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Important Notice.

Those indebted to the Transcript Publishing Company for subscription and other accounts will please settle at their earliest convenience, as Mr. Hopper's retirement from the Company necessitates that all outstanding business be settled as soon as possible.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL of the Maryland State Bar Association has decided that the eighth annual meeting of the association shall be held at Ocean City, Md., if suitable arrangements can be made. The dates selected are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 7, 8 and 9. Our local bar is generally well represented at these meetings.

THE CREDITORS of Venezuela have agreed to terms and the blockade will probably be raised today. All arrangements have been completed except the signatures of the nations. Germany obstinately stood out for preferential treatment and got it. Emperor William showed the mailed fist in his attitude toward the South American republic.

THE SITUATION in the Delaware legislature remains practically the same—deadlocked. Mr. Addicks' chances to be elected seem to have grown less and less. The time is now taken up by propositions from the different factions looking to the election of some one other than Addicks. The fight has become so bitter that it has been suggested by some of his friends that he had better leave the State. It is to be hoped he will not cross the line and empty his "bar" into the Maryland political crib.

DR. CRUM, appointed collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., has been turned down by the Senate committee. There is some hope for the country yet. It is a clear backdown by Roosevelt. Anyone with half an eye can see his influence in the action of the committee. But we shake his hand, all the same, and hope his ideas have undergone some doctoring that will keep him in good health on the negro question for the remainder of his term of office. When he finishes his administration, let us hope some good democrat will fill his shoes.

THE FIGHT for the local postmaster ship which was expected to be long and interesting, a battle of political fencing, was suddenly brought to a close by the action of the Republican State Central Committee in endorsing Mr. M. Wilbur Thomas for the position. This came as a surprise to the friends of Mr. Hiram Brown. Mr. Thomas was late entering the list, but he proved a valiant warrior and knocked over his opponents with true knightly skill. The friends of Mr. Brown are naturally disgruntled. Mr. Thomas is thoroughly qualified, however, to fill the office, and good service may be expected. Mr. Brown's long experience would have enabled him to continue his most acceptable incumbency, so the general public would not have suffered, no matter which had been appointed.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

At a recent meeting Mrs. W. B. Coper was elected treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. James Brice, its efficient officer for many years. The Union voiced its appreciation of the efforts of the court and officers in the interest of good government and suppression of illicit drink traffic. In view of the pressing winter needs at the Baltimore Kindergarten, a money donation is being secured instead of the usual table supplies, not forgetting the children of our own town. The Union has provided a fine picture of Miss Willard to be presented to the public school on the anniversary of her death February 17th. On that occasion Miss Jennie Smith, evangelist will hold an impressive service in Christ M. P. Church at 730 p. m. The call of the State Supt. of Narcotics for a crusade on March 1st against cigarettes appeals to all Christians as practical work for the saving of our boys. For plan of work see county papers. Press Supt.

A Mother's Recommendation

I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

Did the readers of the County papers observe that in last week's edition of the *Enterprise* nearly one-third more attention and space was devoted to the death of Zack Dunn, colored, than to anyone of the five white persons whose deaths it mentions, many of whom were well and favorably known in this community. It is all very well to fish and angle for the colored brother, but what is the particular motive which now inspires our erstwhile Democratic Editor in his desperate plunges to "get into the middle of it."

COUNTY FINANCES.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TRANSCRIPT: Is it not possible for a statement to be obtained from our present Board of County Commissioners, showing exactly what is the indebtedness of Kent county at the present time? I have been reliably informed that there is a floating indebtedness which was not provided for in last year's levy of more than \$20,000, probably as much as \$30,000. If this be so, the people ought to know something about the finances of our county, and have next year's levy cover everything. If there be any doubt in the minds of our commissioners or of any tax payer, I can furnish many data and shall, if requested, gladly do so.

This ought not to be a political question. Politics should have nothing to do with it.

The commissioners are our stewards. Let them be faithful. The law enforces and will punish them if they do not show they have performed their duty under the Code. It is the duty of the Grand Jurors in April to examine their books and if the Grand Jury do not find full compliance on the Commissioners' part with the law they should indict them. Many can furnish evidence that a large indebtedness long overdue was levied for in July last, and that the commissioners knew it was due and that they should have provided for all overdue debts. Instead of doing this, for years our Boards, whether Democratic or Republican, have done these acts knowingly and continuously. Many \$1,000 bonds have not been paid by Kent county when due, and instead of levying immediately for their payment, the board has levied for the interest only on such bonds at 6 per cent from year to year, while it has recently been demonstrated that the county can and has borrowed money at 4 per cent and 5 per cent. If next year, in order to pay our debts, it requires \$110,000 instead of \$75,000, let the levy be for \$110,000, and start in squarely and fairly taking each tax-payer into our confidence. Now is the time to clean our stables. Don't begin it in a heated contest. Don't say put it off till after the contest and then we will do it. Stand before the people as we are. Give facts, state reasons. Let all know what you do.

