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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.

The undersigned will offer at Public Sale, at Carrollton Station, W. Md. R. R., on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1906, at 1 o'clock, P. M.,



5½ ACRES OF LAND, improved with a new six-room Weatherboarded Dwelling House, Stable, Meat and Wash House, and other necessary outbuildings, good fruit and water. This is a very desirable property for anyone wishing to work in Baltimore and go back and forward each day. It is also very nicely adapted for poultry raising.

Terms of Sale.—One-half cash, the other half in 6 and 12 months, the purchaser to give his, or her notes, with approved security, bearing interest from day of sale, or all cash if desired.

sept 7 3t* K. R. TAYLOR.

SPLENDID FARM in Union Bridge District, at Public Sale.

Nicholas H. Clemson, surviving executor of John Davis Clemson, deceased, will sell at Public Sale, by virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1906, at 10.30 A. M., the Home Farm of said deceased, containing,

214 ACRES, 7 PERCHES OF LAND, more or less, adjacent to Union Bridge. This is a splendid farm. About 30 acres is in growing timber, limestone is abundant and Little Pipe creek flows through the meadows. It has a commodious Brick Dwelling House, large Brick Barn and all neccessary outbuildings, in good condition. There is also a stone Tenant House, and a good orchard on the place. The W. Md. R. R. has a right of way through the farm. This sale offers an opportunity to any one desiring it to purchase a most desirable farm in one of the best localities of this county. The terms are one-third cash, one third in 6 months and one-third in 12 months.

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Robert Biggs, Attorney-at-Law, 828-832 Law Building, Baltimore, Md.

PUBLIC SALE OF TWO VALUABLE FARMS!

In the Best Farming District of Frederick County, Maryland.

The undersigned will sell at Public Sale, at Rocky Ridge Station, Frederick county, Maryland, on

SATURDAY, 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1906, at 11 o'clock, A. M., the two following Valuable Farms:

First. All that tract of land of which the late Joshua Biggs died seized, situate at Rocky Ridge, and adjoining the lands of Michael Late, Elias Valentine, Harvey Ogle and others. The improvements consist of a large Brick Dwelling House, a large Bank Barn with Silos under the same roof, Hog Pens and Grain Sheds. The farm now contains

THREE HUNDRED AND SIX ACRES, more or less, but will be divided so as to reduce the acreage and will be offered as an entirety or at the reduced acreage.

Plats and other information will be furnished on application after the 10th day of September, 1906.

Second. All that Valuable Farm adjoining he farm above described, containing

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE ACRES more or less, improved by a large Stone Dwelling, a large Bank Barn and all necessary outbuildings.

Both of the above farms are within convenient distance of Postoffice, Churches, School, Express, Telephone and Telegraph Offices. A stream of Water flows through both farms giving them an ample supply of water.

The land is in a high state of cultivation and the fences and buildings are in good order.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash, the balance in 6 and 12 months, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. Special arrangements can be made with the vendors by which a proportion of the purchase money may be left in the properties secured by mortgage thereon.

ROBERT BIGGS,
JAMES S. BRIGGS,
DAVID M. BIGGS.
ROBERT BIGGS,
Trustee.

Thos. J. Kolb, Auctioneer.
aug 31 4t

List of Election Officers Appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll County, in the Place of those Heretofore Appointed, who have Since been excused, or found Disqualified.

By virtue of and in accordance with Section 10 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, as amended by Chapter 464 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its January session, 1900, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll County has appointed the following named person as Clerk of Election for Carroll county, in the place of the party heretofore appointed, who has since been found disqualified or excused; those under the heading "Democrats" being intended to represent the Democratic party, and those under the heading "Republicans," being intended to represent the Republican party.

REPUBLICANS.

David M. Mehring, Clerk, in precinct No. 2, of Election District Number 1, in the place of D. Thomas Reindollar, who was excused.

HENRY S. MUSSELMAN, Pres.;
CHAS. H. SMITH,
Board of Supervisors of Election for Carroll County.
Test—SAM'L. J. STONE, Clerk.
sept 7 3t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

JOSEPH L. HAINES,

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 4th day of April, 1907, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 4 h day of September, 1906.

