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REPORT
OF THE
AUDITING COMMITTEE
FOR
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, Md.

Gentlemen:—In compliance with an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed January, 1904, we having been appointed Auditors for Kent County, beg leave to state that we have examined the books, accounts, vouchers and papers of the offices of County Commissioners, Treasurer, Board of School Commissioners and Trustees of Almshouse, and submit the following report as shown in Exhibit No. I, Exhibit No. II, Exhibit No. III, Exhibit No. IV, Exhibit No. V, Exhibit No. VI.

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EXHIBIT I.

Showing Financial Conditions of Kent County for the year Ending June 6th, 1908.

SUMMARY OF ASSETS

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

$8,481,393.00 Real and Personal at $1.12	$94,991 60	
$346,545.47 Banks and Corporations at $1.12	3,881 31	
$35,266.00 P. B. & W. Rolling Stock at $1.12	394 98	
$165,695.00 Special Rates at 30c	497 08	
Due from Cecil County	245 50	
Cash	61 49	
Total		$100,071 96

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Total County Expenses by Certificates	$53,733 73	
Total Special Cash Levies	46,338 23	
Total		$100,071 96

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EXHIBIT II.

Statement of Treasurer's Office for the Year Ending July 1, 1908.

To Balance	$1,131 06	
To Real and Personal, Banks and Corporations, P. W. & B. R. R. Stock and Special Rate	97,390 58	
To Certificate from Commissioners	1,980 00	
Total		$100,501 64
By Cash paid on Levy		100,501 64

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EXHIBIT III.

Statement of All Bonds Outstanding for the Year Ending July 1st, 1908.

Sixteen 5% School	$16,000 00
Ten 4% Refunding	10,000 00
Total	$26,000 00

EXHIBIT IV.

Statement of Almshouse Account for the Year Ending May 4th, 1908.

Total from County Commissioners	$2,655 71	
Total Farm Products	1,425 30	
Bank Balance, May, 1907	69 52	
Overpaid and Refunding	1 67	
Total		$4,182 20
Expenditures	$3,958 31	
Bank Balance for 1908	223 89	
Total		$4,182 20

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EXHIBIT V.

Exhibit of Accounts of Board of County School Commissioners for the year ending July 31st, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 31, 1907	$ 2,535 69
State School Tax	17,523 43
State Free School Fund	1,558 99
Amount of County Levy	25,000 00
Licenses, Tongers	774 54
Manual Training	1,500 00
Free Book Fund	2,565 23
Received from sale of books	43 37
Balance Book money on hand July 31, 1907	45 41
Total	$51,546 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rent	$ 215 00
Fuel	2,644 45
Repairs	1,118 63
Apparatus and Furniture	593 68
Teacher's Salaries	34,071 50
New Buildings	50 00
Sanitary	1,450 47
Incidentals	105 38
Kindergarten and Manual Training	1,635 01
Office Expenses	177 10
Superintendent's Salary	1,500 00
Commissioner's Salary	300 00
Printing	60 00
Advertising	30 00
Institute Expenses	151 50
State and County Association Expenses	30 00
School Libraries	30 00
Expended for Books	2,357 64
Cost of Distribution	82 78
Notes and Interest	2,466 79
Attorney's fees for 3 years	150 00
School Supplies	50 05
Balance Cash in Second National Bank	2,062 09
Balance Cash in Chestertown Bank	213 59
Total	$51,546 66

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EXHIBIT VI.

Showing Total Expenditures of Kent County for the year ending June 6, 1908.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Certificates	$2,586 69	
Orders	1,281 33	
Checks	118 76	
Total		$3,986 78

MAGISTRATES AND CONSTABLES.

Certificates	$1,098 79	
Checks	26 55	
Total		$1,125 34

ORPHANS COURT.

Certificates	$ 793 20	
Checks	48 00	
Total		$ 841 20

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL.

Certificates	$2,835 08	
Orders	474 67	
Checks	283 78	
Total		$3,593 53

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE.

