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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.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., letters of administration on the estate of

CELIA A. 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 18th day of July, 190-, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 18th day of December, 1905.

JULIA JANE COON,
Administratrix.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The undersigned, having settled in the Orphans' Court, an account of the personal estate of Cyrus L. Grossnickle, late of Carroll county, Md., deceased, and ascertained the balance in his hands for distribution, according to law, among the creditors of said deceased, hereby gives notice to said creditors to file their claims against said deceased, legally authenticated with the Register of Wills for Carroll county, on or before the 8th day of January, 1906, preparatory to a distribution of the assets of said personal estate, to be made amongst said creditors under the direction of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., on the 15th day of January, 1906. After the final ratification of said distribution by the Orphans' Court aforesaid, the undersigned will be prepared to pay to each of said creditors their respective dividends according to said distribution.

ROBERT L. GROSSNICKLE,
Administrator of Cyrus L. Grossnickle, deceased.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., letters of Administration on the estate of

ELIAS COLE,

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 12th day of June, 1906, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 12th day of December, 1905.

IVAN L. HOFF,
Administrator.
dec 15 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.

Notice is hereby given that an election for FOURTEEN DIRECTORS, of The First National Bank of Mount Airy, will be held at the rooms of said bank, in Mount Airy, Md., on

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1906,

between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 1 P. M.

J. L. BURDETTE,
Cashier.
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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, in Westminster, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of JANUARY, 1906, between the hours of 11 A. M., and 12 o'clock, M. By order of the Board,

JOHN ROYER,
Secretary.
dec 22 3t

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.
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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.

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ENGLISH and GERMAN SPOKEN.

The Western Maryland Railroad.

The Baltimore *Sun* of Wednesday published a communication from Cumberland containing very interesting data concerning the projected extension of the Western Maryland Railroad to Pittsburg and a connection with the Wabash system, as well as some other facts going to demonstrate the great future of this important railway. Among other things the communication says:

The Western Maryland Railroad Company has over 100 surveyors in the field between this town and Pittsburg surveying a route for the link which is to couple the Western Maryland at Cumberland with the Wabash system at Pittsburg. When that link of about 150 miles is finally built it will mean great things for Cumberland and greater things for Baltimore. The cost of the link is estimated at $15,000,000. As soon as it is built the Wabash system will be able to give it all the business it can handle. It is believed here that the deal by which the Western Maryland is to acquire the George's Creek and Cumberland road has not yet been closed. But no one doubts that the road will be bought, as it is important in giving the Wabash system access to Cumberland through the narrows and a connection with the Western Maryland tracks in the very heart of Cumberland.

In a very short time trains will be running over the new road from Elkins, W. Va., through Cumberland to Baltimore. It is reported that there will be a fine passenger service installed. It is also said that the eastbound coal traffic will be sent to Baltimore over the Gettysburg and Hanover line to relieve the single track of the main stem, which is already heavily taxed. This will give the advantage of a double-track road between Highfield, on the mountain, and Emory Grove near Baltimore.

The great stream of traffic which will soon flow to Baltimore over the Western Maryland road from Cumberland, from West Virginia and later, perhaps, from Pittsburg will demand better track facilities from Williamsport to Baltimore, and to this, it is said, the management of the company will before long—that is to say, within five years—direct their attention. The line of road from the mountaintop through Gettysburg and Hanover, which is in effect a long siding for the main track will furnish temporary relief. But this will not be sufficient for any long time. Already a great many tentative lines have been run. Engineers have been seeking a better grade and a more direct route than the old main line affords.

One plan to diverge to the northward of the present road, pass near Emmitsburg and under South Mountain, a short distance north of Blue Ridge Summit, and then on through Hagerstown. Another survey diverges from the main track near Westminster and extends westward through Frederick, under Catoctin Mountain, across Middletown Valley, passing under South Mountain a little south of Turner's Gap, through which the great Western turnpike passes and where the battle of South Mountain was fought, and thence on near Boonsboro by a straight line across the valley to connect with the Cherry Run extension at Williamsport, 12 miles from South Mountain.

This route would afford an excellent grade and would perhaps cost no more in construction than to reduce the grade of the existing line across South Mountain. It does not come nearer than six miles to Hagerstown. But it would doubtless be used merely as a freight road, while the passenger trains would continue by the old line, as at present.

The completion of all the contemplated improvents will bring Baltimore nearer to Pittsburg, the greatest tonnage producing city in the world, and by a better grade than any now existing. The great Gould system of allied railroads having relations so close as to comprise almost a single system is tied up at Pittsburg and reaches no farther to the east. It spreads to almost every great trade center of the Mississippi Valley and touches the Pacific Ocean. It commands an enormous volume of traffic, but can carry it no further eastward than the Alleany Mountains. The gap of 150 miles between Pitsburg and Cumberland is all that separates this great stream of commerce from Baltimore, with her unrivaled facilities for foreign trade.

