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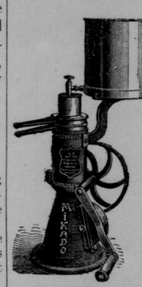
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ELECTION NOTICE.

Office of Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Dug Hill, Carroll Co., Md., February 27th, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Dug Hill, Carroll county, Md., will be held SATURDAY, MARCH 18th, 1899, between 12 M. and 3 o'clock, P. M., at the Company's Office, in Manchester, Md., for the purpose of electing TWELVE DIRECTORS for the ensuing year.

JOHN R. STREVIG,
mar-4-3t Secretary.

Order of Publication.

NO. 35 EQUITY.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, as a Court of Equity.

Noah Brown, et al., Plaintiffs, vs. Christina Brown, widow, et al., Defendants.

The object of this suit is to procure a decree for the sale of certain real estate, situate in Carroll county, Maryland, of which a certain David K. Brown died seized and possessed, and for a distribution of the proceeds of such sale amongst the parties entitled thereto.

The Bill alleges:

(1). That David K. Brown departed this life intestate on or about the 31st day of January, A. D. 1899, in Carroll County, Maryland, seized and possessed of certain real estate therein situate, consisting of three separate parcels, and containing in the aggregate about eighty-six acres, described in exhibits "A," "B," and "C," filed with Plaintiffs' Bill, and of the value of about $2450.

(2). That the said intestate at the time of his death left Christina Brown, his widow, and the following children, his only heirs at law, viz: Noah Brown, who is married, whose wife's name is Emma K.; Laura V. Bachman, wife of Jonas Bachman; Iowa R. Abbott, wife of Jospeh A. Abbott; John W. Brown, who is married, whose wife's name is Alice; Emma J. Grove, wife of Nelson Grove; Gertrude Schaeffer, wife of John D. Schaeffer, Effie A. Yingling, wife of David Yingling; and David K. Brown, Jr., who is unmarried, all of whom are adults, above the age of twenty-one years, and all reside in Carroll County in the State of Maryland, except the said Iowa R. Abbott and Joseph A. Abbott, her husband, who reside in Baltimore City, in the State of Maryland.

(3.) That there was another daughter named Mary E. Bachman, who intermarried with a certain Milton Bachman, from whom her said husband was by the Circuit Court for Carroll county as a Court of Equity divorced *a vinculo matrimonii* several years previous to the death of the intestate.

(4.) That the said Mary E. Bachman removed from Carroll county in said State about the year 1882, that the plaintiffs have not heard from her since then, and have no knowledge of her residence, whether in the State of Maryland or beyond the limits thereof, whether she is dead or living, and if dead whether she left issue or not.

(5.) That said real estate is not susceptible of partition and cannot be divided without loss or injury to the parties interested therein.

The Prayer of the Bill is:

(1.) That a decree be passed for the sale of the aforesaid real estate, and a distribution of the proceeds from the sale thereof among the parties entitled thereto.

(2) For a subpœna against the defendants residing in Carroll county in the State of Maryland and for an order of publication against the said Mary E. Bachman, or her heirs, if any there be.

It is thereupon, this 27th day of February, A. D. 1899, ordered by the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, that the plaintiffs by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll County, Maryland, once in each of four successive weeks before the third day of April, 1899, give notice to the said Mary E. Bachman, or her heirs, if any there be, of the substance and object of said bill, warning her or them to appear in this Court in person or by solicitor, on or before the 24th day of April, 1899, to show cause if any she or they have why a decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

JACOB RINEHART,
ALBERT SCHAEFFER,
WILLIAM Y. FRIZZELL, } Judges.

True copy.—Test:
JOSEPH D. BROOKS,
mr 4 4t Register of Wills.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
—OF A—
SMALL TRACT OF LAND,
Near Silver Run, Maryland.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting in Equity, passed in cause No. 3094, wherein Lizzie Starner et al. are plaintiffs, and Franklin T. Welk et al. are defendants, the undersigned, trustee named in said decree, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, situate about 11 miles west of Westminster, on the Silver Run and Westminster road, near the Silver Run Station, on the Western Maryland Railroad, and about 1 mile south of the Silver Run and Manchester road, near the residence of Jacob Myers, deceased, and about 1 mile north of Sandy Mount, on

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th, 1899,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., all that tract of land, containing

ONE HUNDRED ACRES,

more or less, which was conveyed to the said David K. Brown by Jacob Myers, deceased, by deed dated March 1st, 1897, and recorded among the land records of Carroll county, in Liber No. 124, folio 124, &c., to which deed reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the property.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, or upon the ratification thereof by the Court, and the residue in two equal payments of six and twelve months from the day of sale, the deferred payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with security to be approved by the trustee, and bearing interest from the day of sale. All taxes and public charges to be paid by the purchaser.

