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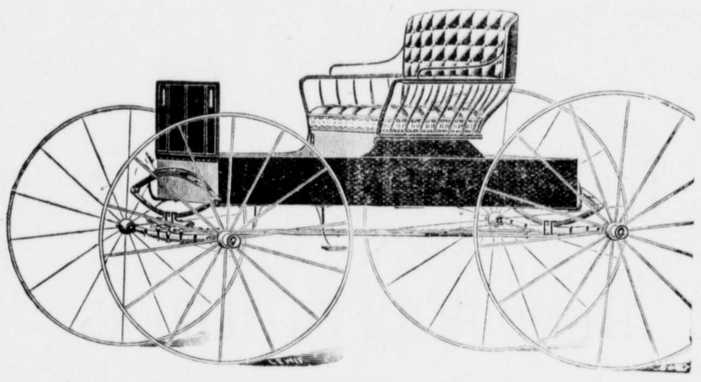

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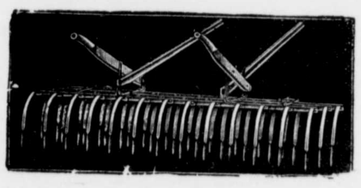

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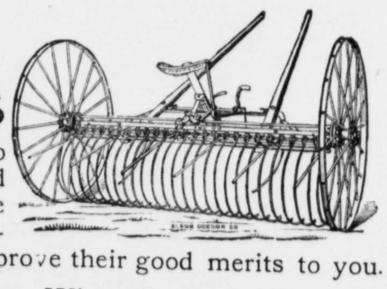

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STATE SCHOOL LAW.

Summary of Its Features By Supt. M. Bates Stephens.

To the members of the County School Boards of the State of Maryland,

GENTLEMEN:—In view of the fact that a bill known as the "General Educational Bill" passed by the legislature and is now a law, I have thought it is proper to give a summary of the features of the present laws wherein they differ from those of the old school law. I deem this all the more necessary because the revised school laws have not been published:

1. The office of the State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Education will be transferred from Baltimore to Annapolis. You will be notified when this transfer is made.

2. The State Board of Education is now composed of eight members consisting of six to be appointed by the Governor and the Governor and the State Superintendent of Education. The terms of the members of the State Board correspond to those of the county School Commisioners and minority representation is provided.

3. The State Superintendent of Public Education is secretary of the State Board of Education.

4. The official title of the Secretary of the County School Board is "Secretary, Treasurer and County Superintendent." The name "Examiner" does not occur in the new law.

5. The Secretary, Treasurer, and County School Superintendent is appointed in the month of May when the Board is organized but does not enter upon his new duties until the beginning of the scholastic year, August first.

6. Trustees must be appointed first day of May or first meeting thereafter which must be held in month of May.

7. Principal teacher is appointed by the Board of Trustees and becomes the secretary of the Board of District Trustees.

8. All assistant teachers are appointed by the County School Boards.

9. County School Boards are given authority to consolidate schools when desirable and practicable and to pay charges of transportation.

10. The Normal School at Frostburg, the Normal Department of Washington College, the Maryland State Normal School and the Baltimore Colored Normal School are under the supervision of the State Board of Education.

11. The free book fund is $150,000, and the expenditures of same are limited to text book and supplementary reading books and maps of Maryland. All text books are to be adopted and purchased by the County School Boards.

12. Diplomas of State Normal Schools from other states may be endorsed by the State Superintendent of Education.

13. The minimum County School tax rate is now fifteen cents.

14. The State School tax rate is fifteen cents instead of ten and one half as heretofore.

15. Teachers of white schools where the average annual attendance of pupils is fifteen or more shall receive as salary for the year not less than three hundred dollars and such schools shall remain open not less than nine months. Schools where the average is less than 15 are in the control of the county School Board who determine the school year and the amount of salary to be paid the teacher.

16. Where the School Board fails to provide a school year of nine months and the minimum salary of $300 to white teachers whose school averages fifteen, the Comptroller will withhold the March installment of the school tax.

17. There is no seperate fund for colored schools. All matters pertaining to colored schools are left with the County School Board.

18. The State School tax is now apportioned on the basis of children (colored and white) between the ages of 5 and 20 as disclosed by the census.

19. The Academic and free school funds are not affected by the new law.

20. The new law went into effect from the date of its passage. All state taxes for the coming fiscal year will be collected on the new rate of 22½ cents.