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Pursuant to its usual custom, the Western Maryland Railroad Company will issue clerical orders for the year 1906 to regularly ordained clergymen, who are solely engaged in the work and duties of a minister of the gospel, having no other profession, occupation or business, located on or contiguous to the lines of this company.

As the West Va. Central and Pittsburg Ry. has been merged under the name of the Western Maryland Railroad Co., orders for 1906 will be honored over this line and branches.

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ON THE RETURN OF THE NEW YEAR.

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"God's vast existence ne'er decays,
His age doth never grow—
Past, present, future, in his sight,
Are one eternal now.

Man measures out his fleeting state
By motions in the skies.
And, like his own frail vesture, wears
With ev'ry hour that flies.

Successive moments make our day,
Successive days our year;
The moments past shall ne'er return,
Tho' seasons like appear.

Still a new spring shall bless the earth,
And a new harvest rise,
But the last year shall ne'er again
Revisit mortal eyes.

Old Time, with his keen-pointed scythe,
Consumes the life of man;
Our periods less'ning from the hour
Our beings first began.

Each year fulfils some new event,
Heav'n long decreed before;
Removes unnumber'd lives away,
And gives unnumber'd more.

Soon shall th' appointed angel stand
O'er earth and air and sea,
And swear by him that ever lives
That Time no more shall be.

Then shall the league of nature cease,
The sun forsake his way,
And years and ages lose their name
In the one eternal day."

Was It Her Mother?

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BY LOUISE CHANDLER MOULTON.

From New York Weekly.

Just a little voice calling through the dark, 'Mamma, oh, mamma!' and then a low sound of stifled sobbing.

Col. Trevethick heard them both, and they smote him with a new sense of loss and pain. He had scarcely thought of his little girl since his wife died, five hours before—died at the very instant when she was kissing him good-by, taking with her into the fair heavens the warm breath of his human love. He had loved her as, perhaps, men seldom love, from the first hour of their first meeting.

'There is Maud Harrison,' some one had said, and he had turned to look, and met the innocent gaze of two frank, gentle, very beautiful brown eyes. 'Brightest eyes that ever have shone,' he said to himself. Their owner had other charms besides—a fair and lovely face, round which golden hair made a soft, bright halo; a lithe, girlish figure; a manner of unaffected cordiality blent with a certain maidenly reserve, and which seemed to him perfection. He loved her then and there. His wooing was short, and his wedding hasty, but he had never repented his haste; never known an unhappy hour from the moment he brought his wife home, nine years ago, till these last few days in which his love and care could not prevent her from going away from him, to another home where he could not follow her—the home where she had gone now, far beyond his search.

She was a good little creature, and she did not rebel even at the summons to go out of her earthly Eden in search of the paradise of God. She longed indeed to live, for she loved her own, and she could have resigned herself to die more willingly but for her husband's passion of woe. The very day she had said to him, as she knelt beside her:

'Do not grieve so, darling. I am not going so far but that I shall come back to you every day. Something tells me that I shall be always near you and Maudie. You cannot call, or cry, but that I shall hear you. I know that when she needs, or most wants me, I shall be close beside you.'

And, with that very last kiss, while her breath was failing, she whispered:

'I shall not go so far as you think.'

Now, when he heard the low call of his little Maudie, and her smothered sobbing, he remembered the words of his dead darling. Did she, indeed, hear Maudie cry, and was it possibly troubling her? He got up and went into the little room where Maudie had slept alone ever since her sixth birthday a couple of months ago. He bent over her low bed, and asked tenderly:

'What is it, darling?'

A little, nightgowned figure lifted itself up and two little arms clung round his neck.

'Bessie put me to bed without taking me to mamma. Mamma did not kiss me good-night, and I want she should; oh, I want she should. Bessie wouldn't carry me to see her; and I want you to. Bessie said mamma never would kiss me again; but that isn' true, is it? You know I've heard mamma say Bessie wasn't always 'sponsible.'

Col. Trevethick considered for a moment what he should say to his child—how he could make her understand the great, sad, awful, yet triumphant mystery which had come to pass that day under their roof—the great loss, and yet the great hope that hallowed it.

She was such a baby it seemed hard to choose his words. Must he tell her that her mamma would never kiss her again? But how did he know that? When the dear Lord promised 'all things' to those who loved Him, did it not include joining of broken threads, the up-sprining of dead hopes, the finding of one's own again, somewhere? He thought it must, for what a word without meaning heaven would be to him if his own Maud were not there! He temporized a little.

'She cannot kiss you now, my darling, but you shall kiss her—'

So he lifted the little white figure in his arms, holding it close, as one who must be father and mother both, now, and carried his little one across the hall to the room where her dead mother lay, oh, so fast asleep, now, with a look like a smile frozen upon her fair, sweet face. He held Maudie down by the pillow, on which her mother's head rested, but that did not satisfy her.

'Put me on the bed, please, papa, I get on the bed every night and kiss her ever since she's been ill.'

