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An Exposition
OF THE
New Dress Goods and Silks

OUR EXPOSITION of all that is new in fabrics of Silks, of Wool and of Cotton for the Autumn and Winter Season opened yesterday. Counting textures and colors, we could cut hundreds of dress patterns, no two alike. We show all the staple materials, of course, but even more pronounced in our leadership in bringing out the distinctively new, fine and exclusive. Many things shown nowhere else in the county.

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THE REAL "FAKIRS"

Played Their Last Farce in "Uncle Bill" Jackson's Organ Saturday

Roberts and Thompson the Men Who Set Themselves Up as the Guiding Stars in the Political Zenith.

The statement made in the last issue of the OBSERVER, that "The milk in the cocoanut," in reference to the charges made concerning the Independent Republicans ticket, was that a lot of "fakirs" were crying "fake," is fully sustained by the gentlemen referred to themselves. In the last issue of the Record these two men, one an erstwhile Democrat, with a shady political record, and the other a life long Republican, who always believed that any man nominated by the Republican party, whether he be white or black, and whether he had the slightest qualification for the position nominated to, is more entitled to his vote than the cleanest and most perfect Democrat existing, admitted that they were responsible for the charges made in the preceding issue of the Record.

W. Scott Roberts admits that he participated in the Democratic primaries in Queen Annes county this year, though, [illegible] [illegible]. He furthermore admits that he signed the Independent Citizens petition to place Mr. Samuel W. Seney on the official ballot for the position of County Commissioner from the Third Election District, and also to place the name of Thomas B. Johns on the official ballot for County Surveyor, thereby morally binding himself to vote for, at least, two nominees of the Independent Citizens party. Besides this, he openly states that he will cast his vote for Mr. Lemuel G. McGinnes, nominated by the Independent Citizens Party for State Senate, and he has advocated from the stump the election of the entire Independent Citizens' Party. This man admits that he is in the employ of the editor of "Uncle Bill" Jackson's organ, consequently takes the ground that as an employee of this journal he must do the bidding—so far as its editorials are concerned—of its editor. But how can he reconcile the fact that he has stumped the county from one end to the other, advising Democrats to vote a Republican ticket, after having participated in the Primaries of the Democratic party? Does he mean to admit that he is also a paid employee of this party as a campaigner? Such would seem to be the proper solution.

The people of Queen Annes county are not surprised one whit at the position the former editor of the Record now occupies. When he was editor in Chief of this same journal, and when it was supposed to be a REALLY Democratic organ, he more than once was known to be in sympathy with the enemy, the Republican party. The Democrats of this county have not forgotten his political record of 1897, and even as late as 1905, when the last issue of his paper before the election showed conclusively that he was climbing as fast as he could to reach the high side before election day.

Nor will the Democrats and white people of Queen Annes county pay any attention to the statements of one Wm. E. Thompson, who has been known as one of the the rankest Republicans in this county all of his life, and who has winked at any trick, deceit or corruption practised by his own party.

We say again, then, that it will be a hard matter to convince the good thinking people of this county that men, such as these—with [illegible] [illegible] politically—carry weight with their statements as are standards by which politics should be conducted.

Attorney-General Bryan stated that the Independent ticket was lawfully nominated, and the fact that Democrats signed their petitions does not affect it in the least. Its petitions were also signed by Republicans, and it is just as proper to impugn their intentions as it is the intentions of the Democratic signers. Therefore, the OBSERVER has been thoroughly vindicated in its statement made in its last issue, "a lot of fakirs are crying fake."

It is the word of such "fakirs" as W. Scott Roberts and William E. Thompson against the best citizenship of Queen Annes county. Which, we ask, is calculated to have the most weight with the intelligent and unprejudiced voter.

Democrats, your duty is plain. Be not deceived by such people, for this fight means the ASCENDENCY or DECENDENCY of the white people of

DEMOCRATS, remember to vote for ROBERT W. THOMAS, Democratic nominee for Register of Wills. His name appears on the official ballot at the bottom of the third column, below all of the County Commissioners. Your ballot should contain 25 X marks if you want to vote for every candidate.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Wm. J. Price Jr.:
Editor of OBSERVER:

Two years ago when the independent Citizens party was organized its followers claimed that its object was to reform and to purify the politics of Queen Annes county, and that it was Democratic. Let us look into this movement, inspect it closely in the light of two years government of county affairs. I will begin with County Commissioners office, as through this office the finances of the county are administered.

In November, 1905, we find the new board swearing in, followed at once by an adjournment, instead of at once proceeding to business by organizing, so as to properly manage county affairs. During this adjournment of the board there accrued, approximately, $170.00 as demurrage on several barge loads of shells, which shells had been ordered by the old board and happened to arrive at their destination too late to be properly handled by the out going board.

The demurrage of approximately $170 amounted to about $110 more than the interest on a six-thousand dollar note which the new board paid off, but provision had been made for payment of the note out of the taxes for 1905 by the old board, and it was only in order to turn over the office books properly balanced that the outgoing board had the note for two months discounted, and thereby square accounts.

Taxes are paid January 1st and it was intended to pay this six-thousand dollar note out of taxes levied by the old board, but, these taxes were anticipated some two months and the new board had a clean sheet. The cost to Queen Annes county by the adjournment of the new board (present board) was the difference between the two months interest on note of six-thousand and the demurrage on barges, which was $110, thereby making a loss to the county of $110

Thus by their very first act we see that they have no foundation for their statement that this is an economical administration.