21. In counties containing more than eighty five schools the School Board may employ a clerk. Where the number of teachers exceeds 175 they may also employ an assistant County Superintendent.

22. The Pension fund for teachers was increased to $25,000 annually.

These are the main provisions which I trust will meet your needs until you can obtain a printed pamphlet containing the laws as revised.

Yours very truly,
M. BATES STEPHENS.

CECILTON ITEMS.

Messrs. Jas. H. Smith and E. S. Short spent two days of this week in Baltimore

G. Oldham Davis, of Elkton, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Davis.

Mr. Thos. P. Jones, Jr., spent Sunday in Elkton.

Mrs. James Pearce has returned from a visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

Misses Emma and Elsie Vineyard, of Warwick, spent Sunday with their cousin, Miss Edna Stevens.

Miss Mary R. McCoy, of Elkton, visited her parents last week.

Miss Emily Price, of Wilmington, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Price, on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Thos. P. Jones visited her sister, Mrs. F. P. Williams, of St. Augustine, on Saturday.

Mrs. Stephen D. Hays and son, Nelson, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor.

Mr. John Smith, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Mrs. Wm. Taylor has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Frank Biggs, of Earleville.

Mrs. Ella Ernest and daughter, Lillie, of Philadelphia, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pearce from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ruley Smith, of Warwick, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hoover.

Mr. Charles Jervis entertained the following guests at his home on Sunday last: Mr. and Mrs. Myers and daughter, of Baltimore, and his daughters, India, Marie and Louise, of Georgetown.

The commencement exercises of the High School here will be held in Mechanics Hall on Monday evening, May 30th. Messrs. Geo. A. Blake and Geo. Biddle, of Elkton, will address the graduates who are as follows: Misses Edith Alderson, Frances Griffith, Aurie, McCoy, Ethel Duhamel and Mary Anderson.

MILLINGTON MATTERS.

Divine service will be held next Sunday morning May 15th, at 10.30 A. M. at the P. E. Chapel of the Holy Cross. Holy communion will be celebrated by Rev. Albert Ware, rector.

Mrs. E. Cochran entertained the Woman's Auxiliary of the P. E. Church Thursday morning at her home on Cypress St.

Mrs. N. Comegys entertained the Ladies Mite Society of the P. E. Church Thursday evening, at her home on Cypress St.

Rev. W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder of the Easton District, preached in Asbury M. E. Church to a very appreciative congregation.

It is reported that Rev. E. R. Sidell, former pastor of Asbury M. E. Church, has the smallpox and was removed from his home in West Philadelphia to the Municipal hospital. His many friends extend sincere sympathy.

Miss Mamie Wright, of Baltimore, suffered a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago and is still in a critical condition. Miss Wright is well known in our town, as she spends several months of each year with her nephew, Mr. R. E. Feddeman. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery that she may be able to visit our town as usual this summer.

Messrs. Paul Comegys, Leonard Wilson and George Bailey spent several days this week in Baltimore.

Mr. Olin Duling who purchased a lot next to the P. E. Chapel on Sassafras street from Mr. J. L. Power, has also purchased the lot back of the church from Mr. Power. Mr. Duling's pretty home on the lot on Sassafras St. is nearing completion.

Mr. Leonard Wilson purchased a couple of lots from Mr. J. Moore on Maple street near Cypress St. He has sold one lot to his brother, Mr. Eldridge Wilson, who is negotiating for the erection of a house, as he would like to move in his new home by January 1st., 1905.

The Misses Anna and Fannie Hurtt are having their home on Sassafras St. remodeled.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Vansant and daughter, of Lambson's Station, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilson, on Cypress St.

Mr. Homer Painter, of Wilmington, Del., spent Sunday with friends near town.

Miss Alida K. Price, of Battle Creek, Michigan, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Edgar Price, near town.

Mrs. Annie Price and Misses Alida and Ruth Price attended the funeral of Mrs. W. A. Price, at Delaware City, Del., last Tuesday.

Miss Evelyn Cochran has returned to her home after an extended visit of several months with friends in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Mrs. James F. Vansant and daughter, Miss Anna Lambert Vansant, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Lambert, at Chestertown.

BETTERTON BRIEFS.

With the approach of warmer weather the fish become more scarce. Some of the fishermen will stop fishing this week. No one can complain, as the prices have been good and fish plentiful.

The new steamers "Penn" and "Lord Baltimore" started their day route this week.

