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## Republican Primary Election.

By virtue of the authority vested in us by the Republican State Central Committee of Maryland, the undersigned, members of the said Committee of Carroll County, hereby give notice of a Republican Primary Election to be held in the several Election Districts of Carroll county on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th, 1903,

for the purpose of electing five (5) delegates from each election district of said county to meet in convention at Odd Fellows' Hall, Westminster, Md., on

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th, 1903,

at 11 o'clock, A. M., also to elect members of the County Central Committee to serve for the following two years.

The Convention to nominate:

One person for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Carroll county.

One person for Register of Wills of Carroll county.

One person for State's Attorney of Carroll county.

One person for Sheriff of Carroll county.

One person for County Commissioner of Carroll county.

One person for County Treasrer of Carroll county.

Three persons for Judges of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county.

One person for County Surveyor of Carroll county.

One person for State Senator for Carroll county.

Four persons for members of the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland for Carroll county.

Also to elect five (5) Delegates to represent Carroll county in State convention to be held in Baltimore (date to be named later by chairman of State Central committee) and to transact such other business as may be brought before it.

Primaries will be held in the several districts at the following places:

Taneytown District.—At Kane's Hotel, from 6 to 7 P. M.

Uniontown District.—At Dr. L. Kemp's office, from 6 to 7 P. M.

Myers' District.—At Dr. J. H. T. Earhart's office, from 4 to 6 P. M.

Woolerys' District.—At the usual time and place.

Freedom District.—At the usual time and place.

Manchester District.—At the usual place, from 4 to 5 P. M.

Westminster District.—At Mrs. Grumbine's, E. Main street, in the room occupied by Hugh Doyle, from 4 to 6 P. M.

Hampstead District.—at Firemen's Hall, from 4 to 9 P. M.

Franklin District.—At Taylorsville, from 6 to 7 P. M.

Middleburg District.—At the Lynn House, from 7 to 9 P. M.

New Windsor District.—At Chas. P. Baile's, from 4 to 6 P. M.

Union Bridge District.—At Town Hall, from 7 to 9 P. M.

Mt. Airy District.—At usual place, from 5 to 7 P. M.

GEORGE E. SHARRER,
WM. Y. FRIZZELL,
W. R. RUDY,
W. W. SWEIGART,
CHAS. W. MELVILLE,
Members State Central Committee for Carroll County.

### Festivals, Entertainments, &c.

Pleasant Grove Sunday School will have a picnic on Saturday, August 22nd, at the church at Sandyville, beginning at 5 p. m. If the weather should be unfavorable that day it will be held on the followinr Tuesday.

The Cranberry Union Sunday School will hold its annual picnic, in the grove at the school house, on Saturday, August 15th, beginning at 9 o'clock, A. M. The Carroll County Reed Band will furnish music and there will be addresses by able speakers. Refreshments of all kinds will be sold for the benefit of the school.

The annual Sunday School picnic of the Woodbine Lutheran Church will be held near Woodbine on Saturday, August 15th, afternoon and night. Rev. W. J. Whitesell, of Freedom, is expected to be present to give an address, illustrated by objects.

The Ladies' Mite Society of Mt. Pleasant Church will hold a lawn fete on the lawn adjoining the church on the afternoons and evenings of August 20, 21, 22. One of the chief attractions will be a table of fancy and staple articles which will be offered for sale. Ice cream, cake and confectionery will also be served. Let everybody attend and help the ladies in a good cause.

Thomas Chapel Sunday School will hold a picnic in Basler's grove, on the Gorsuch road, one mile from Westminster, on Saturday, August 15th. Several other schools are expected to attend, and an enjoyable time is anticipated. Refreshments will be sold for benefit of the school.

The Sunday School of Baust Church will hold its annual celebration in the grove of Mr. Jacob Rodkey, near Tyrone, on Saturday, August 15th, afternoon and night. There will be music by a band and singing by the school. Ice cream, cake, confectionery, &c., will be sold for the benefit of the school.

The Sandy Mount M. P. Sunday School will hold its annual all-day's picnic in the grove adjoining the church, on Saturday, August 15th. The public cordially invited.

An ice cream festival will be held at Taylorsville Church, August 15th, for the benefit of the Sunday School, of which Mr. R. C. Conaway is superintendent.

Zion Sunday School, at Shipley, will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, August 22nd, instead of Aug. 15th, as heretofore announced. The Rifle Orchestra, of Winfield, is expected to be present.

The Lutheran Sunday School at Silver Run will hold its annual picnic in the large and beautiful grove of Mr. J. Harvey Maus, near the village, August 15th, 1903. The immense crowds that attend these picnics annually show that the efforts of the management to make it a day of entertainment and enjoyment is appreciated. Efforts are being made to make this the greatest day of all. Drills, speaking and singing by the school. Music by the Taneytown Band. All cordially invited.

