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TO THE PUBLIC.

In view of the many inquiries that have been most naturally made during the past week, it becomes our duty to make a frank statement to the public.

Because of the fact that a number of persons are interested in the AMERICAN SENTINEL and job printing office; for the protection of all these interests the undersigned were by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, appointed Receivers, and will continue the publication of the AMERICAN SENTINEL and all the work of the office, under the same business and editorial management that existed before the death of Mrs. E. J. Rippard.

So far as the interests of the public are concerned there is no change whatever in the conduct of the office, and we solicit the continued patronage of subscribers and advertisers, assuring them that they will receive as in the past, faithful and efficient service.

E. O. GRIMES, Jr.,
W. L. SEABROOK,
Receivers.

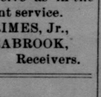
PUBLIC SALE OF A VERY
VALUABLE FARM,
NEAR WESTMINSTER, MD.

I will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, at 1 30 a'clock, P. M., on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1905,

my farm, situated on the Uniontown turnpike, 1½ miles from Westminster, and containing

189¼ ACRES OF LAND, more or less.



This is one of the most valuable farms in Carroll county. It is improved with a fine 2½-story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, two large Bank Barns, Wagonheds, Corn Cribs, Hog Pens, Chicken Houses, and all other necessary outbuildings, all in first-class condition. The barns and other outbuildings are new, the old buildings having been destroyed by fire in 1903. There is running water in the barns and two never failing springs of water on the farm; also a fine Orchard of various fruits. The land is in a high state of cultivation and productive. All fences, roads, lanes, ditches and in fact everything about the farm are in the best possible condition.

Possession will be given April 1st, 1906. Terms will be made known at sale.

MRS. CAROLINE RINEHART.
dec 1 3t

PUBLIC SALE OF
Two Houses and Lots,
In Westminster, Md.

By virtue of the last will and testament of Maria J. Stoner, late of Carroll county, Md., deceased, and of an order of the Orphans' Court of said county, the undersigned, as Executor, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, Nos. 155 and 157 West Main street, Westminster, Md., on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, 1905,

at 2 P. M., Two Lots, fronting 30 feet each on Main street, running back 198 feet to an alley. The improvements are two 2½ Story Frame Buildings, well arranged; city water, fine gardens with some fruit, and are now rented to good tenants. Possession on April 1, 1906.

Terms—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash, or on the ratification of the same by the court, one-third in six months and the remainder in twelve months from the day of sale; the credit payments to be secured by notes with approved security, bearing interest from day of sale, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers.

CHARLES R. FOUTZ,
Executor.
Elias N. Davis, auct.
dec 8 4t

ELECTION NOTICE.

The members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County are requested to meet at their office in Westminster, on

MONDAY, THE 18TH OF DECEMBER, 1905, for the purpose of electing TEN DIRECTORS

to serve one year. The election will take place between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 M. By order,

C. GLOYD LYNCH,
Secretary.
dec 1 3t

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The firm of Keefer & Sullivan, of Westminster, Md., will be dissolved, January 1st, 1906, by the retirement of Mr. Sullivan. All persons indebted to the firm are requested to call and make settlement on or before that date.

WILLIAM N. KEEFER,
MILTON A. SULLIVAN.
Westminster, Md., December 5th, 1905.
dec 8 4t

ELECTION NOTICE.

First National Bank of New Windsor, Md. }
New Windsor, Md., December 6th, 1905. }

The annual election for SEVEN DIRECTORS of the above named Bank will be held at the Banking Rooms on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1906, from 1 to 3 o'clock, P. M.

NATHAN H. BAILE,
Cashier.
dec 8 te

ELECTION NOTICE.

The First National Bank of Westminster, }
Westminster, Md., December 7th, 1905. }

The Stockholders of this Bank are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting for the election of NINE DIRETORS, to manage the affairs of the Bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1906, between the hours 11 o'clock, A. M., and 1 o'clock, P. M.

GEORGE R. GEHR,
Cashier.
dec 8 te

ELECTION NOTICE.

Farmers and Mechanics National }
Bank of Westminster, }
Westminster, Md., December 6th, 1905. }

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 9th day of January, 1906, between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, P. M.

