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By virtue of the power and authority contained in a deed of Mortgage from William F. Gray and Jennie C. Gray, his wife, to The Westminster Savings Bank, a body corporate, dated on the 26th day of November, 1898, and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county, in Liber J. H. B. No. 42 folio 61, etc., which said Mortgage has been duly assigned to George L. Stocksdale, of Carroll county, the undersigned will offer at Public Sale on the premises, situate on the public road leading from Parrsville to Mt. Airy, about 1 mile from Mt. Airy, in said county and State, on

Wednesday, November 2nd,

1910, at 11 o'clock, A. M., all that parcel of land containing

1 ACRE and 29 SQUARE PERCHES

of Land, more or less, improved by a small Two story Frame House, and other out-buildings



This is a very desirable property for a person of small means.

This property is sold by request

Terms of Sale.—CASH.

For further information call upon Mr. Wm. P. Edwards, at Mt. Airy, or the undersigned at Westminster, Md.

GEORGE L. STOCKSDALE,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
F. A. Crawford, Auctioneer.
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EXECUTORS' SALE OF A
Valuable Farm and PERSONAL PROPERTY

In Manchester District, Carroll County, Maryland.

By virtue of the power and authority contained in the last will and testament of Jacob Sharrer, of Joseph, late of Carroll county, deceased, and also orders of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, the undersigned executors therein named will sell at Public Sale to the highest bidders, on

WEDNESDAY, November 2nd,

1910, beginning at 9 30 o'clock, A. M., on the premises hereinafter mentioned.

1st. A large amount of Personal Property, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, farming implements of all kinds, wagons, work and buggy harness, 4 good work horses, 4 milch cows, 1 fresh by day of sale; 6 shoats, 4 pigs, lot of hay and fodder, about 130 barrels of corn, and many other articles used on a well conducted farm, and more particularly mentioned on hand bills.

2nd. At 11o'clock, a.m., will offer for sale as aforesaid all that farm, where on the said Jacob Sharrer of Joseph, resided at the time of his death, containing

154¾ ACRES OF LAND,

more or less, situated in Manchester district, Carroll county, Md., near the Westminster and Manchester road, about 4 miles from Westminster and about 6 miles from Manchester and adjoins the lands of George A. Hosfeld, Gabriel Hammer, Aaron Long and others

The improvements thereon consist of a large and comfortable Log



Frame Dwelling House, good bank barn, wagon shed and corncrib combined, hog house, chicken house, smoke house, spring house, machine shed and other necessary out buildings. There is a well of good water at the barn and a fine spring of water at the spring house and near to the dwelling. There are also a large number of apple and other fruit trees on the premises.

About 40 acres are in good oak and chestnut timber; a due proportion is meadow land and the balance of the farm is under a high state of cultivation (about 26½ acres are now sown in wheat which will also be sold.)

This is a splendid farm, in a good neighborhood, convenient to markets, schools and churches and offers a fine opportunity to persons wishing to purchase a farm. Immediate possession will be given, if desired by the purchaser.

Terms of Sale of Personal Property —All sums under $5.00, cash; on all sums of $5.00 and upwards a credit of six months will be given, on notes of the purchaser, with sufficient security, and bearing interest from day of sale.

Terms of Sale for the Real Estate —One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale or on the ratification thereof by the court, and the residue in two equal payments; the one payable in 6 months, and the other payable in 12 months from the day of sale; the credit payments to be secured by the bonds or single bills of the purchaser or purchasers, with sufficient security, bearing interest from the day of sale, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers.

DANIEL D. SHARRER,
JNO. MILTON REIFSNIDER,
Executors.