CHARLES J. HAINES,
W. MORRIS HAINES,
SUSANNAH W. HAINES,
sept 7 4t Executors.

NO. 4296 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity.

John D. Bachman et al., plaintiffs, vs. Bertie M. Bachman et al., defendants.

Ordered, this 7th day of September, 1906, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by John D. Bachman, Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 8th day of October next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 1st day of October next. The report states the amount of the sale to be $4,783.75.

DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
sept 7 3t DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.

LOST.

A small Black Hunting Dog, answers to the name of Coley. A liberal reward for his return or information leading to his recovery.

CHAS. E. TRUMP,
sept 14 3t Snydersburg.

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This is the time of the year when the busy housewife is looking around for the necessities of home comforts for the winter months. It is the time when the ladies are inspecting Dress Goods, Undergarments, Shoes, etc., for Fall and Winter. It is the time when the men folks are ready to inspect the goods for their suits, or looking over ready made stocks.

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In this line there is hardly an end to the stock on hand, including all the very newest productions, and the greatest of values for Fall and Winter.

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Commissioners Notice.

HEREAFTER, and until further notice the County Commissioners of Carroll county will meet at their office in Westminster, EVERY MONDAY for the transaction of business.

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

GEORGE L. STOCKSDALE,

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No. 1. A beautiful Country Place, one of the best and most attractive in Western Md., located within one and a half miles of Westminster on the Baltimore Pike, known as the "Burt Farm," about 69 acres of improved farming land, buildings well located, in fine condition, with every modern convenience.

No. 2. A highly improved and fertile farm, of 76 acres, with new and well located buildings, situated on the "Bachman's Valley Road" about four and one half miles from Westminster, Md. Excellent water, improvements and fruit.

No. 3. An excellent dairy farm of 75 acres, with good buildings, and convenient to the Railroad, within one and one half miles of Westminster; an excellent orchard and a very fine spring of water at the buildings.

No. 4. A small farm of about 12 acres, near Westminster, fertile and highly improved, both soil and buildings, suitable for trucking or poultry farm.

No. 5. A good farm of 130 acres, with about 50 acres in timber, fertile and improved, located about two miles from Manchester, and eight from Westminster, in the Bachman Valley District, suitable for general farming and dairy purposes.

No. 6. A fine residence located on Fair Ground Hill, adjoining the city limits, a modern house of nine rooms, city water, good garden and orchard, about one half acre of ground. The buildings are in good condition.

I have besides the above properties a number of other farms, lots, and town residences for sale, and to any one interested in properties would be glad to give full particulars if you apply.

W. FRANK THOMAS,
Real Estate Agent, Westminster, Md.
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THE WESTMINSTER FERTILIZER COMPANY, (SUCCESSORS TO CHAS. SCHAEFFER,) OFFER TO THEIR PATRONS THE OLD AND RELIABLE HAND MIXED BRANDS OF

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Fine newspaper plant, with an abundance of good type, good presses, gasoline motor, in one of the best sections for job work in the State, for sale at a bargain to a quick purchaser. Ill health the only reason for selling. Apply early. Address, Box 166, Woodsboro, Md.
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TRUSTEES' SALE OF SEVEN DESIRABLE PROPERTIES

In and near the City of Westminster, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity, passed in cause No. 4285 Equity, wherein Elias G. Shipley et al. are plaintiffs and Lloyd B. Shipley et al. are defendants, the undersigned Trustees will offer at Public Sale, on the premises below described, on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1906,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following properties of which Grove A. Shipley died seized and possessed, in the following order:

(1.) All that lot of land situate on the south side of Liberty street, fronting 40 feet on said street and running back 173 feet to an alley and improved with a large two-story BRICK HOUSE.



Said property is No. 85 Liberty street and now unoccupied.

(2.) All that lot of land containing 8514 Square Feet, fronting 43 feet, more or less, on West Main street, improved with a small House now occupied by colored people and situate between the Westminster Steam Laundry and David Petry property.



(3.) All that lot of land containing 5016 Square Feet of land, more or less, fronting 33 feet on West Main street and known as No. 182 West Main street, improved with a two-story frame Dwelling House, and occupied by Margaret A. Shipley.