JOHN H. CUNNINGHAM,
Cashier,
dec 8 te

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

Union National Bank of Westminster, }
Westminster, Md., December 8th, 1905. }

An election for TEN DIRECTORS for the Bank will be held on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January, 1906, between the hours of 11 o'clock, A. M., and 12 M. of said day, at said Bank.

J. W. HERING,
Cashier.
dec 8 te

TIES WANTED
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
WESTERN MD. RAIL ROAD.

10,000 white oak, rock oak and chestnut oak ties are wanted by the undersigned, to be delivered along the line of the Western Maryland Railroad, convenient for loading. Dimensions must be 8½ feet long, pole-ties to be 7 inches face and 7 inches thick; sawed ties to be 8½ feet long, 7 by 9 inches.

C. and P. Phone.

LESTER S. PATTERSON,
Westminster, Md.
nov 3 tf.

Regular Dinner 25 cts.

STEAKS AND CHOPS TO ORDER.

OYSTERS.

THE CARROLL DINING AND QUICK LUNCH ROOM,
WALTER R. DEVILBISS,
formerly of Carroll County,
118 PARK AVENUE, near Lexington St.,
Baltimore, Md.

DAIRY LUNCH oct 28 6 mo

DO you remember the Elk Garden Red This is the coal all the Threshers wants Forsale by Smith & Reifsnider, Westminster

Babylon & Lippy Co.

"The New Store!"

Headquarters
- FOR -
Holiday Goods.

You will find this Store now ready for Christmas with the prettiest line of Holiday Goods in Carroll County.

EVERYTHING NEW.

Do not put off buying until the last few days, when the stock will be broken up and the prettiest picked out. Come at once and make your selection.

We do not only carry Holiday Goods but have the best assortment of Umbrellas, Linens of every kind from the cheap to the best, Handkerchiefs of every description and prices, Excellent Values in Bureau, Stand and Table Scarfs and Covers, choicest patterns, innumerable patterns of Doylies, Embroidered and Battenburg work.

NECKWEAR. NECKWEAR.

Just received from New York the choicest of the market in Ladies' Neckwear Novelties ever displayed in Carroll County, all styles, colors and prices.

EVERY ARTICLE SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

JARDINIERES. JARDINIERES.

Beautiful line just come in from the manufactures in Ohio, of choice Jardinieres some low and some stand on pedestals, prices from 10c up, excellent Xmas gifts.

5c and 10c DEPARTMENT.

This department is worthy of your attention, wherein it contains hundreds of articles useful in the homes of everybody and would be appreciated as gifts by all.

ART GALLERY.

The Art Gallery is full of pictures of various kinds ranging from 10c to $6, $8 and $10.00. Handsome designs in pastel work etc.

We appeal to the people of this and adjacent counties to make our stores their headquarters and a place to meet their friends as well as an IDEAL place to do their shopping.

Santa Claus will be here every day from Monday, December 18th, to Saturday evening, December 23rd.

EVERYBODY COME. EVERYBODY WELCOME.

☞ **Remember, Thursday, December 21st, will be Double SANTA day and Saturday following will be his distribution day. Boys and Girls come.**

STORES OPEN AT NIGHTS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

BABYLON & LIPPY CO.,
BABYLON BUILDING, OPPOSITE LIBERTY STREET. WESTMINSTER, MD.

SANTA'S Announcement!

CHRISTMAS, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Once more Santa Claus has announced his coming and has promised us one of the most delightful and merry Christmases we have ever had. He has most particularly requested us to invite all the children as well as the older people to visit our store, where he has already sent one of the largest stocks of

TOYS and HOLIDAY GOODS,

he has ever placed in Westminster. He wants you to come early and see the Wonderland. He wants all the little girls and boys to write to him mentioning all their wants, as he will be here to see they get all they want.

Children, don't forget to remind your parents, often, that Santa Claus has this year made

Miller's Old Stand, opposite Montour House,

his particular Headquarters where you can see the greatest display of Holiday Goods in the county. It is truly wonderful; no pen can do it justice. This great Fairyland must be seen to be fully appreciated, and the beauty of all is, it is free for all to come and see and appreciate.