Very respectfully,
HOPE H. BARROLL,
Chestertown, Md., Feb. 13, 1903.

"FOSTER THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

Under the above caption, a Worcester county paper contains a very radical leader on the question of State appropriations for schools and colleges. Whenever a politician wishes to curry favor with the masses, the public schools are always resorted to as a powerful lever to pry a candidate into the coveted office. Anything to get the great body of the people with the idea that "I'm with you," is eagerly pounced upon, and made to do more than its share in settling a political wire puller into some good fat office. So when one sees the public school boosted by a ring politician, and a republican at that, one goes to looking for the "nigger in the woodpile." The African is hard to find sometimes, but if search is diligently made his woolly head can generally be seen.

Now, no one disputes the immense educational value of the public school. As so aptly put by the article in question, "the intelligence of the masses lies at the foundation of national prosperity and the perpetuity of the liberties of the people." Such terms as these have been used in connection with the public school ever since the institution of the great educating medium. No one denies that our civilization sits upon the steps of the free school. In everything that pertains to the upbuilding of that immense power in the welfare of our glorious republic, we stand hand in glove with every good citizen of this or of any other state. But we are suspicious of politicians. Experience has taught us that the public school suffers at the hands of party managers, and people prominent in political parties. True, it is absolutely necessary, to a certain extent that the public school shall be controlled by men in public office, because it is supported by public funds, and public funds are manipulated by men in public office, but there by political parties. Still, it would be well if their influence could begin and end when the work of transferring public funds was finished.

Of the baneful effects of political management we would invite a study of the situation in Somerset county, in 1902 under the rule of the Republican County Commissioners, as regards the public schools.

What we wish to notice however, in the editorial referred to, the caption of which appears at the top of this article, and the point which led us to denounce our Worcester friend as radical, is that he would take away all appropriations from our institutions of higher learning and devote the money to the public schools. He makes an exception of the *Maryland Agricultural College*. The politician again! See what he would do for you! See what a bid he is making for your vote! He would support an institution that turns out farmers? You would insult some of those cadets at College Park if you were to call them farmers. Indeed, the thing is often applied when one wishes to poke a little fun at them. Experimental stations, if properly conducted, are probably good enough, but look out for the college attached. Examine it well before you apply the term Agricultural to it. Be suspicious, too, of the man who would take all appropriations away from all schools except those that turn out farmers and teachers, specially when that man is out for any office within his grasp.

Apply his principle and there would not be an institution of higher learning in this broad land of ours. An endowment is the life of any college or university. It could not live without it. Not

one school of this kind in the world, it is safe to say, is self supporting. It must be maintained either by private or by State endowment. If some philanthropic money holder does not see fit to spend his millions upon it, the State must come to its rescue. And all States do this. Maryland is far behind many other commonwealths in the endowment of its colleges. It does as little for the cause of higher education as any other State of its size in the Union. And our man from the land of sand and seashells would have it do less, indeed! Nothing. He seems to forget that for the money appropriated, these colleges are educating the sons of the State; taking them from the public schools and carrying them further along the road to the goal of scholarly attainments. Does he not believe in higher education? Then he had better take his son away from college. Does he think that if all were to do as he is doing, paying his boy's way, the college could be self-sustaining? Then he had better give the matter greater attention and study.

He makes the point that the majority of students sent to college on State scholarships are able to pay their own way. That's politics. Let every applicant for one of these scholarships be subjected to a *bona fide* competitive examination and let the applicant's paper be examined by disinterested parties, and the right man would be sent every time. The law provides for the right thing. Politics steps in, however, and the whole system is misdirected.

