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THIRD LIBERTY LOAN WELL UNDER WAY

GOOD WORK IN QUEEN ANNE'S

FIFTH DISTRICT GOES "OVER THE TOP" AND SECURES AN HONOR FLAG.—AUTOMOBILE PARADE TODAY UNDER DIRECTION OF WOMAN'S COMMITTEE.

The second week of the Third Liberty Loan drive in Queen Annes county shows remarkably good results While, of course, the county's quota has not been reached, yet the committees appointed for the various districts are working like trojans with this end in view. Queen Annes county is apportioned $218,200, yet, according to the resources of its banks, this apportionment figures $217,700, divided into bank districts as follows: Third District, $145,800; First District, $40,000; Second District, $14,000, Fifth District, $9,200; Fourth District, $8,700. As neither the Sixth nor the Seventh Districts have banks and the only way their apportionment can be ascertained is at the rate of $21 per capita.

Honor Flags will be awarded to all districts in the county which have banks as soon as these districts reach the amount of subscriptions allotted them for their banks. In communities where there are no banks the flags will be awarded where subscriptions amount in the aggregate to $21 per capita. These subscriptions must not be assured or underwritten by the banks merely, but must be actual subscriptions transmitted to the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond.

Queenstown, or the Fifth District, exceeded its quota Wednesday and, consequently, is the first district in Queen Annes county to be entitled to an honor flag.

A Liberty Loan meeting was held in front of the Court House last Tuesday afternoon, which was addressed by Messrs. Edwin H. Brown, Jr., and Richard T. Earle, at which time $6,000 was subscribed. Wednesday a good portion of Queen Annes county was canvassed by eight automobiles and $5,700 worth of bonds were sold.

Mrs. J. Scott Muir, chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee, has arranged a demonstration for today in the shape of an automobile parade. She appointed Mrs. Hiram G. Dudley, Jr., chairman, who in reality has made all the necessary arrangements. Mrs. Dudley has secured automobiles enough to take all who may care to participate in the parade as well as the Boy and Girl Scouts and the Centreville Band. This parade will leave the Court House today at 12.30 o'clock; the automobiles will be decorated with Liberty Loan posters and the National colors, and, preceded by the band in an automobile truck, will go to Queenstown, Winchester, Chester, Stevensville and other points. The band will play patriotic airs, including "Over There," and it is hoped that sufficient interest will be aroused through this demonstration to exceed the quota of the Fourth Election District.

The Two Centreville banks are posting in front of their buildings Honor Rolls of those who have purchased bonds of the Third Loan, which we publish below:

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GET-TOGETHER PLAN NOW SEEMS ASSURED

BY DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF MD.

LINING UP TO MEET THE COMMON ENEMY IN NEXT STATE ELECTION.—FIRST DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL FIGHT WARMING UP.

(Special Correspondent to Observer)

Hotel Rennert, Baltimore, Md., April 18, 1918.—While the interest in the great battle in France is the really absorbing matter of discussion the politicians and others interested in State politics, many of whom gather here from day to day from all sections of the State, find occasion to devote a short time each day to a discussion of current and future political affairs. Most Marylanders are born politicians, some good politicians, a few of them wise politicians, many of them indifferent politicians, but nearly all, Republicans and democrats, are politicians to a greater or less degree and therefore interested in all that pertains to the present and future political affairs of the State, and are ready to discuss candidates and prospective candidates, and all else that pertains to the affairs of their respective parties in both State and National affairs.

