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Job-Printing.

HANDBILLS, CARDS, CIRCULARS, BLANKS, BILLHEADS, &c., &c.,

executed with neatness and dispatch, and at reasonable prices.

To Tax Payers.

PAY YOUR TAXES!

AS COLLECTOR of the Fourth Election District I have my tax books in hand, and bills made out against each individual tax-payer. I am prepared to receive taxes for the year.

To accommodate tax-payers I will be at the Register's office in Chestertown every SATURDAY and TUESDAY afternoon.

Prompt payments are requested, so that I may not be embarrassed and saved the unpleasant necessity of forcing collections.

GEORGE S. BIDDLE,
aug22-tf. Collector 4th District.

TO SECOND DISTRICT TAX-PAYERS.

TAXES are now all due, and I am compelled to settle with the State and individual claimants. I have no option in the matter. *I must pay* or be sued. Therefore, tax-payers must pay me or I must proceed to collect the same according to law. This is positive and will admit of no delay and those desiring to avoid unpleasant legal proceedings can do so only by immediate payment of their taxes before January 1, 1886.

On Saturday, Dec. 26, I will be at Kennedyville; Monday, 28th, at Lynch's; Tuesday, 29th, at Chestertown; Wednesday, 30th, Chesterville, and Thursday, the 31st, at Still Pond.

SAMUEL COMEGYS,
dec5-5t. Collector 2d District.

A Word to the Wise About Taxes!

THE MAN—or woman either—who pays his taxes most promptly, is the most happy. He has relieved himself of a burden that increases in weight the longer it is borne; costs and interest are added and the tax-payer feels justified in blaming everybody and everything for the results of *his own negligence*. Therefore, be wise and happy—PAY YOUR TAXES at once—out of your Wheat or Peach money and don't wait for corn or uncertain collections.

To accommodate payers I will be in Chestertown every Tuesday and Worton Station every Saturday afternoon.

I have my books now in hand and your bills are ready. Resp'y,
aug22-tf. JAS. S. GEMMILL.

FIFTH DISTRICT, ATTENTION!

'Come, let us Reason Together!'

AS citizens we desire to have good roads—we wish to attract visitors and strangers; as good and charitable people we want to make the poor comfortable; to secure peace and order it is needful to have efficient officers. Your boys and girls must be educated. All these things need money—it is indispensable. The Tax Books are now ready, and to facilitate the payment of your taxes I will be at

ROCK HALL at 10 A. M., GREY'S INN 12 M., and EDESVILLE at 3 P. M.,

First and Third Wednesdays in each month.

At LANKFORD and KILBURN the 2d and 4th Monday in each month

I shall be pleased to meet all my friends with their pockets full of current coin of the County, State and Nation as above appointed.

JAMES THOS. LAMB, Coll'r.
aug8-tf. 5th District.

Legal Notices.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters testamentary on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

JAMES S. WILSON,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of June, 1886; otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 8th day of December, 1885.

CORNELIUS J. SCOTT,
dec. 12—4t. Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County letters testamentary on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

SARAH E. S. PAGE,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of June, 1886, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 8th day of December, 1885.

SAMUEL BECK,
dec12-4t. Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

THOMAS ANDERSON,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of June, 1886, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 8th day of December, 1885.

JAMES CLAYPOOLE,
dec12-4t. Adm'r. d. b. n. c. t. a.

Ratification Notice.

In the Orphans' Court for Kent County, December 1st, 1885.

ORDERED, that the sale of the Real Estate of ROBERT J. LUSBY, late of Kent county, deceased, made and reported by JAMES A. PEARCE, Trustee, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the First day of February, 1886; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county once a week for three successive weeks before the 31st of December 1885.

The report states the amount of sales to be $4,000.

W. S. WALKER,
W. A. HYLAND, } Judges.
WM. STEVENS.

True copy—Attest:
T. ROMIE STRONG,
Dec. 5-4t. Register of Wills.

Selling Out to Close Business!

SMITH & SMITH,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in TOBACCO. CIGARS, PIPES, SNUFF, &c.

MUST BE SOLD by Dec. 31st!

Our 50c. Chewing Tobacco cannot be beaten. Our Cigars, made to order, a Big Bargain. Come and see for yourself and that will prove it.
nov7-tf.