John W. Reaver, Auct.
J. Henry Leister and Geo. W. Brown, Clerks. oct 7 4t

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of two writs of fieri facias issued out of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, Maryland, at the suit of Union Bridge Banking and Trust Company, a body corporate of the State of Maryland, to the use of George L. Stocksdale, and at the suit of R. Virginia McCormick, against the goods and chattels lands and tenements of William F. Gray, Jennie C. Gray and James Gray, and to me directed, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim, interest, estate and demand, both at law and in equity, of the said William F. Gray and Jennie C. Gray in and to all that piece or parcel of land situated lying and being in Carroll county in the State of Maryland, about 1 mile South of Mount Airy, in said county and State containing

HALF ACRE OF LAND, more or less,

which the said William F. Gray and Jennie C. Gray obtained from The Western Maryland Land and Investment Company and Hamilton J. Warner, by a deed dated May 5th, 1900, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, in Liber J. H. B. No. 90, folio 357, &c.

Also all the right, title, claim, interest, estate and demand, both at law and in equity, of the said William F. Gray, Jennie C. Gray and James Gray in and to the following Personal Property, to-wit:

Three Hogs 6 Vehicles of various kinds, 1 Harrow, 2 Spreads, 1 pair Shafts, 1 two-horse wagon and bed, 2 dung forks, 1 shovel, 1 plow, 1 set breechban-s, lot of old harness, 1 set lead harness, 3 bridles, 2 sets harness, pair of lines traces, lot of parts for double harness, hay and straw, set of harness, 1 buffet, 2 stoves, 1 stand, 2 tables, 7 chairs, 1 barber chair, 1 safe, 1 bureau, 3 beds and bedding, 1 washstand, 1 bay mare, 1 mule, 1 wagon and harness.

And I hereby give notice that I will sell all of the above described Real and Personal Property so taken in execution, at Public Sale, on the premises, about 1 mile south of Mt. Airy, Carroll county, Md., on

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1910, at 11 o'clock, A. M., to the highest bidder for cash.

BENJAMIN D. KEMPER,
oct 7 4t Sheriff of Carroll County, Md.

HOUSE and LOT known as No. 28 George St., Westminster, Md., at private sale.



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Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with and pursuant to Section 14, of Article 33, of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, to the qualified voters of Carroll County, that an election will be held in the several precincts and election districts of Carroll County, Maryland,

on the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November, 1910, it being the 8th day of said month,

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 Store room, in Uniontown.

District No 2, Second Precinct—In the residence of Thomas Eckard, 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—In the residence of Lewis Barber, in Bird Hill.

District No. 5—In the building of Selby & Frizzell, in Eldersburg.

District No. 6, First Precinct—At the Firemen's Building, in Manchester.

District No 6, Second Precinct -In the vacant room adjoining the residence of Miss Sarah C. Trump, in Manchester.

District No. 7, First Precinct—In James Boylan's Barbershop, on Court street, in Westminster.

District No 7, Second Precinct—In the room occupied by Lawrence E. Bauer, adjoining Smith & Reifsnider, Westminster.

District No. 7, Third Precinct—In the building formerly used by Robert Frizzell as a Hotel, 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.

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 shop of Jacob Frounfelter, in New Windsor.

District No 12—At the Firemen's Building, in Union Bridge.

District No 13—Mt. Airy Lumber and Grain Company Mt. Airy.

District No. 14—In the residence of John Conaway, in Berret.

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ONE PERSON

for Representative in the Sixty-second Congress of the United States from the Second Congressional District of Maryland.

Polls open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 6 o'clock p. m.

The Judges of Election are directed to make their returns of the election before 12 o'clock, noon, on the second day (Thursday) after said election as provided and required by Sections 76 and 79, inclusive, of the Election Laws.

JOHN M. ROBERTS, Pres.
HENRY S. MUSSELMAN,
WILLIAM WOOD.
Board of Supervisors of Election for Carroll County.
Test:—Sam'l J. Stone, Clerk.
oct 21 3t

BOARD OF CONTROL AND REVIEW.

