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Dry Goods Notions Millinery

Our Dress Goods Department is running over with desirable stuff at popular prices and variety, quality and general excellence are found at this counter in abundance.

There is a complete range of shades and patterns and we feel sure of pleasing you, if you will look over our stock.

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For Ladies, Misses and Children.

Our sales in this department have exceeded our fondest expectations and every model is smart, new and attractive.

The styles are the latest; materials are of good weights and fine quaility; the tailoring is excellent; the trimmings effective, and last, but not least, the prices are very moderate.

You cannot afford to buy without seeing our line.

FURS FURS FURS

We carry a line direct from the manufacturer, bought early; by reason of which we feel sure we can save you at least 25 per cent. off present prices.

For the Christmas Shoppers

We are prepared to serve your needs with a variety of things for useful gifts.

HANDKERCHIEFS, GLOVES, NECKWEAR, HOSIERY, NAPKINS, TOWELS, TABLE LINEN, SHAMS, SCARFS, TABLE COVERS, WHITE SPREADS, BLANKETS AND COMFORTS.

DOLLS

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For our your friends we have added a line of dolls, the finest ever shown in Chestertown, ranging in price from 5 cts. to $4.00.

Bring your little girl in, she will enjoy looking at them

Arlington L. Sparks, Chestertown, Md.

Christmas With The Sky Dwellers

The First Stop on Santa Claus' Reindeer Route.

To land a snorting reindeer six-in-hand on the roof of a New York skyscraper requires pretty skillful handling of the lines, but Santa Claus is the man who can do it without jarring a brick off the chimneys. Why should he want to stop at such a queer depot? you ask. Because there are hundreds of little children living right in the very center of New York who have never pressed their tender feet upon the brown earth, climbed trees, played in the grass or experienced the thousand and one pleasures so common to everyday life. They live above the clouds, twenty stories or more above the real things of the world, but nearer by those twenty stories to the stars, the angels—and Santa Claus. Their aerial dwellings are his first stopping places on his annual Christmas journey through the atmosphere.

Born hundreds of feet above the haunts of ordinary mortals, these little ones often pass years of their lives in their dizzy homes without a thought of what is going on so far below them. Their fathers are the superintendents, engineers and janitors of these lofty buildings. Upon the very roofs of these great pillars of steel cozy, home breathing cottages have been erected.

Here, right up against the sky, the children live and play from morning until night. They never miss the green fields and the tall trees, for they have never known them. Their playgrounds are the expansive roofs of the big buildings, and they are as free as the air.

While the smaller children pass their early years at home with their mothers twenty stories above everybody, their older brothers and sisters attend school with the little ones living far down on the streets. In the evenings



TWO LITTLE SKY DWELLERS.

they tell a gaping crowd of sky dwellers the sights they have seen while going to and from school. The "skyscraper twins," who were born on top of one of New York's highest buildings and who so far have gone through life together as they started upon the journey, often think of the great day to come when they will go down the elevator and be among the toy people they have seen so far below them crawling along the sidewalks.

These twins, who are the pride, of course, of their father and mother, have never been away from the roof on which they were born. Life has been one short and happy dream to them. They do not know what a street car really looks like, for they have merely seen the shapeless, dingy roofs of the "L" trains as they squirm along their crooked ways like some short, thick snake with square head and tail. They are full of health and have rosy cheeks and big, dancing, bright eyes.

This means that they eat well, sleep well and enjoy life. There are seesaws and swings high up among the clouds on some of the skyscrapers and the ever present little red express wagon so dear to the small boy's heart. Races are run on the iron roofs, and top spinning and marble playing are favorite sports.

There are deaths on the tops of the skyscrapers as well as births. One of the saddest of these was that of a little boy who had gone down to the street for the first time to play and was crushed to death by a heavy truck.

A family of nine children born to one couple who have lived on the same roof for nearly forty years shows that race suicide has its enemies there. Five of these children have grown to manhood and are in the public service as policeman, fireman or mail carrier.

Dogs and cats are numerous on the skyscrapers. The children there are as well off for four footed playmates as those on the earth. Some have never known anything else but the roof, where they play by day and howl all night long to their hearts' content.—New York Times.

