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NOTICE.

New Windsor, Md. December 5th, 1896.

...on for SEVEN DIREC... named Bank will be held ...ons on TUESDAY, Jan... from 1 to 3 o'clock, P. M.

NATHAN H. BAILE, Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of The Carroll County Electric Light and Power Company that an election for Seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company, over Miller Bros.' store, Westminster, on the first Wednesday of January next, being the 6th day of January, 1897, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, A. M.

...AN, Jr. dec-26-te Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Albaugh & Bohn Grocery Company, that an election for five directors to manage the affairs of the company for the ensuing year will be held at the office of the company, opposite First National Bank of Westminster, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday, January 5th, 1897.

GEO. W. ALBAUGH, President. F. Thos. Babylon, Sec'y. and Treas. de-26te

ELECTION NOTICE.

THE Stockholders of the Ice and Cold Storage Company of Westminster are hereby notified that an election for Eleven Directors to manage the affairs of the Company for the ensuing year will be held at the First National Bank Building, in Westminster, Md., on Tuesday, January 5th, 1897, between the hours of 10 A. M., and 12 o'clock, M.

JOS. W. SMITH, dec-19-3t Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The Stockholders of the Farmers' Fertilizer Company of Carroll County are hereby notified that the annual election, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to manage the affairs of said Company for the ensuing year, will be held at the Company's Office on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1897, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 12 o'clock, M. By order of the Board,

JOHN T. DIFFENBAUGH, dec-19-te. Secretary.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Union National Bank of Westminster, Westminster, Md., December 5th, 1896.

An Election for TEN DIRECTORS for the Bank will be held on TUESDAY, the 12th of January, 1897, between the hours of 11 o'clock, A. M., and 12 M., of said day, at said Bank.

J. W. HERING, dec-5-te Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The First National Bank of Westminster, Westminster, Md., December 5th, 1896.

The Stockholders of this Bank are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting for the election of NINE DIRECTORS to manage the affairs of the Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of January, 1897, between the hours of 11 o'clock, A. M., and 1 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE R. GEHR, dec-5-te Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank of Westminster, Westminster, Md., December 5th, 1896.

The Stockholders of this Bank are hereby notified that an election for DIRECTORS, to manage the affairs of the Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on the Second TUESDAY, being the 12th day of JANUARY, 1897, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, P. M.

J. H. CUNNINGHAM, dec-5-te Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO. IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, BALTIMORE, MD., DECEMBER 12TH, 1896.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the Company will be held on MONDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1897, between 11 A. M., and 12 M., at the Company's office for the purpose of electing THIRTEEN DIRECTORS for the ensuing year.

MILTON DANCE, dec-19-te Secretary.

EX-PARTE.

NO. 2076 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

In the matter of the trust estate of Joshua Frownfelter, J. Milton Reifsnider trustee.

Ordered, this 22rd day of December, A. D. 1896, that the accounts A and B of the Auditor filed in this cause, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 11th day of January next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day, in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

True Copy—Test: de-26 2t BENJ. F CROUSE. CLERK.

NO. 3495 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

R. Abner Parke, Assignee, vs. Jacob Wink, Mortgagor and Defendant.

ORDERED, this 21st day of December, 1896, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by R. Abner Parke, assignee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 25th day of January, next; Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper, printed in Carroll County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 18th day of January next. The report states the amount of sale to be $375.00.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

True Copy,—Test: de-26-3t BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THIS is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of

HENRY MARKER,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 21st day of July, 1897; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 21st day of December, 1896.

CHARLOTTE V. MARKER, dec-26-4t Administratrix.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THIS is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters of Administration on the estate of

...HUGHES,

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GEORGE E. HUGHES, dec-26-4t Administrator.

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SAMBO'S NEW YEAR SERMON.

BY L. EDGAR JONES.

On New Yeah's day resolbe straightway to minimize yo' ills,
Wiv sanitary common sense reduce yo' doctah's bills.

Sweah off from clogging greediness, wiv gluttony an' sich,
Fo' one who starbs hisself to def ten die who eat too much.

Doant capah like a mooley cow on ruin's dizzy brink,
Keep way back f'om de precipice respec'fully an' think.

Resolbe dat yo will not flare up in wild extremes ob dress,
Take middle groun' atween a ton an' none at all, or less.

Doant soak yo' clay too labishly wiv oed-eye-gin or rum,
Dey'll switch yo' off down grade right quick to wha' no good folks come.

Doant oberdo yo' wuks an' ways, f'om cycling to a walk,
An' nebah weah yo' wisdom thin by eberlastin' talk.

Doant be a scandalmongah mean—a cawin' carrion crow—
Inventin' odorous abuse in word-boms packed wiv woe.