Notice is hereby given that the County Commissioners of Carroll county, acting as Board of Control and Review, will begin its sittings as such Board of Control and Review at the Court House in Westminster, Md., on

THURSDAY, November 3rd,

next, and will continue in session daily thereafter from 9 o'clock, A. M., until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Franklin District, being Election District No. 9, will be taken up first; to be followed immediately by Taneytown District, being Election District No. 1.

By order of the Board,
GEORGE W. BROWN,
President.

Application for Duplicate Certificate.

To all whom it may concern:

No ice is hereby given that after the 5th day of November, 1910, application will be made to The Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Westminster, Md., for the issue of a new certificate of stock in lieu of a certificate for seven and two-third Shares of Stock in the Bank, now standing in the name of Clarence M. Lawyer, being certificate No. 487, bearing date of August 17th, 1904, which certificate has been lost or mislaid.

CLARENCE M. LAWYER,
oct 14 4t Littlestown, Pa. R. F. D.

Public Sale of Household and Kitchen Furniture.

The undersigned desiring to dispose of some of her Furniture will offer at Public Sale at her residence on E. Main street, Westminster, Md., on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1910,

at 12 M., a lot of Household and Kitchen Furniture. Terms cash. For particulars see hand bills.

oct 21 3t MRS. JAS. W. LOCKARD.

PUBLIC SALE.

On SATURDAY, October 29th, 1910, at 10 A. M., I will sell at Public Sale, all of my Household and Kitchen Furniture, which includes a number of valuable Mahogany pieces also Carpet, Matting, Stoves, Mirrors and 2 fine Chandeliers. For terms and further particulars see hand bills.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

The Stockholders of the Winfield Academy Hall will meet at the Hall in Winfield on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29th, 1910, at 1 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a Committee of FIVE to manage its affairs for the ensuing year.

By order of
JOHN T. FARVER, President.
James Easton, Secretary. oct 21 2t

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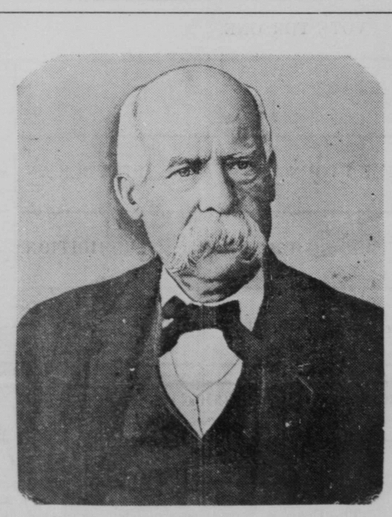
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Aberdeen, in Harford county, a thriving town on the Baltimore and Ohio and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroads, where paint, flowers and foliage abound is the home of Mr. Baker. Its name ought to be Bakerville or Bakertown or Baker City, for it is a creation of the Baker brothers. There are other Bakers in the town, James, Charles W. and John H., all brothers. They live in the prettiest homes in the town. Their homes which are fronted by beautiful lawns and shaded by spreading trees, are so close together that the dwellers therein can invite the families of each other to dinner or supper without stepping off the porch. Hot coffee can be carried from one home to the other on the coldest day, and can be served without being warmed over.

Nine Children

Happy, contented families are those of the Bakers. By their thrift, energy, industry and intellectual activity they have amassed enough of this world's goods to keep the wolf from their doors without pelting him with bootjacks and picked bones.

It was a large family, this Baker family. Nine children there were. Their father, Mr. George W. Baker, was the pioneer canner, nearly 50 years ago, in Harford county. All of his sons learned the canning business under his wise tutelage. They worked in the cannery in the summer and trudged to school in winter. When the cannery was not in operation and when the school hours were over or when the peaches had not ripened or the corn had not put forth its silken tassels, these nine children, boys and girls, had to work, the boys on the farm and the girls in the home, a story-and-a-half farmehouse, cooking, patching, mending and performing other household duties. Happy were those days. There had to be sacrifices in that large family. Those children could not get all they wanted, and so they had to be contented with what they got. One had to yield to the other. Those sacrifices molded the children into strong, sturdy, self-reliant men and women.