All persons having claims against the said David K. Brown are hereby notified to file their claims, with the vouchers thereof, with the Clerk of said Circuit Court for Carroll county, within two months from April 8th, 1899.

IVAN L. HOFF, Trustee.
mar-11-ts

Assignee of Mortgagee's Sale
OF A
HOUSE AND LOT,
In Melrose, Carroll county, Maryland.

The undersigned, by virtue of a power of sale contained in a deed of mortgage from Mary Jane Yost and Levi Yost, her husband, to Enan Arter, dated December 6th, 1893, and recorded among the real estate mortgage records of Carroll county, in liber D. F. C. No. 34, folio 222 &c., and by virtue of an assignment thereof duly recorded, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th, 1899,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., all that parcel of land, described in said mortgage, containing

ONE-QUARTER OF AN ACRE

of land, more or less.



This property is situate in the village of Melrose, with improvements thereon consisting of a two-story Weatherboarded Dwelling House, Barn for two horses and all other necessary outbuildings.

Terms of Sale.—Cash upon the day of sale, or upon the ratification thereof; but other terms may be made with the undersigned

For further particulars apply to Ivan L. Hoff, Esq., Westminster, Md.

CATHARINE WAMPLER,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
Ivan L. Hoff, Solicitor. mr-4-ts

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County: February Term, 1899.

Estate of Alfred W. Bish, deceased.

On application, it is ordered, this 28th day February, 1899, that the sale of the real estate of Alfred W. Bish, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by Mary Amelia Bish, executrix of the last will and testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this court by the said executrix be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 1st Monday, 3rd day of April, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and publish'd in Carroll county, before the 4th Monday, 27th day of March, next. The report states the amount of sale to be Eighty-one Dollars and Eleven Cents. ($81.11.)

JACOB RINEHART,
ALBERT SCHAEFFER, } Judges.
WILLIAM Y. FRIZZELL,

True Copy.—Test:
JOSEPH D. BROOKS,
mr-4-3t Register of Wills.

NO. 3665 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting in Equity.

James M. Pickett et al., vs. Nicholas W. Pickett et al.

Ordered, this 1st day of March, A. D. 1899, that the sales of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by James M. Pickett, trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 3rd day of April 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 27th day of March inst. The report states the amount of sales to be $2,571.05.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

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RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County: February Term, 1899.

Estate of David Shreeve, deceased.

On application, it is ordered, this 27th day of February, 1899, that the sale of the real estate of David Shreeve, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by Jabez G. and David M. Shreeve, executors of the last will and testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this court by the said executors, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 1st Monday, 3rd day of April, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 4th Monday, 27th day of March, next. The report states the amount of sale to be Twenty-three Hundred and Thirty-seven Dollars. ($2,337.00.)

JACOB RINEHART,
ALBERT SCHAEFFER, } Judges.
WILLIAM Y. FRIZZELL,

True copy.—Test:
JOSEPH D. BROOKS,
mr-4-3t Register of Wills.

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

DAVID K. BROWN,

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 25th day of September, 1899, they may otherwise by law be excluded all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 28th day of Feb[illegible], 1899.

NOAH BROWN,
[illegible]-4-4t Administrator.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THIS is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of [illegible] county, in Maryland, letters of administration, W. A. on the estate of

CHARLES H. HENNEMAN,

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 29th day of September, 1899, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 29th day of February, 1899.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THIS is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Md., letters of administration on the estate of

JAMES H. RICHARDSON,

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 subscribers, on or before the 28th day of September, 1899; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 28th day of February, 1899.

CHARLES C. RICHARDSON,
EDWARD G. RICHARDSON,
mar-4-4t Administrators.

