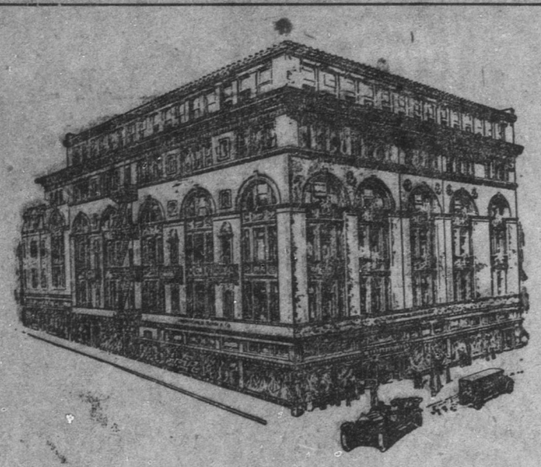

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PROCLAMATION.

Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the State, 1920.

Whereas, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1920, two Acts were passed, towit: Chapter 319 proposing an amendment to Section 15 of Article III of the Constitution of the State, title "Legislative Department," regulating the compensation of Members of both Houses of the General Assembly; and Chapter 565 proposing an amendment to Section 37 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State, title "Judiciary Department," regulating the pay of Clerks of Courts, and which said Chapters 319 and 565 are in the words and figures following:

CHAPTER 319.

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 15 of Article III, of the Constitution tution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," regulating the compensation of the members of both Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for adoption or rejection.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of all members of each of the two Houses concurring), That the following be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 15 of Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," the same if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become Section 15 of Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

15. The General Assembly may continue its session so long as in its judgment the public interest may require for a period not longer than ninety days; and each member thereof shall receive a compensation of three hundred dollars per annum and five dollars per diem for every day shall attend the session, but not for such days as he may be absent, unless absent on account of sickness or by leave of the House of which he is a member and he shall also receive such mileage as may be allowed by law, not exceeding twenty cents per mile; and the presiding officer of each House shall receive an additional compensation of five dollars per diem. When the General Assembly shall be convened by proclamation of the Governor, the session shall not continue longer than thirty days, and in such case the compensation shall be the same as herein prescribed.

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That said aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland shall, at the next general election for Members of Congress held in this State, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of the State of Maryland and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said Fourteen Article of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article Fourteen.

Approved April 9, 1920.

CHAPTER 565.

AN ACT to amend Section 37 of Article 4, title "Judiciary Department of the Constitution of this State, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, three-fifths of all members of each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be, and the same is, hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 37, of Article 4, title "Judiciary Department" of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, said section shall supersede and stand in the place and in stead of Section 37 of said Article 4 of the Constitution of Maryland.

Sec. 37. There shall be a Clerk of each of the said Courts of Baltimore City, except the Supreme Bench, who shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said city on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and shall hold his office for six years from the time of his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and be reeligible thereto, subject to be removed for willful neglect of duty or other misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a Court of Law. The salary of each of the said Clerks shall be forty-five hundred dollars a year, payable only out of the fees and receipts collected by the Clerks of said city, and they shall be entitled to no other perquisites or compensation. In case of a vacancy in the office of Clerk of any of said Courts, the Judges of said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City shall have power to fill such vacancy until the general election of Delegates to the General Assembly to be held next thereafter, when a Clerk of said Court shall be elected to serve for six years thereafter; and the provisions of this Article in relation to the appointment of Dupties by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts in the counties shall apply to the Clerks of the Courts in Baltimore City.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall, at the next election for members of Congress to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, nineteen hundred and twenty (1920), be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of he direction contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State; and at the said election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For Constitutional Amendment" and "Against Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said Article 14 of the said Constitution.

Approved April 9, 1920.

Now, therefore, I, Albert C. Ritchie, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the direction contained in Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that this Proclamation containing a full, true and correct copy of the text of said Chapters 319 and 565 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1920, be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State where so many may be published and where not more than one may be published then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be published in the German language, once a week for at least three months next preceding the general election to be held in the State of Maryland on Tuesday, the 2nd day of November, 1920, at which election the said proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis, this 23rd day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty.

ALBERT C. RITCHIE.

By the Governor:

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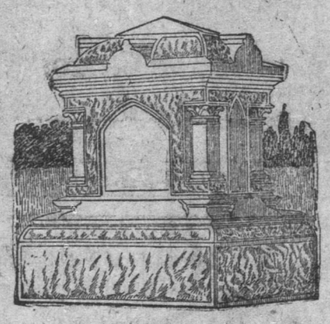

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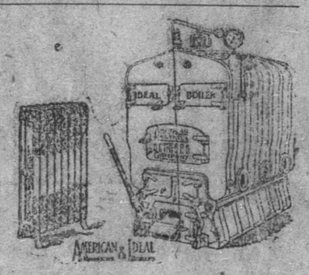

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