We do not believe that the masses are against higher education. Many a farmer who never spent more than three months in the year at a public school is proud of his boy when he comes home with his sheepskin; and that same boy may never get it without that State scholarship. Many a mechanic would like to see his son filling positions the public schools alone would not enable him to do. The utilitarian view of education is not only the attractive one. Not one parent in a hundred wishes his offspring to be no better educated than he is, if he has been so unfortunate as to be deprived of educational opportunities; and every college bred man desires his son to obtain the polish of higher schools. So, while we are not fearful that our State legislature will be influenced by the Worcester journalist, we hope to convince him that he is influenced by a false economy and is advocating a principle distasteful instead of acceptable to the average American citizen.

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PUBLIC SALE

PERSONAL PROPERTY

THE undersigned will offer at Public Sale on the "Riverside" farm in Quaker Neck, where I now reside, on

Thursday, February 26, 1903,
beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., the following Personal Property:

 12 Head of HORSES AND COLTS,

including a finely bred Young Stallion;

14 Head of Thoroughbred Jersey Cattle,

6 Berkshire Brood Sows and Registered Boar.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS:

Farm Wagon, 2 Dearborns, 1 Top Buggy, and various other articles.

TERMS OF SALE:—All sums of Ten Dollars and under, cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of Six Months will be given on note with approved security, with interest from the day of sale.

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LEWIN W. WICKES, Att'y. f14-t.

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PUBLIC SALE

Personal Property

THE undersigned, having rented his farm to Mr. Thomas Bramble, will discontinue farming, and will sell without reserve at his residence, 1 1/2 miles from Black's Station, Md.,

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1903,
at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described Personal Property, to wit:

 9 Head Horses and Colts

No. 1—Frank, light bay horse, 9 years old; good size, and a first class farm horse.
No. 2—Daisy, bay mare, 8 years old, a fair driver, and will work anywhere.
No. 3—Bill, bay horse 12 years old, a good work horse and a fair driver.
No. 4—Bertha, bay mare 8 years old, 16 hands high, good driver; she is fearless of steam, and safe for a lady to drive; in foal by Merriock's Happy J., 9400, trial mile 2:24.
No. 5—Charlie, grey horse 12 years old, a good all-round work horse.
No. 6—Barnie, bay horse 9 years old, an extra good farm and draft horse.
No. 7—Nona, bay mare, 11 years old, an excellent worker and a good driver.
No. 8—Mabel, dark bay mare coming 2 years old, sired by Dan Murphy, out of dam No. 2.
No. 9—Ray horse, Colt 8 months old, sired by "Prince March," No. 3226, dam No. 1.

18 HEAD OF CATTLE.

consisting of 9 milch cows, some fresh, others close springers; 2 Heifers coming 3 years old, 3 Heifers coming 2 years old, 3 steers coming 2 years old, 1 Bull coming 2 years old, 4 Durham.