WANTED! — Everybody to Know that SMITH & SMITH

are Proprietors of the PEOPLE'S COAL and WOODYARD. Give us a trial.

2240 lbs. to everybody. Farmers come and see us and we will take Wood in exchange for Coal.
nov7-tf.

Christmas Goods

Large Stock!
Choice Selection!
LOW PRICES!

STAM'S DRUG STORE.

Fine Silverware!

—FOR—

Wedding and Birthday Presents

New Stock!
Choice Goods!
LOW PRICES!

STAM'S DRUG STORE.

—TO—

The Little Folks!

CHILDREN!

We have just received our Annual

LETTER FROM KRIS KINGLE

and we have had it printed in order that you may know just what OLD KRIS is intending to do for you. You are well aware that our store is the place where Old Kris gets the pretty things to put in your stockings on Christmas Eve; so you must read the following letter

From Old Kris to his friend Cummings:

KRIS KINGLE CASTLE, }
Nov. 24, 1885. }

My Dear Old Friend Cummings:—As usual I address my annual letter to you. You know that only once a year I am enabled to write you for want of time, and I write you now because I must pay your beautiful town my Christmas visit for the purpose of distributing to all the children in the many pretty things that I shall get at your store, for I know you always have them; and the fact is I have in the past been so well pleased with your selection that I shall not bring anything with me this season, but get all at your store. Please answer at your earliest convenience and tell me what you have in stock to select from. Of course I expect to have my old quarters at your store. I shall be down a few days before Christmas, so that I can have plenty of time to look over your stock.

Very truly, yours, KRIS KINGLE.

Reply from Cummings

CHESTERTOWN, MD., Nov. 26, 1885.

My Dear Old Friend Kris:—Your letter was duly received, and, believe me, I was delighted to hear from you, and to know that you had not forgotten us. Of course, you can have your old quarters at our store and I am glad to say that I have the largest collection for you to select from I have ever had, including all the newest and prettiest things that could be found. You have no need to bring anything with you; you will find all you want here. We have Dolls of all sizes and some of them have the prettiest faces you ever saw, also Express Wagons, Sleds, Barrows, Rocking Horses, Doll Coaches, Trimmings for Christmas Trees, Whips, Horns, Drums, Dishes, Doll Houses, all kinds of Animals, and in fact everything ever found in a toy store, and we have tons of Candy of the finest kind as well as cheap Candies, also Raisins, Figs, Dates, Oranges, Grapes, Lemons and Nuts. I can't begin to tell you half but come along and we will give you a fine reception.

Yours truly, CUMMINGS & CO.

