

TAXES MAY BE LOWER.

COMPTROLLER TURNER'S PLATTERING REPORT OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND'S FINANCES.

Comptroller J. Frank Turner fourth annual report of the financial condition of the State of Maryland, giving in detail the operations of the Treasury Department for the fiscal year ending on the 30th day of September, 1887, was laid before the Legislature last evening.

The receipts for the fiscal year were \$2,440,363.55, which added to the balance in the treasury on September 30, 1886, makes the total amount which has been in treasury proper during the year \$3,056,939.87. This is \$18,000 less than accounted for by the reduction of the cost of marriage licenses from \$1 to 50 cents.

The total disbursements were \$2,374,916.67, concerning which Comptroller Turner says:

Of this amount the sum of \$329,744 was expended in the redemption of state stock. The sum of \$301,820.87 was transferred from the treasury for the purchase of stock for the sinking fund. The further sum of \$34,096.86 surplus revenue was transferred to the free school fund, and the sum of \$20,313.40 was expended in enlarging the State House. In deducting these items, it will be seen that the ordinary expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending on the 30th of September, 1887, were \$1,689,063.04. This is a small increase over expenses of the two previous years. It was occasioned by the increase in appropriations by the Legislature amounting in the aggregate to nearly \$100,000.

The ordinary disbursements for the fiscal year 1886 were \$1,640,943.01. If the expenditures of the state for the fiscal year just closed are compared with those of 1886, omitting the additions which the Legislature of 1886 made to the appropriations for the various charitable institutions of the state, which are not included in the expenses for said last-named year, the ordinary expenses of the state government for the fiscal year just closed are nearly \$49,000 less than they were for the fiscal year 1886.

Such a comparison shows that the expenses of our state, aside from the appropriations made by the Legislature to the cause of charity, have not increased, when compared with the expenditures of the fiscal year, 1886. An economical or extravagant administration of public affairs depends almost entirely upon the pleasure of the Legislature.

The probable receipts for the fiscal year 1888 amount to \$1,933,468.34. This estimate does not include any probable receipts from the Chesapeake and Tide-Water Canal companies. Should they make payment the receipts for 1888 would be very probably over \$2,000,000. Omitting this item there will be in the treasury, if estimates be correct—with the balance on hand September 30, 1887, for the use of the state during the fiscal year 1888 the sum of \$2,615,671.54.

The probable disbursements for the same period will amount to \$1,770,851.40, which, if correct, will leave a balance in the treasury September 30, 1888, of \$844,820.14.

Concerning the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, Comptroller Turner says that the state's claim against it on September 30, 1887 amounted to \$25,574.713.55 of which sum \$7,000,000 is principal and the balance, \$18,574.713.55 is interest. To save the canal from being sold, Mr. Turner offers the following remedy:

Three successive defaults in the payment of interest by the canal company entitle the holder of a majority these (repair) bonds to the right to institute foreclosure proceedings. In this event the whole lien of the state in the canal might be sacrificed. This should not be allowed if it is possible to prevent it possible to prevent it. Foreclosure could easily be avoided by the passage of an act of assembly authorizing the treasury officers to invest the moneys belonging to the sinking fund in these bonds until a majority shall have been purchased. These bonds, as a first lien on the canal and are as good as the state's own bonds, besides in doing this the state would be protecting its own property right from loss and injury.

The debt of the state on the 30th day of September, 1887, was \$10,960,555.56. The state holds stocks and bonds on which interest or dividends are paid amounting to the sum of \$5,299,301.60. Deduct these and there remains as the net debt of the state, 30th September, 1887, the sum of \$5,661,253.96. The net debt of the state 30th September, 1886, was \$6,113,159.68, which shows a total reduction in the debt during the fiscal year 1887 of the sum of \$451,925.62.

The ordinary receipts of the treasury have been sufficient during the past four years, not only to defray all the ordinary expenses of our state government, pay the interest on \$6,770,535.56 of the debt of the state, for which there are no special taxes provided, but also to add to the sinking funds for the payment of the bonded indebtedness of the state, where special taxes are provided, the sum of \$165,432.29, without the aid of a cent derived from direct taxation. Since Comptroller Turner entered the office four years ago the state debt has been reduced over \$1,500,000 and he sees no reason why the state tax rate, one and a-half cents on the \$100, should be reduced.

Frederick Bolson, the oysterman who was incarcerated in Chestertown jail on charge of stealing blankets, and who attempted to commit suicide shortly after, has concluded that after all life is worth the living. He broke jail yesterday morning—Transcript.