Zion Sabbath School will hold their annual festival on the 3rd Saturday of August, in the afternoon and evening.

The reunion of the Reformed Churches of Carroll county will be held in the grove of Mr. J. Harvey Maus, Silver Run, August 20th. If that day be unfavorable, arrangements are being made for the day following.

NO. 4055 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity.

William Grove Lawyer, mortgagee, vs. Edwi J. Lawyer, mortgagor.

Ordered, this 20th day of July, A. D. 1903, by the Circuit Court for Carroll county, in Equity, that the sales of the mortgaged real estate, made and reported in the above entitled cause by William Grove Lawyer, mortgagee, by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage from Edwin J. Lawyer to him, dated September 9th, 1902, and recorded among the real estate mortgage records of Carroll county, in liber J. H. B. No. 47, folio 271 &c., be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 3rd day of September next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, Maryland, once a week in each of three successive weeks before the 25th day of August next. The report of sale states the aggregate amount of sales to be $4,090.00.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
jy-31-3t JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.
Westminster, Md., July 27th, 1903.

In pursuance of an act of the General Assembly, passed January Session, 1888, I hereby give the followinr notice to Taxpayers:

This is to give notice that the County Commissioners of Carroll county have made their annual levy on the assessable property of said county for State and County taxes for the year nineteen hundred and two; and that all persons or incorporate institutions that shall pay their County taxes on or before the first day of September next, shall be entitled to a deduction of two per centum on the amount of said taxes. On State taxes a reduction of five per centum will be allowed if paid on or before the first day of September; and if paid on or before the first day of October next, a deduction of four per centum; and if paid on or before the first day of November next, a deduction of three per centum; that said taxes will be in arrears on the first day of January next, and bear interest from that date; that all persons or incorporate institutions failing to pay their State and County Taxes before the same shall be in arrears, will render the property and estate of such delinquent liable to be sold for the prompt payment of said taxes.

JOHN E. MASENHIMER,
jy 31 4t County Treasurer.

NO. 4035 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity.

George W. Caples et al., vs. John L. Ward et al.

Ordered, this 31st day of July, 1903, that the sale of the property mentioned in the proceedings made and reported by Howard T. Smith, Ivan L. Hoff and George L. Stocksdale, trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 3rd day of September next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once in each of three successive weeks, before the 25th day of August next. The report states the amount of sale to be $1568.34.

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J. EDWIN SHEETS,
Jas. N. O. Smith, Auct. Mortgagee.
jy 31 3t

NO. 4069 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity; Ex-Parte.

In the matter of the trust estate of G. Moritz Zepp.

Edward O. Weant, Trustee, plaintiff, vs. G. Moritz Zepp, defendant.

Ordered, this 4th day of August, A. D. 1903, that the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, take jurisdiction in the trust estate of the said G. Moritz Zepp, and that the said trustee settle said trust estate under the supervision and control of the said Court; and it is further ordered that Edward O. Weant, the trustee in the above cause, give notice to all persons having claims against G. Moritz Zepp to file said claims, properly authenticated, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, on or before the 14th day of October, A. D. 1903, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once a week for four successive weeks before the 7th day of September next.

I. THOMAS JONES.

True Copy, Test:
JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.
au 7 4t

NO. 4066 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting in Equity; Ex-Parte.

In the matter of the Trust Estate of Walter H. Waddell.

Joseph A. Waesche, Trustee, plaintiff, vs. Walter H. Waddell, defendant.

Ordered, this 3rd day of August, in the year 1903, that the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, take jurisdiction in the trust estate of the said Walter H. Waddell, and that said trustee settle said trust estate under the supervision and control of the said Court, and it is further ordered, that Joseph A. Waesche, the trustee in the above cause, give notice to all persons having claims against Walter H. Waddell, to file said claims, properly authenticated, with the clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, on or before the 1st day of October, A. D. 1903, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once a week for four successive weeks before the 5th day of September next.

I. THOMAS JONES.

True Copy—Test:
au 7-4t JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

### RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County:

June Term, 1903.

Estate of Sarah N. Hengy, deceased.

On application, it is ordered, this 3rd day of August, 1903, that the sale of the real estate of Sarah N. Hengy, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by John Milton Reifsnider, administrator C. T. A. of said deceased, and this day reported to this court by the said executor, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 1st Monday, 7th day of September 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, 31st day of August next. The report states the amount of sale to be Forty-one Hundred and Sixty-nine Dollars and Fifty-one Cents.

WILLIAM Y. FRIZZELL,
JACOB RINEHART,
L. CALVIN JORDAN. } Judges.

True copy.—Test:
JOSEPH D. BROOKS,
au 7-3t Register of Wills.

NO. 3986 EQUITY.

Inthe Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity.