What are you going to buy for a gift for your Mother, or Father, Sister, Brother or Friend? Come let us help you pick a suitable gift. We are sure we can please you, for we please everybody, and at a saving to you of from 15 to 25 cents, on every dollar you spend with us. We carry the largest line of

GROCERIES IN WESTMINSTER,

and everybody knows that we sell good fresh goods for less money than they can be bought elsewhere. And Candy! Why we have barrels of Candy,

all Kinds of Candy, from 5c to 50 Cents

PER POUND. Every year we supply many treats for Sunday and public schools, and at a big saving to the purchaser. Try us this year; ask for CANDY MILLER'S. Everybody knows me. If the people really knew of the many advantages and big saving by dealing with us, this advertisement would be of little use. Be honest with us and yourself, buy a trial order, get good goods and good treatment and a nice present. We give a NICE PRESENT to everybody that buys ONE DOLLAR or more's worth of goods of us, whether

Groceries, Candies, Holiday Goods or Notions, anything, from SATURDAY, 16th, to SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd,

1905. Everybody come, bring all the Children, enjoy the great display of Holiday Goods and don't forget the place.

Miller & Bowers,

next door to Herr & Babylon, Coach Works, opposite Montour House.
C. & P. PHONE. Westminster, Md.
dec 8 2t

Holiday USEFUL Gifts.

Anything your heart desires can be found here in

BOOTS, SHOES, HATS,

GENTS' FURNISHINGS, &c. We carry the largest line of Shoes in this city, from the cheapest to the best qualities. Agent for Walk-Over Shoes for Men, $3.50 and $4.00. Dorothy Dodd Shoes for Ladies, $3 00 and $3.50, all grades and prices in Men's and Boys'

FELT BOOTS, ARCTICS and Overshoes.

HATS—Everything that is new and Up-to-Date will be found here in Men's and Boys'

Hats and Caps.

NECKWEAR.—Our selection of Neckwear is the finest we have ever shown; prices 25 and 50 cents. DRESS SUIT CASES.—We have just received a new lot of Dress Suit Cases; prices from $1 00 to $5.50. Also a new lot of TRUNKS, splendid things to give for Christmas Gifts.

Remember we are headquarters for SHIRTS, SUSPENDERS, UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY, GLOVES, UMBRELLAS, &c. By giving us a call you will please us and our goods will also please you. ☞ Call and get one of our 1906 CALENDARS.

WM. C. DEVILBISS, 22 W. Main St., Westminster
dec 23-04 1y

CHRISTMAS!!

JOHN D. BOWERS.

You all knew in the past where to get your Christmas Goods. Of course you all will know where to get them this season. We are sure to see good livers once a year and that is at the HOLIDAYS when they want something special. Our quality of goods is the best at the lowest prices.

FRUITS, NUTS, CONFECTIONS,

at the old reliable prices to suit everybody. Special prices to schools.

FANCY DELICACIES,

for the Christmas table, you can get here, that will please the most critical. We have special inducements to offer in some things, which will catch the eye. We give One Soda Ticket with every cash purchase of ONE DOLLAR, for Hot or Cold Drinks.

Staple Groceries.

A special drive in them. COFFEES, TEAS and SPICES. When you try them you will try no other.

JOHN D. BOWERS, 47 and 49 East Main St., Westminster.
jan 23 04 1y 9 Both Phones.

THE VERY Best XMAS GIFTS FOR MEN AND BOYS

are useful Gifts, things they can wear and give them comfort and service. The very best place to buy such Gifts for the big and little men is at the

BIG CLOTHING STORE OF

SHARRER & GORSUCH, Westminster,

Md. One of our stylish Overcoats would make a most acceptable present. Special low prices on all Men's and Boys' Overcoats until Xmas. A lot of Nobby Fancy Coats, so popular this season—$15 and $18 Coats reduced to $12. Handsome Long Coats for the small Boy $2 to $3.

You Can Save Money on Men's and Boys' Suits

HERE. We have too many; must sell; means low prices. See us before you buy a Suit or Overcoat; it will be to your advantage to do so.

ELEGANT FUR GLOVES and COLLARS.

Nothing nicer for a present; we are headquarters for these goods. These things are always acceptable gifts. Our beautiful Neckties at 25c and 50c are always the latest. Buy your Christmas Handkerchiefs here, 5c to 50c. Silk Suspenders, in pretty box, 50c. Working and Driving Gloves, all prices. Silk and Wool Mufflers 25c to $1.00. New Shirts, new shapes in collars. We sell best Cord Pants for men and boys. Boys' and Men's Sweaters 50c to $2.00. A lot of new Gray Worsted Suitings to make to order.

feb 10 1y 12 SHARRER & GORSUCH, Westminster, Md.