A pile-driver from Chesapeake City is working on the Ericsson pier and driving new piles in place of those that were damaged by ice last winter.

The Epworth League held its monthly business meeting and social at the home of Mrs. Clarence Crew on Tuesday. A good many were present and an enjoyable time resulted.

The young ladies intend having a "pie social" Saturday night week.

Mrs. Robert Young and daughter, Ethel, and Miss Mabel Wands, of Baltimore, have been the guests of Mrs. Joseph Crew.

Miss Helen May Kelley, of Baltimore, is visiting friends in Betterton.

Miss Blanche Tracey, of St. Michaels, is the guest of Mrs. Walter Crew.

Mrs. Ida Owens has been visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Bromwell visited Baltimore this week.

The carpenters are busy erecting new cottages and hotels.

Miss Martha Sykes is visiting her home here.

Mr. William B. Price has moved into his new cottage, recently purchased from Capt. Heather.

STILL POND NEWS.

Miss Mary Jump, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mrs. John Parrott.

Miss Rachel Parrott, Miss Grace Rasin, Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clark and Mrs. J. W. Clark visited Baltimore this week.

Mrs. Chas. Meeks and Mr. Carey and Children, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. W. M. Meeks.

Mr. Thomas Bradley is visiting at Newark.

The Epworth League will celebrate its League anniversary Sunday evening. There will be speaking and fine music.

Mrs. Webb, of Kennedyville has opened a bakery and ice cream saloon in our village.

Mrs. J. C. Bowers and daughter Miss Anna, Misses Florence and Lena Rasin have returned home after a pleasant visit in Baltimore.

Mrs. W. G. Rasin entertained the League social at her home Thursday evening.

Miss Mabel Morris was taken to Baltimore Monday afternoon to be operated on for appendicitis, she is much better at this writing.

An Open Letter.

From the Chapin, S.C., News: Early in the spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe were the pains that we called a physician who prescribed for us, but his medicines failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave each of us a dose and we at once felt the effects. I procured a bottle and before using the entire contents we were entirely cured. It is a wonderful remedy and should be found in every household. H. C. Bailey, editor. This remedy is for sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

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No woman who has once worn a Gretchen is ever quite satisfied with any other make: and our spring stock contains a model for every figure.

Gretchen Corsets are priced from $2.50 to $7.50.

Trunks and Bags.

Steamer Trunks of best basswood; covered with water-proof canvas; hardwood slats, protected by brass corners; valance clamps; hard fibre edges; two sole leather straps; excelsior lock; sheet-iron bottom. Worth $5.50 to $7.00.

28-in.	30-in.	32-in.
$4.00	$4.40	$4.80

34-in.	36-in.
$5.20	$5.60

Traveling Trunks of two-ply veneered basswood; covered with army duck; hickory slats, protected by brass corners; vulcanized fibre binding; lined with linen; two trays: two sole leather straps; large dowels; 12-inch hinges. $9.00 to $10.00 values, at the following prices:

32-in.	34-in.	36-in.
$7.25	$7.65	$8.00

Women's Dress Trunks of strongest basswood; covered with canvas; hickory slats; brass corners; leather binding; four 12-inch hinges; three dress trays and one deep hat tray; large dowels; forty inches long. $12.50. Fully worth $16.50.

Suit Cases of sole leather; reinforced sides and corners: doublefold handle; lined with Irish linen; steel frame. $6.50 grade at $5.00.

English Oxford Bags—large shape; of good cowhide; lined with kidskin. We could fairly ask $4.00 to $5.50. Instead, these prices—

12-in.	14-in.	16-in.	18-in.
$3.00	$3.50	$4.00	$4.50

Infants' Wear.

Here are two sample Outfits for Infants. One can buy more of the different articles, if desired, or can pay other prices for them, but as listed these two outfits are priced to include—

Infants' Outfits, $11.73.