Certificates	$2,988 34	
Total		$2,988 34

CLERK'S SALARY AND JANITOR TO ROOM AND JURY LIST.

Orders	$ 986 74	
Checks	2 57	
Total		$ 989 31

PENSIONS.

Certificates	$1,401 00	
Checks	50 00	
Total		$1,451 00

CHARITIES.

Certificates	$ 81 15	
Checks	6 00	
Total		$ 87 15

HOSPITALS.

Certificates	$ 794 61	
Orders	1,701 34	
Total		$2,495 95

INQUISITIONS.

Certificates	$ 223 78	
Checks	2 00	
Total		$ 225 78

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Certificates	$2,086 77	
Total		$2,086 77

TAXES IN ERROR.

Certificates	$ 196 84	
Checks	7 76	
Total		$ 204 60

PRINTING.

Certificates	$2,672 30	
Total		$2,672 30

MISCELLANEOUS.

Certificates	$ 240 07	
Orders	26 27	
Checks	26 28	
Total		$ 292 62

REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

Certificates	$ 47 92	
Orders	5,731 20	
Total		$5,779 12

SMALLPOX QUARANTINE.

Certificates	$ 219 84	
Total		$ 219 84

ALMSHOUSE.

Certificates	$1,720 77	
Orders	1,010 74	
Checks	30 00	
Total		$2,761 51

HEALTH OFFICE AND JAIL PHYSICIAN.

Certificates	$ 186 30	
Orders	225 00	
Total		$ 411 30

BETTERTON PROPORTION.

Order		$ 300 00

CHESTERTOWN PROPORTION.

Order		$2000 00

GALENA PROPORTION.

Order		$ 600 00

MILLINGTON PROPORTION.

Order		$ 600 00

KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY.

Certificates	$2,704 51	
Orders	872 80	
Checks	3 00	
Total		$ 3,580 31

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Certificates	$30,855 76	
Orders	905 57	
Checks	1,283 45	
Total		$33,044 78

RETURN OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Orders	$ 250 00	
Total		$ 250 00

GENERAL BRIDGE KEEPERS SALARY AND REPAIRS.

Orders	$ 225 00	
Total		$ 225 00

BONDS.

Orders Interest on	$ 1,275 00	
Orders, Bonds redeemed	1,000 00	
Total		$ 2,275 00

WATER RENTS.

Orders	$ 96 50	
Total		$ 96 50

SCHOOLS.

Orders	$24,000 00	
Total		$ 24,000 00

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S SALARY.

Orders	$ 314 00	
Total		$ 314 00

TREASURERS SALARY.

Orders	$ 1,500 00	
Total		$ 1,500 00
Total Expenses		$100,998 04
Total Certificates	$ 53,733 73	
Total Orders	45,376 16	
Total Checks	1,888 15	
Total		$100,998 04

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NO ACTION ON PARDON APPLICATION

Governor Crothers on Thursday took up a number of applications for pardon among which was one for executive clemency in behalf of Harry B. Boulden, of Cecil county, who was convicted in the Kent County Court eight years ago on the charge of incest, and sentenced to 21 years in the penitentiary. The Governor continued the case and will take final action in the near future.

COUNTING OUR MERCIES.

There is one kind of mental reckoning in which every Christian believer should be proficient—and it is in reckoning up the mercies which a kind Providence continually sends. Count your mercies, for as you do the mercy will grow. As sorrow brooded over seems the worse, so grace meditated over appears the more lovely, gracious and helpful. Gratitude has sometimes been defined as a lively sense of favors to come, but it is certain that the very effort to recall the favors God has shown in the past both honors Him and prepares the mind and heart the more intelligently and profitably to use such blessings as may be in store.—Ex.

TO CURTAIL LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES

For years greater economy in legislative expenses has been urged. Governor Crothers appointed a commission, of which Hon. J. Frank Harper is chairman' to draft a bill which will prevent al waste of public money in the matter of superfluous legislative employes. Senator Harper has made a report to the Governor recommending:

That the employes of the Senate be limited to 33 and of the House to 46.

