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TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE, ORPHANS COURT, MARRIAGE LICENSES, ETC.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.
Jesse Smith and wife to William H. B. Anders, 2 lots, for \$5.
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Walter E. Huah et al. to Daniel G. Richardson, 2 acres, for \$10.
Julia A. Kelly and husband to Henry Craft and wife, 3 tracts, for \$2150.
Charles N. Barnhart and wife to David F. Louts and wife, 13 acres, for \$1000.
Margaret Lease and husband to Theo. S. B. Fridinger, lot, for \$250.
William A. Fridinger and wife to Malcolm G. Oursler, 2 lots, for \$1200.
Luther S. Wentz and wife to Lloyd H. Miller and wife, 1 acre, for \$10.
Sykesville Motor & Supply Co. to Clarence E. Brown, 15 square perches for \$800.
Mary H. Brown to John E. Wilhelm and wife, 15 acres, for \$10.
Walter J. Frizell et al. to Grover C. Lyons and wife, 2 acres, for \$4200.
Edward O. Weant, Trustee, to Abraham C. Gelman and wife, 124 acres, for \$7500.
Edward O. Weant, Trustee, to Westminster Savings Bank, 2 tracts, for \$13,950.
Westminster Savings Bank to A. Daniel Lester and wife, tract, for \$10,500.
John Berg and wife to Annie B. Ensminger, 38 square perches, for \$10.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

James Leon Sinnott and Ruth Pauline Germand, both of Union Bridge.
George E. Rogers of Portsmouth, Va., and Laura B. Taylor, of Hall Wood, Va.
John Leslie Toot and Ida Barbara Sterner, both of Hanover, Pa.
Eldad J. Stremmel, of Hanover, Pa., and Josephine Slagle, of McSherrystown, Pa.
Clayton Worth Wright and Helen Naomi Romig, both of Baltimore.

ORPHANS' COURT

Monday, August 15th.—Luther C. Hawk and Addie B. Conover, executors of Nelson Hawk, deceased, set their first account.
Frank R. Cassell, administrator of William H. Cassell, deceased, returned inventories of personal property, debts and money, and received an order to sell personal property.
Frank R. Cassell, executor of Sarah A. Gilbert, deceased, returned inventories of personal property and money, and received orders to sell personal property, stocks and real estate.
Letters of administration on the estate of John H. Weenkamp, deceased, were granted to Adelle Weenkamp, who received warrant to appraise and an order to notify creditors.
Tuesday, August 16th.—The last will and testament of Emma L. J. Haines, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted to Laura E. Stouch, Marie Lease and Bertha M. Haines, who received warrant to appraise and an order to notify creditors.
Walter E. Buchman, executor of Harvey C. Wisner, deceased, reported sale of real estate on which the court granted an order nisi.

FREEDOM M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

R. Carl Maxwell, pastor. Sunday theme, "The Temperance Value of the Church." Communion service at Freedom at 11 a. m.; at St. James at 7 p. m.; preaching at Bethany at 7:45 p. m.
The New Oakland picnic will be held from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., Saturday, August 20. Athletic contests and games from 10 a. m. to 12 m.; sandwich lunch from 12 m. to 1 p. m.; base ball game at 1 p. m. sharp; refreshments at all hours of the day; song service by 19 Sunday schools 3 p. m. to 4:30 p. m.; public speaking during the song service hour. Rev. Pak Chu Chan, a native of China, will be one of the speakers. Oakland's noted supper from 4:30 p. m. on; more contests and games from 5 to 6 p. m.; music by the Oella Band, afternoon and night.

CARROLLTON CIRCUIT.

C. A. Sadofsky, pastor. Pleasant Grove Methodist Episcopal Church—Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Preaching 10:30 a. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.
Patasco. Methodist Episcopal Church—Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m.
Tannery. Methodist Episcopal Church—Sunday school 2:30 p. m. Preaching 3:00 p. m.
Revival services will begin at Tannery Methodist Episcopal Church, September 4th and continue indefinitely through this month. Cotage prayer meetings at the homes of the Thomas Chapel folks will precede the revival service.

DEATHS.

