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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.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF A DESIRABLE HOUSE AND LOT

On the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike, near the City of Westminster, Maryland.

The undersigned, by virtue of a power of sale contained in the last will and testament of Joshua Lockard, late of Carroll county, in the State of Maryland, deceased, and also by virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of said county, will offer at public sale, on the premises, on

TUESDAY, 5th DAY OF JUNE, 1906,

at 3 o'clock, p. m., that desirable lot of land fronting 40 feet on the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike Road, and extending back 231 feet to a 20 foot alley in the rear, adjoining the property of Mr. Webster Ebaugh, on what is called Fair Ground Hill, near the City of Westminster, Carroll county, Maryland. The improvements consist of a well built Frame Dwelling House, containing 5 rooms, with front and back porches, and also some small outbuildings. The dwelling house is supplied with city water and the property is in a very good state of repair.



This property is located in one of the best suburban neighborhoods and is well worth the notice of any desiring a suburban home.

Terms of Sale.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, or upon the ratification of the same by the Court; balance in two equal payments of six and twelve months, the deferred payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale; or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

JAMES W. LOCKARD,
JOSHUA LOCKARD,
Executors.

Joseph D. Brooks, Attorney.
may 11 3t Elias N. Davis, Auct.

E. OLIVER GRIMES, Jr., Solicitor.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF A Desirable Property!

In the West End of the City of Westminster, Maryland.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in cause No. 4257 Equity, wherein Hattie Hopkins et al. are plaintiffs, and Grafton Penn et al. are defendants, the undersigned, as Trustee, will offer for sale, on the premises, on

MONDAY, THE 4th DAY OF JUNE, 1906,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., all that lot or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Westminster, in Carroll county, Md., on the northwest side of Union street, being house No. 39 Union street, opposite the schoolhouse, containing about

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more or less, described in a deed from Ira E. Crouse to Francis Penn, dated March 25th, A. D 1870, and recorded among the lands records of Carroll county, in liber J. B. No. 38, folio 169, &c. The improvements thereon consist of a good and comfortable two story Weatherboarded DWELLING HOUSE and necessary outbuildings; there is also a very productive garden on the premises. The property is in good repair and is now occupied by Edward L. Carey.



TERMS OF SALE.—One third part of the purchase money shall be paid by the purchaser or purchasers to the trustee on the day of sale, or upon ratification thereof by the Court; and the residue shall be paid in two equal payments, the one to be paid in 6 months and the other in 1 year from the day of sale, with interest, and to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with security to be approved of by the trustee, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser or purchasers.

E. OLIVER GRIMES, Jr.,
Elias N Davis, Auct. Trustee.
my 11 4t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

CATHERINE JOHNSON,

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 14th day of December, 1906, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 14th day of May, 1906.

JOHN L. SHRIVER,
Executor.
may 18 4t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

WILLIAM FLICKINGER,

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 14th day of December, 1906; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 14th day of May, 1906.

JONAS N. E. FLICKINGER,
JOHN W. B FLICKINGER,
may 18 4t Administrators.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Westminster Fertilizer Company, a body corporate of the State of Maryland, that a meeting of said stockholders will be held at the office of said Company in Westminster, Carroll county, Maryland, on

SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd, 1906,

at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of increasing the capital stock of said Company from $5,000 to $15,000, and for the transaction of any business that may properly come before said meeting.

By order.
EZRA C. BROWN, President;
A. H. HUBER, Secretary and Treasurer;
WM. U. MARKER,
GEORGE H. HUNT,
JNO. D. SCHAEFFER, of J.,
my 4 4t Board of Directors.

Members' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll County, (a body corporate of the State of Maryland) that a meeting of the members of said company will be held at the office of the company in Westminster, Carroll County, Md., on

MONDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE,

A. D. 1906, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of adopting and taking such action in regard to the By-Laws of said company as the members may deem right and proper.

JOSHUA W. HERING,
President.
C. Gloyd Lynch, Secretary. my 25 2t

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Citizens' Water and Power Company of Westminster, Md., will be held at the Banking House of Wm. B. Thomas, on MONDAY, JUNE 4th, 1906, between the hours of 4 and 5 P. M., for purpose of electing SEVEN DIRECTORS for the ensuing year.

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SYNOPSIS OF PROGRAM.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6.