52 Head of Hogs, Shoats and Pigs,

3 Brood Sows, 37 Shoats, will weigh 60 to 100 pounds; 12 Pigs 2 months old.

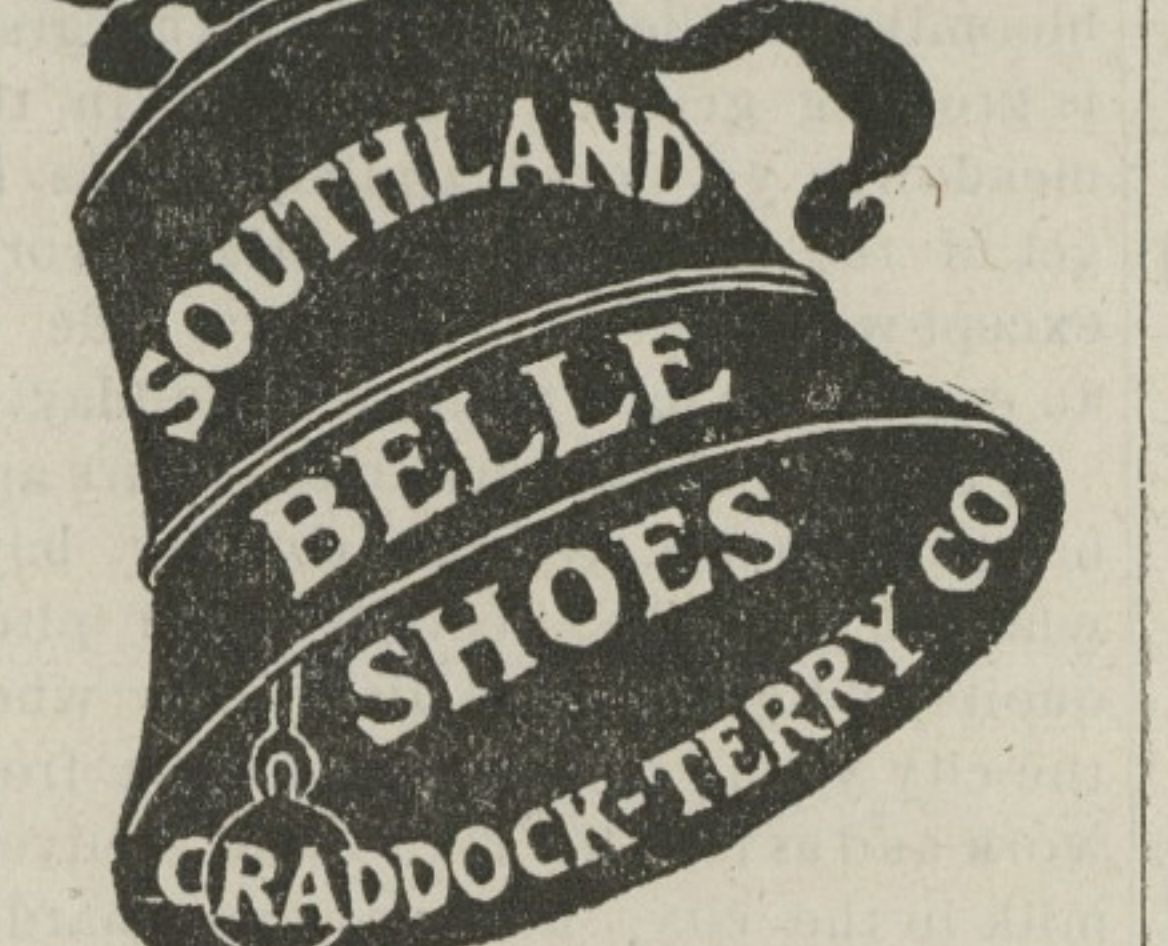
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2 Farm Wagons (made to order), 1 Dearborn, 1 End Spring Carriage, 2 sets Carriage Harness, 1 Set Dearborn Harness, 3 Sets Wagon Harness, 6 Sets Plow Harness, 1 Good Binder, 1 Deering Mower, 1 Empire 11 hoe Drill, 1 Buckeye Horse Rake, 1 Deer Corn Planter, 1 Hyland roller, 1 Corn sheller, 2 Hay Riggers, 2 No. 40 Oliver Plows, 1 No. 19 Oliver Plow, 1 A Oliver Plow, 1 60-Tooth Harrow, 1 Spring Tooth Harrow, 3 Hand Cultivators, 1 Slop Cart, 1 Grain Fan, 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Grind Stone, 1 Star Seed Sower, 1 Vice, some Tools, lot of Collars, Bridles, Forks, Shovels, Single, Double, three and four-Horse Trees, also Cook Stove, 2 Coal Stoves and a lot of

Household and Kitchen Furniture.

TERMS OF SALE:—All sums of \$20 and under, cash; all over that amount a credit of 9 months will be given on bankable note with approved security; interest added. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

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Jan. 31, 1903. THE SHOER.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, letters testamentary upon the personal estate of

MARY J. ARCHIBALD,
late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of August, 1903, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 31st day of February, 1903.

JAMES ARCHIBALD,
JOHN M. ARCHIBALD, Executors. f14-t.

