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CAROLINE has joined Cecil and several other counties of the State in a move for better public road conditions. Kent should fall in line and cast her influence on the side of the tax-payers rather than with the local political small fry.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE has discovered that wealth is a delusion. Doubtless Mr. Carnegie's former employees regret that he did not reach that eminently sage conclusion years ago. Good that comes too late is practically good for nothing. Fortunately the financial wizard of two continents has time in which to make amends for the tardiness of his philosophic discovery.

IN THE COMMUTATION of the sentence of death to life imprisonment, in the case of Lloyd Burke, Governor Smith has registered his emphatic disapproval of capital punishment for the crime of rape. If the intelligent public sentiment is in accord with this opinion of the Governor, then the laws of the State should be promptly amended. On the contrary, while the law remains as it is, it is a grave mistake to set aside its provisions in such cases as that of Burke.

MR. GEORGE W. CRUIKSHANK, for many years editor of the *Cecil Democrat*, died at his home in Baltimore on Sunday afternoon. As a writer he was clear and incisive, and was one of the most cultured gentlemen within the editorial ranks of the State. At the time of his death he was Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue. Mr. Cruikshank was stricken with apoplexy on Thursday of last week. Mr. Ernest Cruikshank, who graduated with honor at Washington College several years ago is a son.

COL. GEORGE E. HADDADAY possesses that rare but happy condition of always having something to say and never fails to say it in a way to set the other fellows thinking. When Cecil was thrown into the list of counties composing the first congressional district, there came a readjustment of political affairs of far-reaching interest. Below and above the politically historic chaptank were terms fraught with a new and enlarged significance. This change afforded the desired opportunity and the doughty Talbot County champion sallied forth, and served with eloquent emphasis this notice upon the lower Choptank political leaders:

"Cecil county is this year in the first congressional district, and this will give the counties north of the Choptank control of the nominating convention. We propose to use that power.

The democracy of Kent, however, is disposed to take issue with Col. Haddaway as to the following proposition:

"Kent, the smallest county in the district, has become a certain Republican as Charles. It cannot elect a Democratic State Senator."

This subject will be closed from further discussion after the campaign and election of two years hence.

TELEPHONE CHARGES.

Many patrons of the Diamond State Telephone Company in Chestertown are justly indignant at what they consider excessive charges for long-distance messages. The protest is most vigorous against charges between Chestertown and Baltimore and Baltimore and Chestertown. The citizens of Chestertown were unusually cordial in the reception extended the new telephone line and felt warranted in expecting equally generous treatment from the management of the new company. The people were given to understand that without unnecessary delay direct communication with Baltimore would be established and uniform and reasonable rates would be charged. In no particular have these promises been carried out. The charges range from 55 cents to 85 cents for a three minute conversation to Baltimore, and \$1.05 for a conversation from Baltimore to Chestertown. It is not enough for the management of the Diamond State Telephone Company to say that the trans-Chesapeake cable has not been laid, it is their place to see that some other satisfactory arrangements be made by which their patrons might be given satisfactory service at at least reasonable rates. The people are justly indignant at the apparent disregard of the company of the interests of their Chestertown patrons.

Without meaning to indulge in threats or anything other than a reasonable but emphatic protest, unless existing defects are corrected, it was safe to say that the number of phones in use in Chestertown will be considerably lessened.

Valuable rights and franchises were granted the telephone company based upon assurances of fair and equitable treatment, and the people have a right and do demand that such consideration be accorded them.

THE PEOPLE APPROVE.

Many expressions of approval have been heard commending the action of the school board in solving the embarrassing problem which confronted them as a result of the refusal of the board of county commissioners to pay the promised one thousand dollars for general school purposes. As was of course expected, the few who insist upon the injection of politics of the most vicious kind into public school matters, are voluminous in their criticism. The people—the tax-payers—declare that the plan adopted was the most satisfactory one which could have been selected, and commend the action of Mr. Brown, the Republican member of the board, in his independent action in co-operating with the other members in accepting the lesser of two evils, regardless of politics.

Similar action has been taken in Caroline and several other counties of the State. The claim that the tabulated statement published by the school board in last week's *TRANSCRIPT* fails to throw light upon the condition of the school funds, simply resolves itself into the plain proposition that, while the secretary is fully able to give figures and facts relative to the financial transactions of the board, he cannot supply understanding to self-constituted critics. The statement fully and plainly shows that \$485 of the \$1,000 has already been expended, and vouchers of such payments are on file.

The statement also shows that a balance of \$350 is due on the Massey school house, the work not having been completed. This disposes of \$835 of the \$1,000, leaving but \$165 for the purchase of furniture, seats, blackboards, etc. Nothing could be clearer to the unprejudiced mind than the statement from which the voluble critic draws his inspiration.

