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The County Finances.

In another column of this issue will be found a report of Sidney P. Townshend, Esq , and Mr. Frederick Wilson, the committee appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Kent county for the purpose of examining into the finances of the county and for other specific work; also a statement from the commissioners based on this report, and one from the clerk to the board of commissioners.

This special committee have had the wise counsel of Mr. Thomas W. Eliason as well as the constant advise and valuable assistance of Mr. Wilbur Eliason in all their investigations and research. They were handicapped by the lack of a correct system of book-keeping, proper care of accounts and a reliance upon memoranda which was not always to be had, so that the public must remember these facts when judging of the result of their work.

We do not hesitate to say that their work *may be well done*, but from the reports *which they have placed before the public*, we do not think there is a taxpayer who can tell "where we are at." The report in the beginning says "that we find in the levy year 1892 there was a total amount unprovided for of $11,549.77." Now, wouldn't it have been much more satisfactory and more just to have explained this "floating debt?" We have taken some trouble to investigate this item, and find that it is made up of $3,000 borrowed to pay cash for work done on roads, $8,000 in jail bonds and one or two small items; then the next year there is an excess of levy of $2,979.57, which surely should be itemized if the public is to know the reason for an *excess* of levy. Then there are no further itemized levies, but the report deals in aggregates, which to the average mind are just so many figures without any reason for same. We have seen the detailed statements mentioned in this report and they seem to cover the demands of the commissioners, but the object of the investigation was *to lay before the tax-payers the exact condition of the county finances.* If in debt $31,890.08, of what does it consist? What does the actual cash levy of $18,575 and $12,425 mean? And so we might go on through the report.

We believe the committee and their advisers understand the figures mentioned and they are ready to show each tax-payer the different detailed showings, but this was not the intention of the investigation and in this respect *the report is very unsatisfactory and without the detailed statements it is unintelligible.*

Mr. Jewell is deeply humiliated at his five or six thousand dollar discrepancy and was certainly not shielded in any way by the committee. He was made to bear the burden of his mistake, and no doubt has the sympathy of all citizens who realize that "to err is human and to forgive divine."

We feel confident that upon reflection the Board of Commissioners and the committee will realize the obtuseness of the report submitted and give to the public next week the detailed report, so that all who read may be satisfied with the same; and being convinced of the county's indebtedness, will act in hearty accord with the "powers that be" in its endeavors looking to the payment of this debt and in endorsing any movement that will prevent a recurrence of the same.

AN UNFORTUNATE ACTION.

Dr. C. W. Reid, principal of Washing- College, has tendered his resignation, the same to take effect at the end of the present school term.

Washington College will lose in Dr. Reid a man of indefatigable energy, of high Christian character and unusual intelligence. He came to the college in 1889, when the institution was rapidly losing its hold and when the number of students was small indeed. Under his supervision a Normal Hall has been erected and pupiled with as fine a class of young ladies as can be found at any college in this section, while in other respects the college has been placed in the front rank not only in the number of students, but in their general intelligence and moral tone. It is hoped that the college may succeed in securing a man who will not only keep the institution up to the present standard but do better work than Dr. Reid.

The many friends of Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross are urging him to allow the use of his name for commissioner from the first district. He has many supporters who hope to see his name on the Democratic ticket.

Clarence W. Perkins, Esq., of the Balto., bar, has been selected as one of the members of the young men's executive committee in Balto., to manage the McLane League campaign.

The annual convention of the Diocese of Easton will meet in Chestertown on Tuesday, June 2nd.

Memorial to the Late Jas. A. Pierce.—The Washington Star recently published an article concerning the life of a leading citizen of Maryland—an Eastern Shoreman a native of Kent county—the Hon. James A. Pearce, the father of Judge Pearce.

Mr. Pearce represented Maryland forty years ago in Congress. He entered the House of Representatives during Andrew Jackson's administration and was re-elected successfully until he was transferred to the Senate where, he is remembered as a type of the gentleman of the "old school," tall, with a commanding figure, expressive features, blue eyes and light hair. He was a brilliant conversationalist and a welcome guest at any dinner. Continuing the same admirer states "The Government of the United States should provide money for a suitable memorial in the Hall of Fame to James Alfred Pearce.

An Easter Bouquet—"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," surely had an exemplication in the case of the well-known citizen who brought his wife and daughter a bouquet of *artificial* carnations from Baltimore for Easter. He purchased them in market, enjoyed the perfume, was careful to place them in a cool place on the boat, and upon reaching home advised that they be placed at once in water! He was astounded when told he had bought artificial flowers!

