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The first act in the political play of Queen Anne's county is over, viz: The primaries and the selecting of a candidate for Judge for the Second Judicial District.

The primaries on Saturday last were very quiet, and but little money used in buying votes; still, there were a few who needed help who were willing to vote for the delegates, and a little money helped the cause wonderfully.

The Keating delegation was supreme in five out of seven districts, and they had a very easy time arranging the slate for the delegates to vote for the candidates they wished. They held a convention on Tuesday, in Centerville, or in other words went through a matter-of-form of a convention and selected the ticket for the people to vote this fall.

Would any one who knows anything about politics think the ticket nominated, was a strong one? We hardly think so. Not only is the opposing faction kicking, but the very people who worked day and night to elect the delegates are numbered among the kickers, and if Queen Anne's gives half her usual vote to the free use of money, it will be a fair trial.

We will now give our views why Queen Anne's favorite son—Philemon B. Hopper—was put on the shelf at the convention at Denton, on Wednesday. To begin with: The candidates of the other counties had a week's start on Queen Anne's, as their delegates were selected a week earlier, and when Queen Anne's got ready for business, she found that she was out of the judgeship race, as the cards had been dealt. As it was, Caroline had no candidate, while Kent, Cecil and Talbot each had one, and it did not take them long to make a deal, and poor old Queen Anne's was left.

A number of people, as well as ourselves, are sore over the defeat of Mr. Hopper, but after using a little ice and tonic, we do not see how we could blame the delegates from Kent, Cecil and Talbot for making the combination, as we feel sure if Queen Anne's delegates had had a chance to combine how quickly they would have accepted, and now are kicking because they were beaten at their own game.

While we believe if Queen Anne's had been represented on the ticket she would have rolled up more than her usual majority, and Mr. Hopper would have received a large number of republican votes, besides every Democrat in the county would have turned out and voted for him. As it is, there is a great deal of dissatisfaction, and with Mr. Hopper out of the race a number of people who would have voted will remain at home. Still the nominees will, or ought to be able to, draw enough votes in their counties to overbalance what Queen Anne's will lose, and a vote in Kent, Cecil or Talbot will count as much as in Queen Anne's.

Notwithstanding the fact that the combine at Denton was as solid as the rock of Gibraltar, the speech of the Hon. John B. Brown set the spectators wild with enthusiasm for Hopper, and to a novice in politics it looked that the combine would break and nominate Hopper. But what a difference after the balloting.

It is a great pity that the gentlemen who made the slate for the Democratic ticket did not try to find another candidate for the legislature in the third district. It is so strange that they would be satisfied with only two.

Well, it is all over except the election, and it is hoped that the recent made sores may rapidly heal and that the afflicted may be returned to the flock in time to give old Queen Anne's her usual majority.

With all the rest, we will have to follow the band wagon, although some of the timbers are very weak, and we would not be surprised if the republican wagon headed us in the race.

It will take an unusual large quantity of ice to cool some of the delegates and candidates from the Second, Fourth and Fifth Districts. They should not let a small item like this stop them from working. They may receive their reward later.

A number of persons thought that after the convention took a recess that the combine was busted, but the little recreation seemed to improve its health, as it was found to be much stronger.

If you know or hear of a voter who is satisfied with the Democratic county ticket, don't try to change his views, as he is badly needed.

Many more setbacks like last Tuesday, we think will cause the Maryland Democratic Association to hunt up another writer.

We presume a number of "I am" found it is no easy task to break "combines."

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