The Transcript.

SATURDAY, JAN. 22, 1910.

$29,498.09 spent on the roads and bridges of this county in less than six months, and yet the Organization organ said last Saturday that every dollar of it has been wisely and justly spent. What do you think of that, Mr. Taxpayer?

HON. MURRAY VANDIVER was re-elected State Treasurer by the Democrats in joint session of the Legislature last Wednesday. The genial chairman of the State Central Committee has a mortgage on that job, and it pays him such good interest that he does not care to have it foreclosed.

THE RE-ELECTION of Hon. Isidor Rayner to the United States Senate is a great compliment to the State of Maryland. Seldom has the State had a more capable representative in Congress than is Mr. Rayner. Since his entry he has commanded the respect of his fellows and has added lustre to his State by his fearless stand upon public questions and his matchless oratory. It would have been a great reflection upon the intelligence and patriotism of the State not to have returned Mr. Rayner to the Senate.

THE INDORSEMENT of the Caroline County Road Law and the advocation of its adoption for Kent county by the Kent county grange is a significant matter. This grange is composed of Democrats and Republicans of all factions and the passage of this resolution of indorsement is a forceful indication of the trend of public opinion in this county, which should not be required by our representatives in the Legislature. We believe that the vast majority of the tax-payers of this county want the Caroline County Road Law, and they will not be fooled by a Road Commission such as had been tried with great failue by the people of Queen Annes. Give Kent a law which has been tried and found eminently satisfactory.

THE PASSING of the name of Abell from the journalistic world is a source of much regret. The head of the family established the Baltimore Sun, and developed it into one of the largest and best daily papers in the country, and it has been developed to great success by the successors of Mr. Abell. The Baltimore Sun is one of the best edited papers in the United States. The classification of its news items is perfect, and the character of its information is reliable. The political policy of the paper has deviated somewhat from the path marked out by its founder, but while that has cost the paper some prestige, it has not lessened the regard which the great mass of the people hold for the paper throughout Maryland and the South.

THE ACTION of the committee on organization in the Maryland House of Delegates in allowing so many as 115 employes of the house is a great wrong against the tax-payers of the State of Maryland. The treasury of this State should not be looted to pay political debts or bets. Gov. Crothers had urged rigid economy in the conduct of the present Legislature, and the humblest tax-payer, who scarcely ever notes the doings at Annapolis, knows that the business of the Maryland Legislature could and should be transacted with a far less working force than is now falling over each other in their attempts, not to work, but to entertain each other. This is by no means good politics, and the position of the Democratic party in the State is by no means so secure as to permit of such wanton wastefulness of the public money. There is no excuse for such extravagance, and the patience of the people is taxed to the limit. The future has to be reckoned with as well as the present.

A GROSS DECEPTION.

The county, Caroline, which has been held up before the State as an example of economy and good management has a tax rate of $1.41. Kent's rate is $1.25.—Kent News.

The above statement in regard to the Caroline county tax rate appeared in the above paper last Saturday, and besides the great injustice which it does Caroline county, it seems to be such a wilful intention to mislead the people of this county, that we have taken the trouble to send to Caroline county for a copy of the auditors' report for 1909, which shows the entire financial condition of Caroline county. According to the report, which we have on our desk, the county tax rate is $1.25, just the same as Kent. The State tax is 16c, just as it is in Kent, wh ch added to the county rate makes the *total State and county tax rate, $1.41*, and yet that paper deliberately published the statement that Caroline county's tax rate is $1.41. It may be interesting to state here that the assessable basis of Caroline county is $6,059,828.00, while in Kent the total valuation of property is $8,500,000, nearly $2,500,000 more than Caroline county. If the assessed valuation of property in Caroline county were the same as Kent, according to expenditures in Caroline, the tax rate would be less than $1. The total amount of money levied for roads for 1909 was $12,119 65, for the entire county, more than $1,000 less than has been spent in *one* district of Kent county in less than six months, and the roads of Kent county are not to be compared for one moment with the roads of Caroline county. The total expenditures on roads and bridges in Kent county last year was more than $43,000. Kent and Caroline counties have the same number of miles of road. The total levy of Kent county last year was more than $113,000, while in Caroline it was a little over $84,000, a difference of $29,000 in favor of Caroline for the year, which is $488 less than has been expended on the roads of Kent county in less than six months. It is a great injustice to the people of this county to publish a statement solely for the purpose of misleading them, and to thwart the efforts of those who are endeavoring to secure an economical road law for this county. A comparison between the finances of Kent and Caroline counties is the most invidious thing in the world. It makes such a reflection upon Kent county as few, if any, of us care to accept.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