LAMBERT

Hienrietta, aged 70 years, 8 months and 8 days, wife of James T. Lambert, New Windsor, died Friday at her home. She is survived by her husband two daughters and two sons, Miss Ada Lambert, Mrs. Dohnea Winters, of Baltimore; Chester and Leslie Lambert, of New Windsor; also by three brothers, Alfred, this city; Jesse, of New Windsor, and Joseph Stevenson, of Kansas. Funeral services were held at the home at 10 a. m. Monday. Rev. Dr. James Fraser, assisted by Rev. Parrish, officiated at the services. Interment in Pipe Creek cemetery. Pallbearers were Leslie Smelser, Geo. P. B. Egger, Clarence Ensor, Howard Deville, Edward Barnes and Edward West. Harvey Bankard & Son funeral directors.

ROOF

Mrs. Lucinda Haines Roop, aged 85 years, died at the home of her daughter, in Washington, Tuesday, August 16. Funeral services were held here at Roop's Mill yesterday at 1 p. m. Interment in Pipe Creek cemetery. Rev. Crowson officiating. She is survived by one son, Edward E., of Roop's Mill, and one daughter, Mrs. Dr. Shorp, of Washington, D. C. Pallbearers were J. D. Crumbraker, John Reese, Charles Banker, Daniel Young, William Seipp and John Smith. Harvey Bankard & Son funeral directors.

HOOVER REUNION

A very enjoyable and happy reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George O. D. Hoover, at Millers, Md., on Wednesday, August 10th. The event was occasioned by the visit of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hoover and son, Harold, and daughters, Helen and Dorothy, of Ashley, Illinois, among relatives and friends in Carroll County and vicinity.
Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hoover and son, Harold and daughters Helen and Dorothy of Ashley, Illinois; Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Leatherman and sons, Paul and Clarence, of Manchester; Mrs. Mandilla Brillhart, of Hampstead; Mr. and Mrs. C. Jesse Hull and daughter, Mary, and sons, Charles, Ralph and John Harold, of Cranberry Valley; Mrs. Rebecca Hoover and Mr. and Mrs. David H. Ebaugh and children, Ruth and Paul, of Hanover, Pa.; Mrs. Harry Hoefel, of Baltimore; Mrs. Maria Brillhart and Mrs. Janette Babylon and daughter, Hilda and Miss Flora Warehime, of New Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. George O. D. Hoover and son, Oliver, Mrs. Lelah Barber, Mrs. Harry Brillhart and son, Austin, of Millers. On Thursday they met with Mrs. Mandilla Brillhart, in Hampstead, and on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Jesse Hull, in Cranberry Valley, and then on Thursday they all met in a Hoover family farewell gathering at the home of Mrs. Marie Brillhart, near New Windsor. The dinner served at the latter place was a sumptuous affair, and these occasions served to greatly promote the permanency of the bonds of friendship and love of the Hoover families, one for the other.
On Saturday H. A. Hoover and family will start for their home in Ashley, Illinois.

ENTERTAINED WITH SOME FINE MUSIC.

Quite a jolly crowd met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Myers, of Schuman's Valley, Thursday evening, August 12, and were treated to fine selections, both vocal and instrumental music, with Miss Pauline Hook at piano, accompanied by the Messrs. Joseph T. Hook with violin and Albert Holloway and Clarence Beehler, of Baltimore, with saxophones, which was greatly enjoyed. Later in the evening all were invited to the dining room where refreshments were served of various kinds of delicious cakes and root beer, which all did ample justice. After returning to the parlor all were again entertained with some excellent violin solos, with Miss Eva Davis, at piano and the Messrs. J. T. Hook, Albert Holloway and Clarence Beehler with violins. Next in turn C. Edward Little at piano and Carroll J. Myers, J. T. Hook, Clarence Beehler with violins and Albert Holloway with saxophone. Also some fine duets with Prof. A. Holloway at piano and Prof. C. Beehler with violin, which were certainly fine and all enjoyed them very much. This musical talent with the different instruments was great. After the evening's enjoyments were over and the early hours of morn approaching all departed for their homes well pleased with the good time spent together and wishing soon to meet again. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. David F. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coppemith, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Hook, Mrs. Frederick Beehler, of Baltimore; Mrs. Johnnie M. Hook, Misses Pauline Hook, Eva Davis, Mary Hook, Grace Feaser, Messrs. Carroll J. Myers, C. Edward Little, Melvin E. Kroh, Clarence Beehler, Albert Holloway, Elmer Coppemith, John P. Kroh and Master Stewart W. Myers.