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Select Poetry.

SENESCIMUS.

[Tempora labuntu tacitisque senescimus annis.]

"Time glides away and we grow old
By process of the silent years."
More fain the busy hands to fold,
More quiet when a tale is told
Where death appears.

It is not that the feet would shrink
From that dark river, lapping, cold,
And hid with mists from brink to brink;
Only one likes to sit and think
As one grows old.

—Arthur Colton in Scribner's.

Select Story.

A COUNTRY DEACON.

BY REV. JOHN W. BUCKHAM.

From the Independent.

"That's Kadesh," said the deacon, as the wagon came to the top of a long hill which gave a commanding view of the lake whose waters, just loosed from their winter bondage, sported and gleamed in the spring sunshine, and of the tiny village a little way from it with its miniature church and schoolhouse on opposite sides of a miniature common, and its seven houses (they could be counted at a glance) near enough together to be neighborly, yet not near enough for undue familiarity.

The young man to whom the deacon thus acted the part of vocal guidepost was one to whom such a scene appealed with its full fascination. He gazed in silent pleasure at the picture—the flashing water, the hills that rose in rugged beauty from its shores, the lovely valley; but that which gave character to the scene for him and threw a kind of sacred charm over it all was the little white church with its heaven-ward-pointing spire. His interest in this isolated mountain community centered here. He was a theological student and had sought out Kadesh as a possible field in which to begin his ministerial work during the approaching summer vacation.

The deacon had driven nine miles to the station to meet him, and the two had studied one another as they had opportunity during the drive Kadesh-wards.

To the student Deacon Dorr's history was not altogether unknown. A previous occupant of the Kadesh pulpit had told him how the man who sat beside him had come to Kadesh years before after a complete business failure, a despondent, broken-spirited man, held up only by the courage of a brave, tender wife. In her name a little store was opened in this far-off place. Here the solace of religion had come to him, gradually the cloud lifted from his spirit, he had taken a leading part in the conduct of the little church, and at length had been chosen its sole and sufficient deacon. "He has become pretty thoroughly bucolic, tho," thought the young man, as he listened to the deacon's expressive phrases couched in Kadesh's own grammar.

The deacon on his part was thinking somewhat as follows about his comrade: "He's better cut out for the city than the country. One of those foggy fellers, I'm afraid; but I like him."

So they had come through the woods and along the shores of the lake to the top of the hill which commanded Kadesh.

It was time for the service to begin on the following morning. The bell had finished its brief and not altogether musical summons. The last group of laggards had come in from their chat in the horse sheds. The student was submitting to the first and one of the hardest ordeals of the young preacher, the inspection of strange faces.

This was his first church service, his first sermon, and not one of those before him, with the exception of the deacon and his family, had ever seen or heard of him before. It was not a comfortable situation. The doleful tones of the organ, such tones as only an ancient reed organ can make, brought some relief to the situation; and when the choir, led by the deacon, rose for their solemn Sabbath exploit, the youthful minister began to feel more at home, and even ventured to take a look at the faces of his audience. Plain faces they were, some of them dull, and yet they showed character and individuality.

It was hard work, that first service and especially when it came to the sermon. Someway the preacher did not seem to make contact with his auditors. They did not appear to catch his thought but held aloof, and regarded him with a puzzled air, as if he were propounding spiritual conundrums. At the very climax of the sermon, when he was beginning to gain a faint response, the thoughtless sexton opened the stove door and thrust in a fresh stick with a *bang* that made all attempts to recover attention fruitless.

The ministry did not look as roseate as it had from a distance, or even from the top of Tenney hill.

But as he came down from the pulpit the deacon's face reassured him, and made him feel that it had not been all Choctaw to one at least of his auditors. There was little time for words, however, for the deacon had to undergo a metamorphosis from choir leader to Sunday-school superintendent in a rapid manner. Weekly practice made the process a ready one. The deacon struck the bell, assumed his deep Sunday tones (he had been singing the tenor's part, as that functuary was absent), and proceeded to read the lesson. The minister was assigned to teach the Bible class, fell into a dispute with the church theologian on the subject of eternal punishment, and was sadly worsted.

At dinner (cold) the deacon and his wife entertained several persons who had driven a long distance, in order to keep them to the afternoon prayer-meeting. At the prayer-meeting, when it came, the deacon was again the chief factor.