TRIBLE CHRISTMAS IS COMING. TRIBLE
TRIBLE BUY YOUR HOLIDAY PRESENTS. TRIBLE
TRIBLE MIRRORS. MIRRORS. TRIBLE
TRIBLE The largest assortment of Mirrors, TRIBLE
TRIBLE the lowest prices. Hand Mirrors, TRIBLE
TRIBLE Triplicate Mirrors, Plush-Frame Mir- TRIBLE
TRIBLE rors, Bronze-Frame Mirrors. Now is TRIBLE
TRIBLE your time to buy before the rush be- TRIBLE
TRIBLE gins. TRIBLE
TRIBLE LINEN COLLARS AND CUFFS, TRIBLE
TRIBLE HDKF'S, HOISERY. TRIBLE
TRIBLE All new and Popular Prices. TRIBLE
TRIBLE JEWELRY, JEWELRY, JEWELRY. TRIBLE
TRIBLE In Jewelry we have all the new TRIBLE
TRIBLE Styles. Bracelets, Pins, Hairdrops, TRIBLE
TRIBLE Chains and Hair Ornaments—Rhine- TRIBLE
TRIBLE stone and Gold. TRIBLE
TRIBLE BISQUE WARE. BISQUE WARE. TRIBLE
TRIBLE DOLLS AND ORNAMENTS. TRIBLE
TRIBLE BEAUTIFUL BISQUE ORNAMENTS TRIBLE
TRIBLE AND JOINTED DOLLS. TRIBLE
TRIBLE ALL PRICES, ALL STYLES. TRIBLE
TRIBLE JEWELRY CASES. TRIBLE
TRIBLE Plush Work Boxes, Odor Cases, TRIBLE
TRIBLE Comb and Brush Sets, Whisk Hold- TRIBLE
TRIBLE ers, Zylonite Combs, Brushes and TRIBLE
TRIBLE Mirrors, Ivoroyd Brushes and Mir- TRIBLE
TRIBLE rors in beautiful Satin-Lined Plush TRIBLE
TRIBLE Boxes, Manicure Sets, all at popular TRIBLE
TRIBLE prices. TRIBLE
TRIBLE LEATHER GOODS. TRIBLE
TRIBLE Pocket-Books, Card Cases, Cigar TRIBLE
TRIBLE Cases, Wallets and Leather Cases, TRIBLE
TRIBLE Satchels and Purses for Coins. TRIBLE
TRIBLE Don't wait for the crowd, come now, TRIBLE
TRIBLE while you can get the best attention. TRIBLE
TRIBLE JAPANESE PAPIER-MACHE TRIBLE
TRIBLE GOODS. TRIBLE
TRIBLE All new decorations, made express- TRIBLE
TRIBLE ly for our retail sales. TRIBLE
TRIBLE TRAYS, WAITERS, MATCH SAFES TRIBLE
TRIBLE CRUMB TRAYS and BRUSH, BRACK TRIBLE
TRIBLE ETS, BREAD TRAYS and LOVE BOXES TRIBLE
TRIBLE HDKF. BOXES, all new decorations. TRIBLE
TRIBLE Our prices are right, and we ask you TRIBLE
TRIBLE to come now before the rush begins. TRIBLE
TRIBLE PICTURE FRAMES, EASELS AND TRIBLE
TRIBLE ALBUMS.—We show a large assort- TRIBLE
TRIBLE ment of PICTURE FRAMES, some in TRIBLE
TRIBLE brass and new, at 17 cents; beautiful TRIBLE
TRIBLE PLUSH FRAMES at 25 cents, and bet- TRIBLE
TRIBLE ter goods if you want them. ALBUMS TRIBLE
TRIBLE are selling well. TRIBLE
TRIBLE INKSTANDS, SCHOLARS' COM- TRIBLE
TRIBLE PANIONS, MATCH SAFES, SHAVING TRIBLE
TRIBLE SETS, TOILET CASES AND CU- TRIBLE
TRIBLE TICURA'S and LUNDBURG'S TRIBLE
TRIBLE PERFUMERY. Now is your time to TRIBLE
TRIBLE buy. You can get the best attention. TRIBLE
TRIBLE FANS. TRIBLE
TRIBLE Fans in beautiful paintings, Feath- TRIBLE
TRIBLE er, Satin, Silk, and some beauties with TRIBLE
TRIBLE Pearl Handle. TRIBLE
TRIBLE WHISK BROOMS. TRIBLE
TRIBLE WHISK BROOM HOLDERS. TRIBLE
TRIBLE These goods are sold in large quanti- TRIBLE
TRIBLE ties for the holidays and this season TRIBLE
TRIBLE we shall show beautiful goods at low TRIBLE
TRIBLE prices, and a full assortment of Clocks TRIBLE
TRIBLE which keep excellent time. TRIBLE
TRIBLE 32 AND 34 NORTH CHARLES ST., TRIBLE
TRIBLE BALTIMORE, MD. nt-y.

WANTED:

100,000 Bus. New Corn

FOR WHICH THE

HIGHEST MARKET PRICE

WILL BE PAID

On delivery at any of the Stations of the Kent Co. Railroad,

[Now called the Baltimore & Del. Bay Railroad.]

Can be found at the Express office or at residence on High St.

V. HENDRICKSON,
n28-tf. CHESTERTOWN.

A Splendid Assortment of TINWARE of our own manufacture, for sale at low prices. W. A. WHEATLEY.

PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming, will sell at Public Sale at his residence near MASSEYS, on

Monday, Dec. 21st,

The following Property:

Two Good Brood Mares 4 years old,

TWO MARES nine years old; Well broken to single or double harness.

Six Head of COWS,

all good milkers;

TWO HEIFERS year and a half old;

13 Chester White SHOATS, 17 Sheep,

1 Farm Wagon, nearly new; 1 Set Wagon Harness, in good order; 1 Cart and Harness, 1 York Carriage and Harness, 1 Hyland Reaper, 1 Rake, 1 Roller, 3,000 sheaves of Blades, 1 Wheat Fan, 1 Corn Sheller, in good order; 1 Grindstone, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Plow Gears, Collars and Bridles. A nice lot of Cabbage and Turnips.