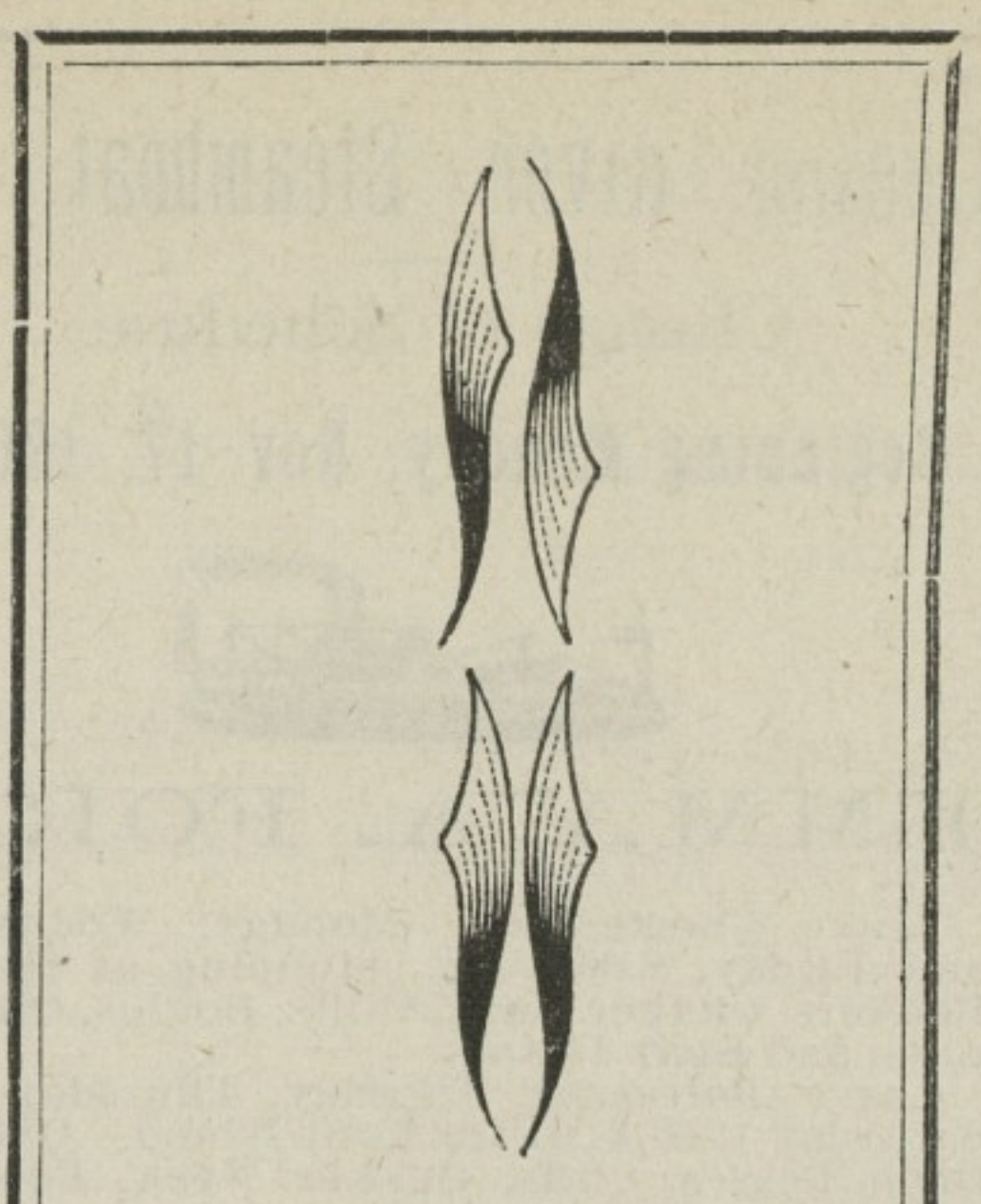
Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphan's Court of Kent County, letters of administration upon the personal estate of

CLARENCE SCOTTEN,
late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 24th day of July, 1903, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 18th day of January, 1903.

JOHN C. REDMILL, Administrator. f17-t.



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Clearance Sale

LADIES' CHILDREN'S and MISSES' COATS.

These goods must be moved to make room for our New Spring Stock, and some rare bargains await the early buyer.