7 a. m. to 12 m., Reception of Delegates and Visiting Companies by Reception Committee.
2.30 p. m., Grand Parade—short route.
7 to 8 p. m., Grand Band Concert.
8 p. m., First Session Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, to which all Firemen are invited.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7.

9 a. m., Second Meeting of the Maryland State Firemen's Association.
10.30 a m., Hook and Ladder Contest.
1.00 p. m., Hose Races.
4 p. m., Prize Drill.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8.

Contest of fire horses drawing apparatus.
The Amusement Committee is making arrangements for an interesting Program for this day, which will be announced later.

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Hose Race, Open to World	$150.00	$50.00
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Hook and Ladder, World	75.00	25.00
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Great truths are dearly bought. The common truth,
Such as men give and take from day to day,
Comes in the common walk of easy life,
Blown by the careless wind across our way.

Bought in the market at the current price,
Bred of the smile, the jest, perchance the bowl;
It tells no tales of daring or of worth,
Nor pierces even the surface of a soul.

Great truths are greatly won. Not found by chance,
Nor wafted on the breath of summer dream;
But grasped in the great struggle of the soul,
Hard-buffeting with adverse wind and stream.

Not in the general mart, 'mid corn and wine;
Not in the merchandise of gold and gems;
Not in the world's gay hall of midnight mirth;
Not 'mid the blaze of regal diadems.

But in the day of conflict, fear and grief,
When the strong hand of God, put forth in might,
Plows up the subsoil of the stagnant heart,
And brings the imprisoned truth-seed to the light.

Wrung from the troubled spirit, in hard hours
Of weakness, solitude, perchance of pain,
Truth springs, like harvest, from the well plowed field,
And the soul feels it has not wept in vain.

—Horatius Bonar.

A CLUE AND A CASE.

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From the New York Sun.

I.

Judge Marcellus read over the will twice with an old lawyer's scrupulous care.

'A singular document,' he reflected. 'Your cousin Matthew Waldo devises his entire estate to his natural child Edith in the event of her surviving him. In case of her prior death the property is left to you, his nearest collateral relatives.

'The sum of $10,000 is allowed his executors, Main & Shrift—clever fellows, but tricky; I know them well—for expenses in finding the girl and establishing her identity; and if they are successful they are to have double fees. Secret instructions are inclosed for their guidance.

'Hum! Well, my good friend, what can I do for you? It is tantalizing after your long life of toil and struggle to have a great fortune so near and yet so far; but still, how can you expect me to prove a negative for you without anything to work on?'

'Ah, but I have something!' cried Waldo tremulously. This young woman, she called herself Mrs. Davenant, with whom he grew so bitter and vindictive, was living in a pretty little cottage at Floral Roads, very quietly, much respected.

'I knew nothing about her or the affair, but one day he called me into his office, and sent me out there—you know his way; high and mighty, without a word of explanation to me, a poor clerk—with a message to this effect: That if she delivered over the child to him he would settle $1,000 a year upon her for life; but if she refused he would follow, expose and disgrace her even after his death.

'I went according to orders, Judge Marcellus,' the old man continued sadly; 'that was my life. I found the little cottage, the door open, everything neat and inviting, but no one within.

'I roamed through the house—such pretty pictures, such fine books, her desk in such order, you couldn't help but feel a sympathy for her, notwithstanding. Though the clothing was in the closets, the trunks in the storeroom, I knew from the very air that she had fled, taking nothing, shaking the dust from her feet.

'On the hearth was a pile of ashes, with here and there a half burned scrap of paper. I found this—see, it is postmarked the day before.'

'Part of an envelope,' said the Judge, 'with the business address of the Eureka Employment Agency in the corner. You think she went there for work? Did you say anything about it to Matthew?'

'No, sir, I did not. What with my own impressions, what with what I heard in the village, I felt that she was more sinned against than sinning; that she should have the chance to save herself, to save her child from him. I kept my thought to myself; I was well trained, Judge, but now——

'But now if the poor creatures perished—I know what it is to swim unaided, but not with such burdens as theirs—why, of course, I want my rights, not for myself, but for Harry, my good brave son. If they are alive, I want them to have their rights; honestly I do, and I feel that they are more likely to get them if warned and advised by me than from the lawyers acting under the secret instructions of one whose real motive must have been revenge, no matter how benevolent it appears.'