Household & Kitchen Furniture,

including 2 Good Stoves.

In case the above named day should be unfavorable the sale will take place on the following fair day.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS.—Purchases of $10 or less, cash; over that amount a credit of nine months will be given on note with approved security, payable at the Fruit Growers' National Bank of Smyrna, Del. No goods to be removed until terms are complied with.

JOHN DONAHOE.
J. W. JACOBY, Auc'r. n28-ts.

Public Sale.

THE subscriber will offer at public sale at her residence, near Chesterville,

On MONDAY, DEC. 28, 1885,

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

6 HEAD OF HORSES,

among them some Fine Drivers;

15 Head of Fine Cattle,

including some good Milch Cows, now fresh;

1 Wagon and Harness, and Lot of Farming Implements.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS OF SALE are all sums not exceeding $10, cash; over that amount a credit of Twelve Months, note properly secured, payable in Bank. No property to be removed until the above conditions are complied with.

ANNIE S. WALLIS.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auc'r. d5-ts.

HUDGINS'

Extraordinary Announcement!

THE arrival of our large stock of goods for the HOLIDAYS will compel us to use our GEM PARLOR as an ANNEX to our store which will give us an opportunity to make one of the finest displays of XMAS GOODS ever offered to the public.

NEW GOODS, NEW DESIGNS, CHEAP PRICES

THEY MUST BE SOLD!

We will have no use for them after the holidays. All we ask is a visit from the public to convince all that the above is no ghost story but facts. Again we assert that we have the largest Stock and Variety of Xmas Goods in town. With our Annex and large force of clerks will give us an opportunity to supply all in need of goods without crowding, which has heretofore been the case for want of room.

Visit us and see the Walking Bear, the Dancing Baby, the Steam Engine, and last year the beautiful operatic music on our New Bank Organ from Germany, all free of charge; in fact if you want to spend a Happy Holiday and enter into the New Year with kind feelings to all mankind visit us, buy your Presents and Xmas Goods, Save Money, Go Home Glad that you read our advertisement and profited thereby.

Our Stock of CANDY, NUTS, FRUITS, CAKES, will be complete as usual. Our Baby Dolls, Hobby Horses, Shoo Flies, Baby Carriages, Wagons and Tin Toys at Factory Prices. The only live original

KRIS KRINGLE

WILL ARRIVE ON THE KENT COUNTY RAILROAD, SATURDAY, 19TH INSTANT,

and will make a procession through the streets of Chestertown. He will be happy to make the acquaintance of all the children, after which he will take up his old quarters at our store to remain during the Holidays. Look out for his arrival and remember if you cannot find what you want in Our Store and Annex you will NOT FIND it in town.

P. S.—Our kind friend, WM. H. BLAKENEY, will be with us during the Holidays and will be pleased to greet all his friends. Please visit us and we will make you feel at home.

d5. WASHINGTON HUDGINS.

WINTER GOODS!

At Low Prices

—AT—

J. H. SIMPERS',

CHESTERTOWN.

CANTON FLANNELS from 6 cts. per yard up. Muslins, all widths. Calicoes as low as 4 cts. per yard. Cloths, Cassimeres, Red, White and Gray Wool Blankets, Table Damask, Ginghams, Ticklings, Shirting, Velveteens, Blankets, &c.

HOSIERY from low grades to fine regular made, Gloves, Corsets, Shawls, Skirts, Towels, Lace, Hamburg, Handkerchiefs of all kinds, Fine Shirts, Gent's and Boy's Underwear in great variety. Ladies and Children's Vests, Notions generally.

OUR stock of Boots and Shoes is large. We have Button and Lace Shoes for Ladies, Misses and Children in all grades. Heavy and Fine Shoes for Men and Boys, and Winter Boots for Men and Boys all sizes and grades, also full line Rubber Goods, Overshoes, all at the very lowest prices.

NEW STOCK of Hats and Caps of the newest Fall and Winter Styles to suit all ages.

CARPETS AND OILCLOTHS.