PRIMARY CONTESTS.

REPUBLICANS HAVE CONTESTS FOR FOUR OFFICES AND DEMOCRATS ONE—THE FILING FOR OFFICES CLOSE TO-NIGHT AT 12.

The filing of certificates by candidates for the various offices to be voted for at the Primary Election Friday, September 2, are coming to a close, the time limit being up at midnight tonight.
From the nomination filed by the Republicans up until noon today it seems that it will be a hot-time in the party on election day. Several meetings have been held by the Republican leaders with the purpose of handling some of the candidates a "knock out" punch. The one used on the Register of Wills candidates went off with a bang, but the smoke is still hanging around. We hear that a four hour session was held on Court street Tuesday afternoon, which became so warm at times that it was advisable to adjourn until Wednesday evening, to allow the machinery to cool and a fresh application of oil applied.
The Republican candidates in the race at present are:
Clerk of the Court—Walter H. Davis, Westminster; Geo. L. Stockdale, Westminster; Edwin M. Mellor, Sykesville.
Register of Wills—Wesley C. Brooks, Westminster; William F. Bricker, Taneytown.
County Commissioner—David M. Mehring, Taneytown; John H. Repp, Union Bridge.
Sheriff—Edward Martin, Sandyville; John H. Bowman, Middleburg; Benjamin D. Kemper, Westminster.
For House of Delegates—J. Albert Simpson, Thurmont; J. Smith Billingsley, Westminster; W. W. Banker, Union Mills, and John R. Bennett, Berrett.
The Democrats have one contest and that is for Sheriff:
William H. Bowers, Westminster; A. G. Lambert, Silver Run.
The other candidates are:
Joseph B. Boyle, Westminster, for Clerk of the Court.
Joseph D. Wimer, Westminster, for County Commissioner.
Frank J. Brandenburg, Berrett, for House of Delegates. Three more are to file to complete the ticket.

CONGREGATION HONORS PASTOR WITH GIFT.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Manchester, celebrated the Fifth Anniversary of their pastor, Rev. C. G. Leatherman, in a manner that outdid themselves. For several weeks prior to the actual date, June 25th, a large committee was silently at work in the effort to fittingly remember the date.
Their plans were well worked out and everything was ready for the occasion—just waiting the day. Then the Manchester fire came and many who had part in the program had lost their home while everybody was under a terrific strain and shock. It was then delayed till after the pastor's vacation. This time was spent in Johnstown, Vandergrift, New Castle, Pa., and other places. So when the return time came the committee in charge proceeded with the delayed plans to surprise the pastor—the same returning last Saturday night.
The congregation, through their committee, took this course to express appreciation of the work of the pastor during these 5 years. For in this time \$12,000 debt was paid. A new parsonage was built and paid for. The parish was divided and the work advanced in every way. Supt. J. R. L. Wink, in his address, pictured the progress most effectively and after outlining a plan of co-operation appealed to the congregation to support the pastor's leadership which has a 5 year proven test in the Manchester parish.
Program: Song, "Blest Be the Tie," scripture reading, prayer, led by Rev. Horatio Hoover, of Illinois; song, address by Supt. J. R. L. Wink, who presided; concluding his address, others drew back curtains revealing a very handsome circassian walnut chiffonier, and presented the same to the pastor. Response of the pastor, who was taken entirely by surprise, was with much feeling and emotion yet very effective. Song and social hour. Refreshments, cake, ice cream and coffee.

THREE WEDDINGS.

Rev. J. W. Reinecke, pastor of Kriders' Reformed parsonage, near this city, married the following couples in the past week:
Saturday, August 13, Eldad J. Stremmel, of Hanover, Pa., and Josephine Slagle, of McSherrystown, Pa.
Thursday, August 18, William D. Miller, Roderfield, W. Va., and Lena L. Honaker, Lineboro.
Thursday, August 18, Maurice Pinkney, Arbaugh and Mary Catherine Bietsch, both of Chambersburg, Pa.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK WAREHIME, OF SILVER RUN, SPENT THE WEEKS END WITH MRS. MARY AULBACH, AT MIDDLE RIVER.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warehime, of Silver Run, spent the week's end with Mrs. Mary Aulbach, at Middle River.

