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THE hogpen ticket was defeated in the Elkton town election as it should have been. The town is no place for hogpens nor hogs.

THE Baltimore Building and Loan Association receivers have filed their report and estimate the total dividends will be 50 per cent. There are quite a number of share-holders in Chestertown and Kent.

THE beef combination has forced the price of beef from 18 to 32 cents in the cities. Mr. George D. Lofland says it is only a question of a short time when the rate will be higher here because of outside influences.

EX-SENATOR HILL spoke in the Tammany Club-house Monday, his theme being "Get Together" and an elegant start was made toward winning the fight of 1904. All elements were present and harmony was the slogan.

THE Beef Trust has finally reached Chestertown. At a conference held Thursday night, our town butchers were compelled to raise the best cuts of beef from 12½ cents to 15 cents per pound. This is low compared with city prices.

WE are glad to report that the officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad have decided to accede to the demands of the traveling public as voiced by the NEWS in a recent issue, viz., to give us an equitable schedule of passenger rates on this branch.

THE Chestertown Commissioners refuse to allow the bands to play *for fear of a law suit*, and yet the pavement near J. K. Aldridge's store and near Stam's Hall is liable to cause a sprained ankle and a suit for damages any day! This condition of affairs has been allowed to exist for at least a month.

THE Boer war is costing England at least $10,000 for every Boer killed and up to this time the direct cost has been $835,170,000. If Great Britain can't whip the Africans what would be the result with her powerful rivals! It is proposed to tax grain, meat and other articles to meet expenses and the price of bread has already been increased.

ONE of the greatest pulpit princes—Rev. T. De Witt Talmage—died last Saturday night. He was sensational and yet natural, broad-minded and yet not a universalist, a money-maker but at the same time a philanthropist and his good deeds will live after him. The NEWS today publishes a sermon written by him just previous to his illness, the title being "Danger in Delay". He has helped many a sinner to find a Saviour and held out a warm hand and heart to scores of weak Christians, lifting them up to a closer and better walk with God. Pity the world hasn't more Talmages

J. D. Urie for Chairman.

State's attorney J. D. Urie has his eye on a big plum and if he does not land it, we are very much mistaken. His first step toward that plum is to win the chairmanship of the Republican State Central Committee to succeed Goldsborough. He has two strong forces for him, namely Congressman Jackson and Congressman Mudd, and it looks now as if he will be elected.

As a step toward this object, on Tues- Mr. Bartus Trew, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, resigned and Capt. Daniel Hill and John Terrell, the remaining members of the committee, met and elected State's attorney Urie to fill the vacancy. The State Central Committee will meet the latter part of next month when Mr. Urie will no doubt be chosen chairman. The Sun says, "Congressman Pearre is also mentioned for the place, and there is some objection to Mr. Urie because of his former Democratic affiliations." These should rather be an advantage as the Republicans seem to prefer a Democrat to lead them as was shown in the last Legislature. It is however a reflection upon the party that no one is found within the ranks capable of filling these high offices.

Broke His Ankle.—Harvey Wood, aged 15, employed by Mr. Walter T. Morris, broke both bones in his ankle Friday evening while in the act of jumping on the rear of a carriage. His foot was caught in the wheel and twisted causing the ankle bones to break. Dr. Dodd set the broken parts and the young man is being carefully nursed at the home of Mr. Morris. Harvey was whipped last year for doing this very thing and as soon as he could say anything, referred to this warning.

THE election of a town commissioner will take place Monday, April 28th.

EXTRA SESSION INDEED!

Shortest in History of State—Politics Takes a Back Seat.

The General Assembly of Maryland met in extraordinary session at noon Wednesday, performed the work for which it was called together and adjourned sine die at 30 minutes after 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This is certainly the shortest session of the Maryland Legislature of which anyone now living has any recollection. Two bills only were enacted. These are the bills levying the State tax at 17 cents on the $100 for 1902 and 1903, and a bill appropriating $10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the expenses of the extra session. Both bills were subsequently approved by the Governor and are now laws.

It was really striking to note how politics was kicked aside when the question of receiving pay came up. Democrats, Republicans, Mugwumps, Kickers and others were in for the pay when the time came. Kent's votes could not stem the current although they tried. Kent's three members received $182 for the day's attendance. Surely this was an *extra* session in more ways than one. If it shall teach future generations to attend to necessary legislation during the early hours of the session then it may be money well spent.

COLORED SCHOOLS TO CLOSE.