As noted in last week's letter, signs are apparent on all sides of a more harmonious condition of affairs in the Democratic party in the near future than for the past several years. The leaders of both the City and State elements seem to be ready to hold out olive branches of peace to each other and the acrimony and venom evident in all their references to each other for the past eight or ten years is becoming less and less apparent as the days grow longer, and leaders who six months ago would have scorned the suggestion that there could be any harmony without abject surrender on one side or the other, are now taking the opposite view, and are intimating very strongly that there is really no great obstacle to unity of action, and that it will be consummate folly for the Democratic leaders to stand in the way of real party unity in order to satisfy any real or imaginary personal grievances which may have a basis in what has been done in the past. When both the City and State crowds, as they are called, are ready to forgive and forget the past, when the leaders realize, as they seem to be doing, that the good of the whole party should be their first consideration, harmony and unity of action will be possible, and there is every indication that such a fortunate state of affairs will soon be brought about. With over forty thousand Democratic majority, according to the last registration, there can be no sensible excuse for such division of sentiment as will enable the Republicans to elect any State officer, or to have any appreciable strength in the next General Assembly. The experience of the last six years has been especially forceful in warning the leaders of the danger of foolish and selfish personal jealousies and divisions. The object lesson of a Republican administration for four years, and a divided General Assembly last winter in a State which is overwhelminyly Democratic, seems to have brought about a realizing sense of the absurd folly of allowing personal or merely local troubles to rend a party so that such a state of affairs could exist. The indications are that political wisdom will resume her sway in the minds of the Democratic leaders, and that the game in the future will be played so that such a situation will not face the voters of the dominant party again. Contests for nomination will, of course, take place in the future as in the past; leaders will take sides as they have always done, but the rivalry will be friendly, and when the primaries are over the party leaders should do their part (as they have not done in the past) and work together in unity and harmony for success. When the pettiness and absurdity of the reasons for lack of harmony, which have brought defeat to the party, are considered in the cold light of the present, one is almost inclined to doubt the political sanity of the men who were really responsible for what was done. And the Democrats of the State will no doubt be pleased to know that Mr. John J. Mahon, the one really powerful leader of the City Democrats, is openly and firmly in favor of such a getting together on the part of the City and State Democrats that there will be no doubt whatever as to the result on election day. Mr. Mahon is ready to meet those with whom he has differed, in the past, more than half way. He is heartily tired of the factional quarrels which have made the party organization almost a byword of scorn and reproach to the masses of the Democratic voters of the State at large, and he can see no reason for the continuance of such a state of affairs. He is ready now, and in the future, to do his part with his usual forceful vigor to bring about such harmony as will be lasting and which will result in triumphant success.

The approaching Congressional nominations are beginning to attract attention, and it is apparent that there will be several contests in both parties. The most interesting fight appears to be that which will take place for the Democratic nomination in the First District. Mr. Price will be a candidate for re-nomination, without doubt, and will have powerful support, as well as opposition. His most influential opponent at the present time seems to be Senator Omar D. Crothers, of Cecil county, while Col. Albert W. Sisk, of Caroline county, and ex Senator Richard S. Dodson, of Talbot, are also receiving support which is not without strength. Col. Sisk has some very strong friends who are ready to back him, and should he really get into the fight would render the result not a little doubtful. In the Sixth District, Mr. H. Dorsey Etchison, of Frederick, has the field to himself up to the present time. It is reported, however, that Mr. Frank Mish, of Hagerstown, or Mr. John G. Shearer, of Allegany may enter the fight agin Mr. Etchison.

PAUL WINCHESTER

LIBERTY LOAN RALLY.

TO BE HELD IN CENTREVILLE NEXT TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd. EVERYONE INVITED.

As forecasted in the last issue of The Observer, the Liberty Loan band, soldiers and speakers from Baltimore will reach Centreville next Tuesday, April 23rd, at noon, and a demonstration will be held in the afternoon in the Court House, or perhaps, if the weather permits, on the Court House green. The party will consist of a minimum of 20 or a maximum of 25 persons.

They will be provided with capable speakers, excellent band, and several American and Canadian soldiers who have been "over the top." It is not possible to state just who the speakers will be upon this occasion, but among them will be the Hon. James W. Chapman and former State Senator Clarence W. Perkins, of Baltimore.

This demonstration will be intensely interesting and should be attended by the citizens generally of the county, as they will come prepared to "whoop things up" for the Third Liberty Loan.

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Meetings of the directors of the B. C. & A. Railway Company and of the M. D. & V. Railway Company were held recently, one in Philadelphia and the other in Wilmington, to talk over the question of what these two railways would do in order to tide over their embarrassment because of the very large deficits of the past 12 months, which was suffered by both these lines, operating on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware. The annual statement of both these concerns show that during 1917, because of the excessively high operating expenses due to the great advance in all kinds of materials used in operating the lines and the further advance of wages, fuel, and other necessities, the roads are facing a very serious situation. Under the agreement by which the railroads of the country were taken over by the Government, all roads were guaranteed revenues equal to their three year pre-war earnings, but, in both cases, this guarantee will not help these railroads, because their pre-war earnings were not sufficient to maintain the lines and meet their fixed charges.

At the request of the Interstate Commerce Commission, both these lines continued their boat service, which covers the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries to all points in Maryland and Virginia, and in almost every case these line have during the past three years been unprofitable to the companies, and there is little doubt that the management would be very glad to be able to cut off these two sinking funds, but it would be impossible to do this so long as the railroads are operated by the Government. It is certain, however, that some relief will have to be given to both the B. C. & A. Railway Company and the M. D. & V. Railway Company by the Government if these lines are to continue operation. It may be necessary that the management appeal to the various communities which are served by these two lines to back up the demands of the management or the Government for some relief from the present unprofitable operation of the railroads, and if this time comes, the business interests of all the various towns and cities in Maryland, Delaware and Virginia which these lines serve, will of necessity have to come to the rescue of the railroads and insist on the Government extending proper credit and relief so that the lines may continue to operate. For at least three or four years

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