Of these nine children seven are now living. Mrs. Sarah R. Carty is a widow in Harford county. To Mrs. Susan E. Courtney fell the pleasant duty of remaining at the old Baker homestead, where she now lives. She remained under the paternal roof after her brothers and sisters had flown and cared for the mother and father in their declining years. Mrs. Lillie C. Howard resides near Churchville, Harford county. The Messrs. Baker reside in Aberdeen. They are all engaged in the canning business. The total estate of the father was about $150,000, which was equally divided among the nine Baker heirs living when the elder Baker died.

The Bakers in Politics

Hon. William B. Baker is not the first of the Baker brothers to seek congressional honors. The first was George A. Baker, who died last year. In 1892 he accepted the Republican nomination and led a forlorn hope against Mr. J. Fred Talbott who had captured the Democratic nomination after the retirement of several years. That was a Democratic year, the year when Mr. Cleveland swept the country and the state as a candidate for president. Mr. Baker went down to expected defeat. Two years later Mr. William B. Baker was the Republican candidate in the district and Mr. Talbot was again the Democratic candidate. When Mr. Talbott learned of the Republican nomination he remarked that he supposed he would have to defeat all of the Baker brothers. He added that he had defeated one Baker and was ready to defeat another. But the voters ordained it otherwise. When the ballots were counted Mr. Baker had won by 191 majority. Mr. Talbott has had a more healthy respect for the Baker brothers ever since. He and the man who gave him his first training at the polls are now good friends. They had not met until they were rival candidates in 1894. They were introduced on the Belair Fair Grounds. Mr. Baker said he hoped the better man would win. Mr. Talbott replied that there was not much doubt of this, as he would win. This pleasantry for a minute nettled Mr. Baker, and he made up his mind to add more steam to his campaign.

In House and Senate

Mr. Baker's candidacy for Congress in 1894 was not his first sally in politics. In 1875 the Republicans of Harford county nominated him for the House of Delegates. Murray Vandiver, who was a Democratic candidate, sent him to the snow bank and piled a majority of 600 on top of him. Harford county voters are an independent lot. Their ancestors signed the first Declaration of Independence in Maryland; in fact one of the first declarations in the country, without fear of the muskets of King George's soldiers. When they got tired of having their candidates named for them by a clique of politicians they introduced the Crawford county system of nominating candidates. The late E. M. Allen, Sr., was one of the four men in Harford county who voted for Abraham Lincoln for president in 1861. For his vote he was taunted and looked at askance by his fellow-countians, but he lived long enough to be elected to the State Senate by the very men who had harshly criticized him. The man who went down before him at the polls was Col. Herman Stump, one of the most popular men in the county. He subsequently served two terms in Congress and was superintendent of immigration under President Cleveland.

The political shuttle was working rapidly and unexpectedly in Harford. The spirit of independence is ever abroad in the county. It sent Hon. S. A. Williams to the Senate in 1897. Only last year defeated W. S. Forwood, Democratic leader in the county for clerk of the county court, and elected Mr. John A. Robinson, Republican, in his place.

Turned Tables on Vandiver

This spirit of independence has always centered around Mr. William B. Baker whenever he was a candidate. It is centering around him this year. It first chrystalized around him in 1881, seven years after his overwhelming defeat by Murray Vandiver. Mr. Baker was again a Republican candidate for the House of Delegates. General Vandiver was again a Democratic candidate. Mr. Baker won by 264. Twelve years lated, in 1898, Mr. Baker defeated Mr. Thomas H. Robinson for the Senate. He served only one-half of his senatorial term, being promoted in 1894 to the national House of Representatives. He was re-elected to Congress in 1896, defeating Mr. George M. Jewett by 5,300 majority and again in 1898, when he defeated Mr. Richard B. Tippett by 340 majority. Mr. Baker then got tired of being a member of Congress. He desired more of the simple life at his home in the peaceful town of Aberdeen. His business demanded more of his time than he had devoted to it. He declined a re-nomination in 1900 and bid what he thought was a last farewell to public life.