Doant be a narrow-gauge false saint wiv no thought but ob creeds,
Let out de tucks sewed in yo' soul, expandin' yo' good deeds.

Be faithful to yo' chosen chu'ch, but widen out yo' glance,
See noble motives ebery wha' an' gib all souls a chance.

Dispute yo' politics an' points wiv tempah all serene,
An' nebah in fair ahgument explode an' make a scene.

In sho't, resolbe to gib yo' soul a balance-wheel an' guide,
An' nebah let it run slam-bang wiv throttle valve too wide.

Resolbe to be symmetrical upon de broad-gauge plan
Which wiv uncommon common sense rounds out de noble man.

Be honest, upright, squah-toed, true, to right good things inclined,
Instead ob a lop-sided soul by ebil undermined.

Doant covet watahmillyuns, hens, or slip in thievish ways,
Yo' chickens may come home to roost in melon-colic days.

Doant gib yo' pennies to de chu'ch, yo' dollahs playin' craps;
Or make yo' sins all wide-awake, yo' 'ligion ob cat-naps.

And when yo' sweah off on New Yeah stick bravely to yo' word,
Instead ob floppin' like a flea, or playin' mockin' bird.

Be honest in you' life an' lub, no hones' gal deceive,
A flirt am like a coward wiv a daggah up his sleeve.

No grumblah, growlah, chronic-crack or insect wiv a sting,
But wiv de sunshine in yo' soul soah high on happy wing.

So shall yo trabel heabenwahd by de best an' brightest way,
An' lib yo' pledges to renew on many a New Yeah's day.

De quatet now will sing de hymn: "We knows whar we am at,"
While Deekin Bunette locks do doahs an' passes roun' de hat.

Willie had swallowed a penny, and his mother was in a state of much alarm. "Helen!" she called to her sister in the next room, "send for a doctor; Willie has swallowed a penny!" The terrified and frightened boy looked up, imploringly. "No, mamma," he interposed; "send for the minister." "The minister?" asked his mother, incredulously. "Did you say the minister?" "Yes; because papa says our minister can get money out of anybody."

In a workshop when the men absented themselves, they were to produce a doctor's certificate. An Irishman, absent, however, on a second occasion, and told to bring his certificate, gave in the one used before. The manager looking at it said: "Why, Pat, that is the old certificate." "Sure I know that," said Pat, "an' isn't it the ould complaint?"

Bilkeys—I'm going to swear off on the 1st of January.

Silkeys—Oh, pshaw! I thought you were going to break all those bad habits.—Chicago News.

BOTH WERE SURPRISED.

By Elisa Armstrong.

It was New Year's day, and Miss Harriet Singlebody was so unusually absent-minded that she forgot to call the attention of her brother to the fact that he was almost half a minute late to breakfast.

"This is New Year's day, I believe," he remarked, as he buttered his first muffin.

"So the calendar says," returned his sister, who had just discovered that she had forgotten to put sugar in her tea.

"The day for making good resolutions and putting them into execution, eh?"

"Well, er—yes."

"Does it ever seem to you, Harriet, that the house is very quiet?"

"Why, yes, of late it has seemed so."

"And we are growing older every day."

"Speak for yourself as to that, I am an entire year your junior!"

"Well, the fact is, that I have always had an aversion to pets. In fact, I believe I have always said I would never have one in the house. This prejudice you have shared. I now feel that it is wrong to cherish such feelings against poor dumb brutes. I—how would you like a nice quiet pet?"

"Why, Isaac, the very idea. I, too—"

"Fearing that you might object, I—"

"Oh, not at all. I—how did you find out—"

"I decided to surprise you. You will find in the library—"

"Why, have yot seen it, then? I meant it as a surprise!"

"Meant what as a surprise? Isaac Singlebody, what are you talking about, if not the fine Angora cat I have put in the library as a surprise for you?"

"Good gracious, Harriet, I—I was thinking of the handsome poodle dog I have put in the library as a surprise for you!"

"Mercy on us, Isaac, what is that awful noise? Is it an attack by Indians, a cyclone, or what?"

"It is not an attack by Indians, neither is it a cyclone," returned Mr. Singlebody, with the calmness of despair. "That awful noise you hear is mearly our two pets scraping an acquaintance!"

HELP ONE ANOTHER.

BY REV. T. DE WITT TALMAGE.

From Demorest's Magazine.

Paul advances the theory: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Here's the text for the New Year—a text to make the New Year a really happy one. How shall you carry it out? By splitting up the burdens into fragments—you take part of mine and I take part of yours, and each one will take part of the other's and so will fulfill the law of Christ.

One of the ways toward this end is encouragement.

Encourage the merchant. If he have a superior style of goods, tell him so.