Public Sale

—OF—

VALUABLE

TOWN PROPERTY.

BY REASON of the erection of a New Public School Building in Chestertown, Maryland, the undersigned will offer at public sale in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Md., on

Tuesday, April 21, 1903

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF TWELVE AND ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

THE OLD

PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY

SITUATED ON CROSS and CANNON STS., IN CHESTERTOWN, MD.

This property has a frontage of 240 feet on Cross street and a depth of 55 feet on Cannon street, and is

IMPROVED BY TWO

Brick Buildings

one on the corner of Cross and Cannon Sts., with a frontage on Cross street of 38 feet and a depth of 55 feet, and is TWO STORIES HIGH. The other building has a frontage of 90 feet on Cross street and 25 feet of this building is two stories high, the remainder of the building is one story. This property will first be offered in three lots:

LOT NO. 1—Is situated on the corner of Cross and Cannon Streets, with a frontage on Cross street of 89¼ feet, and is improved by the above described Two-story Brick Building.

LOT NO. 2—Adjoins Lot No. 1, and has a frontage of 100 feet 6 inches on said Cross street and is improved by the above described Brick Building, which has a frontage of 90 feet.

LOT NO. 3 Adjoins Lot No. 2, and has a frontage of 50 feet on said Cross street, and is not improved by any buildings, but will make a desirable Building Lot.

The property will then be offered as a whole and will be sold the way it brings the most money.

This property adjoins the new depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad and will make desirable Residences, Stores, or an excellent property for Manufacturing Purposes.

The Frame Building between the two brick buildings is reserved with the right to go upon the property and remove it.

Terms of Sale.

One-fourth cash on day of sale, balance in three equal installments payable in six, twelve and eighteen months from day of sale, secured by bonds or notes of purchasers, or all cash on day of sale. All unpaid purchase money to bear interest from day of sale. Title papers at cost of purchaser.

WILLIAM W. BECK, ATT'Y.

C. H. HURLOCK, Auct'r.

W. FRANK HINES,
J. THOS. PENNINGTON,
C. C. BROWN,
School Commissioners.
JOSEPH PETERSON,
Secretary.

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THE Executive Committee of the W. C. T. U. is requested to meet at the home of Mrs. S. M. Usilton on Tuesday, April 21, at 2 o'clock p. m. Full attendance is desired as place of county convention and program for same is to be decided.

Chestertown W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Thomas, Washington avenue, on Wed., April 22, at 3 p. m.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

—OF—

Two Valuable Farms,

Situated near Lynch's in the Third Election Dist. of Kent Co., Md.,

UNDER and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, passed in Chancery Cause No. 1468, entitled Gideon Frank Clark et. al. vs. Mary A. Clark Howard et. al., appointing Hope H. Barroll trustee to sell the real estate in said cause mentioned, the undersigned will offer at public sale in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Kent county, Md., on

TUESDAY, May 5, 1903,

Between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 12 o'clock noon, all the following

Valuable Real Estate

OF WHICH THE LATE JOHN Z. CLARK died seized and possessed.

FARM NO. 1 consists of all that farm called or known by the name of

"THE TRULOCK" or "KILPATRICK FARM"

AND CONTAINS

211 ACRES, 1 Rood and 4 Perches of Land,

more or less. The soil is from a light to medium sandy loam, of good natural quality and is easily improved. The land will grow good crops of grain of all kinds, and is especially adapted to the growth of all kinds of fruit. The

Tenant House

is in fair condition and ample for the purposes of the farm. The Barn and Stable are in excellent condition and the farm is under good fencing. There are about 1000 PEAR TREES.

The Kilpatrick Farm is offered with the express understanding that the right of way from said Kilpatrick farm shall begin where the west line of the Miller farm intersects the Kilpatrick farm on the north, and at a point where the lines of the Jeremiah Miller farm intersects both the Kilpatrick farm and the farm now occupied by Clara B. Rees, known as the Miller farm, and the right-of way shall extend in a southerly direction following the line of the lands of Jeremiah Miller, which formerly belonged to John A. Miller and W. W. Parks, to the public road leading from Worton Station to Lynchs, following the westerly line of the said Clark to the said farm now occupied by Clara B. Rees, an even width of 25 feet throughout; and if the purchaser of the Kilpatrick farm shall so desire he may fence off said 25 foot road, but if it be not fenced off then whenever any of the fields on the farm of the said Clara B. Rees as now occupied by her, shall be in pasture, he shall keep closed the gates on such pasture field or fields