But permanent retirement was not to be his lot. In 1905 he was again summoned into the political open. Harford Republicans nominated him for the Senate and he accepted the nomination. He again defeated Mr. Robinson, his majority being over 700. Last year he was again nominated for the Senate. He made a gallant fight, and, while he ran several hundred ahead of the other Republican candidates, he was defeated by Mr. Charles A. Andrew by about 100 majority. This was not his only reverse in politics. Once Mr. Thomas A. Robinson, whom he twice defeated for the Senate, made him bite the dust.

Honest and Fearless

The people of Harford, as well as of the entire Second congressional district have a big, warm spot in their hearts for Mr. Baker, for they know him. They know him to be honest, fearless and always responsive to their interests. They have heard of his charities, but they know not of them, for he does not let his left hand know what his right hand gives. They know that there is no more faithful attendant at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Aberdeen. They know that he has been attentive to business, that his fellow countians and townsmen have confidence in him, for they selected him to be the president of the First National Bank of Aberdeen when it was organized, and he has been elected annually ever since. He is also one of the directors of the First National Bank of Havre de Grace. Throughout Maryland he is known as a devoted Odd Fellow. The Grand lodge of the state four years ago elected him grand master. He has been secretary of Blenheim Lodge, No. 102, of Aberdeen, for 37 years.

A home-loving body is Mr. Baker and it is there that he finds his greatest happiness. He has been married twice. His first wife was Miss Olivia Wells, whom he married in 1868. She lived less than two years after her marriage. She was survived at her death by a baby boy, who two months after followed her to the grave. In 1872 Mr. Baker again married, his bride being Miss Mary C. Hollis, of Harford who is still living. They have three children living, two girls, one of whom is the wife of Mr. Phineas Morris, principal of the school at Delta, Pa. Another daughter is living at home. The son, Mr. Hollis R. Baker, is associated with his father in the canning business. He is also the head of a family and lives in Aberdeen.

Veteran in Legislation

A veteran in legislation is Mr. Baker. During his service in the Maryland House of Delegates and Senate he has secured a firm grasp on the affairs of the state. He has served on the Senate Committee on Finance and is thoroughly familiar with the finances of the state. His wise counsels and long experience have been recognized by the party, whose floor leader he was during the sessions of 1906 and 1908. In the House and Senate Mr. Baker was a firm advocate of every measure that gave promise of being beneficial to the state. In him every measure that was ill advised and bad found an implacable and unswerving foe.

It was in Congress, however, that he achieved his greatest triumph and won a monument as enduring as the nation itself. He is the father of the free rural delivery system. When the experiment was first broached in Congress there was none sufficiently courageous to face what promised to be angry storms of protest at home because it was believed that defeat and obscurity awaited the congressmen who, by furthering the experiment, would transform hundreds of friendly postmasters and rural storekeepers into vengeful enemies. Mr. Baker, however, believed that the farmer has as much right to have the mail delivered at his door as the dweller in the city. He had the courage to give the experiment a trial in his district, and the first free rural mail route was established in Carroll county. It was a success at the start, a most signal success. So generally commended was the experiment that a banquet was given at Westminster, at which Mr. Baker and the then postmaster general—the late Charles Emory Smith—were among the honored guests.

Modest and Retiring

Modest and retiring is Mr. Baker. He lays no claim to eloquence, but he is a straightforward talker who goes to the heart of a subject in a simple way that appeals to his audiences. He never prepared but one speech in his life. He was then a fifteen year old school boy and had been selected to take part in a debate. He forgot all about what he had written and talked the subject offhand.

When Mr. Baker was asked yesterday to tell about his life, his struggles, hardships and successes, his florid face took on a reddish tinge. There was a genuine blush.

