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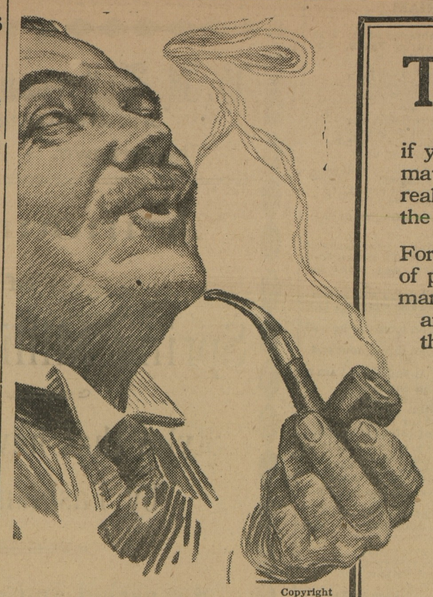

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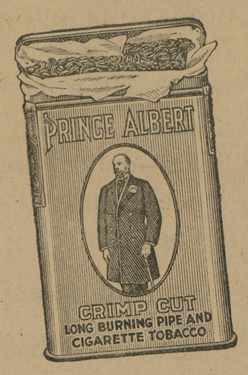

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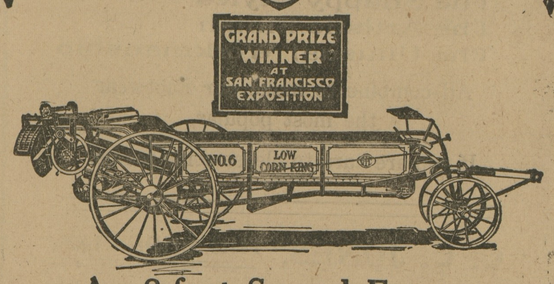

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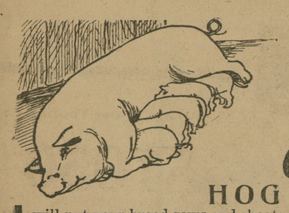

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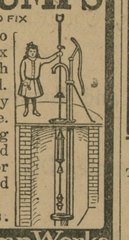

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THE SUIT AGAINST KENT SCHOOL BOARD

Able Argument Made by Attorney S. Scott Beck for Defendants, Which Includes All the School Teachers and Others.

Hope H. Barroll and others. vs. The Board of County School Commissioners of Kent County, a body corporate, et al.	*In The Circuit Court for Kent County In Equity. No. 1940.*

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The Board of County School Commissioners of Kent county, a body corporate, (hereinafter termed the "School Board") John D. Urie, John P. Ahern, William G. Smith, as members of said Board, and John D. Urie, John P. Ahern and William G. Smyth, as individuals, defendants in the above entitled case, by S. Scott Beck, their Solicitor, jointly and severally answering the Bill of Complaint of Hope H. Barroll, W. T. Nicholson, R. H. Collins, James E. Morris, Wm. J. Tarbutton, John M. Comegys, Wm. R. Price, J. R. Copper, Thos. D. Bowers, Harry Nichols, E. Romain Morris, Walter T. Morris, Thos. G. Wroth, Jno. C. Wood, T. Ben Crew and C. S. Hill in this cause against them exhibited, most respectfully show:

These defendants are advised that they could successfully defend this suit by the filing of a demurrer to the Bill of Complaint, but not desiring to avail themselves of any mere technical defense, and believing that this Honorable Court, as well as the citizens and taxpayers of Kent county, are entitled to know whether the allegations, charges and insinuations as made in the Bill of Complaint are true; whether they have acted in an illegal manner or without warrant of law, and whether by neglect or extravagance they have wasted the taxpayers money, they hereby waive any technical defense to which they may be entitled, but answering the said Bill of Complaint in as full and ample a manner as possible, respectfully say:

1. That they admit the allegations as contained in the First Paragraph of said Bill of Complaint to the effect that the Plaintiffs "are citizens of the State of Maryland, and residents and tax-payers in Kent county; that each of them own real estate or personalty or both in the said county, which is assessed to them, respectively, and that they are now, have been and" may in the future "be required to pay such taxes as may be levied or assessed upon said real estate and personalty, by the board of County Commissioners of Kent county."

