THE SUIT AGAINST KENT SCHOOL BOARD

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

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Barroll, Esq., being not only the Vice-President but the Attorney for said Bank at the time. This note was paid on July the 3rd, 1912.

6. That they deny the allegations as contained in the Sixth Paragraph of said Bill of Complaint to the effect "That the said Board of School Commissionert has no capacity, express or implied, to expend the money which has been obtained by it through discounting the promissory notes as aforesaid, and it has no authority to raise such sums of money itself—that therefore the action of the Board of School Commissioners of Kent County in so obtaining this sum of money is utterly void and without warrant of law, and the amonut thereof should in no case be charged by taxation against the taxpayers of Kent County; nor has the defendant the right nor power to anticipate any payment," for the reason assigned in the Fifth Paragraph of this Answer. They admit, however, the allegations in said Paragraph to the effect that "all its money being paid to it from a certain defined sources, paid by the State of Maryland, and from a specified levy, made by the Board of County Commissioners of Kent County" and aver that a "levy has been made by the Board of County Commissioners authorizing the expenditure of the sums covered by the said promissory notes."

7. That they deny the allegations as contained in the Seventh Paragraph of said Bill of Complaint to the effect "that in the past until the present Board and its predecessor organized the Board of School Commissioners has expended only such sums of money as it is expressly provided with under the laws of the State of Maryland and by the levy of the Board of County Commissioners" and "that always heretofore the defendant limited its expenses to the amount so received by it and also allowed in the levy of the County Commissioners as aforesaid," as will appear by a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the School Board for the past nine years, herewith given, will show:-

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of School Board.

Year 1906-1907—County Appropriation $20,000	
Disbursements	$50,791 03
Receipts	50,718 66
Deficit	$ 72 37
Year 1907-1908—County Appropriation $25,000	
Disbursements	$49,272 98
Receipts	48,765 56
Deficit	$ 505 42
Year 1908-1999—County Appropriation $30,000	
Receipts	$56,812 07
Disbursements	55 033 15
Excess	$ 1,778 91
Year 1909 1910—County Appropriation $35,000	
Receipts	$60,333 35
Disbursements	58,386 90
Excess	$ 1,946 45
Year 1910-1911—County Appropriation $35 000	
Disbursements	$38,436 53
Receipts	67,744 97
Deficit	$ 691 56
Year 1911-1912—County Appropriation $35,000	
Disbursements	$63,217 72
Receipts	$59,778 59
Deficit	$ 3,439 13
Year 1912 1913—County Appropriation $35 000	
Disbursements	$64,408 00
Receipts	63,717 06
Deficit	$ 690 94
Year 1913 1914—County Appropriation $35,000	
Disbursements	$64 547 91
Receipts	62,986 16
Deficit	$ 1,561 75
Year 1914-1915—County Appropriation $35,000	
Disbursements	$70,434 03
Receipts	63,577 81
Deficit	$ 6,856 22

And they further deny the allegations of said Paragraph to the effect "that in providing for the expenditures of the said defendant the county commissioners have acted with the object in view of providing for the necessary expense of maintaining the public schools and at the same time protecting the tax-payers of Kent county against the useless expenditures and extravagance on the part of the said defendant."

These defendants aver that they have conducted the affairs of the School Board in a business like manner; they have not been extravagant and have made no useless expenditures of money, but on the other hand they have constantly kept in mind the fact that with the constantly increasing cost of every commodity of life, including all school supplies, and without increased revenues to meet the consequent increasing expenditures, a shortage or deficit was bound to occur; and further, that in the administration of their official duties they have been guided solely with a view of making the revenues take care of the expenditures, and at the same time obtain the greatest efficiency in the school system in the county.