I really cannot tell much about myself," said Mr. Baker. "There has been nothing unusual or unique in my career. I was a farmer's boy and worked on the farm for my father until I was 21 years old. Instead of seeking employment elsewhere I stayed at home and just worked. My father paid me $5 a week. When I was 32 years old I had saved $1,000. With this I went into the canning business with my father, and I have been in the canning business ever since.

"I am also a farmer. I have a farm of 700 aces, on which I raised my corn to be canned until a few years ago. Successive crops of sugar corn exhausted the soil, as far as production of sugar corn was concerned, and I had to go to Delaware to find the quality of corn for the canned brand which we had placed on the market and whose standard we have maintained. My chief cannery is at Odessa, and there I spend all of my time during the canning season. I was there during the greater part of September. This explains my absence at some of the picnics, fairs and other public gatherings which as a candidate I ought to have attended. But my business, and not politics, makes the pot boil in the Baker household.

The Canning Industry

"I was reared in the canning industry. I have done all kinds of work in a cannery. My father was the pioneer canner in Harford county. He first canned peaches and blackberries. In 1874 we packed 900 cases of sugar corn. We could have sold 150,000 if we had had them. While some have succeeded in the canning industry, others have failed. Indeed, I doubt if the industry has been of any permanent value to the county, because of failures and disappointments. There are not as many canneries in Harford county by one-half as twenty years ago. Improvements are constantly being made in canning methods. During the last season I added a machine to our plant by which we saved the labor of twenty-five men and yet labor was scarce.

"Tariff legislation has a most important and far-reaching effect in the canning industry. Before the enactment of the Wilson Tariff law we could sell all of our corn pack before a grain of corn was planted. After the Wilson law went into effect it took us three years to dispose of one season's pack. Since the Wilson law was repealed and the tariff was adjusted we find a ready market for our goods. We could dispose of a far larger pack if we had it. And yet Mr. Talbott, the Democratic candidate for Congress in my district, advocates a lower tariff, which will bring hard times.

Against Trusts

"I am a protectionist. I have always believed in protection. I do not believe in trusts. I have never been in a trust. I am unwilling to let a trust control the sale of my goods. I want to retain control myself. People talk about high prices. Prices are high, but the fact must not be overlooked that people receive higher wages and have more money now than in years gone by, when prices were lower, because the demand for food products was not so great. Why, my father could secure all the female help he wanted in his cannery at 60 cents a day for each woman employed. Last summer I paid two women $7.90 for their piecework in my cannery, which required 11 hours. In 1867 my father paid men a dollar a day for husking corn. By piece work they now make $2 a day. When I was a boy I was glad to be paid 25 cents a day and board for my work whenever I could get a job away from home. The other day a boy got on the train while we were passing through Baltimore county and took a seat by my side. I asked him how old he was. He said he was 13. I asked him if he was on his way to school. He said he was not, but was on his way to work in a field. I asked him what he was paid. He said he received a dollar a day. Just think of that.

Farmers are Prosperous

"Farmers are receiving far higher prices for their products than in former years and can afford to pay more for labor. I don't know if they will be so prosperous if we have another Wilson Tariff law, for which Mr. Talbott voted and will vote again. A Baltimore county farmer told me the other day that while the Wilson Tariff law was in force he hauled potatoes to Baltimore and had difficulty in disposing of them at 17 cents a bushel. He now receives 60 cents a bushel. Farmers are beginning to understand what the tariff means for them. A Harford county farmer, a Democrat, who is a former member of the legislature, told me the other day that he does not like Mr. Talbott's tariff views and will vote for me.

"Personally, I like Speaker Cannon, but if I am elected a member of Congress I shall not vote for him for speaker. When I say this I want to be understood. I am not and shall not vote to dodge the question. I shall not vote for him in or out of caucus. I shall not cross a bridge until I come to it, but I doubt if I attend a caucus. Mr. Cannon should have been content to retire from the speakership contest in the next Congress.

TRADE, PRICE AND MONEY.