As regards the failure of certain schools to make the legal requirement, he was equally as misleading as in his perversion of facts relative to the expenditure of the \$1,000 appropriated for a specific purpose. An average of ten scholars during a quarter is the legal requirement, and the failure to show such average must be for two consecutive quarters before any school can be closed and even then the board has discretionary powers. Examiner Joseph Peterson, when asked relative to the matter, exhibited reports showing that Oak Grove, one of the schools referred to, had an average of over thirteen for the spring term. The Janvier school, also selected to point a moral and adorn a tale, by the critic, had an average of a slight fraction under fourteen. Hibernia, it is true, falls below the legal requirement.

At Hopewell, only since the new year has there been a short average, and the change is due to the fact that several families in which were large numbers of school children, have moved away.

The present school board of Kent county and the efficient examiner are in no wise averse to a searching investigation of their conduct of school affairs, and it is useless for those responsible for existing conditions to attempt to shirk responsibility for their acts.

THE PEOPLE'S FORUM.

Views of Readers of the Transcript on Timely Topics.

The columns of the *TRANSCRIPT* are open to the proper discussion of all topics of public interest or importance. Whether the editors agree with the sentiments expressed or not, the people should and may be heard through the *TRANSCRIPT's* columns—the paper will be the People's Forum from which they may be heard on all subjects purely party politics excepted.

THE REDUCTION OF FARES.

Chestertown, Md., April 18th, 1902.
TO THE EDITORS OF THE TRANSCRIPT:
The public have watched your fight for lower rates and just treatment by the Pennsylvania Railroad. Unless the Press takes hold of matters like these the public silently endures and a wrong is never righted, unless by accident it be discovered by those in authority.

No one supposed for a moment that the Pennsylvania Railroad intentionally discriminated against Chestertown and the stations on the line of our road. Your repeated articles in reference to the matter happily caught the attention of the proper official and the immediate rectification is the result. The people of the county owe the *TRANSCRIPT* a debt of gratitude for its promptness in directing the light of publicity upon this matter. You have also done the railroad a great service and made them friends where they were cultivating enemies.

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION DISCUSSED.

MESSRS. EDITORS THE TRANSCRIPT:—The resolutions and the report of the School Board and treasurer, published in your paper of 19th inst., will attract general comment. The unaccountable action of the county commissioners in refusing to allow the School Board the \$1,000 to which they are entitled not only by an express agreement but because it is the sum which has been devoted to schools for five years past, and the School Board entered the school year basing their engagements and contracts upon this sum, can only be explained by the county commissioners.

At first it was apprehended that our white schools might be closed at an earlier date as the result of this action on the part of the county commissioners.

The solution of the question by the action of the School Board in closing the colored schools after May 9th, is the only reasonable and rational one possible under the circumstances, and it will be upheld by the intelligent people of the county generally. The taxes we pay for the opening of the colored schools during the entire year is more than we can afford to pay. There is no reason why the School Board should be obliged to keep open the colored schools longer than April 1st. This is done in perhaps more than one-half of the counties of the State. In their manner of handling the difficult question thus presented to the School Board they are to be congratulated by the public generally. They should be upheld in this action by the tax-payers and by all citizens irrespective of politics.

Yours respectfully,

HOPE H. BARROLL.

A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

When Capt. Lee Goldsborough, C. S. H. paid a visit recently to the Confederate Soldier's Home, near Pikesville, Md., he was surprised at the conduct of one of the soldiers whom he did not remember ever having seen before, but who followed him around, as he talked with his old friends and comrades. Finally, when the Captain was about to leave, the soldier spoke to him and said most wistfully, "Captain, don't you remember me?" "No," said Capt. Goldsborough, "I cannot say that I do." "Why, I used to be the drummer of your regiment, and now I am blind," said the poor fellow. It was not a minute before his hand was warmly clasped by his former Captain. "And how did you know me," he said. "I knew your voice and I followed you, hoping that you would know me. I lost my sight by the bursting of a shell."

It is needless to say that these two old comrades will need no other introduction in the future. How much pathos is there in everyday life if we only stop to gather a flower by the wayside.

The Confederate cause was a poem greater than the Iliad—full of romance, valor, undying and unflinching courage, so beautiful, that in its decline and defeat, it commanded the respect of the nations of the world.

His banner was furled because it was weary. Around its staff it was drooping dreary, "Furl it—Fold it, it was best."