(4.) All that lot of land known as No. 79 Pennsylvania avenue, in Westminster, fronting on the avenue 31 feet more or less, improved with a two-story Brick House, and adjoining the property of John Geiselman.



☞ Immediately after the sale of property No. 4 the undersigned Trustees will offer for sale in front of said lot No. 4, on Pennsylvania avenue, the following out-of-town properties:

(5.) All that parcel of land about 1¼ miles north of Westminster, near the Sullivan road, containing 1 Acre and 27 Square Perches, more or less, with a right of way leading to Sullivan road, improved with a two-story frame House, known as the Yingling Property and adjoining the lands of Silas Bish and Bessie Diffendal.



(6.) All that part of a tract of land on the Liberty road, about 3 miles beyond Warfieldsburg, containing 10 Acres, more or less, known as the Gipsy Hill Property, improved with a frame weatherboarded House, being the same land conveyed by Wm. A. McKellip, trustee, to Grove A. Shipley by deed recorded in liber F. T. S. No. 45, folio 329.



(7.) All that part of a tract of land on the Salem road, about 1 mile from Salem school house in Freedom district, containing 10 Acres, 2 Roods and 31 Perches, more or less, all in fine TIMBER, adjoining the lands of Geo. A. Shipley, McClellan Wagner and Henry Knauf.

For further information apply to Ivan L Hoff, Attorney, or the undersigned trustees.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash upon the day of sale or on the ratification of said sale by the court, and the residue in two equal payments of 1 and 2 years from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser; credit payments to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured by notes of purchaser, with approved security. The rents from these properties will be payable to purchaser from and after ratification of sale.

ELIAS G. SHIPLEY,
GEORGE ALFRED SHIPLEY,
LLOYD B. SHIPLEY,
Trustees.

Ivan L. Hoff, Attorney.
F. Albert Crawford, Auct. aug 31 4t

NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF REGISTRATION AND REVISION THEREOF, IN CARROLL COUNTY, MD.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll County, pursuant to and in accordance with section 14, of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, that the Board of Registry for the several election districts and precincts in Carroll County, Maryland, will sit for the purpose of registering qualified voters and erasing the names of those disqualified, between the hours of 8 o'clock, a. m., and 7 o'clock, p. m., on

Tuesday, October the 2nd, and Tuesday, October the 9th, 1906,

And for the purpose of REVISION ONLY (on which day no names can be registered) on

Tuesday, October the 16th, A. D. 1906.

At the following places in the several precincts and districts, to wit:—

District No. 1, First Precinct.—In Firemen's Building, on Baltimore street, in Taneytown.
District No. 1, Second Precinct.—In Eckenrode's Shop on Church street, in Taneytown.
District No. 2, First Precinct.—At Johnson Hollenberry's Storeroom, in Uniontown.
District No. 2, Second Precinct.—At the room adjoining Levi D. Maus' Storeroom, in Tyrone.
District No. 3.—At the mystic Chain Hall, in Silver Run.
District No. 4, First Precinct.—At the old Hotel Property, in Sandyville, owned by Lewis W. Caple.
District No. 4, Second Precinct.—At the Storeroom and Dwelling owned by Mrs. Mary A. Nelson, in Bird Hill.
District No. 5, First Precinct.—At the building occupied by C. Hall Brown, in Eldersburg.
District No. 5, Second Precinct.—At the Storeroom of Wm. F. Jordan, in Berrett.
District No. 6, First Precinct.—At the Firemen's Building, in Manchester.
District No. 6, Second Precinct.—At the storeroom of Wm. H. Wilson, in Manchester.
District No. 7, First Precinct.—At the Albaugh Building, corner Court and Main streets, in Westminster.
District No. 7, Second Precinct.—At the Storeroom of Doyle & Magee, West Main street, in Westminster.
District No. 7, Third Precinct.—At the Home of Meade Ohler, opposite Albaugh Building, on Main street, in Westminster.
District No. 7, Fourth Precinct.—At the Lumber, Coal & Supply Co's. Building, corner Green and Liberty streets, second door on Liberty from Green, in Westminster.
District No. 8.—At the Firemen's Building in Hampstead.
District No. 9.—At the residence of Mrs. Malinda Smith, in Taylorsville.
District No. 10.—At the Hotel of Mrs Lynn, in Middleburg.
District No. 11.—At the residence of J. Edward West, in New Windsor.
District No. 12.—At the Firemen's Building, in Union Bridge.
District No. 13.—At the storeroom of John B. Runkles, on the west side of Main street, in Mt. Airy.