They further aver that they have repeatedly requested the County Commissioners of Kent County to appropriate more money for the maintenance of the public schools of Kent county, and especially did they urge this request in the Spring of 1915 for the school year 1915-1916, but the County Commissioners, desiring to reduce the county tax rate as low as possible for reason too obvious to every one, absolutely refused to levy more money for schools of this county, and this was done with the knowledge that the school appropriation today is the same that it was six years ago, and that the school expenses for the year 1915-1916 would be greatly increased over the expenses for the year 1914-1915 The County Commissioners attention was called to certain items of expenses herewith given, that would be increased for the present school year:

Statement of Certain Items of Expenses That Were Increased By One Hundred Dollars or More in 1914-1915 *Over the Year* 1913-1914.

Rent increased by	$125 00
Teachers' salaries increased by Acts of 1914	4,068 42
New Building at Lynch, old building burned	1,427 27
Mannual Training, increased by	277 58
Book Account increased by	181 33
School Supplies, increased by	250 00
Insurance, increased by	175 00
School Site Purchased	350 00
Summer School, provided by Acts 1914	275 00
Transportation of Pupils, increased by	235 00
Medical Inspection, providedby Acts of 1914	377 00
Total	$7742 00

These figures speak for themselves. The County Commissioners were informed of them and were also informed that for the present school year there was every likelihood that they would be still more increased, yet they failed to throw off the yoke of political tutilage and refused to perform their sworn duty of administering the affairs of this county without partiality, because they declined to provide sufficient revenues for the proper maintenance of the school system of Kent county.

8. That they admit the allegations as contained in the Eighth Paragraph of said Bill of Complaint to the effect "That the Board of County Commissioners of Kent county and not the defendant has authority to levy taxes in in Kent county for the maintenance of schools," but they deny the other allegations in said Paragraph to the effect "that the action of the defendant in discounting notes as aforesaid to raise money in excess of the amounts it was properly entitled to and which, so your petitioners are advised, will hereafter be presented to the fiscal officers of Kent county for payment is a violation of the rights of the taxpayers of the county, by the imposition upon them of unauthorized and illegal taxation, from which they should be protected by a Court of Equity, and that the promissory notes so illegally issued should be declared to be utterly void, and that any further attempted issueing of such negotiable paper should be prohibited for all future time."

9. Answering the allegations as contained in the Ninth Paragraph of said Bill of Complaint, these defendants aver that they are advised that under this Honorable Court's Order passed in this cause on the 28th day of February, 1916, they are not required to make the disclosures as asked for therein, but they willingly furnish said information as follows:

Statement of Notes Issued Since August 1st, 1915.

Renewal—September 20, 1915, 6,000, 4 months, K. C. S. B.—Paid on January 20, 1915, by being included in $10,000 note.

Renewal—October 4, 1915, 8,000, 3 months, K. C. S. B.—Paid January 12, 1916.

New—November 23, 1915, 4,000, 45 days, K. C. S. B.—Paid on January 20, 1915, by being included in 10,000 note.

New—December 8, 1915, 8,000, 1 month, K. C. S. B.—Paid January 12, 1916.

Renewal—January 20, 1916, 10,000, 1 month, K. C. S. B.—Overdue.

And having fully answered the allegations in said Bill of Complaint, these defendants pray this honorable Court to forthwith dismiss them with costs.

Respectfully submitted by

JOHN P. AHERN, President,
JOHN D. URIE,
WM. G. SMYTH,
Members of the Board of County School Commissioners of Kent county, Md.

JOHN P. AHERN,
JOHN D. URIE,
WM. G. SMITH,
Individally.

S. SCOTT BECK, Solicitor for Defendants.

State of Maryland, Kent County, to-wit:

I Hereby Certify, That on this 21st day of March, 1916, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for Kent county aforesaid, personally appeared John P. Ahern, John D. Urie and William G. Smyth, members of the Board of County School Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland, and John P. Ahern, John D. Urie and William G. Smyth, as individuals, and they made oath in due form of law that the matters and things set forth in the aforegoing answer are true and just as therein stated to the best of their knowledge and belief.

As witness my hand and notorial seal,

[SEAL] MARY A. BURCHINAL, Notary Public.

Defendants' Exhibit No. 1.

Office of
Board of County Schoool Commissioners
Chestertown, Kent County, Md.