If one wants to get away from worldlyness, and see men who valued principle and honor above all else; who spent the best of their youth in hard fighting, with little hope and no compensation; who, when half dead, half clothed, outnumbered homeless but brave—brave—beyond Spartans or Romans or Median hosts; who were cheerful under adversity, and greater than all in defeat; if one wants to see the last of this type of wonderfully courageous men, just visit a Home for Confederate Soldiers for only a day.

ROSALIE MITCHELL SCHUYLER,
Hawthorn Place,
Berteton, April 20, 1902.

Better Than Pills.

The question has been asked, "In what way are Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets superior to pills?" Our answer is: They are easier and more pleasant to take, more mild and gentle in effect and more reliable as they can always be depended upon. Then they cleanse and invigorate the stomach and leave the bowels in a natural condition while pills are more harsh in effect and their use is often followed by constipation. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist, Chestertown, Md.

PUBLIC SALE OF HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE.

THE Household and Kitchen Furniture of public sale at the house, on High Street, Chestertown, on

Tuesday, May 6th, 1902,

at 2 o'clock p. m.

The Furniture to be sold includes
A Piano, Parlor Set, Room Sets, Buffet, Carpets, Chairs, etc.
The Furniture of a well-equipped Kitchen will also be sold.

TERMS OF SALE.—On all sums of \$10 and under cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of six months will be given with approved security. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

NANNIE R. BORDLEY,
John H. Greenwood, Auctioneer.

"NULITE" Gas Lamps

A WORD
In Regard to Insurance

Nulite Lamps are included in the list of approved gasoline lamps, by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Throughout the country west of Pennsylvania, the use of these lamps is permitted on all insurance policies free of extra charge.

Here in the east, where they are not in such general use, many insurance companies are still exacting an extra premium. Some companies, however, are recognizing the entire safety of the approved lamps and issues permits free.

Among such doing business on the Peninsula is the Kent County Mutual Insurance Co., of Dover, Del.

If the company you are insured with is not thus liberally disposed, ask for your rebate, and place your insurance with a more liberal company.

These lamps have come to stay, and it is merely a question of a short time when all companies here will issue permits free, as in the West.

Yours for cheap light and plenty of it,
WILLIAM TATNALL,
Gen'l Agent, Chicago Solar Light Co.,
1129 Adams St., Wilmington, Del.

EDWIN R. COCHRAN, JR.,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Wilmington, Delaware.

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Trustee's Sale

OF ONE OF THE

MOST Valuable Estates

In Kent County, Md.

CONTAINING 375 ACRES OF LAND.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County, Maryland, passed in Chancery cause entitled Charlotte A. Strong et al. vs. Robert Wickes et al., being No. 1281 wherein Hope H. Barroll was appointed Trustee to sell the real estate hereafter described, the undersigned will offer at public sale in front of the Court House door in Chestertown, Maryland,

On Tuesday, May 27, 1902,

between the hours of 11 A. M., and 12 o'clock noon, all that

Valuable Plantation OR ESTATE, Containing 375 ACRES

of land, situate, lying and being on Eastern Neck Island, in Kent County, Maryland, on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and the Chesapeake River. This is one of the handsomest and most desirable estates on the Chesapeake Bay. Its peculiar location, lying as it does at the mouth of the Chesapeake River, at this point 3 miles wide, with the waters of the Chesapeake Bay on the east and those of the Chesapeake River on the west, with an unsurpassed river and bay view, make it one of the most valuable tracts of land now on the market. For years past peaches from this farm and Eastern Neck Island have commanded the

HIGHEST MARKET PRICES IN BALTIMORE AND OTHER MARKETS.

It has been many years since any estate as fine as this on the Island has been offered for sale. The land is well adapted to the growth of all grains, fruits, berries, grass and everything else which can be grown on the most productive soil in Kent. It is within one mile of the wharf of the Chesapeake River Steamboat Co., on Eastern Neck Island. The shores of the farm are close to the interesting, valuable and largest oyster beds; the fisheries here are valuable, and for the last century its shores have been known for its fine swan, wild geese and duck shooting. The

FINE DWELLING

is a large and commodious frame structure with 10 or 12 rooms with a wide attractive porch, surrounded by ample shade. There is a Barn, Stable, Dairy, Meat House and other buildings on the farm. Any one wishing a home on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, or to anyone desiring a profitable investment this farm offers a most attractive opportunity. It is about 6 miles from the thrifty and thriving village of Rock Hall, the proposed terminus of the projected Kent County Railroad, and the last landing of the Centreville Line of steamers in daily communication with Baltimore. The present tenant of the farm is Mr. James E. Newcomb, who will take pleasure in showing it to any intending purchaser. This estate was formerly the residence of the late James P. Wickes.