FARM NO. 2 IS KNOWN AS THE

'Home Farm'

AND CONTAINS

182 Acres and 35 Perches of Land, more or less,

and is the same farm whreon John Z. Clark lived at the time of his death. The land is a medium loam, in a high state of cultivation and yields fine crops. It lies on the west side of the public road leading from Lynch's to Coleman's, about 11 acres lying on the east side of said public road, of which 11 acres 5 are arable and the balance is well set in Chestnut and Oak. The farm has a

TWO-STORY

FRAME DWELLING,

large and commodious, in excellent condition. The Stable is ample for the purposes of the farm. The Barn is large and ample, and each of these buildings is in excellent condition. The farm is well fenced, in a high state of cultivation and is tenanted by Mr. Henry Clark.

There is a fine stream of water, with hard bottom, running through them, affording an abundancy of water for stock. Every field on "The Kilpatrick Farm" and on "The Home Farm" is watered by this stream. This sale will afford a most excellent opportunity for any one desiring land on which to raise stock to secure a desirable place for such purpose, the land of each farm being especially well adapted to the growth of all grasses and grazing. Each of the farms is well wooded with fine Chestnut and Oak Timber, ample for the purposes of the farm. In a few years much of the chestnut will be of a size sufficient to place upon the market, thus adding a valuable asset to each farm.

Each of these farms lies convenient to Villages, Churches, Schools, Postoffice, and 1 mile from Railroad. This land affords a most desirable opportunity for one desiring a home or a safe and profitable investment. It is seldom that such fine estates have been placed on the market in Kent.

Terms of Sale.

One-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale, and the residue in two equal installments, payable in one and two years from the day of sale. All unpaid purchase money to be secured by the note or notes of the purchaser or purchasers to the satisfaction of the trustee. All title papers at the cost of the purchaser or purchasers.

The wheat crop will be reserved. The purchaser will be entitled to the landlord's share of the corn crop and the tomato crop, upon the payment of the fertilizer bill used on each of said farms. The purchaser is entitled to possession January 1, 1904.

HOPE H. BARROLL, TRUSTEE.

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mh21-ts. HOPE H. BARROLL, ATT'Y.

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DEATH'S DOINGS.

Mrs. Mary Canady Humbert, wife of Mr. Frederick Humbert, died suddenly at her home on Maple avenue Monday afternoon, aged 88 years. The deceased had been in bad health for many years but, accompanied by her husband, attended Sacred Heart Church Sunday. Mrs. Humbert was born in Prussia and came to this country many years ago the bride of Remey Guillemot and was well-known as "Mrs. Remey." They settled on the Chambers farm in Queen Anne's county, near Chester bridge, and were central figures in one of the most horrible crimes ever perpetrated in this section. This crime was committed on Friday night, August 27, 1868. On the date named Mr. Guillemot was found dead on the lower floor of his dwelling with his head badly mashed and a bloody ax lying beside him and Mrs. Guillemot was found upstairs, also badly bruised and wounded. The object of the murderers was robbery. A negro woman living with the family confessed that her husband committed the murder, but the court did not find him guilty. Mrs. Guillemot recovered, removed to Chestertown, married Mr. Humbert and has been living here ever since. The funeral services were held in Sacred Heart Church Wednesday, Father McNamara officiating. Undertaker Dodd had charge of the funeral.

Mrs. Lizzie Wolf, who formerly lived in Locust Grove, died at her home in Wilmington last week. Mr. Wolf was the genial proprietor of the creamery before he removed from Kent.

Rev. C. F. Sheppard, a well-known minister of the M. E. Conference, died on Tuesday

Mrs. Milcha Wilson, widow of Alexander Wilson, died Saturday at her home at Middletown, after an illness of only two days. Before marriage she was a Miss Crouch, of Elk Neck, and was 78 years of age. She leaves two daughters—Mrs. Frank Pennington and Mrs. Daniel Cochran, of near Middletown. Capt. J. Fletcher Wilson, of this county; Wm. J. Wilson, of Elk Neck, and Mrs. John C. McNamee, of North East, are step-children of the deceased.

Kinsey E. Thomas, an old resident of Cliff City, this county, died at Rawleysville, W. Va., last week, where he was visiting relatives. Mr. Thomas was 80 years old and a veteran of the Mexican War. He was the first settler at Cliff City, which is now a thickly settled section on Chester river, about 11 miles below Chestertown.