2. That they admit the allegations as contained in the Second Paragraph of said Bill of Complaint to the effect that the Board of County School Commissioners of Kent county "is a body corporate by virtue of Article 77," Section 23, "of the Public General Laws of Maryland, and that the said John D. Urie, John P. Ahern and William G. Smyth are the members of the said Board, duly appointed and qualified in conformity with the provisions of the said Statutes of the said State"

3. That they admit the allegations as contained in the Third Paragraph of said Bill of Complaint to the effect that "in the Report of the Auditing Committee of Kent County, Maryland, covering the School Finances of the defendant" (meaning the School Board) "from August 1, 1914, to August 1st, 1915 and as published in the Chestertown Transcript" (as well as in The KENT NEWS) "one of the weekly newspapers printed in Kent county, duly published under authority of Acts of Assembly 1904, ch. in the issue of said paper appearing on the 20th day of November, 1915, as willmore fully appear by reference to a copy of the said report filed herewith and marked 'Plaintiffs' Exhibit A,' there appears an item marked as follows: 'Discount notes $5,895, $5,900 $5,940, $2,955, $5,848 80, $7,840 making a total of $34,378 80.' This item appears under the head of 'Exhibit No. 5, Receipts,' in said Report."

These defendants deny that they were compelled to incur an indebtedness of $34,378.80 during the fiscal year 1914-1915 as these plaintiffs would have this Honorable Court, as well as the citizens, taxpayers and voters of Kent county, believe. And as an evidence of this fact they desire to call this Honorable Court's attention to the statement made by said Auditing Committee in said report, as found in said Exhibit A, which is follows:

"The Board found it necessary to borrow $14,000 (which sum is not yet paid) in order to pay the teachers' salaries and an old indebtedness of $6,000; so that instead of an actual balance of $4,999 36 there is an apparent deficit of $9,007.64, but at the end of the fiscal year there was due from the County Commissioners $1,000, and from Queen Anne's the tuition for Queen Anne's pupils $630, thus making a total still due of $1,630. This amount deducted from $9,007.64 leaves an actual deficit of $7,377.64"

These defendants further aver that the School Board had expected to receive from the Comptroller of the State of Maryland the sum of $2,461.66, as provided by the Acts of 1914, Ch. 218—the same being a refund of money from certain tongers' licenses paid into the Treasury of the State of Maryland in error, but on account of the financial condition of the State Treasury this sum has not yet been paid. If the School Board had received this sum when due, there would have been a deficit of $4,915 98 and not $7,377.64.

4. That they deny the allegations as contained in the Fourth Paragraph of said Bill of Complaint to the effect that "from which item in the said Report and from the statement of the whole as included in the said report and from additional information in the possession of your Orators, your Orators are credibly informed and verily believe that the said Board of County School Commissioners of Kent county has borrowed sums of money during the period of time extending from August 1, 1914, to August 1, 1915, and prior thereto, aggregating $34,378 80, and has given promissory notes of various denominations to the persons, corporations, or banks, from whom the money was obtained, and further that these promissory notes or some of them are now held by certain persons and banks in the said county or elsewhere, and have not been paid at this time by the said Board of School Commissioners," but on the contrary they aver that had these plaintiffs been as assiduous and diligent in seeking the truth in this matter, as they seem to have been in their attempt to malign these defendants, as well as to mislead and hood-wink the tax-payers and voters of Kent county for purely political purposes, (and these defendants at this time desire to call this Honorable Court's attention to the rather remarkable fact in connection with the personnel of these plaintiffs, namely:—that they are all identified with what was known as the Anti-Organization wing of the Democratic party in Kent county; that with the exception of Thos. G. Wroth, Walter T. Morris, E. Romain Morris and Wm. R. Price, they have all been either office-holders, candidates for office or seekers of political appointment) they could easily have obtained from the records of the School Board, which records are always open to public inspection, the convincing evidence and knowledge that not one of the notes mentioned in said Plaintiff's Exhibit A was an outstanding obligation of said School Board (at the time the said Bill of Complaint was filed) and the further fact that every one of said not s has been paid.

The facts in regard to these notes are as follows:

On June 23rd, 1914, the School Board did not have enough funds on hand to pay the teachers' salaries, due to the fact that during the summer of 1913 it was very unexpectedly compelled to rebuild the school houses at Worton Station and at Big Woods, and consequently on that date it borrowed $6,000 on a promissory note payable at the Kent County Savings Bank three months after date, but only after the County Commissioners (on March 23rd, 1914) had been advised of the deficit and requested to appropriate sufficient funds to cover the shortage, which it failed to do. See copy of letter filed herewith and marked Defendants' Exhibit No. 1. This note was renewed on Sept. 23rd, 1914, for 3½ months and paid on January 7th, 1915.

On October 5th, 1914, not having sufficient funds on hand to pay the first installment of teacher's salaries then due, or about due, the School Board was obliged to borrow $6,000 from the Kent County Savings Bank on a promissory note payable 100 days after date. This note was paid at maturity.