Ladies' \$12.00 coats.....\$6.00
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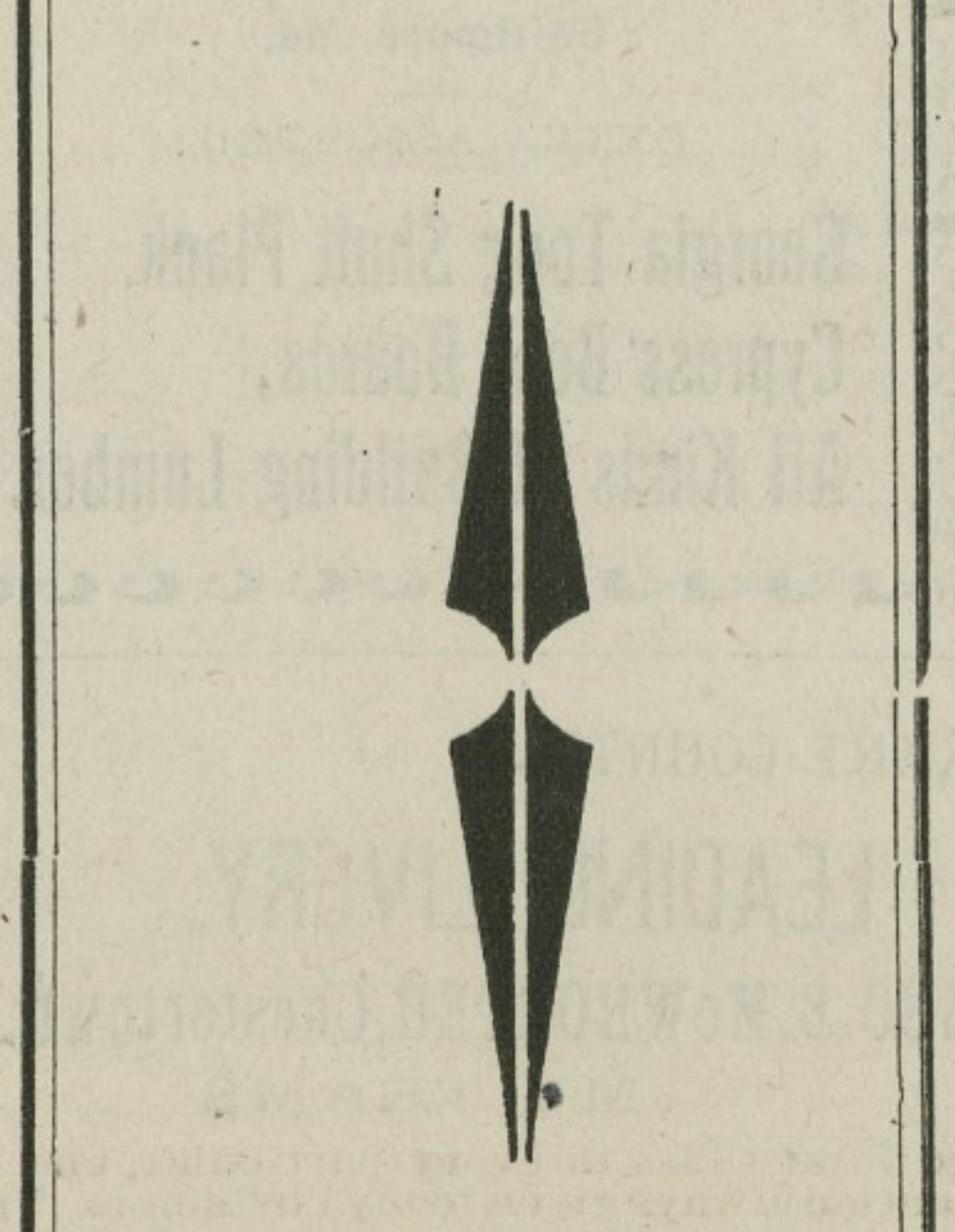
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Town Ordinance No. 46.
(PASSED MARCH 24, 1883.)

In view of the prevalence of Small Pox in the town and the necessity for the enforcement of proper means to protect the inhabitants from danger from contact with those who have suffered from or been in contact with said disease, we recommend parents to have their children and other inmates of their houses immediately vaccinated.

All persons unable to pay the fee for vaccination may apply to any of the physicians of the town, and the Commissioners of Chestertown will be responsible for fees.

Be it therefore ordained and enacted by the Commissioners of Chestertown, that whenever Small Pox, Varioloid or other dangerous infectious diseases shall prevail in Chestertown, and there shall be no suitable hospital or place for the reception of those persons affected with such disease; or when there may be such hospital and it shall not be sufficient for the accommodation of those effected; or for any other reason in the discretion of the Commissioners it may be thought best not to send such sick to such hospital, then the Health Officer of the town, or if there be no health officer, then the physician in charge of such case (who shall for such purpose be deemed a health officer) shall take or direct such measures in regard to the members of the family of the sick person or persons, and in regard to the other inmates of the house where such sick person or persons shall be as in his opinion may be necessary to disinfect them and to prevent their propagation of the disease, and to this end he may establish such reasonable quarantine as he may deem necessary against said house and the inmates thereof; and it shall be the duty of the Bailiff to enforce the observance of such quarantine when the same shall be duly certified to the Commissioners by such Health Officer or Physician; and any person publicly exposing himself or herself in violation of said quarantine shall be subject to fine of Fifty Dollars for each offence. And all persons so offending shall be forthwith arrested and taken before some Justice of the Peace, and upon nonpayment of such fine, such offender shall be committed to the Public Prison of Kent County until discharged by due process of law.

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M. Wilbur Thomas, Clerk.
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