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DEMOCRATIC TICKET

FOR GOVERNOR
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of Worcester County.

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AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

In former days Centreville had an ordinance compelling residents to sweep the chimneys. If a fire occurred from a foul chimney was fined as the case might show.

We must learn that aside from the possible damage to our own property, we should have regard for the endangering of a neight's home and outbuildings. Fire which gets beyond control is the most destructive force of civilization. Centreville has had one lesson in this respect that should hold.

The season is at hand when fires will be started. In every section of the land, including the great metropolitan centers, warm stoves and furnaces will be a necessity. Those who are able have the money to sweep and put in a proper repair for the safety of themselves and their neighbors. If any cannot afford the expense, it is a well known fact that a few hours work in the fall will pay such a person a good wage. Prevention is better than the cure. The spark that starts the fire in the chimney may be the spark that will cost the life of a human being. Be careful!

SENATOR SMITH FIGHTING HOG CHOLERA

A careful estimate shows that more than [illegible] pounds of pork, lard, bacon, etc., enough to furnish every family in the land with all these pounds were lost on account of the presence of a preventible disease.

In gradually increasing extent this great waste has been allowed to go unbroken for fifty years. No effort was made to deal with it until the Democrats gained the control of Congress.

Some years ago an effective serum for the cure and prevention of the disease was discovered by the Department of Agriculture. However, steps to make the discovery generally available for use on a large scale were not taken until $[illegible] was appropriated by the Sixty second Congress for the study of methods by which to bring about a complete eradication of the pestilence.

So satisfactory were the results achieved with the small appropriation that in February of this year a bill was passed setting aside a fund of $[illegible] for nation wide application of the eradication work. Besides a saving for the farmers amounting to many millions, this promises to give to the people a greatly enlarged meat supply.

Senator John Walter Smith was very active in securing an appropriation for this work, having made minute inquiry regarding the loss of hogs in this state. The government acts in a way, but will have nothing to do with the radical cure of the disease.

PARCEL POST FOOD

With the coming of fodder weather, the postal authorities announce that the business in food products by parcel post is steadily increasing. Last year the Postoffice Department undertook a systematic experimentation to ascertain to what extent the parcel post could be used to bring the producer of the country directly to the consumer in the city, and to determine by careful observation what economy might be effected.

The results were generally gratifying. In Washington hundreds of people promptly made arrangements for securing more or less of their necessaries of life by mail. Hot weather considerably reduced the volume of the business in some lines, but that proved only to be one of the useful lessons that the experiment was designed to teach. Arrangements were made to install refrigeration service, so that butter and other perishables could be handled with security.

It has been found that the greatest obstacle to extending this business is a misunderstanding on the part of the country people about the prices city folk will or can pay. A farmer who gets 20 cents in country store trade for a dozen eggs has heard that city people have been known to pay 60 cents for a dozen eggs. Thereupon the notion that he is entitled to get the same prices when he ships his produce to town is taken. He can't get the top price of the year, and get it all the year around. He must divide the advantages of the parcel post method with his customer. He is entitled to gain something in his price and to get his pay in cash, but he is also under obligation to concede something to his customer. The city man buys from his rural route farmer without seeing the goods. They must be of good quality, and there must be some concession in price for the fact that they cannot be personally selected, as they could be in the city market.

With those features of the new business method better understood, there is every reason to expect a great expansion of its volume.

UNITED WE STAND

"In union there is strength."

United we stand, divided we fall.

The harmonious condition of the Democratic party throughout Maryland and the unity of feeling which was expressed by former political enemies at the State Convention held in Baltimore recently should be inspiring to the hosts of Democracy in all parts of the state. Inspiring because it shows that the Maryland Democracy is unitedly solid behind the Democratic Congress and the Democratic President and that factional differences are going to be allowed to interfere with the return to Washington of the Democratic Senator and six Democrats in Congressmen from this state.

If the Democracy of Queen Anne's is to contribute its full share to the success of that Democratic ticket, it must not merely give a cold support to the Wilson administration and the record of its party representatives in Washington, the party in this county must be united and in a harmonious condition. The two factions must forget their past differences and bury them for the benefit of the party, on the middle ground.

Whatever differences may exist between the two factions are surely not such as should be remembered by both factions will show the proper spirit, and with a view to harmonizing the party and uniting its forces, the leaders of the Democratic factions in Queen Anne's County decided some time ago that a meeting should be arranged and a plan adopted for the members of both factions to come together and effect a harmonious party organization. This meeting will be held in the Court House in Centreville on the evening of October 24th, when a Democratic Club will be organized, and a fair and equitable plan for the selection of a Democratic candidate for Congress will be adopted. The Democrats of Queen Anne's County are for a fair and equitable plan for the selection of a Democratic candidate for Congress, and they