QUEENSWARE, Glassware, Plates, Cups and Saucers, Vegetable and Meat Dishes, Bowls, Pitchers, Goblets, Tumblers, &c.

GROCERIES, Sugars, Teas, Coffee, Spices, Soaps, Flour, Tobacco, Segars, &c., with a large general stock, bought at low prices; we offer inducements to cash buyers by selling at small profits.

BUTTER, Lard, Eggs and Poultry taken in exchange for goods at market prices.

oc17. J. H. SIMPERS.

SALT. SALT. SALT.

Ground Alum and Turks Island.

OFFICE:—Voshell House Corner, and Coal office at the Chester River Steamboat Co. Wharf.
nov7-tf. SMITH & SMITH.

Executor's Sale

—OF—

PERSONAL PROPERTY

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, the undersigned as executor of Joseph H. Clinton, will sell at Public Sale at the late residence of deceased near Still Pond, on

Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1885,

THE BALANCE of the PERSONAL ESTATE of the said deceased, consisting in part as follows:

ONE HORSE, 1 COW,

1 York Carriage & Harness,

1 REAPER, 1 GRAIN FAN,

1 WAGON,

EIGHTEEN HIVES OF BEES,

Household and Kitchen FURNITURE,

—COMPRISING—

STOVES, TABLES, CHAIRS, SOFAS, LOUNGE. Extension Table, Feather Beds, Bedsteads, Quilts, Carpets, Stands, Mirrors, Bureaus, and many other household articles. Also,

4 Shares of STOCK Of the Still Pond Hall Co.

TERMS.—All purchases of $10 or less, cash; over that a credit of Nine Months on Note with approved security payable at Chestertown National Bank, with interest added. No property to be removed till terms are complied with.

J. FRANK WILSON,
d12-ts. EXECUTOR.

PUBLIC SALE

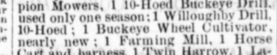
—OF A—

Fine Lot of Milch Cows.

THE undersigned having for several years been engaged in the dairy business has from time to time selected with great care a number of very fine Milch Cows and intending to put his farm in Fruit and Nursery, will discontinue the dairy business, and will offer on

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23, 1885,

at his residence near Chestertown, opposite Washington College, his entire stock consisting of:



21 Head Milch Cows,

three of which are Alderneys, eight are graded Alderneys, the balance natives. These cows are all large size, quiet and fine, easy milkers; several are fresh and a number will be so about the 1st of January, next.

1 Thoroughbred Alderney Bull, 'Sir Robert' three years old, fine size, quiet, gentle.

1 MARE, in foal; 1 GOOD HORSE,

1 PAIR GOOD MULES,

1 Three-Spring Wagon, nearly new, and Harness; 1 Milk Wagon, 3 Self-Rake Champion Reapers, 3 Combined Champion Mowers, 1 10-Hoed Buckeye Drill, used only one season; 1 Willoughby Drill, 10-Hoed; 1 Buckeye Wheel Cultivator, nearly new; 1 Farming Mill, 2 Horse Cart and harness, 1 Twin Harrow, 1 Lever Harrow, Plows, Cultivators, &c. This machinery is all in good order and nearly new.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS:—All sums of $20 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of Nine Months will be given on note with approved security, payable at Chestertown National Bank of Maryland, with interest added. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

JOHN BELL, AGENT.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auc'r. d4-ts.

VENDUE.

INTENDING to discontinue carrying on my farm I will offer at Public Sale at the Edward Lusby farm, near the old Baker Camp-Meeting Woods, about two and a half miles from Chestertown,

On MONDAY, Dec. 28, 1885,

the following property, to wit:

7 HEAD of HORSES,

Among them one five-year-old Stallion by Roan Chief, and 2 Fine Driving Mares, 1 Mare with well-bred colt by her side. There are 4 other Mares in foal by young Roan Chief.

20 HEAD of CATTLE,

Among them a one-year-old thoroughbred Hereford Bull from registered stock, 8 Cows, most of which are mixed Alderneys, and good milkers.

41 HEAD SHOATS

Chester White and Berkshire, in fine, healthy condition.