REPORT
—OF—
THE AUDITING COMMITTEE
FOR KENT COUNTY.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND:

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, vouches and papers of the offices of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Board of School Commissioners and Trustees of Almshouse and find

EXHIBIT A—

The County Commissioners closed the year, June 6th, levying		$96,095 47
To Provide for Certificates	$51,878 09	
Cash Levy	41,136 50	
Surplus	3,080 88	
		$96,095 47

EXHIBIT B—

We Show the Account of Treasurer charging him with		$95,966 59
Crediting	$92,640 39	
Balance in Bank	3,326 20	
		$95,966 59

EXHIBIT C—

We show Bank Statement with balance on hand.....$ 49

EXHIBIT D—

Shows Bonds outstanding and not due.....$28,000 00

EXHIBIT E—

Shows Almshouse Account with an unaccounted for amount of.....$ 2 35

EXHIBIT F—

Shows Statement of Board of School Commissioners.

EXHIBIT G—

Shows actual expenses of County for year ending June 6th, 1906.

We respectfully request your Board to give a closer scrutiny of bills passed the first part of your fiscal year so as to avoid the possibility of violation of Section 5, Chapter 675 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed 1904.

We regret to show a balance unaccounted for in Almshouse Exhibit and must ask that accurate minutes and accounts be kept, as at present these are in much confusion.

We wish to compliment the Clerk of your Board and the Secretary and Treasurer of School Commissioners upon the neatness and accuracy of their work.

WILBUR ELIASON,
JAMES S. HARRIS,
H. C. WILLIS, } AUDITING COMMITTEE.

EXHIBIT A

SHOWING FINANCIAL CONDITION OF KENT COUNTY FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 6, 1906.

Assets, real and personal	$89,238 40	By certificates provided for	$51,878 09
do, special tax	105 00	do, cash levied	41,136 50
do, banks and Corporations	2,928 11	do, surplus	3,080 88
do, bonds, special tax	69 45		
do, P. W. & B	405 56		
do, Treasurer's balance	3,326 20		
do, bank balance	22 75		
Total	$96,095 47	Total	$96,095 74

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EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1ST, 1906.

To Balance	3,086 96	By Cash paid levy	$49,914 56
To Real and Personal	88,430 80	By Cash Levies	41,373 27
To Banks and Corporations	3,084 18	By Insolvencies	928 48
To P. W. & B. Railway Stock	405 56	By Equity	51 81
To Special Rate	105 00	By Insolvencys Allowed Treas	398 57
To W. E. Church error in taxes	1 62	Money refunded paid in error	13 70
To J. D. Lucas	13 60	Balance in hand in Bank	3,326 20
To Dempsy & Parr	12 70		
To L. J. Keyser, Sheriff	41 60		
To Mrs. M. A. Wilson	23 60		
To Taxes in Equity	72 97		
To Conscience Money	125 00		
To J. J. Lockwood	49 53		
To Assessment not on Levy	101 10		
To Interest Collected	367 66		
To Interest on Sheriff's Collection	9 37		
To Due Sheriff	37 14		
Total	$95,966 59	Total	$95,966 59

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EXHIBIT C

STATEMENT OF FUNDS IN BANK FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 6TH, 1906.

To Balance on hand	$1,944 32	By Amount of Checks Paid	$2,782 65
To Deposits	838 82	By Cash in Bank	49
Total	$2,782 14	Total	$2,781 14
Balance	49		

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EXHIBIT D

STATEMENT OF ALL BONDS OUT-STANDING FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1ST, 1906.

To Eighteen 5 per cent. School	$18,000 00
To Ten 4 Per Cent. Refunding	10,000 00

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EXHIBIT E

STATEMENT OF ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 4TH, 1906.

To Total from Commissioners	$3,464 68	By Expenditures	$4,142 35
To Total from Farm	741 64	By bank Balance	61 62
		Amount unaccounted for	2 85
Total	$4,206 32	Total	$4,206 32
Amount to be accounted for	2 85		

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EXHIBIT F.

EXHIBIT OF ACCOUNTS OF BOARD OF COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1st, 1906.