Encourage the newspaper men. Be affable to them when you have no ax to grind.

Encourage mechanics. If one has done a job well, tell him it is splendidly done.

Encourage the farmers. There is no class of people in this country who want your sympathy just now more than the farmers.

Encourage the doctors. You praise the doctor when he brings you up from an awful crisis of disease, but do you praise the doctor when through skillful treatment of the incipient stages of disease he keeps you from sinking down to the awful crisis?

Encourage the lawyers.

Encourage the teachers in our public schools.

Encourage all invalids by telling them how many you have known with the same ailments to get well.

Encourage all starting in life by yourself becoming reminiscent.

Such is happiness, and the road to a Happy New Year.

Freddy—Angelina, this is New Year's day and I have sworn off smoking cigarettes.

Angelina—Then, Freddy Noodles, you may consider our engagement off. I have no confidence in a man who commences swearing off at your age. You will be a total wreck before you are 21; so trot away; there's a good boy.—N. Y. Truth.

"What kind of a noun is 'kiss'—common or proper? Miss Vassar: "It becomes common when it ceases to be proper."

For the SENTINEL.

WOMAN'S PROGRESS.

Woman's progress is becoming a question of greater importance, year by year. Her fertile mind is grasping questions that men have seen fit to ignore. She is reaching out into new fields that tend to her advancement in the betterment of all things. She is studying, thinking and working. She is showing energy, tact, and determination, such as men are not capable of. Under such conditions she must advance, and the world advances with her, and her purifying influence be felt not only in those things in which she takes especial interest, but with all things. Woman's progress will not take away her womanliness, her tender heart, and her love of home, nor will it take from her an appreciation of the dignity of glorious motherhood. But it will make her understand more fully the great trust that is hers, the mighty power that she can wield, both for God and the world. Women can progress and still be womanly; they can progress and be as noble mothers as the world ever saw and with their progress then, husbands, families and friends are made happier and greatly benefitted. Patience and energy are the foundation of her progress, and we hope the day is not far distant when she will be in a position to exhibit her hidden intellect more fully to the world.

Sykesville. M. A. H.

THE NEW YEAR'S PROMISES.

BY WILLIAM ROSSER COBBE.

The years are ushered in one by one, and they go out again, each in succession, in obedience to laws the interpretation of which we ill-understand, although savants write with assumed sageness concerning the reign of order in the universe and the forces back of these potencies. Of one thing, however, man is fully assured, and that is that back of written history, back of all the evidences of the alleged "everlasting hills" and the rocks that form the base of earth's strength—back of universal terrestrial flame and gases, and far and away into the endless sea of star-dust, time was, just as time is. So in all these eons there have been revolutions of planets and satellites and suns, which give in their order the periods that are termed seasons and years. It is as easy to comprehend the beginning as the end of things, for ahead of us is the impenetrable and back of us the illimitable. Still men go on counting the coming and the going of the years, touched with the chastened hand of regret at the dying of the old and stirred to gladness at the birth of the new year. The "without beginning and without end," so far as the comprehension of man can grasp, might suggest that the times and the seasons all count for nothing, save as they point the very grave moral that humanity, at least, ages and that each recurring date brings the living nearer by so much to the shadows of the valley, entering which no man may retrace his steps.

The dawn of the new year, however, suggests, and in some way (man seems unable to efface the memory), with the matin prayer of the new there sound the vesper plaints of the old, blending to produce a petition for absolution from the sins that were and deliverance from the temptations that may be. And not the shades of the gloaming only of the just dead year troop up before the mental vision, but all the deeds, the scenes and the incidents of the long day that formed that year. The might-have-beens come up with their painful suggestiveness, aggravating the shame that arises over the has-beens, each serving as a scourge to mar the back and the visage of all those whose consciences are quickened to discernment between what is good and what is evil.

Still, after all, man finds his solace in the happy song of the bird of hope, which, despite the storm that rages, perches in the windows of the heart and gives forth notes of promise of good things to be. In the pledge of redeeming the days to come men find forgiveness for the evil they have done and the blunders they have made. Bless God for the bird—hope—and for the songs it sings to all troubled spirits, whether at the dawn of the New Year or at any period of their sorrowing.

Ah! would that the good resolves of the New Year day might be as lasting as the entire year and all the years that form the sum of each individual life. The comfort that is found in a promise one makes to himself "to turn over a new leaf" is temptation to hasty purposing, and, alas, but too frequently, to just as quick recession from the high ground that has been climbed. No year can be free from the storm that fells the oak or the pestilence that stalks at noonday, or the shadows that darken the soul of man. He is wise who learns well the lesson from ... past year to avoid the pitfalls ... surely lie in the path that ... of him and who takes cour... fact that, if he ... days may dem... strength over ...

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