Louis C. Justs has severed his connection with the Chestertown Transcript. C. G. Woodall continues as editor and publisher.

WINCHESTER LETTER.

Dear News.—There is not much to write about at present, the bad condition of our roads seems to be the engrossing subject. Our roads are very bad, so bad that several persons have been almost buried alive in the mud. There is a petition in circulation here, and being numerously signed asking the County Commissioners to have the road through this town raised in the middle, which is badly needed. Success to the petition.

Our townmen held a meeting here on Monday night to discuss and form some plan for the better protection of the oysters bars of Chester river. After a discussion of the matter they decided to purchase a 12 ft. rifle piece to be placed at the most important part of the river. A subscription was started and \$40 subscribed with much more promised. The townmen are becoming thoroughly aroused to protect their interest. It's a high time they were, for its their bread and meat—their will.

Our merchants are erecting street lamps to guide the way of the weary foot passenger. Several parties have had narrow escapes lately from being run over in the darkness of our wretched roads.

Did it ever occur to you how many extra miles the mail carrier had to travel going from Queenstown to Centerville and back in one year? By straightening the road between the two towns, it would place them within 5 miles of each other instead of 7 miles as we now have to travel, saving a distance of 945 miles to the daily traveler in one year. The decrease in the expenses of keeping up a good road 5 miles long compared to paying \$25 a mile annually to patch an old paved out lane 7 miles long, would pay the expense of straightening the road. The road from Centerville to Queenstown costs the tax payers \$25 a mile to repair it every year. The wear and the tare of horse flesh and vehicles alone would more than pay for having good roads. Say nothing about the personal vexation of every one who travel on bad roads.

With all this in favor of good roads why should we suffer and be set back by an evil that can be got rid of good roads is the beauty of any country. Then, why not improve ours? It would be money well invested.

A CRANK. [We hope "crank" will send us a letter every week, little things like his make a newspaper.—Ed. News]

Orphans' Court. This court met pursuant to adjournment. Present—John Dodd, chief justice, Edwin S. Valliant and James K. Sudler, associate justices. Ordered, that the statement of claims against the estate of Saml L. Gafford, deceased, to be allowed out of proceeds of sale real estate of said deceased, and the second and final administration account in said estate be received, filed and recorded. Ordered, that the inventory of the personal estate of Jas. W. Wright, deceased, as returned by administrator of said deceased, be received, filed and recorded. Ordered, that the report of the annual rental value of the real estate of James T. Brown, deceased, as made by W. D. Smith and Benjamin L. Cooppage, appraisers, be received, filed and recorded. Ordered, that the release from James Cecil, legatee of Eliza A. Pink field, deceased, John B. Brown, executor of said deceased, be received, filed and recorded. Ordered, that the account of separate debts due the estate of Mary E. Bishop, deceased, and the first and final administration account of John B. Brown, administrator of said deceased, be received, filed and recorded.

The Court adjourned to meet Tuesday next.

Pay for Advertised Letters. By a law of Congress passed several years ago all advertised letters on delivery to the parties entitled thereto, were required to be stamped with a one-cent postage due stamp, to be paid for by the parties receiving the letters. This law has been heretofore ignored, but recently the department issued an order requiring its strict enforcement. Hereafter parties receiving advertised letters at a post office will be required to pay one cent for each letter, for the postage due stamp required by law.

Removals. There were very few changes in town this year. Mr. David Downes moved in the country to the residence of Mr. Chas. Morris; Mr. Morris moves on the Mitchell farm, near town. Mr. Booker moved from Bever Dams here and occupied one of Mr. Embert's houses that was vacant. Mr. Turbet moved from Wye Mills into the Porter house. There are three vacant houses in town now, but we understand one of them has been rented and canning will be started in it. This time last year we had eleven vacant houses in town.

Sheep Killed by Dogs. Dogs are preying upon sheepfolds of Kent Island and doing heavy destruction.

The Island like all other parts of this peninsula can boast of its healthy climate and the longevity of its people. The person of three gentlemen who have reached the ripe old age of 80 years each.

Building. We have been informed that as soon as the weather will permit, three building will go up on the Callaway lots, which were sold here on the 31st. Mr. Gable, who purchased the Dr. Holton lot, will also build a dwelling house.

Snow. Snow fell here on Monday evening and night to the depth of 3 inches. The ground was very wet when the snow began falling, and it melted very fast.

Inauguration of Governor Jackson.

Elihu E. Jackson was inaugurated Governor of this State on Wednesday, at Annapolis.