For Photographs for Christmas

AT PRICES TO SUIT AND ALL

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AGENCY,
No. 14 W. Main St.,
Westminster, Md.
(NOTARY PUBLIC.) ap 7 tf

Commissioners' Notice.

[redacted]REAFTER, and until further notice [redacted]ounty Commissioners of Carroll county [redacted]meet at their office in Westminster [redacted]RY MONDAY for the transaction of business.

By order, FRANCIS L. HANN,
Treasurer.
feb 10 05

IVAN L. HOFF,
Attorney at Law.
ENGLISH and GERMAN SPOKEN.

UNSKILLED.

—:o:—

My hands are clumsy, slow my brain;
I'm past the age that learns.
No more I know ambition's fire that in youth's bosom burns.
Content am I with bread to eat and clothes to cover me,
Convinced am I that God hath made my lot as it should be.
I'm striving not to rise above the level where I find
An honest living possible for one of humble mind.
"Unskilled" is what they call me and my wage is cruel small,
Yet how, were all men "hustlers," would such work be done at all?

The world is full of humble tasks for humble hands to do—
For men so wisely foolish as to rest when work is through;
The pick, the hoe, the shovel must be wielded all the while—
The men who wield them seek not Fame's intoxicating smile.
There's room at top and yet a need for MEN on every rung
Of life's ascending ladder by the pens of poets sung
"Unskilled" is what they call me, and my wage is cruel small;
Yet, were all men ambitious, would such work be done at all?

—S. W. Gillilan.

Uncle Peter's Ghost.

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From the New York Sun.

I

A thickset, somewhat stolid looking man entered a small white tavern which was stuck in between two immense warehouses down on the waterfront, as if some mammoth bird had dropped it there. It was evening.

With nice discrimination the newcomerer avoided the group of colored longshoremen in front, singing discordantly to the thrumming of a banjo, and the nondescript crew of a steam tramp, interchanging argots as they shook dice for the drinks at one side. Passing to the rear he seated himself in an obscure corner not far from where two or three deep water sailors, old hardshells from one of the few remaining full rigged ships still sailing from the port, were bemoaning the deterioration alike of the profession and of grog.

Evidently the decent demeanor of the stranger was agreeable to the reminiscent mood of these worthies, for when presently he ventured to ask a light for his pipe, one, pushing forward a chair, invited him to sit by, while another, with a rap for the waiter, muttered a hospitable something about taking pot luck. When in response to these courtesies the stranger had introduced himself by the name of Sprole as a former supercargo in the Chinese trade, he was accepted by one and all as, if not of the purple, yet sufficiently near to it to understand fully the pre-eminence of the past.

Sprole proved a good listener, scarcely offering more than a nod or a word. A shrewd observer, however, might have noted that his suggestions were in the nature of guideposts to the conversation, keeping it on the pathway of the manners and customs of the old merchant marine and preventing discursions into the boundless wilds of general experience.

For instance, when an indurated tar was saying that one didn't have to look twice in the good old days to tell a proper sailorman from a parson, Sprole shut off an imminent digression to the subject of landlubbers by remarking:

'Pigtails?'

'Aye, sir,' answered the ancient mariner; 'if ye go 'way back. But whin they began empl'ying Lascars and Chinese in the Indjy trade, and be damned to thim——'

'I remember onct bein' hum'ard bound from Hongkong aboord the clipper——' began one of the oldest of Neptune's sons.

'Earrings?' again suggested Sprole.

'There ye have it, sir. Whin a sailor man had to hand, reef and steer instid of stoke, you cud scursely see an A. B. without thim.'

'And they all sported diamonds, I suppose, times being so prosperous?'

'Wan might know by that sir, that you niver swung your hammock in the fo'castle. There was but wan stun' iver used by anny self-respectin' sailor for the adornin' of his ears, and that stun' is the agate.

'Right y'are, Jack,' the others rumbled.

'The nautical earrings wor set with an agate and naught ilse from the days of old Noah down.'

Sprole fumbled in his pocket.

'That reminds me,' he said. 'I found this earring on South street the other day. It has a grayish stone, with a dolphin cut in it of rich brown. What do you say of it, Jack? I'd like to get its mate.'