Catherine F. Reese, et als., plaintiffs, vs. Marianna Gehr, et als., defendants.

Ordered, this 7th day of August, A. D. 1903, by the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, that the public and private sales of the real estate made and reported in the above entitled cause by William A. Shriver, Percy H. Shriver and George K. Gehr, trustees appointed by the decree passed in said cause to sell the same, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 9th day of September next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, Maryland, once a week in each of three successive weeks before the 1st day of September next. The report states the aggregate amount of sales to be $10,654.52.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
au 7 3t JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

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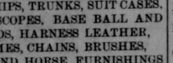
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Vacation's ending and that soon I'll be
Renewing the financial part of me—
This thing of pinching nickels is so sad.
And then the work—O well, 'twill be the same
Old rigmarole monotonous and tame,
With eyes closed tight I see the whole bunch now
And even hear the lowing of a cow
That used to browse the vacant lot near by.
I used to get so mad I'd nearly cry
When every child would look around and grin
To hear that Jersey's "Moo-oo" drifting in.
And just one other thing I have to say—
I hope that Brown boy's folks have moved away.

Still—somehow he's a winning little tike:
His mother always sends him looking clean
And, 'spite of all his badness, he's not mean—
There's much about the laddie that I like.
And, come to think of it, that niece of mine,
My sister's oldest daughter, Clementine,
Is living now within one door of where
He lives if he's not moved away from there.
It's quite a way for sister's child to go,
And she's been always spoiled and pampered so.
That boy, with all his mischief, would be just
The very one it would be safe to trust
To see that Clemmie got to school all right—
I'll tell my sister so this very night.

### A PARDONABLE DECEPTION.

BY LADY GILBERT.

From The Sphere.

Two young married women were sitting by the fire in a dressing-room of an English country house at the hour of 1 o'clock in the morning. The elder had beauty expressive of a strong, tender character. The younger, a ragfeatured, piquant little creature with eyes full of curiosity, was speaking.

"So you married a poor man?"

"A distinguished soldier."

"I know; still——"

"Exactly! I will gratify you, for if I do not tell you the truth you will invent a fiction."

The inquisitive one laughed and nodded. She who was willing to be communicative continued:

"You know I was without family or kindred, heiress of a large income and a beautiful old home. After my school days I attached myself to a good lady who traveled with me over a great deal of the world, for I felt unbearably solitary in this place, and I had a lively desire to visit other countries and have the experience of other lives besides my own. After some years, my dear companion having died, I found myself here, alone except for servants and the neighbors and acquaintances, who made me an object of their attentions."

"I wonder you did not marry at once," interrupted the inquirer.

"Many wondered; but partly because my friend had warned me, perhaps too urgently, against mercenary men, a good deal because I had not been edified or attracted to any of the marriages I had seen, and I suppose," with a sudden smille, "because I had not met with the man who was happily my fate, I shrank from all suggestions of the kind and held on with both hands to my liberty.

"After a season or two of pleasure in both town and country I craved for another change. Ungrateful for my endowments I envied some others their poverty, and at last resolved to taste an experience which it seemed that Providence had hardly ordained for me. I allowed my friends to suppose that I was bent on further foreign wanderings, wound up my affairs in preparation for a long absence, committed my home once more to the guardianship of my trusted housekeeper, and departed this society life.

"Imagine me then in St. Thomas' Hospital, in cap and apron, studying hard to fit myself for first-class work as a nursing sister.

"Oh, that was what you did, was it?" broke in the listener. "How quiet you kept it! My dear, I wish I had seen you in the cap; it must have been so becoming to you."

"It was different from this," said the narrator, touching the diamond star in her hair, "but I liked it well. There was no time to think about becomingness; I was thoroughly sick of all that, and had left it with my laces and jewels at my banker's. What I wanted was work worth doing, an an assurance that my suffering fellow creatures were ever such a little bit the better for my existence."

The listener made a little grimace and smiled. "You were always so odd, dear," she said, indulgently.

"Just as I finished my term and received all my qualifications the war broke out, and I was soon in the thick of it, for I was of the very first band of nurses dispatched to the front."

"I can't believe it. You were not afraid of being shot, or blood poisoned, or terrified into fits?"

"I just felt that I was living in earnest."

"Come to the point, however. Where did you meet him?"

"I think the very first time I saw him was when he lay in the hospital bed in Pretoria covered with blood. You shrink at this thought. I did not at the sight. I went to work to help the surgeon and to make the patient as comfortable as I could after a cruel operation."

"And he fell in love with you on the spot?"

"He wasn't in a condition for any such prompt proceedings. He required all his energies to wrestle with the fever through which I nursed him. The first time I spoke to him about anything beyond his medicine and nourishment and the ease of his pillows was after he had been some time convalescent—one day when I saw a particularly sad look on his brown face and asked if I could do anything for him; perhaps write a a letter to his friends. He thanked me and said he had no relatives, no one would be specially interested in hearing about him, and I thought it a pity that somebody should not be glad of his recovery as well as of the distinctions that awaited him.