"Eighty out this morning, twenty-four this afternoon," said the deacon, resting after tea in his big arm-chair; "that's more than we've had for a long time. Guess they wanted to see what you was like"—turning to the student, who looked tired and despondent; "well, we're satisfied *here*, any way, and I guess it'll go through all right."

It did go through, owing to the deacon's efforts, but not without something being said about "these young New Theology fellers with their fine words and nothin' back of em."

When he came to live in Kadesh, and in the same house with the deacon, the "hired supply," as he had now become, was more and more struck with the latitude and longitude of the diaconate as administered by Deacon Dorr. Not only did he visit the sick and the afflicted, serve at the Lord's table, keep the church records, lead the prayer-meetings when there was no minister, conduct the choir, superintend the Sunday-school, go as delegate to all the county conferences, but he also acted as chairman of the committee to "hire a minister," and boarded him and carried him to and from the station as well; for it was only during the summer that a minister could be kept on the field.

Not that the deacon *usurped* all these functions, but there seemed to be no one else to attend them. Often had he declined and resigned and remonstrated but all to no purpose. It seemed to be a case of necessity, and the deacon had made a virtue of it and enjoyed it too, you may be sure.

Almost every day his voice could be heard in the store conversing with his customers about what they were going to give "to help pay for preachin'."

"How do you like the minister?" he would commence.

"Oh, he's nice enough little feller."

"I thought you'd like him; everybody does. Have you seen the subscription paper? Here it is. See, there's Job Hewitt's name. That's the first time he's put down anything since I've been in Kadesh." (Laughter.)

"Well, I guess if Job's put down something I'll have to, sure."

The deacon was as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove.

"Well, deacon," said the student as they sat one evening on the steps of the store enjoying the peace of the twilight as it settled down over the hills and the placid lake, "I don't see that you have much need of a pastor here. You're pastor enough for Kadesh; tho, perhaps, it's well enough to have one of us youngsters come up from the seminary once a year to keep you posted on theology." The deacon laughed; he was pleased. It was not often that his services were spoken of except to be found fault with. "Deacon," continued the student, "did you ever preach?"

"No," said the deacon, with another laugh; "but once last winter, when it blowed so the minister couldn't get here, I read a sermon of some big preacher, a Boston man, Brooks I thinks his name was. There was only sixteen out, but they said it was the best service we had last winter."

The student did not wonder, tho he could not help smiling to think how Phillips Brooks would sound in Deacon Dorr's sepulchral Sabbath tones.

"I 'tended a funeral once, too," continued the deacon. "It 'll be four years from March. There had been the worst snowfall of the winter. It began of a Monday and never held up till Tuesday night. About three o'clock Wednesday morning it commenced to blow, and it piled up the drifts higher'n I ever saw them before. About two o'clock that afternoon, when the wind had begun to go down a little, I saw some men coming down over the hill there on snowshoes, dragging something on a wood-sled. I went out to see what they had on the sled and found that it was the body of old Peter Cassidy. They told me he died Saturday, and they sent word down to the minister at Rushtown to come up and 'tend the funeral Tuesday. But seeing that the roads wouldn't be broke out for nearly a week likely, they had no hopes of the minister comin' and had brought him down on a sled and were goin' to put him in the vault; and they said they wanted me to read Scripture and offer prayer, if I would. Of course I could'nt say 'No' to that; so we took him into the store and I called down the family and done as they asked me to."

"If that was not ordination," thought the student, "what is?"

The summer had drawn to a close. Four had united with the little church, making a total membership of thirty-one, an increase which made Deacon Dorr jubilant. In the winning of these four the deacon had been the chief agent, but had given all the credit to the youthful "supply." That individual, on the evening before his departure from Kadesh, sat in the deacon's room thinking of the past months and chiefly of the good man who was doing so much, and doing it so disinterestedly, for this isolated country church.

As he glanced at the Bible, lying open on the table beside him, his eye fell on the words:

"I am among you as he that serves."

"How much more of a success," he thought, "has the life of this man really been than if that business failure had never driven him to this distant but happy home to do this obscure yet honored work. If ever a man magnified his office it is Deacon Dorr."

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