EXPRESS STRIKES TRUCK

EDWARD BROTHERS AND DAVID STONESIFER INJURED — THREE TON OF CEMENT WAS ON TRUCK—ACCIDENT AT MEDFORD CROSSING.

A large five ton truck of Thomas, Bennett & Hunter, contractors, was struck at Medford crossing by the Blue Mountain Express Monday afternoon about 4:50 o'clock.
The truck was loaded at Medford station by Edward Brothers, David Stonesifer, driver, and three colored convicts, and were on their way to the place of operation when the train came in sight striking the truck between the wheels, sending the truck and contents all over the road and train, injuring Brothers and Stonesifer badly they were sent to Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, on the fast mail. They are improving very rapidly and will soon be home. The three colored men jumped just as the engine hit, clearing the truck from under them allowing them to alight in the road without a scratch. The truck landing about 46 feet from the accident. Only three sacks of the cement were found out of the 60. The engine was damaged slightly. The engine and train were some slight after the accident, they were cement dug from one end to the other.
Stonesifer was in a motorcycle accident several years ago, losing a foot. The two men received their injuries by the truck rolling over them.

MR. AND MRS. C. JESSE HULL ENJOY TERTIARY WESTERN RELATIVES

Last Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Jesse Hull, in Cranberry Valley, there gathered quite a company of relatives and friends to enjoy the day together and a pleasant and delightful time was had by all.
The object of the gathering was to spend the last Sunday of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Horatio A. Hoover and son, Harold, Mark, and daughters, Misses Helen, Rebecca and Dorothy Ann Hoover, in Maryland. Mr. Hoover is a brother of Mrs. C. Jesse Hull and the Hoover family leave for their home in Ashley, Illinois, on next Saturday, August 20. They are traveling by automobile and used the "National Old Trails Road" in coming East and expect to go by way of "The Lincoln Trail" on their return trip to Illinois.
The day was pleasantly and profitably spent in a social way and the hosts proved themselves to be every thing that could be expressed in the culinary art by serving a wonderful and sumptuous dinner and supper to their guests.
Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. Jesse Hull and daughter, Mary, and sons, Charles, Ralph and J. Harold, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Hull, and daughter, Grace, and sons, Herbert and Frank, Mrs. Mary A. Hull and Paul E. Hunter, Mrs. Lizzie Mathias and daughter, Louise, Mrs. K. Armascoe and Mrs. Bessie Stephen, all of Cranberry Valley; Mrs. Maria Brillhart and Mrs. Janette Babylon, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, of Millers; Mr. and Mrs. David H. Ebaugh and daughter, Ruth, and Lewis E. Hull, and Mrs. Rebecca Hoover, of Hanover, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Horatio A. Hoover and family, of Ashley, Illinois; Mrs. Mandilla Brillhart and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bixler, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Benson and son, Gilbert, Jr., of Hampstead; Rev. John W. Reinecke and daughters, Ruth, Mary, Clara and Sarah, of Westminster; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Dutterer and daughters Lillie, Helen, Genevieve, Bessie and sons, Vernon, Malcolm and Elting and George G. Giggard, of Cranberry Valley.

CRABBE NOT DISTURBED BY HOME-BREW RULING

"Not disturbed in the least," was the terse comment Wednesday of Geo. W. Crabbe, superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, regarding the word from Washington that home brewing for private consumption had been approved by the House by a vote of 36 to 54.
Mr. Crabbe stresses the fact that the action of the House was not like planting a bomb under the Anti-Saloon League. He said the League has always held the view that a man's cellar is his castle unless he takes to peddling whatever he brews. Brewers now manufacturing non-alcoholic beverages, he opined, might object strenuously to the measure in the belief that near-beer sales will diminish.
"One way of thinking always has been that a home should be free from search," stated Mr. Crabbe. "The cry in Maryland was that a blanket permit was to be given with a search warrant so that prohibition agents could pry into private affairs and even interfere with a person kissing his wife. Nothing was further from the truth."