The amount expended in the Third and part of the Sixth Districts for roads and bridges from June 5th to December 1st, 1909, as heretofore published in the TRANSCRIPT, John E. Morris, commissioner $13,889.22
Amount in Second District, Harry Davis, commissioner 1,086.35
Amount in First District, C. B. Dudley, commissioner 8,196 39
Amount in Fourth District, A. C. Loud, commissioner 3,196,09

Total expended in four of five original districts of the county $26,568.09

TO THE EDITORS OF THE CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT—GENTLEMEN:

In reply to a letter addressed to him on January 12th, Mr. Samuel Hicks, clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, advises me that the amount expended in the Fifth Election District on roads and bridges from June 5th to December 1st, 1909, aggregates the sum of $2,923.04. Those whose bills filed against the county for work done and materials furnished on the roads and bridges in the Fifth Election District during this period, exceeding $25.00, are as follows:

Chas. H. Ashley	$ 36 00
Wm. Atkinson	48.83
M. W. Adams	276.00
Wm. A. Bramble	42 02
Vachel Burgess	105.65
Hynson Beck	69 54
T. G. Clothier	132.27
Oscar Faucett	157.51
Sam'l P. Gears	44.31
Thomas Hadaway	204.18
G. W. Hayes	49.02
Chas. A. Jessup	232.20
T. R. Joiner	53.90
Wm. B. LeCompt	132.76
S. C. LeCompt	54 44
J. Kendall Legg	135.95
F. D. Lamb	88 38
G. E. Leary & Son	222.84
J. K. Middleton	181.75
T. N. McGinnis	111 69
John F. Rice	49.10
John C. Ryan	68.28
Wm. Edward Simms	176.27
Lemuel Stevens	46 83
Romie Scoone	35.50
Harry Skirven	48.20
Above $25.00	$2,803.42

An examination of these figures will show the tax-payers of this county that there was spent on the public roads and bridges of the county in less than six months a sum that aggregates $29,498.09. The same ratio of expenditure for twelve months would make a total cost of our roads and bridges of more than $60,000.00.

It is a matter well for us to remember that all the bills for work done and materials furnished in these districts have not yet been presented to the Board of County Commissioners. When they are presented I propose to publish these bills and show as complete a list as the records of the court will disclose. There is, I understand, one bill not yet presented which is over $500.

It is apparent that the county tax rate alone, which will be declared in June next, and which will probably be the highest this court has ever had to bear the burden of, will reach and likely exceed $1.50.

Those who have expended such large sums in such a short while for roads and bridges are the ones at whose door will be laid the responsibilty for this condition of affairs. It is of course idle to charge that all this outlay was the result of dishonesty. Just as it is an equally idle attempt to defend such expenditures upon the ground that every dollar of it was wisely or necessarily spent, or to claim that the people received any lasting benefit from the large sums expended.

Very respectfully,
HOPE H. BARROLL.

OUR BRAVE WOMEN.

