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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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IDA H. ENGLAR,

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 16th day of June, 1910; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 16th day of November, 1909.

nov 19 4t LINCOLN W. RINEHART. Executor.

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

BARBARA E. FREEMAN.

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 15th day of June, 1910, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 15th day of November, 1909.

nov 19 4t HARVEY C. FREEMAN. Administrator.

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

CATHARINE MYERS.

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 9th day of June, 1910; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 9th day of November, 1909.

EDWIN MYERS.
nov 12 4t Executor.

No. 4497 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County sitting in Equity.

Lloyd B. Shipley, Plaintiff, vs. Levi T. Haines et als., Defendants.

Ordered, this 8th day of November, 1909, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Ivan L. Hoff, trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 6th day of December 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 29th day of November, 1909. The report states the amount of the sale to be $637.50.

DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.
True Copy-Test: DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.
nov 12 3t

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County:
October Term, 1909.

Estate of John A. Buffington, deceased.

On application, it is ordered, this 9th day of November, 1909, that the sale of Leasehold Estate of John A. Buffington, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by Mary E. Buffington, Administratrix of the said deceased, and this day reported to this Court by the said Administratrix, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 2nd Monday, 13th day of December, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 1st Monday, 6th day of December, next. The report states the amount of sale to be $3,400.00.

JOHN E. ECKES CODE,
WILLIAM L. RICHARDS, } Judges.
ROBERT N. KOONTZ,

True Copy,—Test:
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EDITORIAL.

Will it Avail?

At the late election in this State glaring frauds and violations of law were perpetrated in some of the counties under what is known as the Wilson Law. It was apprehended long before the election that such outrages on the rights of citizens and voters would be attempted. The apprehension was caused by such conduct on the part of Democratic election officers on previous occasions and it prompted Chairman Hanna, of the Republican State Central Committee, to seek redress at the hands of Attorney General Straus and Governor Crothers. One of the wrongs complained of was the printing of heavy black lines under the names of Democratic candidates upon the official ballot. Another was the exclusion of the Republican election supervisors from all participation in arranging the ballots.

Mr. Hanna, with the decided approval of his associates on the committee, appealed to Attorney General Straus to express his opinion, officially, concerning these proceedings. He did so frankly, declared the action of the Democratic supervisors illegal and so advised Governor Crothers The Governor informed the supervisors of this decision and directed them to conform to it. Practically the Governor's command was treated with contempt. Instead of black lines under Democratiic names light lines were substituted and the ballots were marked for the convenience and guidance of Democratic voters. The Republican members of the board were not permitted to take part in the proceedings In several of the counties the names of fake candidates were printed on the official ballots and so arranged as to make it difficult for Republican voters to mark their ballots properly, while not being an obstacle to the Democratic voters who had their candi ates designated by the lines printed under them.

The most notorious of the frauds were perpetrated in Queen Anne's county, where large numbers of Democrats are in revolt against the party managers and bosses, and undertook the defeat of the regular ticket. Mr. DeCourcey Thom, one of the candidates on the opposing ticket, who is a lifelong Democrat, says that not more than one-third of the electors in the county voted the regular ticket, but by the crooked methods a dopted it was declared elected.

Last week Mr. Hanna, in conference with Mr. Thom and others, determined to make an effort to punish the election officials guilty of the outrages referred to and, perhaps, to incidentally test the constitutionality of the Wilson law. Just what steps will be taken to accomplish these purposes remains to be seen. Efforts to have the officials indicted and tried for their crimes is one method suggested. Another is an appeal to Governor Crothers to exert his authority in the premises; and still another is to institute contests against a number of the candidates elected by those fraudulent practices. Some of the ablest lawyers in the State have been consulted and proceedings of some sort will, without doubt, be instituted in the premises.

But, suppose these efforts shall be successful, will such success prevent a repetition of the outrages against which they are aimed? What sort of penalties can be imposed that will, under existing election laws, deter the ring managers from concocting schemes and instituting tricks to defraud their opponents, whether they be Republicans or Independent Democrats? It is extremely doubtful whether any court proceeding, contest, or appeal to the Governor will cure the evil. The disease is too deep seated to be eliminated by these means, unless, indeed, the proceedings shall so expose the enormity of these crimes that the Independent Democrats will, as they did in 1895, rise up in wrath and indignation and expel their perpetrators from power and authority. Certainly nothing but the overthrow of the Democratic ring and the election of a Republican Governor and Legislature will ever relieve the people of the State from the incubus of such election laws as are primarily intended to prevent a just and honest expression of their will. If the exposure of the crimes which Mr. Hanna and his associates propose to prosecute shall bring about that result the effort will not be fruitless. Otherwise it will accomplish little of value in purifying the ballot, and be of no avail in restoring the lost rights of the people.

BOOKS THAT INFLUENCED.