MR. FRED WILLSON has been appointed assistant book-keeper in the County Commissioners office.

J. P. PRICE has removed from Lankford, to his Fairlee mill. He has contracted with Mr. A. M. Kendall for the erection of a very tasty and modern dwelling. He will also add an addition to his mill and put in patent rollers and will go into grinding wheat as well as corn. A new stable will also be built and with these improvements Mr. Price will have among the best mill properties in the county.

New Machinery.—Mr. Wm. Green proprietor of the Chestertown laundry on Maple avenue, has ordered a 2 horse-power gasoline engine of Davis & McIntyre, also new washing, ironing and starching machines, all to have power attachments and to be run by the little engine mentioned above. Mr. Green has proven to the public his ability to give good service and with the improved machinery will be better fitted to serve the people. Mr. Green has able assistants in his wife and daughter, Miss Florence.

Messrs. Davis & McIntyre have installed engines in France & Decorse's wood and coal yard and on Mr Richard Leaverton's farm near Pomona. Mr. L. will utilize his engine in pumping water, sawing wood, etc.

A SURPRISE was given Rev. D. L. Greenfield and wife Monday evening by a representative gathering of the members of his congregation. Mr. J. K. Aldridge made the presentation address. The pastor's larder was filled with good things while the wife was remembered very kindly.

J. WESLEY ANDERSON, a well known colored politician of Chestertown, died yesterday morning.

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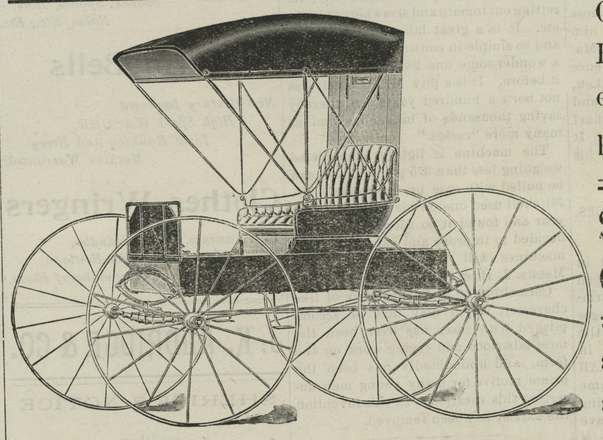

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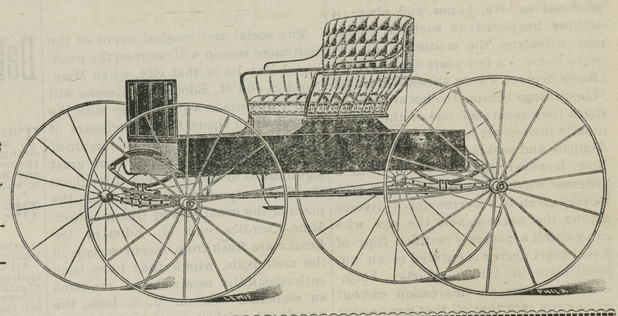

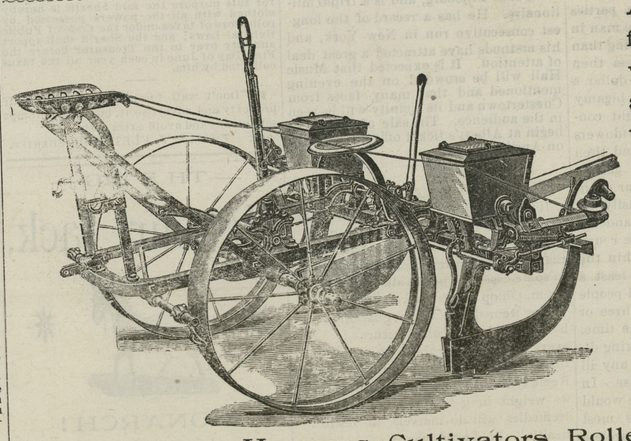

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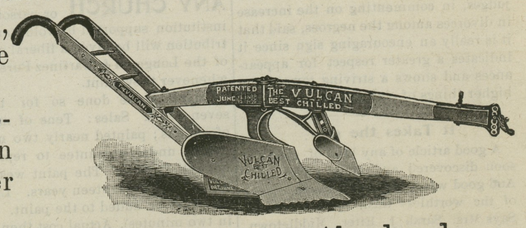

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