That employes be selected in open session by election or an order.

That they be required to report each day to the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House, and receive $5 for each day's attendance unless excused.

THE MINISTER'S WIFE.

The minister's wife ought to be selected by a committee of the church. She should be warranted never to have headache or neuralgia; she should have nerves of wire and sinews of iron, she should never be tired, she should be cheerful and intellectual, pious and domesticated; she should be able to keep her husband's house, darn his stockings, make his shirts, cook his dinner and copy his sermons. She should keep up the style of a lady on wages of a day laborer, and be always at leisure for "good works," and ready to receive morning calls. She should be secretary of the Band of Hope and president of the Missionary Society; she should conduct Bible classes and mothers' meetings; should make clothing for the poor and gruel for the sick; and finally, she should be pleased with everybody and every thing and never desire any reward beyond the satisfaction of having done her own duty and other people's too.—Ex.

DEATH OF MRS. BOLTON.

Mrs. Amelia White Bolton, beloved wife of William Bolton, died on Friday December 25th, in the 54th year of her age. Mrs. Bolton was formerly a resident of Middletown. Some years since she removed to the farm of Mr. N. J. Williams, on Bohemia Manor, and has resided there ever since. She was afflicted with Bright's disease, and had been a sufferer for sometime before her death. She was a woman devoted to husband and family, kind and sympathetic in disposition, with a kind word for all her friends and acquaintances. She was a member of Bethesda M. E. Church, and lived a consistent Christian life. Besides her husband, she leaves five children, as follows: Harry, engaged in the mercantile business at Galena, Md., Mrs. Daniel C. Pleasanton, of Middletown; Ella, Margaret and Nathaniel, at home. Funeral services were held at her late residence on Tuesday morning, Rev. George P. Jones officiating, with interment in Forest Cemetery.

COURT FELL DOWN!

A hundred and fifty citizens of Howard county, crowded into the courtroom of Justice Wallenhorst, on the second floor of Easton's Hall, a frame building at Ellicott City, Tuesday afternoon, to witness the trial of William Hatwood, the negro charged with a murderous assault upon Charles E. Hill, were without warning thrown into a struggling, squirming mass of bruised humanity 20 feet below by the breaking of the floor joists shortly before 3 o'clock.

From the scene of the accident there crawled and were carried forty and more men and boys more or less injured. A dozen or more legs were broken, ribs were snapped and a score or more limbs are badly sprained. The horror of fire being added to the accident was prevented only by the presence of mind of Wm. F. Lilly, who called loudly for a bucket of water and douched out the burning coals. Many prominent citizens were in the accident.

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AUTOMATIC TRUNKS.

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Dress Gingham Values, 10c to 12c, go 10 yds for 85c
Canton Flannel Values, 7c, go 10 yds for - 58c
Muslin Goods, soft finish, bleached, 10c and 12½ values, 10 yards for 78c.
Table Linen, special 25c values, 2½ yds for - 50c
Crash, good twill for Roller Towels, - 3⅝c per yard

NEXT TUESDAY—10 yards very best Apron Gingham manufactured for 62½c.

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BREATHE THROUGH YOUR NOSTRILS!

"If people would only breathe through their nostrils and not through their mouth they would escape colds and coughs which they contracts," says Dr. Marshall I. Price, secretary of the State Bureau of Health, in his bulletin for November.

"Proper ventilation is an important aid to health and is a preventive against colds, coughs and pneumonia. The habit of correct breathing, that is, breathing through the nostrils, ought to be more generally and more widely cultivated. The late Captain Catlin, an American artist, who spent a number of years with the Indian tribe on the upper Missouri placed the highly suggestive words: "Shut your mouth and save your life," on the title page of his book. Captain Catlin alleges that the almost absolute freedom of these early Indian tribe from pulmonary and throat trouble can be ascribed to the fact that they always breathe through their nose and never through their mouth."