There has been made public a letter written by the late Gov. John A. Johnson to a young man living in northern Minnesota in response to an inquiry as to what books had influenced the governor's career. The letter is thoroughly characteristic of the man who began life as a drug clerk and ended it as governor of Minnesota.

It follows in full:

"Dear Sir: I have your letter and as I am just leaving for another tour will try to answer it, although the answer must of necessity be brief. As to books which influenced my life—when a boy I started to do some reading, that is, of such books as generally come to boys of the age I was.

"A benefactor friend started me on a course of reading, introducing as the first work Prescott's Conquest of Mexico. The book in itself influenced me only to the extent of encouraging me along the line of better literature. This was followed by Ivanhoe, and then all of Scott's books, both poetry and prose. This was followed by Dickens, Thackeray and other masters in the realm of fiction.

"Then came Shakespeare. I read all of his plays, rereading many. I presume the great dramatist exerted a better influence than any other one writer because of the delineation of so many-sided characters. Out of him came the inspiration to read more. His historical dramas directed me to the history of England, and Hume and Macaulay naturally followed. Then I went to France to study her romantic history; from there to Germany, back to Rome, Greece and the Egyptian and Aryan regions. It would be impossible to say whether any one single book has been prominent in its influence.

"The tendency of the above and kindred books interested me in the literature and history of my own country, and the growth of the appetite for this food for thought doubtless created a general desire to know more of the institutions of government here and abroad. All of my work in this direction must have from time to time fired me with ambition and exalted my spirit of patrotic duty. In other words, my increased knowledge of the world and the men who made its history and affairs fitted me in some measure for the duties of life.

"I do not know that any one book or set of books could be chosen which would make for more opportunity or greater success. It is the collection of books which have survived the decades and centuries, and it would be well to spend as little time as possible on the current literature, but confine yourself to that which has stood the test of years, when the wheat was winnowed from the chaff. I would not discourage light reading or denounce all literature because it was new, because you must know about the things of which men are thinking and doing today.

"Yes, cultivate the reading habit, and cultivate the art of communicaing what you know to others. With the genius of hard work, directness of purpose, success will come. Very truly,

"JOHN A. JOHNSON."

THE SO-CALLED "SPANISH SWINDLE."

Special to Sentinel.

The department of State, at Washington, has received a report from the American Counsul-General at Barcelona, Spain, in regard to the band of swindlers operating in various towns and cities in Spain, who make a practice of writing to persons in the United States respecting the imprisonment of a relative and the guardianship of a child.

The Consul-General states that the alleged prisoner generally describes himself as a political prisoner from Cuba; he is at the point of death and has but one friend—the prison priest—through whose good offices he is enabled to smuggle an occasional letter out of the prison fort

The prisoner is rich. He has a fortune in cash on deposit in the United States, but the certificate of deposit is concealed in a secret receptacle of his valise; the valise itself has been taken possession of by the court at Carthagena, which tried and condemned him, and will be held until the prisoner or his representative has satisfied the costs of the trial. The prisoner has an only daughter; dying in his prison his sole thought is of this beloved offspring. He has no friend or relative in Spain to whose care he can commit her. In this emergency his thoughts turn to the distant relative in the United States whom he has never seen and of whom he knows only through hearsay or the family tree. Will the distant relative assume the guardianship of the darling daughter, and the darling daughter's fortune of about $30,000? If the distant relative accepts the trust one-fourth of the prisoner's entire fortune will be the material reward. The good priest will go at once to the United States and take the darling daughter with him. There is but one condition: the ready money which the prisoner brought with him to Spain has been exhausted; the distant relative is therefore requested to send enough to liberate the valise containing the secret receptacle and the certificate of deposit. This money is to be sent to the good priest at an address indicated, and, having received it, the good priest will at once secure the valise and start for America, the "land of the free and the home of the brave," with the darling daughter.

The above is generally the first letter of the series. It is quickly followed by another in which the prisoner pathetically states that his strength is rapidly failing and the end is near. He beseeches his dear distant relative to assume the trust and be a loving father to the darling daughter. The third letter is from the good priest himself, who in brief touching terms, and hopelessly bad English, announces the death of the unhappy prisoner; the good priest adds that the darling daughter is under his care. He is ready to put his promise into execution and start for the United States as soon as he shall have received the necessary funds from the distant relative. The good priest frequently incloses with his letter a bogus newspaper clipping announcing the death in prison at Barcelona of the famous Cuban patriot (sometimes called Augustin Lafiente); the newpaper notice also speaks cunningly of the confiscated valise and the darling daughter.

It is a simple scheme, but presented in such a plausible way that almost any unsuspecting "distant relative" of European extraction would be more or less deceived by the glad prospect of falling heir to the agreeable custody of a darling daughter with a big fortune, and a one-fourth interest therein as an additional recompense.