The general awakening of business and speculation continued last week, closed slightly but in a less marked fashion. The railway share market had its reaction but closed slightly in advance. General trade was affected by the warm weather. Doubt as to the near future began to be expressed. Cotton fell $2.50 and straightaway in drygoods, "the strong upward tendency," says a leading observer, "is for the moment checked." Iron and steel some railroad orders for steel rails showed the same questioning, though seemed nearer.

No one thing could be cited to which any one could attribute this, but less optimism was apparent all around. The sudden abrupt advance of the Bank of England standard rate for loaning money to 5 per cent. had much to do with all this. Ordinarily the "bank rate" in London has no more influence on American business and speculation than the moon, but there come critical times when due notice from the Bank of England—that it is about to attract gold to London instead of parting with it, suddenly brings caution here.

The advance in the bank rate made in London comes at a time when there are no apparent reasons to justify it. This makes it all the more noticeable and of a wider effect. The governors of the Bank of England are the best informed men, financially, the world over. When they act, as if a squall was near, every one believes there is one. Political and financial matters are believed to be more critical than they seem. The Berlin market is anxious and expanded to the limit. The Paris market is near heavy liquidation. Several big rows are near in Europe. Given this situation there begins to be a steady sale of American securities by European holders which stops any advance in shares or bonds here. This is just what happened a year ago when the Bank of England advanced its rate and instantly brought to a full stop the advance in the New York share market, which was not resumed again, unless the present rise for three is a general advance.

No one knows. Meanwhile caution comes. Wheat changed little. Our yield is bigger than men thought. The yield abroad is less. No one knows the effect. So corn made small change. Exports have not yet begun, but they may.

They were heavy in September for cotton. Wheat may go abroad next. At all events a point in grain quotations is reached where the price of wheat, corn and oats may go up or down.

This doubt checks speculation. At all points doubt exists. Men balance chances over the share market. Grain exports have not begun. Europe has produced 148,000,000 bushels less than last year, North and South America 62,000,000 bushels less and India, Australia and Africa seem likely to be as last year. This is a deficit of 200,000,000 bushels, a fourth in this country, but the surplus from last year is so large and the supply so distributed through the year that no one can expect any pressure until towards the end of the crop year next May. Food therefore, as represented by grain, will not change, unless the large corn crop in this country increases the meat supply. The price of cash wheat varied not at all in New York last week, but December wheat fell 2 cents a bushel and in Chicago showed a like loss. December corn made the same change. Lard and meats generally declined slightly. Coffee has begun to fall off from the high quotation in force recently. The sugar market tends downward, the European beat sugar crop being estimated 25 per cent. larger, and cane crops, 2½ per cent.

Cold weather increased retail trade at the end of the week and the appearance of seasonable cold will begin staple purchases. Warm weeks have reduced the sales of anthracite. Footwear sales and shipments suffer also and prices on all domestic hides weaken, though there is an increasing demand here, where the finer lines are made.

Sales of pig iron of malleable grades on contracts over 1911, appear to indicate that current prices are to remain. The tendency of quotations is down. The Steel Trust has begun direct sales to consumers, a step towards keeping current prices.

The great change in the situation is the sudden increase of merchandise exports in September. They rose to $168,858,000, the largest on record for the month and the excess of exports over imports was $51,587,000, reversing the balance for the year. To the end of August, imports were $1,052,000 in excess. For nine months exports are $50,535,000 in excess. This is due to heavy cotton exports and ends any possibility of gold exports. It brings a normal balance of trade for the fall.

—Phila. Press

Philadelphia Athletics, champions of the American League, defeated the Chicago Cubs, champions of the National League, 4 to 1, in the first game which was played at Shibe Park.

Bender, the Indian chief, was mainly responsible for the Cubs defeat, for he allowed only three hits, two of which came in the ninth inning.

Frank Baker, who lives in Trappe, Md., third baseman for the Athletics, shared the glory with the pitcher by driving in two runs and scoring one.

Nearl 30,000 persons saw the battle.

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