

Our correspondents are requested to get copy in our office early. We are most anxious to publish county news, but copy MUST be in this office before Wednesday.

A report claims that Germany is ready to accept peace, provided it can be secured on her own terms. This has caused a decided opinion among some very credulous folk that the war will shortly terminate and has served to depress the industrial activity of the country. There are folk whose knowledge of international affairs is thus limited. It is a sad commentary on the times that such ideas should have any material effect upon the commercial world. Germany may or may not desire peace at this time, but she realizes that in order to obtain it she has to accept it on terms that even her bitterest enemies cannot for a moment expect her to stoop.

Germany thus far has had all the best of the game, but then it hasn't gone the full allotment of innings. She holds a part of France and occupies all of Belgium and the entente object to this; she has overrun Serbia, Roumania and a portion of Russia. She has offended Italy and she has lost only her African colonies.

The new organizations of the warring countries were recently formed for the purpose of a more active prosecution of war, and now this talk of peace and dicker for it on terms that cannot be accepted by either belligerents, seems a useless waste of valuable time, that the armies of all parties concerned might better employ in digging in for the winter campaign.

This is about all that can be accomplished by an attempt to secure an ending of the war at this time. Germany has with her characteristic wisdom made her move at the physiological moment, but it came too late. There can be no peace, because too much has already been sacrificed by the warring nations to permit the consideration of a few million more lives and a few billion more dollars to interfere with the great "game" until the ultimate end sought for in the beginning has either been won or irrevocably lost. Preparations in England for a long and bloody struggle were made and a lengthy program inaugurated by the great Kitchener. She has, among other things, a good memory, and above all her bulldog tenacity for holding to the end in view will not be abandoned until she is crushed along with her allies or conquers.

Peace would be most welcomed by all who have a spark of humanity in their make-up, but that it cannot be until one or the other of the contending forces is victor is a fact that cannot be controverted. Too much has been sacrificed to begrudge the sacrifice of the necessary more that will either win the fight or lose all.

On the subject of an early peace, the Washington Post of recent date observes:

"Germany chooses a most inopportune time in which to propose peace negotiations. She knows the time is inopportune; hence the conclusion is irresistible that she makes the proposal not in the hope that it will be accepted, but knowing that it will be rejected. The purpose seems to be to hoodwink the world into believing that the allies are responsible for a continuation of the war; that Germany generously offered to make peace, but the allies spurned her overtures."

"Germany offers peace while she is temporarily ahead in the war game, after Roumania has been conquered and before the allied nations have recognized their governments and taken a new grip upon Germany's throat. Thus, if the peace overtures should lead to something tangible, Germany would have something to trade upon, and if the peace overtures should be rejected Germany can claim that the allies are to blame for the world calamity."

"The stimulation of flagging German enthusiasm is palpably a factor in making peace overtures. The kaiser and his advisers must dangle before the German people the hope of securing some return for their terrible sacrifices."

New Advertisements

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Settled woman, white or colored, who wants a good home, to help with housekeeping, moderate salary. Apply. Mrs. E. O. MILBURN. 12-14-16.

Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of St. Mary's Hospital will be held JAN. 24, 1917, at the Hospital Building, Leonardtown, Md. Those wishing to join the association, so as to participate in the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will send in the fee of two dollars (\$2.00) to the Treasurer, S. M. Jones, Leonardtown, Md., before the above date. All persons over eighteen years of age are eligible. A fee of \$5.00 is required to become a director. Contributions in other than money of equal value will be accepted.

Per order of President, S. M. JONES, Sec. & Treas. 12-14-16.

Notice To Delinquent Tax-Payers

My term of office as Treasurer of St. Mary's County having expired July 31st, 1916, the State and the County, as well as my bonding company, are demanding an early settlement by me of all outstanding taxes, and therefore all taxes for the years 1914 and 1915 which are not paid by Jan. 1st, 1917, will be placed in the hands of the Sheriff for collection. J. P. GREENWELL, 12-14-16. Late Treasurer.

(Wm. Meverell Loker, Attorney). No. 1266 N. E.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF Valuable Water-Front Real Estate and Woodland in St. Mary's County

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, in Equity No. 1266 N. E., the undersigned Trustee will sell at public auction at the Court House door in Leonardtown, Maryland, on

Tuesday, January 16, 1917

between the hours of one and two o'clock p. m., the following tracts or parcels of land of which Joseph T. Gough died seized and possessed, situated in the Third Election District of said County:

1. All that tract or parcel of woodland, called and known as "St. Margaret's" and "Rochester," lately called "Norris Property," containing 140 acres, more or less. This property has valuable growing timber.

2. All that portion of the tract of land known as "Lover's Retreat" or "Solitude," lying north of the line surveyed and described in a deed from Beauvais to N. N. Oak Farm, then running on a ditch bank N. 68° W. 9.64 ch. to a locust post, thence leaving said ditch bank and running through a swamp N. 68° W. 3.25 ch. to a locust post on the west bank of said swamp, thence down a branch S. 33° W. 1.87 ch. to a cedar post by a small brook thence with said fence S. 88° W. 4.54 ch. to a cedar post S. 83° W. 1.17 ch. to a cedar post S. 24° W. 1.64 ch.; N. 40° W. 1.64 ch.; N. 66° W. 1.53 ch.; N. 71° W. 1.02 ch. to a locust post, thence running with the south side of branch N. 55° W. 7.73 ch. to a locust tree on the eastern bank of Breton Bay, containing, by estimation, 85 acres. This land is beautifully located on Breton Bay, about one-half mile from Abell's Wharf, with about three quarters of a mile water front, with all the valuable incidents, such as fishing, boating, etc., afforded by water-front property, improved with a dwelling, barn and other outbuildings, and is of a good soil adapted to all staple crops of the section.