Long before the hour set for the inauguration of Governor Jackson the State-house was filled with people, no small portion of the assemblage being made up of the fiercer sex. The ladies, as a rule, sought the Senate chamber, where the courteous members of that body gave them their seats. At 11:30 o'clock the Senate-Arms Hooper managed to clear a portion of the hall to the right of President Peter, and in a short time thereafter the judges of the Court of Appeals entered, walking double file, with martial tread and solemn visage. Chief Judge Alvey took his seat beside President Peter, the other judges occupying seats to the right of the President of the Senate.

Punctually at 12 o'clock the tall form of "Jim" Barrett, the sergeant-at-arms of the House, appeared at the Senate door, and in stentorian tones he announced: "Governor-elect of Maryland!" There was a flutter among the ladies as the procession entered. Mr. Laird, of Mountgomery, and Senator Goldsborough, of Caroline, the chairman of the committees appointed to escort Governors Lloyd and Jackson, entered, and following close behind them came Governor-elect Jackson and Governor Lloyd arm in arm. Then followed the members of the House of Delegates, headed by Speaker Uphur. Rap! rap! rap! sounded the ivory gavel as it was brought down upon the hard wood desk by President Peter, and soon quiet reigned that the falling of a pin might have been easily heard.

Governor Jackson was escorted to President Peter's chair, and Governor Lloyd and Speaker Uphur stood upon the platform to his left.

The Governor, as he stood before the assemblage, raised his eyes and glanced over the entire chamber. Then he quickly picked up his manuscript which was lying upon the desk in front of him and read his inaugural address.

At the conclusion of Governor Jackson's remarks he turned to Judge Alvey and said in a firm voice: "Mr. Chief Justice, I am ready to take the oath." This having been administered to him, he was handed a gold pen with which he subscribed his name, signing it "E. E. Jackson" with a firm hand.

New Advertisement. Messrs Elliott & Co., offer another reduction in this issue to close out winter stock. They bought low and offered bargains when they first opened their present stock and now 26 off just think of it and go and get bargains.

The County Commissioners give notice of appointment of constables next Tuesday, if you want office now is your chance—hand up your plate.

Mr. Dever clerk of the circuit court gives notice to all those changing firms or going into business to procure the proper license. See particulars in ad.

W. H. Hilliard, notifies trespassers to beware how they trespass on his property, as all offenders caught will be dealt with to the full extent of the law.

The Chester river steamboat company advertise change of schedule in this issue they have taken the steamers B. S. Ford off for repairs and only the Emma A. Ford and Corsica is now running. See ad. for particulars.

TALBOT ITEMS. Eastern Ledger. As announced in last week's Ledger the price of gas was about to go up. The company has notified its patrons that they will be charged \$2 per thousand feet for all gas used after January 1st, 1888.

The Western Union telegraph company have extended the free delivery of telegrams to Eastern, this is a decided improvement on the old way of paying a nickel for every message received.

There is a good prospect of the telegraph company running another wire to Eastern. This will make two—one for the use of the Western Union and the other for the railroad.

Bad Roads. Our public highways are in very bad condition and the cause of it is bad management in working them. We hope that when our commission-ers make the appointment of supervisors, that only competent men will be appointed.

New Light House. Congressman Gibson has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, asking an appropriation of \$50,000 for the purpose of erecting a light at the mouth of Lankford's bay, Chester River.

Senator Brown. Senator Brown of this county, has been put upon the committees of the State Senate, as follows: Judicial, Elections, Agriculture and Sanitary condition of the State.

NOTICE TO LICENSED TRADERS. CLERK'S OFFICE, Jan. 4th, 1888. This is to notify persons who have changed or are contemplating changing the name or style of their firm or copartnership, either by a reduction of the number constituting said firm or an addition thereto; also those making an absolute transfer or sale of their license to another, that the State law requires such transfer or notice to be made on the license record at this office, and makes it the duty of the sheriff and Constables to make "diligent inquiry of all persons doing business" to ascertain whether or they have the proper license or not.—Sec. 5, page 574, Acts of 1886; 11412 WILLIAM DEVER, CLERK.

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Pool Room. The pool room over the News office is open at all hours. The public who are fond of the sport are invited to all when in town.

ROAD PETITION.

To the Honorable County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County.

We hereby send in a petition to straighten a piece of road near Wye Mills, on the road from Wye Mills to Queenstown, starting at the top of the hill at Wye Mills and running across the field of Thos. Quirby coming out at the corner of the farm known as the Wm. H. Wood farm, supposed to be about a quarter of a mile long. THOMAS QUIMBY, W. M. ARMSTRONG, JOHN DODD, R. C. FORMAN.

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