TERMS OF SALE: As prescribed by the decree in this proceeding, made and reported by Hope H. Barroll, trustee, appointed by a decree of this court to make said sale, and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 23rd day of June next—provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 23rd day of May next.

The report states the amount of sales to be \$2,850.00.

True Copy—Test: JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

at 19-4t.

LEWIS W. WICKES, Attorney.

ORDER NISI.

Arthur D. Rivers

vs.

Margaret A. L. Stephens and others.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

No. 1290.

ORDERED, this 16th day of April, in the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, that the sale of the real estate mentioned in this proceeding, made and reported by Hope H. Barroll, trustee, appointed by a decree of this court to make said sale, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 23rd day of June next—provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 23rd day of May next.

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Announces a Daily Service

TO BALTIMORE,

beginning Monday, April 28th,

leaving Crumpton 5 p. m., Ches-

tertowntown 6.30 daily (except Sun-

day), stopping at all points on

Chester river above mouth of

Corsica.

Asparagus, Fish, Berries and

other perishable freights given

special attention and care.

Reasonable rates and satis-

factory service guaranteed.

Chesapeake Freighting Company,

C. R. ATKINSON, Manager,

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY SCHOOL BOARD.

Colored Schools to be Closed After May 9.

At the meeting of the School Board for Kent County, on Tuesday, the following resolutions were passed:

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners of Kent County agreed at the beginning of the school year in 1901 to give the School Board sixteen thousand dollars, upon which promise the School Board made its arrangements and contracts for the scholastic year, 1901 and 1902.

AND WHEREAS, The County Commissioners having paid over to the Treasurer of the School Board sixteen thousand dollars, and upon the request of said Treasurer that the remaining one thousand be paid, they refused.

AND WHEREAS, The one thousand dollars given the School Board in addition to the promise to give seventeen thousand dollars was appropriated for the purpose of building and repairing a school house at Massey and at Chesterville and to be used for this purpose

AND WHEREAS, The County Commissioners have been so used. The School Board has on file a signed paper drawn by the County Commissioners, that effect. The County Commissioners now claim that this one thousand dollars was to be counted in the annual payment of the School Commissioners of seventeen thousand dollars, notwithstanding the fact that this one thousand dollars had been appropriated for a specific purpose.

AND WHEREAS, The board of School Commissioners, have had an average of Seventeen thousand dollars since August 1897, as the Treasurer's statements and books will show.

AND WHEREAS, The School Board now finds itself embarrassed, and under the laws of Maryland cannot raise one dollar, but is dependent upon the County Commissioners for the necessary funds to run the schools, it is with deep regret that the school board finds itself confronted by these conditions, which must interfere with its work and the proper management of the schools, and at the same time entail a hardship upon the taxpayers.

Resolved, that the public colored schools of Kent County be closed on the Ninth day of May, after the teachers having been paid twenty dollars due up to that time, and that any work performed after that will not be paid for by the school board. And be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer publish a full and complete statement of all receipts and expenditures in two county papers.

Signed,

W. FRANK HINES, Pres.

J. THOS. PENNINGTON,

C. C. BROWN,

School Commissioners.

REPORT

OF

Treasurer of School Board

OF KENT COUNTY, MD.

Term ending April 16th, 1902.

RECEIPTS:
Balance on hand July 31st, 1901..... \$ 1,971.77
Free Book Fund..... 3,946.32
Manual Training Department..... 1,500.00
State School Tax..... 10,012.89
County School Tax..... 13,000.33
Tongue Licenses..... 4,338.84
Interest..... 16.25
Books Sold..... 14.75
\$30,811.75

DISBURSEMENTS:

Teachers' Salaries—white..... \$12,066.56

Teachers' Salaries—colored..... 2,535.92

Repairs..... 15.00

W. W. Beck, att'y for 1 yr..... 1,144.54

Repairs..... 701.26

Incidental Expenses..... 325.49

Expended for Books..... 2,646.73

Star Co., storing &..... 101.10

Delivered books for 1 yr..... 103.00

Salary Sec'y, Treasurer..... 800.00

Per Diem of Commis'n..... 156.00

Office Expenses..... 99.08

Printing and Advertising..... 90.40

Freight and Hauling..... 65.58

Building School Houses..... 485.00

\$22,702.76

Cash in Bank..... 8,108.99

\$30,811.75

OUTSTANDING DEBTS:

Due Teachers, April 22, 1902 \$ 7,500.00

Due on New School..... 350.00

House at Massey..... \$7,850.00

JOSEPH PETERSON,

Secretary and Treasurer.

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