HENRY S. MUSSELMAN, Pres.;
CHARLES H. SMITH,
FRANCIS A. CRAWFORD,
Board of Supervisors of Election for Carroll County.
Test:—SAM'L. J. STONE, Clerk. sept 14 6t

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

WILLIAM H. HULL,

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 27th day of March, 1907, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 27th day of August, 1906.

ELIZABETH C. HULL,
aug 31 4t Executrix.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

SARAH R. 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 subscribers, on or before the 28th day of March, 1907; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 28th day of August, 1906.

MARION SOPHIA COANE,
ELLA LOUISE BROWN,
aug 31 4t Acting Executrices.

SALE BILLS printed on short notice and at reasonable rates.

AUTUMN.

Oh, the fruitful time of autumn,
Aren't we glad that you are here?
When the tinted paints of nature
Touch the landscape far and near.
When we draw September's bounty,
Get your garments out of hock,
And you hear the happy laughter
Of the husker at the shock.
When the hoboes townward wander
In a healthy, joyous group,
Then all nature is resplendent.
And the flies drop in the soup.

You may lilt of merry springtime
And the winds in emerald trees;
Of the spring buds and blossoms.
And the sound of birds and bees.
When the prospects they are pleasing
Of a record-breaking crop,
And your best shirt's doing service
As a crown upon a mop,
When discarded, last year's flannel
Holds your neck within a loop,
Then give me autumn, autumn days
When the flies drop in the soup.

Then the burst of glorious summer:
Now vacation days are here,
When mosquitoes murmur softly:
'Tis the playtime of the year.
Then you pack your camp equipment,
You shoulder up your pole;
And get your back all sunburned
In that "old swimmin' hole."
Oh let us homeward wander;
Let's sit upon the stoop
And watch the leaflets dropping
Like the flies into the soup.

Soon the fall flowers it will wither,
And the meadows, brown and sere
Will be token it is winter—
Winter! Oh, so cold and drear.
When the ice man is forgotten,
And the coal man comes around,
When the robin's gone to Dixie;
And the snow is on the ground.
'Tis then you'll gather closely
Round the fireside in a group
And wish for Golden Autumn
When the flies dropped in the soup.

THE START.

(Inez Haynes Gillmore, in Everybody's Magazine.)

Richard Stanton had scarcely heard the warden's kindly words of exhortation and advice, although he had answered with perfunctory respect. All he could grasp was the fact of his freedom and, out of a clear sky, the edict that released him a full three weeks before the expected time. The warden had said something about exemplary conduct, about a mistake in the reckoning. Richard tried again to realize the whole significance of the announcement. He could not. It was as if a star had burst in his mind, and its four corners were cumbered with flashing, exploding, purple-and-gold fires. He followed the officer out of the warden's office, he changed from his prison stripes to the clothes they had ready for him, he accepted the money they offered him, he made his brief farewells like a man in a dream.

Outside came his first sense of disillusionment. He had expected the world, when it came to his turn to join it again, to have a visible welcoming hand, a palpable atmosphere of joy and tenderness. But there was no such significance to the look of everything about the Charlestown State Prison. Perhaps it was that the neighborhood was familiar—he had often caught wistful glimpses of it from the other side of the gray-stone walls; a sordid, dusty, dreary place it was to. Perhaps it was Richard's feeling that everybody about, the children playing jump-rope in the court, the woman shaking a rug out of a nearby window, the very iceman staggering under the weight of the ponderous translucent cube that he so sturdily nipped in his enormous pincers, must all recognize him as a discharged prisoner. He hurried up Austin street and away from the scene.

He came out onto Main street at the first turn and, gradually, he began to master his self-consciouaness, to look people and things boldly in the face. The elevated attracted his attention immediately, and he stood watching the progress of the cars for a few minutes. At first he thought he would take a train over to the city, then he decided to walk. He strolled leisurely across the bridge, staring interestedly at the passes-by. The draw was up, and he had to wait fifteen minutes or more.