The board of School Commissioners on Tuesday decided to close all the colored schools in Kent county on May 9th. This action became necessary because of the lack of funds available to continue the schools. It was at first a question as to whether it would not be best to close all schools, but when the two sides of the matter were heard the action of the board noted above was decided upon. At this time of the year the colored schools are poorly attended, the routine of study interrupted and no one will be disappointed in not graduating. In the white schools the conditions are the reverse and because of disrupting the whole school curriculum and preventing graduates from finishing their course the board wisely decided to close only the colored schools.

The action of the board is to be regretted but became necessary because the Board of County Commissioners refused to grant the request of the school board for money sufficient to finish up the term—$1,000.

The School Board show by statement elsewhere that they have been economical in expending every cent levied and no one will deny that Prof. Joseph Peterson has made one of the best examiners and one of the most painstaking superintendents that Kent county ever had.

The whole matter grows out of a misunderstanding with the County Commissioners. It seems that the schools have been getting $17,000 from the county since 1896. Early this year the board had received $16,000 but decided to let the other $1,000 remain until later in the Spring. In the meantime the patrons of Masseys and Chesterville schools demanded new school houses but the School Board refused on the ground that no money was available for that purpose.

The patrons, together with the School Board, then asked the County Commissioners for an *extra* $1,000 to build these houses *and the County Commissioners granted the request and specified how the money was to be* spent Not one cent of this $1,000 went toward defraying the expenses of the schools as calculated early in the year and which calculation included $17,000 from the county and not 16,000. When the Board asked for the balance of this first sum they were told that all had been levied and thus they were left just $1,000 short and were compelled to close the colored schools This condition of affairs is not likely to occur again as there will no doubt be a more definite understanding between the two Boards in reference to money for the schools.

Cremated on Kent Island.—An unknown German died Tuesday in a shanty at Kent Island Narrows of smallpox. Dr. Fulton, State Health Officer, and Dr. James Bordley, county Health Officer, were present when he died. The shanty in which the body was fired by Dr. Fulton. The case was discovered last Friday by Health Officer Bordley, who immediately took precautions to prevent the spread of the disease. There were three other men in the shanty with the man who died, and as soon as they found out that their companion had the smallpox they left for Baltimore. Dr. Bordley notified the Baltimore authorities and one of them was arrested. No futher cases have developed.

Dr. Bordley received a communication on Wednesday of last week from Dr. Jas. G. Graham, of Ingleside, that a man named Whitney, who is employed on the farm of Mr. Rash, about three miles from Ingleside, was ill and showed symptoms of smallpox.

Dr. Bordley drove to Ingleside on Thursday and examined the sick man. He found it to be a genuine case of smallpox, but not of the malignant form as the one discovered on Kent Island. There were a dozen inmates of the house where the sick man lies, most of whom have been vaccinated.

THE Christian Endeavorers of Chestertown will hold a Chocolatiere in the Loud Restaurant next Tuesday evening. Everybody invited.

Statement by School Board

Colored Schools to be Closed After May 9

At the meeting of the School Board for Kent County, on Tuesd y, 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 seventeen 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 no other; and such one thousand dollars has been so used. The School Board has on file a signed paper drawn by the County Commissioners to 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. And therefore be it

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.

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REPORT
— OF THE —
Treasurer of School Board

OF KENT COUNTY, MD.

TERM ENDING APRIL 16TH, 1902.

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand July 31st, 1901	$ 1,907 17
Free Book Fund	3 046 52
Manual Training Department	1,500 00
State School Tax	10,012 89
County School Tax	13,000 33
Tongers' Licenses	1,313 84
Interest	16 25
Books sold	14 75
Total	$30,811 75

DISBURSEMENTS:

Teachers' Salaries — white schools	$12,666 56
Teachers' Salaries—colored,	2,535 92
Rent	75 00
Fuel	1,744 64
Repairs	701 26
W. W. Beck, att'y for 1 yr.	50 00
Furniture and Blackboards	161 10
Incidental Expenses	325 49
Expended for Books	2,646 73
Stam Drug Co ,Station'y and delivering books for 1 yr.	100 00
Salary Secretary, Treasurer and Examiner	800 00
Per Diem of Commissioners	156 00
Offices Expenses	99 08
Printing and Advertising	90 40
Freight and Hauling	65 58
Building School Houses	485 00
Total	$22,792 76
Cash in Bank	8,108 99
	30,811 75

OUTSTANDING DEBTS:

Due Teachers, Apr. 22, 1902	$ 7,500 00
Balance due on New School House at Massey	350 00
	$7,850 00

JOSEPH PETERSON,
Sec. and Treas.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE TO
Traders and Others

Notice is hereby given to all persons and bodies corporate or politic, doing business in Kent county, and requiring a State license to obtain a license or renew the same on or before the

FIRST DAY OF MAY, NEXT.