MEETING FOR WOMEN.

All the women of the county will be interested in knowing that Mrs. Marion Bell, of the University of Maryland, will be in the county for three days next week, and meetings will be held at the following places:
Westminster, Tuesday, August 23, a County Federation meeting will be held at 2 p. m. in the County Agent's office, and all women in any part of the county are invited. A special invitation is sent to the women of Pleasant Valley, Fairview and Stone Chapel as it will not be possible to secure Mrs. Bell for those places as we had planned. Her subject will be "Home Management."
On Wednesday, August 24 a Women's meeting will be held at Eldersburg at 2:30 p. m. in the hall, and at 8 p. m. there will be a community meeting to which everybody is invited.
Thursday, August 25, a Women's meeting will be held at Keyville at 2:30 p. m. and at 8 p. m. there will be a community meeting to which everybody is invited.

PLANNED HIS FUNERAL

MAKES HIS OWN COFFIN FROM UNBLEACHED CHERRY, NAMES FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND PALLBEARERS.

Howard S. Thomas, 62 years old, a barber, a native of Hanover, Pa., and a resident of Libertytown, for 20 years, is prepared for death. His coffin, "tailor made by himself," is complete, his tombstone cut and engraved with name, date of birth and date of death, funeral director selected and type of service decided upon.
This fall Thomas is going to dig his own grave, wall it up and seal it against the time when it will be needed for his body.
There is nothing morbid about Thomas. He's one of the amiable characters of Libertytown and as a town barber the source of all sorts of gossip for his patrons. But if there is one subject about which he's enthusiastic it is his ante-mortem preparations. Ten years ago the idea of preparing for his death occurred to him. The idea of dying and being rushed into the ground never did appeal to him. So he selected cherry wood without a blemish and made himself a coffin. It is unvarnished, the natural grain of the wood showing clearly. For years this coffin was on display in the barber shop. All his patrons were invited to look. It is without upholstery and will be such.
Later he selected a slate slab, cut it to what he thought were the proportions of a suitable headstone and had cut on it his name. This has been stored on the Thomas property until needed.
Thomas is married. He has a wife and two sons, all of whom are fully in sympathy with his plans for his funeral. "No," he said, "I don't expect to die any ways shortly. I'm hearty and well. Instead, I expect to live to be a hundred years old, but I wanted plenty of time to prepare for my funeral and I'm ready now." He even has the names of his prospective pallbearers picked out, ready for the funeral directors, Albaugh & Powell of Libertytown.
The barber is not a church member and says he will probably not become affiliated with any church. He says he was an strict a believer in divinity as were the Puritans, but "somehow I never joined church."

FREDERICK DEFEATED.

On August 14 Woodbine defeated the Frederick team 3 to 2 at Woodbine. Jenkins, the Woodbine pitcher, was on the mound and did well. The score:
WOODBINE A. C.
R. BH. PO. A. E.
Molesworth, rf. 2 1 1 0 0
Wetzel, ss. 1 1 2 2 0
Grimm, cf. 1 1 1 1 0
Hidinger, 2b. 3 2 3 4 0
Weer, 1b. 0 1 1 1 0
Shipley, cf. 0 0 0 0 1
Butler, lf. 1 0 0 0 0
Mills, 3b. 0 0 2 1 0
Hauver, p. 0 0 2 1 0
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RIDGE SCHOOL FOR COLORED