On November the 16th, 1914, not having enough funds on haad to pay the second installment of teachers' salaries then due, or about due, the School Board was obliged to borrow $6,000 from the Kent County Savings Bank on a promissory note payable two months after date. This note was paid at maturity.

On March the 3rd, 1915, not having enough funds on hand to pay the teachers' salaries then due, or about due, the School Board was obliged to borrow $3,000 on a promissory note, payable three months after date, from the Kent County Savings Bank. This note could not be paid at maturity, and on June 3rd, 1915, it was included in a note for $8 000, discounted by the Kent County Savings Bank and payable four months after date. The $5,000 additional being required to pay the teachers' salaries then due, or about due. The $8,000 note was renewed on October 4th, 1915, for three months and paid on January the 12th, 1916.

On April 20th, 1915, not having enough funds on hand to pay the teachers' salaries then due, or about due, the School Board was obliged to borrow from the Kent County Savings Bank the sum of $6,000 on a promissory note payable five months after date. This note was paid at maturity.

Summary of Notes Discounted During School Year 1914-1915.

Kind.	Date.	Amount.	Time.	Bank.	When Paid.	Proceeds.
Renewal.	Sept 3, 1914.	$5,000	3½ months.	K. C. S. B.	Jan. 7, 1915.	$5,895 10
New.	Oct. 5, 1914.	$6,000	100 days.	K. C. S. B.	Jan. 13, 1915.	5,900 00
New.	Nov. 16, 1914.	$6,000	3 months.	K. C. S. B.	Jan. 16, 1915.	5,940 00
New.	Mar. 3, 1915.	$3,000	3 months.	K. C. S. B.	June 3, 1915, ren'wd.	2,955 00
New.	Apr. 20, 1915.	$6,000	5 months.	K. C. S. B.	Sep. 20, 1915, ren'wd.	5,848 80
Renewal of $8,000 new for $7,000.	June 3, 1915.	$8,000	4 months.	K. C. S. B.	Oct. 3, 1915, ren'wd.	7,840 00

This Honorable Court will see that all of these notes were given so that the teachers' salaries might be paid, and these defendants aver that had the county commissioners turned over to the School Board all of the funds to which it was entitled, and at the proper times, then these notes need not have been given. The first money turned over to the School Board for the fiscal year 1914-1915 was $5,000, which was not paid until December 16, 1914, and consequently the School Board was compelled to either borrow the necessary funds to pay the teachers' salaries or close all of the public schools in Kent county.

Payments Made by County Commissioners to School Board for School Year 1914-1915.

December 16 1914	$ 5,000 00
January 7, 1915	15,000 00
January 13, 1915	4,000 00
February 6, 1915	2,000 00
March 3, 1915	3,000 00
April 14 1915	3,000 00
April 19, 1915	2,000 00
August 19, 1915	1,000 00
Total	$35,000 00

As will be seen from the aforegoing statement, the Board of County Commissioners of Kent county levied for school purposes for the fiscal school year 1914-1915 the sum of $35,000.00, which they paid as they pleased, although they were importuned from time to time to make the payments in accordance with law, so that the necessary and incidental school expenses, including teachers' salaries, might be paid when due.

Under the Acts of 1904, ch. 584, and the Acts of 1914, ch. 386, the County Commissioners were required and directed to pay over this $35,000 00 in four equal installments, payable on October the 10th, 1914, January the 25th, 1915, March the 25th, 1915, and June the 25, 1915, yet the first payment, which was only $5 000.00 was not paid until December the 16th, 1914,—it being more than two months over due.

The State of Maryland had paid to the School Board up to this time (December the 16th, 1914,) to be used for current expenses the State School Fund of $5 434 86, and a High School Fund of $925 00,—which together with the $5 000 paid by the County Commissioners, made a total to that date received from all three sources of $11,359 89, while there was due for teachers' salaries alone up to and including the 17th day of December, 1914, the sum of $16,755 84; and this sum was paid to the teachers of Kent county in three installments:—October the 6th, November the 16th and December the 17th.

There was also due on December the 16th, 1914, the further sum of $14,578 96 for current expenses, which together with the amount due for teachers' salaries—$16,755 84, made a total amount then due of $31,334.80, and as the funds on hand were insufficient to pay the teachers' salaries alone, it will readily be seen that the School Board either had to borrow money or close all the public schools in Kent county. It adopted the former course in accordance with the power and authority vested in it by law, as it construed that law, as will be shown later on.