JOHN N. BENNETT, President.
JOHN D. URIE,
JOHN P. AHERN.
JEFFERSON L. SMYTH, Sect'y.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., March 24, 1914.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland.

Dear Sirs—

In consideration of the fact that the County Commissioners did not pay the School Commissioners of Kent County sufficient amounts of the School Funds to meet the current school needs until January 13, 1914, and this deficiency in receipts made it necessary for the School Board to borrow funds to pay the salaries of the teachers to the extent of $11 000 and whereas the interest on the sums borrowed amounted to $216.50, the Board of School Commissioners most respectfully request the Board of County Commissioners to pay the Board of School Commissioners this interest ($216 50) which they had to pay upon these loans which up to January 13, 1914, amounted to $11,000.00, which sum was borrowed to pay the salaries of teachers due and payable before this date.

In further consideration of the fact that the heavy winds of last spring blew and twisted the School building located at Worton Station in such a way as to render same unsafe for the occupation by children and after frequent complaints from patrons, the Board employed Stavely & Bowers, contractors at Lynch, Md., and Wm. S. Carroll, contractor at Chestertown, Md., to thoroughly examine the school building and report its condition of safety and whereas each visited the school on separate occasions and in writing presented a report to the School Board stating that the building was unsafe for school use, and recommended that it be torn down to the foundation and rebuilt as the only way of making it thoroughly safe for occupation by the school children and whereas after further consideration of the subject with them, it was found cheaper to straighten up the present building and build an "L" on the east side in order to make this a thoroughly safe building for all time, the Board after a competitive bid awarded the contract for the construction of this building to Wm S. Carroll for $885.00, this amount being $75.00 below any other bid.

The wind also twisted the school building at Big Woods, making it necessary to rebuild this building from the foundation up at a cost of $243.12.

The School Board, therefore most respectfully ask that the Board of County Commissioners allow the Board of School Commissioners for this year ending July 31st, 1914, as a building fund the money spent necessary to build these two school houses, namely $885.00 at Worton and $243.12 at Big Woods, total $1128 12 together with the interest paid on school loans, $216 50—total, $1344.6'.

Most respectfully requested,
Board of School Commissioners,
JOHN N. BENNETT,
JOHN P. AHERN.
JOHN D. URIE.
JEFFERSON L. SMYTH, Secretary.

"KENT NEWS" $1.00 per year in advance.

ROCK HALL

March treated this section to an ideal spring day on Sunday last. As a consequence church goers and visitors were out in force. The services at the R. C. and M. E. churches were largely attended. Rev. J. W. Prettyman delivered an edifying sermon on the Bible as a lamp and a light to the feet and pathway of those who peruse and ponder its teachings. At the Sunday-school session in the afternoon about 320 witnessed the "trail hitting" of little Miss Kathelyne Moffett, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Moffett, who was baptized by the pastor. Rev. Mr. Prettyman is attending the Annual Conference session this week, and it is fondly expected that he will be returned to this charge for another year.

The Patriotic Sons of America celebrated the 16th anniversary of Camp 27 on Thursday evening of last week by a large reunion of the membership and families. A splendid supper and enough for all was served by the ladies. This was followed by an interesting literary and musical program, delightfully rendered by Misses Adeline Wilkey, Mamie Hartman, Mary Dowling, Kathline Hubbard, Edith Moffett, Mildred Williams and Masters Orin Joiner and Elmer Downey. Mrs. W. G. Davis presided at the organ and the Rock Hall band furnished sublime selections.

Mrs. Susan Hague, who has been spending several weeks with her son, Albert, in the upper county, has returned to her home here.

Mrs. Annie M. Boyer, of Baltimore, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Harrison.

Mrs. Grace Ryan has been in the city the past week the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. P. Levy.

Mr. Max Alexander has been in the city this week, returning with the statement that the Eastern Shore steamer line is still a muddled matter. He feels sure, however, that our beloved old line will continue.

According to the financial statement of a number of our merchants, our corner of the old map has brightened up somewhat the past week, resulting from the increased demand for oysters and the arrival of the small bone bacon (herring) run.