3 Flannel Bands, 20c each...	60c
3 Cambric Shirts, 12½c each..	38c
3 Knit Shirts, 25c each	75c
3 Flannelette Skirt, 25 each	75c
1 Embroidered Flannel Skirt	$1.00
2 Nainsook Skirts, 50c each..	$1.00
3 Nainsook Gowns, 50c each..	$1.50
3 Fancy Yoke Slips, 50c each.	$1.50
1 Fine Day Dress	$1.50
1 dozen Diapers	$1.00
2 Rubber Diapers, 25c each.	50c
3 pairs Bootees, 25c a pair..	75c
1 Crocheted Sacque	50c
	$11.73

Infants' Outfits, $41.80

4 Cambric Shirts, 12½c each..	50c
4 Flannel Bands, 20c each....	80c
4 Knit Shirts, 25c each.....	$1.00
3 Flannel Skirts, 75c each....	$2.25
1 Embroidered Flannel Skirt.	$2.25
2 Nainsook Skirts, $1.00 each	$2.00
3 Nainsook Gowns, 50c each.	$1.50
3 Dainty Slips, $1.00 each...	$3.00
2 Day Dresses, $2.00 each...	$4.00
1 Day Dress	$6.00
1 Fancy Dress	$9.00
4 pairs Bootees, 25c a pair...	$1.00
2 dozen Diapers, $1.00 dozen.	$2.00
2 Crocheted Sacques, $1 each.	$2.00
1 Morning Wrapper	$1.50
1 Morning Wrapper	$3.00
	$41.80

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WORTON ITEMS.

Miss Rachel Wood is being entertained by Mrs. Jerry Miller, of Fairlee.

Mrs. Thomas Mullen and son have returned to their home in Wilmington after a pleasant visit to Kent friends.

Mrs. Harry Cooper spent a short time with friends at Rock Hall.

Mrs. Guy Turner has returned from a visit to friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Edward Newsome, of Chestertown has been spending sometime with her mother, Mrs Anderson.

Mrs. Jas. V. Duyer, of Colemans, recently spent a few days with Mrs. N. B. Gears.

Mr. Thomas Matthews is again confined to his bed with some trouble of the foot.

May Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Taylor, met with a severe and dangerous accident last week. While playing in the yard she stepped on a sharp piece of glass which penetrated to the bone. Dr. Hines was called and May is now improving.

The Presbyterian Sunday School is preparing an interesting program for Children's Day service on the first Sunday of June.

Rev. K. M. Bull, pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, was recently elected commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church which meets on May 17, at Buffalo, and will therefore be absent from his pulpit for two services from that date.

CHESTERVILLE NOTES.

Miss Marie Davis has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mr. C. Conner, Sr., who has been critically ill, is now better.

Rev. Mr. Kuhlman preached an eloquent sermon on the subject: "Our Work," last Sunday. Mr. Kuhlman has been recently transferred from Middleburg, Virginia, to Kent Circuit M. E. S. He and his estimable wife are winning many friends.

Miss Helene Comegys entertained a number of her friends at a birthday party recently.

Mr. Samuel Ford spent several days in Baltimore last week.

Miss Annie Foulks, of Crumpton, has been visiting Miss Nannye Faulkner.

Mr. Chas. England, who has been quite ill is convalescent.

Run Over By a Train—Unhurt.

Two boys, aged twelve and thirteen, respectively, sons of Robert Meads, a colored farmer living near Greenwood, Del., came near losing their lives on Sunday last but they were not at all concerned about it; in fact they didn't know it until danger had passed. They were watching some stock grazing near the Queen Anne's Railroad track, and sitting in the warm sunshine near the ends of railroad ties they, watch worn and weary, fell asleep, as was there want under such circumstances. They had not heard of the Sunday train coming that way. The engineer saw the little ebony objects just a little way ahead, whistled shrilly repeatedly, in vain. They slept on, and the express, which could not be stopped on such short notice, flew by, coming to a stand still a short distance beyond the spot where the train men thought a horrible accident had occurred. Looking back the train men saw that one of the little pickaninnies was on his feet and he was shouting at his brother to wake up! He had received a very slight wound on one finger which had rested on the track while he slept. The other showed a small bump on his little woolly head, which had lain only an inch or two from the iron rail. The on-running locomotive had hardly touched them, but the force of the wind had evidently pushed them out of the way, for they had rolled some distance down the bank, one of them without waking until his brother called. "Beat's the worl, how dem boys 'scaped," said Bob, who was in Denton Tuesday, " and I'm powe'ful glad dey rolled away from the kyars and not under 'em. Couldn't get along 'thout de boys."

KENNEDYVILLE ITEMS.

Mrs. Jennie D. Wallis visited friends in Centreville two days last week.

Mrs. Miller returned home last Saturday after spending some time with relatives on the Western Shore.

Miss Conner who has been spending sometime with the Misses Davis, returned to her home in Wilmington, accompanied by Miss Davis.

Miss Ollie Milbourn returned home Wednesday after spending a few days with Mrs. Richard Haggerty.

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