These defendants are credibly informed and verily believe that although the County Commissioners were requested and importuned from time to time to pay over to the School Board sufficient funds, as appropriated and collected, to meet the current school expenses, including teachers' salaries, yet the County Commissioners refuse so to do, notwithstanding all funds of Kent county derived from taxes and deposited in bank did not bear any interest or produce any revenue to the county, but were solely a source of revenue to the said bank.

5. That they deny the allegations as contained in the Fifth Paragraph of said Bill of Complaint to the effect "that in no law or laws of the State of Maryland is authority given to the said Board of School Commissioners of Kent county to execute and deliver promissory notes or to borrow any money, and their action in so doing was illegal, ultra vires, and without warrant in law," and aver that unger article 77, Section 11, of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, the following provisions are made:—

"The state board of education shall, to the best of their ability, cause the provision of this article to be carried into effect, and may, if necessary, institute legal proceedings for that purpose with the direction and advice of the attorney-general; *they shall enact by laws for the administration of the public school system not at variance with this article, which when enacted and published shall have the force of law*; . . . . . ."

That under the power and authority given under said Section 11 of Article 77, the said State Board of Education on August the 28th, 1912, revised and adopted by-laws, rules and regulations for the administration of the Public School System of the State of Maryland, which were not at variance with said Article 77, and which were duly published as prescribed.

That under Section 7 k. of Article III of said By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, which can be found on page 106 of THE PUBLIC SCHOOL LAWS OF MARYLAND, AND THE BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AS PUBLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, the following provisions are made:

Section 7. "It shall be the duty of the Board of County School Commissioners:

k. To order the payment of teachers' salaries and all incidental expenses of the schools then due at the first meeting of the Board after the close of the term. *If the funds on hand are not sufficint for this purpose the Board is authorized to borrow temporarily what may be needed, and to give a note for the amount, signed by the President and the Treasurer.*"

It will thus be seen that the School Board's action in borrowing money, and executing and delivering promissory notes for that purpose, was not illegal, ultra vires, or without warrant in law, as the funds on hand at the times the different promissory notes were executed were not sufficient to pay the teachers' salaries and all incidental expenses of the schools then due, and further as all of the above mentioned notes were signed by the President and Treasurer of said School Board, and were of a temporary nature, as provided by law.

These defendants further deny the other allegations as contained in said Fifth Paragraph of the said Bill of Complaint to the effect "that the said defendants by such unlawful acts, if unchecked, could and would increase the tax rate of Kent county by neglect and extravagance, without the sanction of the tax-payers through the Board of County Commissioners of Kent county, and to allow the payment of the said promissory notes out of the funds placed under the control of the said defendant to be expended in the maintenance of the school system in the said county would, by greatly increasing the county tax rate in said county, seriously injure your Orators and the other taxpayers in the said county without affording to them any commensurate benefit," because it contends that the acts referred to are not unlawful; that even if such acts were unlawful, the School Board could not, either by neglect, extravagance, or in any other manner, increase the tax rate of Kent county the smallest fraction of one cent, as the power to fix and determine said tax rate lies exclusively in the hands of the County Commissioners and not with the School Boord; and as these notes, the proceeds of which were expended in the maintenance of the school system in Kent county and accordingly not only afforded commensurate benefit to all the plaintiffs to this suit but to all the tax-payers in said county, were paid out of the funds actually appropriated by the County Commissioners and finally paid over to the School Board, the said tax rate in said county could not therefor be increased thereby.

They further aver that not only did tax-payers of Kent county, through the Board of County Commissioners, have full knowledge of the School Board's borrowing money on promissory notes—see Defendant Exhibit No. 1, but they actually sanctioned said action of the School Board, (and as these defendants verily believe, with the knowledge and consent of its attorney, Hope H. Barroll, Esq. Three of the plaintiffs to this suit, namely, Harry Nicols, T. Benj. Crew and John C. Wood, were members of the Board of County Commissioners at the time) and not only promised but actually paid on April the 25th, 1914, the sum of $216 50; it being the amount of discount paid by the School Board on notes negotiated during the year 1913-1914.

The County Commissioners, moreover, in the Fall of 1914, agreed that the School Board should borrow money on notes, as the County Commissioners then claimed they had no money on hand for school purposes, and further agreed to pay the School Board such sum as might be needed as discount on said notes, but so far have failed to live up to said agreement.

They further aver that the first note ever signed by the President and Treasurer of said School Board was dated November the 21st, 1911 for $1,000 payable on demand to The Third National Bank, of Chestertown, Maryland, where it was discounted—the said Hope H.

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