A small crowd of people gathered there, workmen rushing back to work, women and girls, in couples, impatient for their shopping, small children on a Saturday exploring tour of the big city—they all waited in varying degrees of impatience. Something happened to the machinery of the bridge, and there was a protracted delay. The crowd grew steadily. It became impatient, then vindictive, then philosophic and humorous. The men began to chaff the girls, and the latter did not disdain to answer them through the modest medium of remarks ostensibly directed to their companions. Richard leaned back against the fence, and drank it all in. His spirits were rising. He was beginning to enjoy everything. The warm sun and the softness of the clear spring day wrought a seductive enervation in his nerves, and the salt air worked a tangy stimulation in his muscles. He had to bite his lips to keep back meaningless smiles. He amused himself with studying the clothes of the people about him. Ten years, he decided, had made great changes in the fashions. It was obvious in the clothes the men wore. What made the difference with the women it was more difficult for him to find out.

Presently the draw-gates swung slowly apart. The released crowd surged forward and spread over the sidewalk, the more speedy shooting ahead.

Richard was among these. His buoyancy of spirit affected his look and his movements. He would walk over to the Tremont House he decided, take the Brookline car, and burst upon them all at home suddenly. Home! That meant having about you the people that you loved, and being at liberty to talk with them whenever you wished. It meant silence only when you wanted silence, and it meant noise for as long as you wanted noise. It meant other lovely things, delicious food to eat, delicate china to eat it from, a wide, cool, soft bed in a big airy room. It meant books, magazines, pictures, music. Oh, God, what did it not mean? Why had he delayed himself by walking over the bridge? He bounded forward as if shot from a cannon's mouth, and his stride became a feverish one.

There was his mother to see first. He had not seen her so often as his father or James in the last ten years. She had come as frequently as the others would let her. But Richard had himself realized that her visits to the prison were a frightful strain upon her, and he had, at last, begged them not to let her come again. He had not seen her for two years. On that last visit he noticed that the hair had begun to gray thickly about her sweet, middle-aged face. Her soft eyes were dim with tears, her mouth worked convulsively all the time she had stayed with him.

Then there would be Patia, his only sister. Patia had been a little girl of thirteen when he left. Now she was a woman. Patia, a woman! It seemed incredible. She had been a quiet little thing, deep in her studies and her books. At eighteen she had gone to college. She had taken her degree the previous June. Richard had not seen her once in the last ten years, and before that, he had had little chance to know her. But he had always felt that, in an odd, unexpressed way, they understood each other. Patia and he were alike, and they were both different from James, and from their parents. James, the handsome, gifted one of the family, was a curious combination of father and mother. He had their mother's indecision of character, their father's *laissez faire* temperament. The combination made him curiously lovable. Patia and himself, Richard reflected, had neither of these weaknesses, even if he, at least, had proved himself the possessor of greater ones.

He was on Washington street by this time, walking swiftly, his head bent to the clamor of his thoughts.

'Hullo,' a voice called suddenly, 'you're just the kind of fellow I'm looking for.'

Richard started violently, andstared hard at the man who had blocked his progress.

It was little Willett. He had been discharged three months before. Everybody in the prison had been sorry to see him go. He was the comedian of their grim company. He was, moreover, a jolly companion and a pleasont workmate. He was a little pasty-faced fellow with a complexion so deeply lined that it seemed to crack when he smiled. His profession was one not found in the curriculum of colleges, but a difficult one, nevertheless. Its requirements were a clear head, a strong arm, a soft step, and the ability to work quickly and quietly. Incidentally, members in good standing were owners of a set of curious but innocent-looking tools, not unlike, indeed, the slender, refined instruments employed by dentists.

'Oh, hullo, Wil—' Richard was beginning.

'Jones, please,' Willett interrupted; 'the other fellow's skipped—had to go,' he continued, his eyes twinkling: 'this town's no place for a decent man. Just out?'

'This morning.'

'Looking for a job?'

'Oh! No,' Richard said, 'there's no need of that yet, I'm going home first. I suppose my father'll have some plans for me.'