The three days rain of this week has knocked into smithereens the plans of our gardeners and truckers. As March couldn't have borrowed more than two or three days from April, it is hoped that Miss April will hand us out fine, settled weather from now on.

Mrs. W. W. Coleman has been in a precarious condition through the infirmities of age for some time. She is somewhat improved now. She is 84 years of age.

Rev. Mr. Shadel was called to Ford's Store last week to preach the funeral of Mrs. Horney, an old mother in Israel.

CHURCH NOTES.

Christ Methodist Protestant Church, Rev. W. R. Graham, D. D., pastor. Services on Sunday, April 2nd, at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-School 2 30 P. M., Christian Endeavor service 6.45 P. M. Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7 30 o'clock.

There will be no preaching service in the M. E Church next Sunday morning and evening, April 2nd, the pastor being away. The Sunday School will hold services as usual.

Tomorrow (Sunday) Mr. Clews will preach on "Forsaken." Georgetown at 10 30 A. M; Kennedyville 2 30 P. M. and Worton at 7 30 P. M.

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Mrs. Thomas Vandyke spent Thursday at the home of her son, Mr. Ralph Townsend.

Mrs. Edna Fitzpatrick has moved into the Holt Woodall property.

Mr. Ralph Vandyke has been unable to attend to his duties for a few days this week on account of sickness.

Mr. Earl Lacey Gane, of Bryn Maur, Pa., and Miss Esther Cochran were married at Elkton some time ago.

Mrs. Frank Woodside and son, John, are spending some time at the home of her brother, Dr. E. A. Scott.

Miss Lucy Ford has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Ford.

IN MEMORIAM

PRICE.—In loving remembrance of my dear husband, THOMAS WASHINGTON PRICE, who died one year ago. April 1, 1916.

Home is sad, Oh God, how dreary,
Lonesome, lonesome every spot,
Listening for the voice of husband,
Silent, for we hear him not.

Rest on dear husband, thy labors o'er,
Thy willing hands will toil no more,
A faithful husband both true and kind—
A truer husband you could not find.

But one thought comes to me in my sadness,
He is from all sickness and pain,
And I trust when my journey is ended,
I will meet my dear husband again.

11t* BY HIS LOVING WIFE AND CHILDREN.

HOGAN.—In sad but loving remembrance of our beloved daughter, Florence M. Hogan who departed this life twenty years ago, April 1st, 1896.

Twas so hard to lose her, but Jesus will guide,
When trouble, as said, neath His wings we can hide;
If we trust Him faithfully and some day he will say,
Come rest with thy loved ones throughout endless day.

Mother and Father, JAMES A. and MARY CASEY.

Twenty years, with all its changes,
Since death strangely bade us part;
But, dear mother, all these changes
Cannot take you from my heart.

Daughter FLORENCE.

There's one thought comes to us in our sadness
She is free from all sickness and pain,
And we trust when our journey is ended,
We will meet our dear loving sister again.

Her sisters, NELLIE and HATTIE.

PRICE.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Thomas W. Price, who died one year ago, April 1, 1915.

Home is sad, Oh God how dreary,
Lonesome, lonesome every spot,
Listening for the voice of father,
Silent for we hear him not.

Daughter ELMA.

On you dear father we always depend,
And how we had one sincere friend.
And all the hours on earth with you spent,
Your heart to us was always bent.

11t* Daughter ETHELYN.

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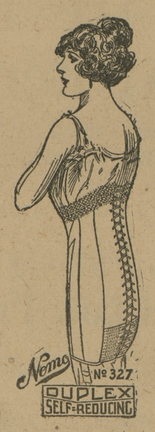

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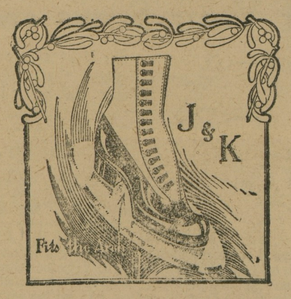

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