Naturally the first impulse of the distant relative is to ask a lawyer or a judge or some authority what course he ought to pursue in the premises, but as he thinks of doing this his attention is taken by the warning in the prisoner's letter beseeching him not to mention the matter to any living soul lest the secret of the valise and the hidden receptacle be indiscreetly betrayed.

The valise, after all, with its concealed certificate of deposit, is the key to the situation and possession must be taken of it before anything can be done or said. This (so cunningly set forth by the prisoner) is very evident to the distant relative, and so he quite frequently preserves the secret intact, and instead of consulting a lawyer or writing to the American Consul-General at Barcelona he quietly sends a draft for the sum demanded to the good priest and awaits results. Of course he waits in vain, and the poor, dear prisoner and the good priest and darling daughter in the course of time pass out of his life forever, leaving him only an uncomfortable memory of the money he so cheerfully contributed to the confidence game.

For nearly twenty years these knaves have been practicing their swindle, and it is needless to suggest that they are very carefully organized; they have confederates not only in the United States but in most other countries. The confederates in question select a man and find out all they can about him; they get hold of family names, family origin, and family characteristics. The information is transmitted to the rascals in Spain, and letters are at once written to the prospective victim. The scheme is presented and developed in a very plausible way and many of our fellow-countrymen have "bitten" promptly and cheerfully.

Under the Spanish laws a felony must be consummated before the police may act, and a mere attempt to obtain money by false pretenses does not appear to warrant arrest. The money must be actually paid over and the prosecuting witness must be present in propria persona to testify; otherwise prosecution would be useless.

Recently the letters written to the distant relative have varied somewhat from the original; the political prisoner having become a noted Russian banker who absconded, leaving a deficit of some millions of roubles, killed in a quarrel in England another Russian, and finally took refuge in Spain, where he was apprehended and charged with manslaughter.

This change of character, however, is immaterial, and in the future more new characters will probably be introduced by the gang. The scheme is the same, and the public is warned to place no credence in such or similar letters.

Every effort has been made by the Department of State and its representatives in Spain to unmask these scoundrels and bring them to justice, and the Spanish authorities have also been active and several members of the gang have been apprehended and held for trial, but so far no convictions have resulted, owing probaby to the peculiarity of the Spanish law referred to in the report of the Consul-General at Barcelona.

Department of State,
Washington, D. C., November, 1909.

MARYLAND'S GREETING.

By Margaret I. MacDonald.

"Hail! hail! O great Northwest,
We honor thee, land of the sunset crest,
Greetings we bring at the fervent request
Of Maryland.

"The echoing hills of Maryland
Respond to the sigh of the Western sands,
And the grand old mountains resound again
In harmony.

"That note of wild unceasing zest,
Crying out from the soul of your great unrest,
Has found response in the fertile breast
Of Maryland.

"Maryland! of the rocks and rills,
Maryland! of the wooded hills,
At her name with pride my bosom fills,
My Maryland.

"There, where the Star-Spangled Banner hung
Snatched from the dust by her noble sons,
Whose blood flowed red 'neath the rising sun,
My Maryland.

"We have come from the eastern glens
To rejoice with the staunch and sturdy men
Who have weathered the gales and returned again
From Alaska.

"Returned from the land of the 'midnight sun,'
Where the rocks like golden goblets ring,
And the streamlets ripple and laugh and sing,
In Alaska.

"Here's to the sons of the Golden West,
And here's to all who move and progress;
May God render smooth and with happiness bless
The path of the hero.

"To the brave Pioneers all honor is due,
For they've blazed many trails for me and for you;
They've given us courage to be and to do,
and to conquer.

"Then hail thee again! Thou great Northwest!
Long may you thrive in your noble quest;
For truth and honor—march on to success,
Is the wish of Maryland."

Miss Emma R. Steiner, who will lecture tonight at Odd Fellows' Hall, this city, for the benefit of the Westminster Fire Department, on Alaska and her Wonderful Resources, was a commissioner at the Alaska-Yukon Exposition, and in an address on Maryland Day recited the above poem.

A Good Suggestion.

Harper's Bazar publishes the following good suggestion:

A town in New Jersey saw the economical necessity of road improvement as a means of recapturing scholars who had gone in the city school-. A Vermont farmer declares that improved roads means larger districts and a better grade of teachers. But good roads are costly and most costly when lack of timely care allows them to go to pieces. A suggestion comes from Washington that junior road leagues be formed in country districts, for the reason that county roads are "actually patrolled twice a day by school boys old enough to give the necessary attention to throwing out stones, opening ditches and sluices, and holes and giving notice to proper authorities of anything needing prompt attention on their part."

Fashion's Slave.

Aunt Anne, an old family darky, was sitting with knees crossed in the kitchen, when the young daughter of the house entered and, impressed with the hugeness of the old woman's feet, asked what size shoes she wore.

"Well, honey," replied Aunt Anne, "I can wear eights; I ginerally wear nines; but dese yer I'se got on am twelves, an' de good Lawd knows dey hu'ts me!"

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