A failure on the part of persons now engaged in business to renew their licenses by the first day of May, next, will subject them to a fine.

Clerk James T. Dixon will be ready to issue licenses by the first day of May, next, at his office in the Court House.

Those interested are notified of the following requirements of license laws:

If applicant's stock in trade does not exceed		$1,000	$12 60
If over $1,000,	not over	1,500	15 60
" 1,500,	"	2,500	18 60
" 2,500,	"	4,000	22 60
" 4,000,	"	6,000	30 60
" 6,000,	"	8,000	40 60
" 8,000,	"	10,000	50 60
" 10,000,	"	15,000	65 60
" 15,000,	"	20,000	80 60
" 20,000,	"	30,000	100 00
" 30,000,	"	40,000	125 00
" 40,000,	"		150 00

The applicant must either make oath as heretofore, before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county where he is engaged in business, of the amount of goods kept on hand at the principle sale, or the oath may be administered by a Justice of the Peace when the person wanting a license applies through an agent.

STALLIONS.—The owner and keeper of every Stallion or Jack shall, before being permitted to stand or station such animals, pay to the Circuit Court of some one of the counties of the highest sum tnat he intends to receive for the season for one mare and the receipts of the said clerks, with the seal of his court attached thereto for said sum, shall be the license for standing or stationing such stallion or jack for one year from the date there of provided that in no case shall the sum be paid by this section for such license be less than ten dollars, and that every stallion or jack upon which the said tax is paid shall be exempt from all other State tax.

Any owner or keeper standing or stationing any stallion or jack without a license shall forfeit and pay twice the sum authorized and required to be paid it the last succeeding section, one half to the State and the other half to the informers.

THOS. J. FLETCHER,
Sheriff of Kent county.

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No. 1407.

WM. W. BECK, Attorney.

Order of Publication.

Willietta Woodland and John Woodland, her husband,
vs.
Thomas Wright, Martha Wright, Rachel Graves, Mervia Wright, Douglas Ford, Mary V. Ford, Anna Bradley.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity.

THE object of this petition is to give notice to the non resident defendants of the amount and character of the claim of Dr. C. W. Whaland. The petition states that by a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County in equity, dated October 29, 1901, and passed in a cause in said court, wherein Willietta Woodland and others were complainants and Thomas Wright and others were defendants; Wm. W. Beck was appointed trustee, to sell the real estate therein mentioned, and that the real estate in the above entitled cause was the property of Thomas Wright, and has since been sold as appears by the trustee's report of sale filed herewith, and that the said Thomas Wright at the time of his death was indebted to Dr. C. W. Whaland in the sum of $221.83, and also to divers other parties, which indebtedness has never been paid; and the bill further states that the said Thomas Wright did not have any personal estate and no letters of administration have been granted as will appear by certificate of Register of Wills.

To the end, therefore, that the proceeds of the sale of the Real Estate may be applied to the payment of the just debts of the said Thomas Wright, it is thereupon, ordered this 9th day of April, 1902, by the Circuit Court for Kent County, as a court of equity, that the petitioner by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Kent County once in each of four successive weeks before the 5th day of May, giving notice to Thomas Wright, Martha Wright, Rachel Groves, Mervia Wright, Anna Bradley, Willietta Woodland and John Woodland, non residents, of the object and substance of this petition and warning them to appear in this court in person or by solicitor on or before the 24th day of May next, to answer the premises and show cause if any they have why the proceeds of sale should not be applied as prayed.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

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

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Travel will be suspended over SASSAFRAS RIVER BRIDGE, connecting Georgetown in Kent and Fredericktown in Cecil,

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18th, 1902,

at midnight. Travel will be suspended until further notice.

The ferry boat will be in operation after above date daily from 6 A. M. to 6 P. M.

By order of Board
THEO H. JEWELL, Clerk.

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MONEY TO LOAN.

$1,000 AND UPWARDS TO LOAN on real estate in Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Apply to
SIDNEY P. TOWNSHEND.
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Chestertown, Md.

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All we ask is that you come in and let us show the handsome new styles for this season. Some of them are beauties.

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We guarantee satisfaction and at prices that will meet the size of any pocket-book.

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JAMES D. LUCAS.

MANLY THOUGHTS

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Yes, our line for the spring is complete; and we have Hats to fit all heads and purses, all colors, shapes, sizes and prices.

CLOTHING

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