'That's a genooine agate, sir, of the kind we calls Mochastun. They come from down Benares way, and 'tis said the natives know how to color thim. By the same token, sir, if this very identical earring didn't used to belong to Obed Swain, I'll eat my hat.'

'And where may I find Obed Swain?'

'Arter he currycombed his ribs, sir, by falling from the gallant forey'rd into the brine, he set up a public hus, called The Jacob's Ladder, facin' the Square, jest bejant Coeymans slip. A tidy place for man and beast, though in reachin for the wan he sometimes entertains the others unawares.'

Obed Swain, a fine specimen of the salt in state of preservation, despite a curious bend in the side, evidencing the currycombing afore said, listened gravely to Sprole's story an hour later.

'It's a pity in finding part you didn't recover the whole,' he reflected.

'You mean the other earring?' 'That's just what I'm after now.'

'No, sir; I mean the whole blooming outfit.' And then Swain went on to recount the loss he had suffered through one of his guests.

It appeared that late one night the week before, when Swain had retired somewhat indisposed, his assistant, whom he caustically described as a 'dum' fool,' had rented the best room to a stranger. In the morning the occupant was missing, and so were the contents of a locker in which Swain had kept the seafaring clothes with all their belongings which he last had worn. The dum' fool was unable to describe the man further than to say that he looked youngish and had white hands,' rather rare traits in that hostelry.

Sprole had the winning ways of the man whose words are few and therefore acccepted at their full value. Before long he had gained permission to inspect the rifled room.

'The rascal picked the lock,' he remarked after a close examination of the door of the closet.

"Yes, sir, after havin' fust filed it.'

It was rather an unusual thing for a retired supercargo to do, though the superannuated have leisure to become eccentric. At all events, having sniffed the air, Sprole placed his nose close to the lock, like a hound on the scent. Then, after cli'ching a favorable impression with a monosyllable or two, he went on his way, shrewdly smiling.

II.

Judge Josiah Marcellus sat surrounded by books and papers in the library at Calumet Villa, absent of mind and ill at ease. He did not like the way things were going, and yet thus far, no good cause had offered why he should impede or stop them.

'Confound Cronkite!' he muttered. 'Why didn't he stay here with me, instead of going off on a wild goose chase over a cheap earring that one might duplicate at any bargain counter?'

Summoned in haste to the home of his old client Miss Tabitha Raynor, the Judge had found that estimable spinster in such a state of collapse that the physicians refused him even the briefest interview with her. It was Mary Raynor, Miss Tabitha's pretty niece, who lived with her, that had sent for the Judge. But all the distracted girl could tell him was that she had found her aunt in the morning hysterical from fright and grief over the theft of a jewel casket, which she said had occurred during the night.

Having incoherently and brokenly explained thus far, the poor woman grew so frantic that the physicians had set up the quarantine against inquiry, which still existed. Mary, on her own part, explained that the casket, which she had often seen, was a trumpery affair made of shell, which rested on a bureau in her aunt's sleeping room and held ornaments of common use and little value.

It was not the loss which had actuated her in calling on the Judge, but the physicians' warning that Miss Tabitha might become permanently insane unless some relief was found for her mental distress.

The Judge had brought Abe Cronkite down with him, but the detective's report had been mainly negative. While access to the room by way of a stout trellis was easy enough, he had said, the ground was too hard from the frost for footprints, nor were there any other signs of burglarious entry apparent.

True, Cronkite had found on the veranda roof below an agate earring, which he said might have been whipped from the ear of an intruder by the swishing vines, but the Judge had refused consideration to the trumpery trinket of some serving maid. Indeed, master and man had come near to a dispute over it; and then the detective had disappeared, his dogged nature justifying the belief that, willynilly, he intended following out the clue, whatever it might be, that had thus been suggested to him.

To make matters worse, Miss Tabitha's cousin, Adelbert Tice, had arrived at the villa with all the evidences of intending to make a protracted stay. Dr. Tice, as he was called, was a prosperous, well respected dentist in town.

A tall, light man, deferential of manner, insinuating of speech, there was yet a vague sort of insincerity about him which the Judge never liked. Besides, the doctor had already begun to assume certain liberties in the household which he felt sure the spinster would never tolerate from one by no means a favorite with her

While the Judge was thus ruminating dissatisfiedly over the situation the library door opened and Mary

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