Then the claim is made that the tax rate has been reduced.

The state tax rate has been reduced 7½ cents by the disposition of several securities held by the State of Maryland as a sinking fund, such securities as the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad stock, etc

We are not dealing with State tax, but the county tax. The reasons for its reduction are simple. Prior to 1906 this county never received one dollar from the M. D. & V. Railroad. Prior to this time the M. D. and V. had been paying taxes in Wicomico county, where was located its office and headquarters. It was partly accident and partly good judgment on the part of the railroad that benefitted Queen Annes county. By the removal of this large corporation to our county, our taxable basis has been increased $400,000.

The school fund of this county has been reduced about $3,000 and the taxes necessary to raise such fund of $3,000 has also been reduced and we find a saving in this department of $3,000 dollars.

Then, my Democratic friends, the roads and bridges of our county have been sadly neglected—Why? Because the appropriation for them was cut [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] known. [illegible] political dodge, the present board has been able to show an APPARENT saving of about 3000 dollars. This means that the next board might have to be forced to increase the rate in order to place in condition the roads and bridges that have been for two years past sadly neglected.

Let us recapitulate. From the M. D. & V. R. R. we have $2248.00; from the school fund we have $3,000; from the road fund we have $3,000. This totals $8248.00, and now intelligent voters, men who have an interest in county affairs, I call on each of you not to be guided or led by the so-called reform and economic party, because this $8200 accounts for the ten cent reduction in your tax rate. Much for their management of county affairs has already been said, but one can find enough unsaid to fill a large volume.

These Independent Citizens do not tell you, taxpayers, that it cost you $750.00 for services of counsel, legal advisors, to go to Annapolis in order to lobby the Bridge Bill through. The counsel to the Board, James T. Bright, and his assistant counsel, H. B. W. Mitchell, were paid the above sum of money for legal services. They knew full well from a legal standpoint that this measure advocated by them, even when it became a law, could not be enforced; they knew that not one penny could be collected from Talbot county; they knew that practically the same points involved in this case had been passed upon by the Court of Appeals and there decided adversely to Queen Annes county. The counsel fee to the Board of county Commissioners is $100 and this sum was collected besides the aforesaid sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars.

We have never collected any money from Talbot county.

What we did do was to send to Annapolis guardians for our last representatives in the Legislature. Governor Warfield, in his speech in Centreville recently, so characterized these gentlemen. They further paved the way, my Democratic friends, for another case to go up to the Court of Appeals in their endeavor to collect or force Talbot county to pay her share in this Bridge. This will mean large fees in hand for the Counsel to Board of County Commissioners if the Independent's control the office.

From these concrete facts, briefly and positively stated, and placed before you as citizens and voters, I ask you to determine on the party that shall for the next two years administer the government of State and county. With justness to the present regime, all fair and honest men,—men who advocate advancement in all things pertaining to our fair county—must unite and agree that from an economic standpoint the county affairs have not been properly and advantageously managed. Elect the Democratic ticket, and thereby insure a better condition of affairs.

R. L. M.

Remember, you can vote for but one candidate for County Commissioner from each district. If you vote for two from the same district you will lose your entire vote, as the ballot will be thrown out.

William E. Thompson.

Who is this Wm. E. Thompson? No one would stop for a moment to ask this question were it not that Wm. E. Thompson, boiling over with Republican wrath, rushes into public print and over his own name makes himself the mouth piece not only of the Republican party in this county but also of this little coterie —the so called Independent Democrats. Well, of the case of Wm. E. Thompson were it not so sad and [illegible] it might be amusing. Had [illegible]. Let us look at it. [illegible] years Wm. E. Thompson has [illegible] in the government [illegible] Wm. E. Thompson himself—he was obliged to seek the SUBSTANTIAL aid of a friend, that friend now an honored candidate for political promotion in the gift of the Democratic party in this State. Yet, this same Wm. E. Thompson declares that he will not only vote against this, his former "friend in need," but he even calls upon every other man, Democrat and Republican, to vote against him. Can base ingratitude plunge lower?

Wm. E. Thompson's keen sense of "right," of "fair dealing" and "honest purpose" so overmasters him that he most vehemently summons every Republican follower to stamp their disapproval upon the official act of the Board and work and vote the entire Independent Citizens Ticket. Fake Ticket indeed! Had I been in Wm. E. Thompson's place I would have left the fake business for other lips to express than mine. Wm. E. Thompson's letter is a monumental disgrace to the MAN. This political diatribe from the facile pen of Wm. E. Thompson falls flat and is utterly pointless, in view of the fact that the highest court in the State has, on appeal from the Independents, declared the ticket entirely legal. This remarkable letter of Wm. E. Thompson throws a flood of light upon Queen Annes politics. From its origin the Independent party claimed and persisted in claiming that there was no collusion—no alliance with the Republicans. The mask is removed. The union is shown to be complete. And every genuine Democrat will thank W. E. Thompson for his wrathy effusion.

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TO THE VOTERS

When about to cast your vote next Tuesday, remember that a vote for the Independent Citizens party means the endorsement of Republican rule and negro domination in Queen Annes county.

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