MESSRS EDITORS:—Only a few lines this time. I have been waiting patiently to hear from some citizen, firemen, indeed anybody to commend the noble work when the steam laundry burned down. Our firemen did do just grandly and so commendable; risked themselves, and forgot their clothes entirely, some were quite sick afterward, self never seemed to be thought of, with that crowd of volunteers, not at all, yet, some worked as heroically. I am sure if the opinion of the eye-witness is at all correct, I refer to the young girls who brought out several baskets of the clothes, and guarded them bravely, until the proper authorities found a safe place for them, and shed tears of regret that they could not save all, and prevent the heavy loss some may have sustained. What is it women can not do, when the need comes to them? Yet, little commendation follows their self-sacrifice, or are their many noble, wonderful acts appreciated fully? Do say kind words when you can, even though it be young girls or women who merit such an effort. The women can shoulder any or all responsibilities, whilst many men look on and wait for the opportunity. Hurrah! for the brave woman who dares to do the right thing at the right time. How very many are there of the females who work about sixteen hours out of the twenty-four with but little pay, and are never expected to grow weary and neither commendation, love or kindness to cheer them in their efforts. Help the women always; no telling the result therefrom. Those girls did well, let them know their work for great good was appreciated. Our citizens do thank them, I am very sure. We miss the laundry; urge up the stockholders and people all concerned to start up soon again, if not as they want to, the best that can be done, right away, quick.

A TAX-PAYER.

ANNUAL REPORT
—OF—
MILTON MELVIN,
—TREASURER OF—
KENT COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

From August 1, 1908, to July 31, 1909.

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand July 31, 1908	$ 2,062.09	
State School Tax	17,887.93	
State Free School Fund	1,514.15	
Amount of Levy	30,000.00	
Borrowed	1,492.50	
Sale of Books	49.02	
Licenses (Tongers)	933.52	
Manual Training Fund	1,500.00	
Free Book Fund	2,397.20	
Commercial Training Fund	1,000.00	
Proceeds of Lecture	34.00	
Sale of old stove, School No. 8, Dis. No. 2	3.00	
Balance of Book Money, July 31, 1908	213.59	
		$59,087.75

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rent	$ 230.00	
Fuel	2,588 64	
Repairs	1,389.22	
Apparatus and Furniture	975.36	
Teachers' Salaries	38,533.71	
Sanitary Costs	1,551.37	
Incidentals	391.10	
Manual Training	1,631.36	
Office Expenses	143.73	
Salary of Superintendent and Clerk	1,770.00	
Salary of School Commissioners	300.00	
Note and Interest	1,521.33	
Commercial Course Expenses	1,315.82	
Printing	88.00	
Advertising	42.00	
Expenses of Institute	163.79	
Expenses of State and County Associations	40.00	
School Libraries	40.00	
Attorney's Fees	50.00	
School Supplies	2,267.72	
Balance cash on hand less two checks out	4,054.60	$59,087.75

We hereby certify that we have examined the aforegoing report of Milton Melvin, treasurer of Kent County School Board, and the books and vouchers upon which it is based and find it correct.

Signed. W. B. COPPER,
J. P. AHERN,
JOHN N. BENNETT,
Commissioners.

Jan. 22-4t.

Sale of Missouri Mules

I will sell at the VOSHELL HOUSE STABLES of Robert J. McWhorter, in Chestertown, Maryland, on

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1910,

AT ONE O'CLOCK P. M.,
(rain or shine.)

TWENTY-EIGHT
YOUNG MISSOURI MULES

MOSTLY COMING 3 YEARS OLD.

This is a good bunch of young mules and will be a chance to get a nice pair of mules ready to go to work.

TERMS—Credit of Eight Months on approved note.

JOHN B. RICHARDSON,
Owner.

JOHN D. URIE, Attorney.
C. H. HURLOCK, } Auctioneers.
FRANK SEWARD, }

1t.

Office of R. GROOME PARKS, Attorney-at-Law.

Order Nisi.

ORDERED by the Orphans' Court for Kent county, State of Maryland, that the sale of the real estate mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Rufus F. Parks and James T. Parks, executors of the last will and testament of William W. Parks, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 8 h day of March, next; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some weekly newspaper published in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the 8th day of next February.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1,175.83.

JOHN H. SIMPERS,
JOHN P. NICHOLSON,
EDWIN S. MORRIS,
Judges of the Orphans' Court for Kent Co., Md

True Copy—Test:
JESSE R. COPPER,
Register of Wills.