RECEIPTS:		DISBURSEMENTS:	
Balance on hand July 31st, 1905	$6,653 96	Rent	$141.36
State School Tax	16,180.30	Fuel	2,319.36
State Free School Fund	1,534.88	Repairs	1,704.03
Manual Training	1,200.00	Apparatus and Furniture	602.08
Free Book Fund	2,565.23	Teachers' Salaries	32,394.55
Received from Sale of Books	13.80	New Buildings	3,818.60
Check transferred from General Book Fund to Free Book Fund	100.00	Sanitary Costs	1,513.82
County School Tax	20,000.00	Incidentals	562.48
Tongers' Licenses	795.24	Manual Training	1,476.20
Sale of Old School House at Swan Creek	25.00	Office Expenses	207.66
By Amt paid in error by late Joseph Peterson	42.50	Salary of Superintendent	1,275.00
Check not presented	3.75	Salary of School Commissioners	300.00
Building Fund (County Tax)	3,000.00	Printing and Advertising	183.35
	$52,114.66	Check transferred to Free Book Fund	100.00
		Expenses of Institute and Expenses of State Association	170.48
		Attorney's Fees	50.00
		School Supplies	25.15
		Expended for Books, Freight, Hauling, etc	2,617.07
		Balance Cash in Banks	2,653.47
			$52,114.66

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EXHIBIT G.

SHOWING TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF KENT COUNTY FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 6, 1906.

CIRCUIT COURT:		
By Certificates	$1,444.01	
By Orders	1,731.28	
By Checks	912.86	
		$4,088.15
MAGISTRATES AND CONSTABLES:		
By Certificates	$1,445.08	
By Checks	99	
		1,446.07
ORPHANS' COURT:		
By Certificates		802.60
COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY:		
By Certificates	$2,877 19	
By Checks	31.59	
		2,908.78
PENSIONS:		
By Certificates		1,328.00
CHARITIES:		
By Certificates		149.60
HOSPITALS:		
By Certificates	$546 20	
By Orders	1,500.00	
		2,046.20
COURT HOUSE AND JAIL:		
By Certificates	$4,950.64	
By Checks	30.00	
		4,980.64
ALMSHOUSE:		
By Certificates	$2,139.65	
By Orders	1,146 37	
By Checks	255.74	
		3,541.76
PRINTING:		
By Certificates		2,480.96
TAXES IN ERROR:		
By Certificates	$1,019.40	
By Checks	8.95	
		1,028.35
TREASURER'S OFFICE:		
By Certificates	$152.51	
By Orders	1,500.00	
		1,652.51
KENT AND QUEEN ANNES COUNTY:		
By Certificates	$1,096.47	
By Checks	.50	
		1,096.97
INQUISITIONS:		
By Certificates		251.55
HEALTH OFFICE:		
By Certificates	$158.02	
By Orders	175.00	
By Checks	33.60	
		366.62
MISCELLANEOUS:		
By Certificates	$294.21	
By Certificates to Auditing Committee	487.50	
By Checks	101.56	
		879.27
ROADS AND BRIDGES:		
By Certificates	$30,259.10	
By Checks	1,406.36	
		31,665.46
JANITOR:		
By Orders		137.50
REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS:		
By Orders		4,743.82
CHESTER RIVER BRIDGE REPAIRS:		
By Orders		386 59
GEN. BRIDGEKEEPERS:		
By Orders		178.75
CHESTER RIVER BRIDGEKEEPER:		
By Orders		124 96
CHESTERTOWN'S PROPORTION:		
By Order		2,000.00
MILLINGTON'S PROPORTION:		
By Order		300.00
GALENA'S PROPORTION:		
By Order		200.00
WATER RENTS:		
By Orders	$86.00	
By Checks	.50	
		86.50
SCHOOLS:		
By Order		23,000.00
BONDS:		
By Orders		1,000.00
INTEREST ON BONDS:		
By Orders		1,350.00
CLERK'S SALARY:		
By Order		893 00
Balances		120.00
STATE'S ATTORNEY:		
By Orders		900.00
FROM LEVY:		$96,034 01
Certificates	$51,878.09	
Cash Orders	41,373 27	
Receipt	2,782.65	
	$96,034.01	

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