So he let her have her will; and, for a moment, she nestled close to the dead heart which had always beaten for her so warmly. Then she lifted up her head.

'Mamma is very cold,' she said, 'and she does not stir. Can she hear what I say?'

Again something invisible seems to warn him against taking her away from the child her mother. He answered very gently and slowly:

'She's dead, my darling; what we call dead. I do not understand it—no one understands it; but it comes, one day, to everybody, and it is God's will. Your mamma cannot speak to us any more, and soon she will be gone out of our sight; but she truly believed that she would always be able to see your face and hear your voice, as when she was here.'

'She is here. Won't she be here always?' the little girl asked, growing cold with the shadow of an awful fear.

'No, dear, she will not be here long. In a few days this dear white face will be put away, underneath the grass and the flowers; but the real mamma, who loves little Maudie, will not be buried. She will be somewhere, I truly believe, where she can see and hear her little girl.'

For a moment the child slid again from his arms, and nestled close against the cold breast, kissed the unmoving lip. Then she said:

'Good-by, this mamma, who can't see; and good-night, other mamma, that hears Maudie.'

Col. Trevethick marveled. Had he, indeed, succeeded in making this little creature understand; or had some one he could not see spoken to her words of sweet mother wisdom?

He carried her then, and laid her in her little bed and went back to his own loneliness; but half an hour afterward he heard the small voice calling, 'Papa, papa' and again he went to her, and the little arms came up around his neck, and held him fast.

'Can't I go, too, papa? If you ask God, won't He let me? Because I did so love my mamma.'

That afternoon Col. Trevethick had felt as if he had nothing at all left in this world; but now he realized how [illegible] kept him from surrendering himself to his own grief.

Nearly two years went on, and all the time the little girl became more and more frail; until, at last, when she had just past her eighth birthday, she was taken very ill. Her illness seemed a sort of low, nervous fever, and she grew daily more feeble. A skillful nurse came to share with Bessie the task of attending her, and her father was seldom far away. Half the day he would be sitting in her room, and half a dozen times in the night he would steal in to watch her breathing.

One afternoon, as he sat by her bed, she looked up at him with a sad, tender look, too old for her years—but [illegible] spoken before of her mother for so many months, and yet how well she remembered. Instantly his wife's words, that last day, came to his memory. She had said: 'I know that when Maudie needs me most, or you most want me, I shall be there beside you.'

Was she there now? Could she breathe upon the little wasting life some merciful dew of healing—or was she, perhaps, by her very love and longing, drawing the child from home to herself?

That night Bessie was to sit up until one o'clock, and then to call the nurse. As for Col. Trevethick, he would be in and out as usual.

He went to bed, and fell into sleep and a dream. His own Maud was beside him, as he saw her first then as his bride, his wife, then with Baby Maudie on her breast; just as of old he seemed to have her with him again, his pride, his darling, the one fair woman he had ever loved.

He woke at last. Had his dream then lasted the night through? Was this red ray that touched his face the first hint of the rising sun? He sprang up quickly. The whole night had indeed passed, and he had not seen Maudie. He hurried into a dressing gown and went to her room. He expected to find the nurse there, but, instead, Bessie sat beside the table just where he had left her the night before, but sound asleep. Evidently she must have been asleep for hours, and had not called the nurse, who had in her turn—they were all tired enough, Heaven knows. But meantime, of Maudie? What harm had come to her, alone, unattended?

He drew aside the curtains of her little bed and looked in. Surely this was not the Maud he had left the night before, so pale and worn upon her pillows! A face looked up at him bright as the new day. A soft, healthy color was in the cheek, and the lips were red as the heart of some warm, crimson rose.

'I knew I should be well if she tended me,' a voice cried gayer and gladder than he had heard from her lips in two years.

What did the child mean? Had she gone mad? He controlled himself and asked:

'Who tended you, my child? I found Beseie sound asleep.'

'Yes, mamma made her sleep, and you, and nurse. She sent all of you the dreams you like best; and all night long she sat here beside my bed, with her hand on my head just as she used to put it long ago. She was all in white, and her soft golden hair fell about her shoulders, and her eyes were very bright, and her lips when she kissed me, seemed so [illegible] how to melt a[illegible] has made [illegible] does not tell you I am well.'

Two hours afterward Dr. Hale came. He stood for a few moments beside the little bed. He looked in the child's glad eyes; he counted the throbs of her pulse, he made her put out her healthy little tongue. Then he turned to her father.

'Trevethick,' he said, 'can you swear that this is the same little girl I left here last night? If the days of miracles were not gone, I should say that one had been wrought here. I left, I thought, a very sick little person, about whom I was anxious enough, certainly, to make this my first call this morning, and I find my small patient so well that I shall only keep her in bed a day or two longer, for form's sake.'

'Perhaps it is a miracle,' Col. Trevethick said, smiling. But he did not explain. There are some experiences too marvelous for belief, and too sacred for doubt or question, and that was one of them.

Two days afterward little Maudie

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