Jan. 22-4t.

DR. HORACE W. NICHOLSON
Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat.
Chisiom Building. 114 W. Franklin St.
Baltimore, - Maryland.
Hours, 9 a.m., to 1 p.m. and by appointment.

A Bank Statement

THAT ALL CAN UNDERSTAND.

STATEMENT
—OF THE—
Condition of the SECOND NATIONAL BANK
OF CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
At the Close of Business Friday, Dec. 31, '09.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.

This item represents loans made to farmers, merchants and others in this locality, said loans are secured by first-class Stocks or Bonds or strong personal endorsement. They aggregate ... $512,901.97

Overdrafts.

It is against the rules of all well managed banks to allow overdrafts in any form. It so happens, however, that depositors sometimes make mistakes in their balances, and overdrafts do occur. All our overdrafts are temporary and amount to 278.96

United States Bonds.

You have no doubt heard the remark "as good as a Government Bond." Well, this bank has seen fit to invest largely in these securities. We own United States Bonds amounting to 51,000.00

Bonds, Securities, Etc.

The policy of investing a good portion of a bank's funds in first-class bonds, is now regarded with favor by all conservative bankers. This is our policy. Our investments of this character are all in high-class bonds and aggregate 146,673.19

Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.

The bank owns the property and building in which its business is conducted. The original cost was much greater, but we have allowed for depreciation, and carry it on our books at 11,000.00

Due from National Banks and Bankers
(Not Reserve Agents,)

These items consist of the balances due us from all other banks with whom we carry reciprocal accounts, exclusive of our regular reserve. They amount to 4,089.27

Due from Approved Reserve Agents.

This item represents the amount of money we have on deposit with banks in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, subject to our check at any time. The government requires this that banks may always be prepared with funds to meet the demands of depositors. We have on hand with these approved banks 99,778.43

Cash in Bank.

This item requires no explanation. It is part of our Reserve Fund, and amounts to 54,147.14

Redemption Fund.

All National Banks are required to keep on deposit with the Treasurer of the United States, a sum equal to 5 per cent. of their circulation. Against this deposit is charged all notes redeemed by the U. S. Treasury. The circulating notes of this bank amount to $50,000.00, 5 per cent. of which is 2,500.00

Our total resurces aggregate $882,368.96

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock Paid in.

Divided into 500 shares with a par value of $100 each, and held by the representative business men and citizens of the community. The amount of capital assures financial strength. The capital of this bank is $50,000.00

Surplus.

Surplus is a certain portion of the earnings set aside as a safeguard against possible loss or shrinkage in values. The government concedes a bank to be sufficiently protected when its surplus equals one-fifth of its capital. Our surplus is seven-tenths of our capital, giving us a strength far in excess of the government requirements 40,000.00

Undivided Profits.

This item includes all the net profits of the bank to this date, excepting the sums carried to surplus account and paid out in dividends. Our undivided profits are 9,997.09

National Bank Notes Outstanding.

Showing the amount of bank notes that have been issued by the government, and are in circulation. Our money is guaranteed by the United States Government. It amounts to 50,000.00

Due to Other Banks.

This item shows the aggregate of the balances due by us to banks with whom we carry reciprocal accounts. We owe these banks 6,836.60

Individual Deposits.

This item consists of more than two thousand accounts. Some are the accounts of the largest, strongest and most influential business houses in Kent county and vicinity. A large portion, however, are small accounts, for we welcome alike large and small accounts, and take a special interest in new and growing accounts. Our deposits, subject to check, amount to 724,492.55

Certified Checks.

These are checks drawn against depositors' balances, certified by us and charged to the drawer's account at the time of certification. We have checks amounting to 42.72

United States Deposits.

We take special pride in this item. *Never* before did any bank in Kent county have on deposit money belonging to the United States Government. It speaks for itself. Of course it proves that the United States officials have confidence in the management of this institution. This deposit amounts to 1,000.00

Our total liabilities aggregate $882.368.96

Your Business is Solicited.

The Second National Bank,
Chestertown, Maryland.

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