3. All that portion of the aforesaid land known as "Lover's Retreat" or "Solitude," which lies south of the above mentioned line. This portion of said farm has about one mile of water-front, with all the usual incidents and advantages; contains about 90 acres of good soil adapted to staple crops and is improved by two small tenant houses.

4. A tract of land called "Part of Lover's Retreat" or "Hollow Poplar," containing 125 acres, more or less, lying just across the public road from the land last above described. Road is fair state of cultivation and improved by a good dwelling, barn and out houses.

5. Tract of valuable timber land known as "Piles' Woodland," containing 64 acres, more or less; and

6. Tract of valuable timber land known as "Forrest Dean," containing 66 acres, more or less.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid cash on day of sale or on final ratification of sale, and balance in 12 months from day of sale, credit portion to bear interest from day of sale and to be secured by the note of the purchaser with security satisfactory to trustee, or all cash as the option of the purchaser. A cash deposit of at least two hundred dollars on each tract of land sold will be required.

WM. MEVERELL LOKER, Trustee.

NOTICE. All persons having claims against the estate of Jos. T. Gough, late of St. Mary's County, are notified to file same in the Circuit Court of St. Mary's County in case No. 1266 N. E., on or before March 1st, 1917.

WM. MEVERELL LOKER, Trustee.

12-14-16.

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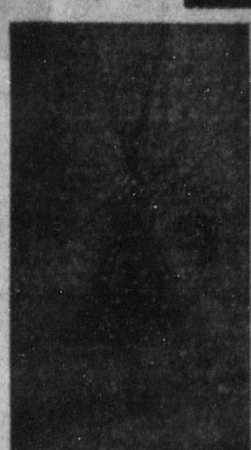
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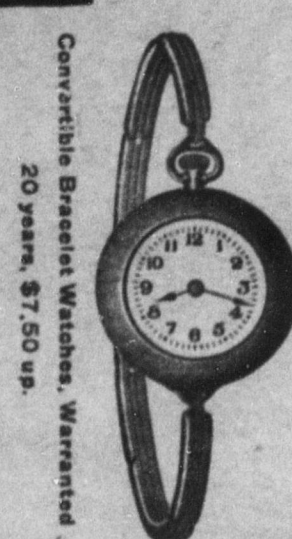
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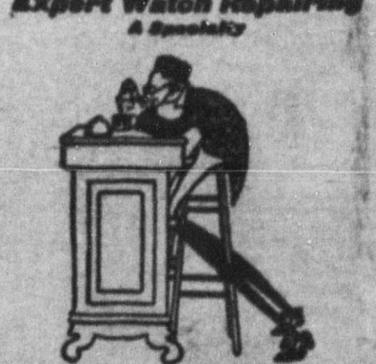
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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

—OF—
GEO. W. JOY, TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JULY 31st, 1916.

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
Balance on hand July 31st, 1915..... \$ 3,022.31	PAID TEACHERS' SALARIES..... \$24,753.13
State School Tax..... 25,065.39	" Rent..... 177.67
Free School Fund..... 1,265.35	" Fuel Bills..... 250.30
Academic Fund for 1915..... 400.00	Incidentals..... 218.08
County Treasurer..... 10,000.00	Repairs..... 1,354.86
Liquor Licenses..... 1,132.08	New Buildings..... 6,556.99
Tongers' Licenses—white..... 836.68	Furniture and Stoves..... 641.07
Sale of old building..... 20.00	Telephone Rental..... 24.16
Tongers' Licenses—colored..... 771.39	Postage..... 77.69
	State and County Association..... 77.35
	Teachers' Institute..... 110.49
	School Library..... 10.00
	Treasurer's Bond..... 50.00
	Printing and Advertising..... 221.00
	School Registers, Term Reports, etc..... 95.00
	Stationery..... 16.26
	Discount and interest on temp. loans..... 40.00
	Contributions to Boys' Corn Club and Extension Work..... 67.92
	Office Expenses..... 31.15
	Deeds and Surveys, school lots..... 45.20
	Clerical Help..... 95.00
	Salaries of Commissioners..... 300.00
	Salary Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer..... 1,200.00
	Salary Superintendent, attention to Text-Books..... 300.00
Total.....	\$36,213.85
	COLORED SCHOOLS.
	PAID TEACHERS' SALARIES..... \$5,362.88
	Fuel Bills..... 368.70
	Incidentals..... 50.65
	Repairs..... 444.42
	Furniture..... 73.32
	Rents..... 188.00
	New Building..... 382.41
	Survey Sch. Lot..... 3.00
	\$ 6,871.38
Total.....	\$43,085.23
Balance on hand July 31st, 1916.....	\$1,646.97
Total.....	\$44,732.20

FREE TEXT-BOOK FUND.

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
Balance on hand July 31, 1915..... \$ 30.39	Amount Expended for Text-Books..... \$2,343.27
Amount of Appropriation for the year 1915-'16..... 2,362.36	Cost of Distribution..... 63.31
Balance due on Text-Books July 31st, 1916..... 103.83	
Total.....	\$2,396.58

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of receipts and disbursements for Public School purposes for the fiscal year ended July 31st, 1916.

11-28-16. GEO. W. JOY, Treasurer.

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