'Going home!' Willett repeated. 'Lord, you're an awful fool to do that. They may say they will, but they don't. I should think you'd have more sense than to go home and queer them.'

Richard flushed. 'I know they'll be glad to see me. You—I—I don't think I shall queer them,' he ended humbly.

'Well, if it's the first time,' Willett conceded, 'they'll try to make you think they're glad, but you'll see through the bluff easy enough. Now, listen to me, Stanton, I'm not going to stand here and watch you go up against it in that way. You'll get all the spunk jammed out of you. Here, have a cigar.'

Richard recalled with surprise that the first thing he had promised himself after his release was a good smoke. He had forgotten all about it.

'Thank you,' he said gratefully. It was a good cigar. Its first whiff transported him.

'I'll walk along with you, Stanton,' Willet went on. 'The fact is, I've got a good thing, and I want to put you next. Of course you can do as you please about it but it's the chance of your life. There's two friends of mine that are wise to it besides me, and we want another man, someone that can put up a good appearance. You're just the man for us. There's no risk. It's a good thing—you can take my word for that. What do you say?'

Richard knew without further explanation what the character of the 'good thing' was. 'I can't do it,' he said, looking Willet steadily in the eye, 'but I appreciate your kindness.' He held out his hand. 'You see, I've made up my mind to keep straight. If I didn't feel that my people would stand behind me, it might be different—but they will.'

'Oh, don't make up your mind so soon,' Willet protested. There's no hurry about it. See here, Stanton, you think this matter over. I tell you its a big thing, and there's big money in it. You go home tonight if you want to. Lord, don't I know how you feel? But come in to-morrow and see me. Perhaps by that time, you'll have changed your mind. I'll hold the question open until then, and you'll find me ready to talk business. I'll be on the Common, at the Joy Street end of the frog-pond, about three, say. How's that for you?'

'It's all right for me,' Richard said, 'only I won't be there.'

'Oh, yes, you will,' Willett prophesied confidently. 'Well, I turn up here. Don't forget. Tomorrow at three. So long!'

Richard continued up Washington street. Suddenly all his buoyancy of spirit had evaporated. His cigar, too, was smoked out. He threw the end away. He turned up Bromfield street, meaning to take his car. The Tremont House had disappeared. There were no familiar car-tracks on Tremont street.

'Where do you get a Brookline car?' he asked of a hurrying passer-by.

'In the subway,' the man responded without stopping.

The subway—of course. He remembered now. It was one of the first things that he had wanted to see. He walked over to the common and studied the entrance. As he stood watching the flood of people disappearing into the bowels of the earth, suddenly a mood of deadly doubt and despair enveloped him. Mechanically he turned and walked up the Park Street Mall and took a seat under the arch of trees.

Was Willett right, he wondered. Of course he was. Who wanted a State prison-bird on his hands? They would be glad to see him at first, he knew. But afterward the situation would be embarrassing. There would be constant social friction, a thousand tiny personal smarts. Could any love survive that? Of course not. What was the use of putting it to the test when he knew it would fail? And he so much needed love and faith. Not alone to make up for his ten years of loneliness. There was the matter of his invention. The idea of that had come to him while he was in prison. He had thought it all out down to the minutest detail. It lay in his mind as clear and complete as his mother's face. He had made an idol, a fetich of it. It was a secret that he cherished with the jealous care that men show for the key to buried treasure. It was a key to him—the key to work, to wealth, to self-respect, to reinstated social position. Whether or no he could make a success of it all depended, he knew, upon the start, and the start depended on the homecoming. He had no doubts about the invention—but he would need money and sustaining hope for a little while at least. Once started, he could fight the whole world, but he required a start, and he knew that the start depended not on himself, but on others. What would the home-coming be like? He was afraid to let himself think. He cursed himself for a weakling, but his mood rode and rowelled him. All the afternoon he sat there mulling over his hopeless past, and his doubtful future, not daring to start homeward. Toward dusk he felt faint. He went into a restaurant and ordered dinner, but when it came he found that, although he was almost weak from hunger, he could not eat. He paid his bill and went out into the street again.

It had become dark. There were paralleled rows of lights in all directions. There were more people than

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