

FRIDAY, February 5, 1904.

The House met at 10 a. m. and was opened with prayer by the Rev. James Earle Maloy.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Speaker, Buckler, Wilkinson, Atwell, Downs, Lowman, Bond, Simmons, Walbach, Benson, Fitzsimmons, Green, Collins, Dodson, Jackson, Miles, Riggan, Hopkins, Wingate, Murphy, of Dorchester, Keys, Kirk, Fryer, Hill, Ray, Tighe, Wells, Butler, Wilson, Crawford, Harrison, Harry, Hiteshew, Smith, Andrew, Carroll, Hitchcock, McComas, Goslin, Willey, Bosse, Lipman, Norris, Reed, Hall, Roth, Bouchet, Dawkins, Grant, Linthicum, Moore, Bald, Godwin, Henkel, Pairo, Baker, Bingham, Charles, Amiss, Lansdale, Feaga, Loar, Jenkins, Haines, Kain, Oursler, Gill, Pearre, Hearn, Howard—69.

The Journal of February 4th, was read and approved.

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#### PETITIONS MEMORIALS AND OTHER PAPERS.

The Speaker laid before the House the following:

The Jury recommends as a punishment for petty cases, the establishment of a whipping post in Talbot county. The whipping to be strictly private and under the direction of a physician.

In the performance of its duties, the Grand Jury in closing, feels constrained to instruct its foreman (with his hearty approval) to call the attention of this Court and community to the enormous increase in the crime of vote-buying with all its attendant evils. Indulged in as it is by both political parties, and connived at by many otherwise respectable citizens, it has grown to such a degree as to make our elections a contest in