"So, you began to be glad yourself?"

"I did my best to cheer him, and on the long, hot summer evenings while I was fanning him we had many a quiet conversation. He was much interested in all the nurses, was always admiring their skill and gentleness, deploring their fatigues, which he considered more to be pitied than the sufferings of their patients."

"And you were jealous?"

"No. I thought of him only as a sick man under my care, and was pleased to amuse him with whatever discourse he might fancy. One day he gave me his ideas about the nursing vocation, which included the opinion that ladies with home, money and position ought not to forsake their more immediate duties for the hospital, but that the career of the care of the sick should be left open to those women who needed an occupation and the means of obtaining a livelihood. I thought it for a moment a prosaic and disappointing theory, but on reflection I admitted that it was a kindly one with regard to the less favored by fortune of our sex. I felt from that moment, however, that if he knew my little history I should be under his disapproval, and I allowed him to rank me among the mercenaries to whom he had given his sympathy."

"So you already felt—"

"That he was going to love me if I did not take pains to disenchant him, and partly because he was a sick and lonely man, partly for some other reason that I could not quite understand, I felt no inclination to do any such thing. I knew he was a poor soldier and that he thought I was a poor nurse, and I thought if this man is going to love me, why, I shall not allow the dross of the world, which is, unfortunately mine, to hinder him. I kept my dreadful secret, and long before he was fit to leave the hospital he had asked me to be his wife and I had accepted him."

"You—you didn't mind at all about him being lame?"

"Mind? Yes, I did. I loved him the more for it. Loved him the better, because, though brave and distinguished, he was no longer fit for service. He had the vaguest ideas of how we were to live. We had very little money between us when we went on board ship to return to England, for my bank book was buried deep in the bottom of my trunk, and I did not dare to display more money than just as much as I had earned by my labors in the hospital. I urged him not to think about money, as I was a capital manager and knew how to make a little go a long way. I was exceedingly happy, knowing all that I was able to do for him, yet I found myself in a serious dilemma. The question was: How could I break the news that I had deceived him?"

"I had been humored to the top of my bent in marrying a man who loved me for myself, in ignorance that I possessed fortune. He must be a strange man, indeed I thought if later on when the truth came to his knowledge he were to prove displeased or disappointed. But the fact remained that I had married him under false pretences and I felt ashamed of it.

"I felt also unwilling to hasten the inevitable moment which should see me even in seeming lose the enviable position of a woman who has been sought bythe man she loves for love and love alone; and so the long voyage that seemed all too short passed without my having said one word to enlighten him as to the future of ease and luxury which I had provided for him.

"While he took his convalescent nap on deck in the afternoons I paced up and down thinking out my difficulty. The time was coming when I must have my mind made up as to what steps I was to take, for I had resolved not to allow my whim or mistake to cost him one day of less comfort than I was able to bestow on him. At last I hit on a plan. You know Beatrix. She is my dearest friend, so much so that she might have kept me from the hospital experience if only she had not always been so bent on marrying me to some one of her acquaintances. I wrote to her and posted the letter at a convenient moment to travel by a faster going vessel than our own. The letter ran something like this:

"'My Dear Beatrix; I am traveleling to England with my husband, a distinguished and at present invalid soldier, who is under the impression that he has married a penniless nurse. You can help me to break the truth to him gracefully. I know your husband is spending the summer on his yacht. Will you take possession of my house and invite me and my husband to spend some weeks with you? I shall rely on you to act well the hostess and when I see you I will tell you the sequel.'

"The result of this stroke of genius was an invitation from Beatrix, which awaited us when we arrived at our hotel.

"He was a little unwilling at first, but I overruled all his objections, and as soon as possible we were established as the guests of Beatrix here in our own comfortable home.

"Of course I found my way to my wardrobe, and it was sweet to see my husband's surprise when he saw me dressed for dinner. I had put on the first pretty gown I found. It happened to be a white satin, and naturally it made a change in my appearance.

"'This is charming, Mary,' he said, 'but, my dear——'

"I knew what he meant. 'Beatrix had some of my old frocks in charge,' I said. 'You know I am a lady——'

"'That I always knew,' he said gravely, but I saw by the slight cloud on his face that he feared I had a taste for expensive things which he could not give me.

"'You were good not to ask any one to meet us;' I said to Beatrix at the table. Max is hardly ready for society as yet.'

"'I guessed you would not care for a house party at present,' she said, 'or else I should have gratified some friends who are anxious to see you.'

"Quiet, happy days went past. It was delightful to see Max enjoy his comforts, to hear him admiring our surroundings of park and woodland, or commending the good taste of Bea-

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