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO STUDENTS TO THE VARIOUS COLLEGES—AFTER LAND AT MT. AIRY.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order in the office of the Board at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, August 10th. All members were present.
After the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the regular order of business was taken up.
The list of bills as presented to the Board was approved and ordered paid.
It was decided that the date for opening the schools be fixed on Monday, September 13th.
The vacant scholarships were awarded as follows: Washington College—Male scholarship, John Banker, Western Maryland College—Female Senatorial, Miss H. Shirley Hay, Western Maryland County Scholarships—J. Melvin Kay, Sterling Edwards, Fern Harver, Harlette Reinecke, Carroll Dera and Marine Belt, Maryland Institute—Nina Fuller.
A report was made to the Board regarding the state of negotiations with reference to the purchase of the B. & O. land at Mt. Airy, and Commissioner Glover and Superintendent Unger were continued as a committee to bring the transaction to completion.
After consideration of the application of the colored folks at Fairview school where the Board has been renting the old church for school purposes, and which has now been torn down, and in view of the fact that no money is available to construct a new building at this point, the Superintendent was authorized to open the Ridge school which has been closed for lack of patronage for the use of these colored children until a proper place can be supplied to them.
The committee consisting of Commissioner Feaser and Superintendent Unger was continued to dispose of the Union Mills property.
It was decided that in spite of the shortage of funds, it was not advisable to refuse to supply all for the school this year, and the Superintendent was authorized to purchase the same.
Superintendent Unger and Commissioner Allender were appointed a committee to study the types of cars available and prices prevailing, and report at the next meeting of the Board.
The meeting adjourned at 10 p. m.

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HARMONY IN BALTIMORE

DEMOCRATS WORKING FOR SUCCESS — REPUBLICANS NOT OVER FEDERAL OFFICES.

Hotel Remont, Baltimore, August 11, 1921.
The Democrats of Maryland are to be congratulated on the fact, as predicted by your correspondent, that the efforts of Governor Ritchie have at last brought about a state of harmony between the factions of Baltimore City, and the indications are that the party will go into the campaign in better shape than has been the case for at least seven years.
For the past several weeks your correspondent has reiterated the statement that Governor Ritchie would succeed in his determination to restore harmony between the leaders of the factions here, and that this state of harmony would include both the leaders and their followers. There were certain old-time signs that all the threats of trouble on the part of the members of the factions, were to a great extent bluffs, and the outcome has proved that such was the case—the whole affair was largely bluff and nothing else. On the part of both factions there was much to gain by reconciliation, and harmonious action, and without such harmony both crowds were certain to lose not only all chances of new gains, but also to lose all that they now had in the way of patronage, power and influence. The possibility of maintaining the power of the Democratic party in the City and State, while factional leaders and warming factions were literally at each others throats, was out of the question, and the leaders seem to have come to that conclusion. These fights have lasted for more than six years, and had they been allowed to continue, would have grown in force and strength and before many years would undoubtedly have wrecked the party. The Governor therefore realizing the dangers of such a situation, determined to take hold with firm determination to succeed, and he has done what many others have tried to do and have signally failed, and the result will no doubt be a thoroughly united party going to the polls in November, and achieving a notable victory for the white people of Maryland.
In the meantime, in addition to restoring harmony to the broken ranks of his party, the Governor is at Annapolis, where he has been for the past ten days, putting into shape for party action the several plans to provide for a thorough and systematic rehabilitation of the entire State government, and a consequent reduction in the public expense. As the writer has said from time to time in these letters to the County Press there will be no use in presenting to the General Assembly any scheme of radical change unless there is a large and certain reduction of the public taxes, for the only cogent reason for such changes as are proposed, will be more than increased efficiency. It must include tax reduction. In the meantime certain prominent State officials, whose offices will be either entirely abolished or greatly curtailed as to power, are quietly preparing to thwart the Governor in the execution of his plans, and are losing no opportunity to throw cold water on various phases of his announced propositions, and in some quarters it is asserted that efforts will be made to secure the nomination and election of men to the General Assembly pledged to vote against all the proposed changes. The Governor is thoroughly determined to carry out the work he has had under consideration ever since he took his seat in the State House. He has had wide experience with the rickety, halting cumbersome and expensive machinery of the State government, not only as Governor but also for four years as Attorney General, and in his hostility to him and his program. He has two years and six months in which he will continue in power as Governor, and his control of State affairs will be practically absolute during all that time with all the great power that goes with it to the end of his term.

22ND ANNUAL REUNION

The Eastern branch of the Belt-Parrish Association will hold its twenty-second annual reunion in the Emory Grove Campmeeting Grounds, August 25, rain or shine. Sports will begin at 9 a. m. Those who enjoyed the sports of the past two years will not want to miss them this year. Bring the children and help them to have a happy day in the grove. Every member of the family is urged to be present. Come prepared to add something to the day's entertainment. The box lunch proved very satisfactory last year. The same plan will be used this year.

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