'Well, well, David,' said the Judge glancing at a card the boy had just brought to him, 'you have always been anxious to give far more than you've had. I'll let Cronkite, my confidential man, look into this matter for you. And that is all, is it, until he makes his report? Well, then, goodby, and James, just ask Mrs. Rossiter to be so good as to come right in here.'

II.

'Well, well, I do declare!' exclaimed the Judge, greeting his visitor, with old-fashioned gallantry. 'Back again after all these years; I hate to think how many when you look so charming, my dear madam. But then they say one always returns to the law. I hope on no more unpleasant matter.'

'Tis the same matter, Judge Marcellus,' said the lady sadly, as she raised her veil and disclosed a countenance sweet and pensive of expression, but so wan, even haggard, that the lawyer's manner changed into one of grave concern.

'I didn't know,' he faltered. 'I have heard of you, of course, as the brilliant wife of a rich and prominent man. Didn't your philanthropy turn out as well as you expected? Has the little girl—she must be a big girl now—proved a disappointment?'

'My Edith, the darling? God bless the chance that sent me to the Maternity Asylum! God be thanked for the inspiration that impelled me to adopt her. She has been more than the dearest daughter to me.'

'Well then!'

'Ah, but have I been a devoted mother to her! Listen, Judge. You know how excited, enraptured I was when Harold, my husband, consented to the adoption—against his better judgment, I must do him the credit to say that. Why, it seemed too good to be true; I feared everything.

'I wanted to obviate the possibility of that unknown mother returning; and so when the little girl, her crib mate, died, an orphan without kith or kin, and Hannah, the nurse—she was devoted to me—suggested how easy it would be, and how much safer, to change them about so that the living baby I loved should have the benefit of the dead baby's isolation, why I consented; I even urged and helped make the deception.'

'I see,' reflected the Judge. 'I recollect now that you made another choice and application. Of course, it was lawless, but you acted for her good, and good only was accomplished. Why, then, worry over so venial a fault?'

'Ah, Judge, I am an unhappy woman. I judged the future by the present, believing that I should always be able to provide lavishly for that dear child. God knows I ought to have known better, but I had faith in love. Harold seemed so devoted, so generous.

'He has not been a good father to Edith. I think he is jealous of our affection, our close and constant intimacy. Perhaps, too, he has vented on her his chagrin and disappointment in there not being children of our own.

'Perhaps, even, there has been a vague intuition—ah, what was I about to say? In fine, my belief that he would care for her as a daughter dwindled long ago into a desperate hope that at least he would be kind, be decent.

'But now her life at home, despite all I can do to shield her, is almost unendurable. She eats the bread of humiliation for my sake; but, oh, how bitter it must be to her brave, proud spirit.

'Only the other day she asked whether I would go away with her if she could find work, could support me. My intervention, Judge, was a mistake, a curse.'

'Oh, you blame yourself unduly,' replied the Judge. 'At worst, she has been carefully, tenderly reared; she has had the blessing of your love and care. What would have been her fate had she remained at the asylum—an abandoned waif, without prospects?'

'That is the very point,' whispered Mrs. Rossiter, bending forward. 'The impossible has happened. If her birthright had not been filched from her—ah, such a pitiful birthright!—she would now be independent, rich, with the world at her feet.

'I know it, I know it; and yet, miserable, I cannot, I dare not, speak. Even if I did, no one would believe me, I have no proof of the imposture.

'Judge, you must, without asking why, find that nurse, Hannah Treadway. I remember she used to apply for work through the Eureka Agency; they might be able to give a clue to a skillful man.

'She will admit, I know she will, the deception, taking the blame upon herself, not mentioning me. As you say, it was but a venial fault in her. She acted for the child's good; she had no past to retrieve, no future to placate.'

'Don't!' urged the Judge. 'Think of yourself; be calm. Everything shall be as you wish, and then, when you are fully prepared, you can explain what you will to me. It so happens that I am about to send my man Cronkite to the Eureka people on a confidential matter, and he can just as well attend to this at the same time. Go home and rest in peace, in confidence, my dear madam, until I send for you.'

III.

'Mr. Harry Waldo,' read the Judge from the card which James, the office boy, presently brought to him. 'Show him in at once, James. I welcome a change to the bouyancy of youth.'

There was, truly, an inspiriting air about the manly young fellow who, entering briskly, faced his old friend with mingled candor and confusion. Before he explained his errand the shrewd lawyer knew that it was personal, ardent, difficult, yet fully de-

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