1 Farm Wagon, 1 Corn Sheller,
1 Horse Cart, 1 Dearborn,
1 Twelve-Tooth Empire Drill,
1 Horse Rake, 1 Hyland Roller,
1 Farmer's Friend Corn Planter,
1 Sulky Cultivator, 1 Twin Harrow,
A Lot of Iron-Frame Cultivators,
1 Clover Seed Sower, Plows, Shovels, Spades, &c., &c. All these farming implements are new, having been used but a short time. About 12 Hives of Bees, Wagon and Plow Harness, Bridles, Collars, Halters, &c., and numerous other articles not here mentioned.

TERMS.—All sums of $20 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of Seven Months will be given on bankable note with approved security. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

d12-ts. THOMAS W. WICKES.

UNDERWEAR.—Gent's Undershirts at 25, 50, 75 cts., $1, $1 25, $1 75 and $2. Ladies and Children's Vests, all sizes and prices.

oc17. J. H. SIMPERS.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF VALUABLE

REAL PROPERTY

In Chestertown.

THE undersigned by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county in equity will offer at public sale, on

TUESDAY, January 5, 1886,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.,

At the Voshell House in Chestertown, Maryland, ALL THAT

LOT or PARCEL of LAND

situate and lying at south corner of High and Cross streets in Chestertown, having a frontage on said High street of fifty feet and a depth of even width along Cross street of one hundred and fifteen feet.

THE IMPROVEMENTS

CONSIST OF A

THREE-STORY

BRICK HOUSE

COMMONLY CALLED THE

Burchinal Building

which fronts on High street, with Brick and Frame BACK BUILDING, fronting on Cross Street. The whole contains

SIX STORES,

on the First Floor, with SIX LARGE ROOMS ABOVE, SUITABLE FOR OFFICES AND LODGE ROOMS.

It is situated in the centre of the business part of the town where Stores are in great demand and command good rents. This property offers a rare opportunity to any person desiring to make a safe and profitable investment in real estate, having a yearly rental value of $1300.

THE TERMS OF SALE:

The terms of sale as prescribed by the decree are one-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale or upon the ratification thereof, at the option of the trustee, and the balance in two equal installments in one and two years from day of sale, the credit payments to bear interest from day of sale and to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with sureties to be approved by the trustee.

MARION deK. SMITH,
Chestertown, Dec. 12—ts. TRUSTEE.

Tax Collector's Sale.

BY VIRTUE of authority vested in me as Collector of State and County taxes, I have seized and taken in execution and will sell at Public Sale, on

TUESDAY, January 5, 1886,

At 2.30 o'clock P. M.,

In front of the Court House door, in Chestertown, all that

LOT OF LAND

in Chestertown, situated on Spring Hill, back of Maple Avenue, and adjoining the properties of Louis K. Stam and Thomas Jones. It is assessed to Richard Boyer.

The Improvements

on the lot consists of a

ONE-AND-A-HALF STORY

Frame Dwelling.

To be sold to pay taxes due for the year 1884, together with interest and cost due and to become due thereon.

Terms—cash.

GEO. S. BIDDLE,
Coll'r Taxes 4th Election District.
Dec. 12, 1885—ts.

PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

Valuable PERSONAL PROPERTY.

THE undersigned having rented his farms will sell at Public Sale, without reserve, at his residence, near Masseys, Kent county, Md.,

On TUESDAY, Dec. 29, 1885,

the following property, to wit:

4 HEAD of HORSES

among them one young Hambletonian Mare, four years old;

13 HEAD FINE MULES,

all young and well broken, work well to both single and double harness;

45 HEAD OF CATTLE,

among them 18 head of Good Milch Cows, 1 yoke of Oxen, well broken;

25 Shoats, Chester Co. White;

3 Farm Wagons, in good order; 2 Carts, in good order; 1 Set Trucks, nearly new, 2 Sulky Cultivators, nearly new; 4 Iron-Frame Cultivators, 2 Grain Fans, 2 Half-Bushel Measures, 8 Chilled Plows, 1 Lot of Baskets, 2 Twin Harrows, 1 Corn Planter, 1 Corn Marker, 2 Mowers, nearly new; 3 Grain Drills, 1 Lot Shovels, Spades and Forks, 1 Lot Corn Hoes, 100 Grain Sacks, 1 Wide Awake Wheat Thrasher, in good order; 2 Wheat Rakes, 1 Mill Dearborn, 1 Double Carriage and Harness, Lot of Wagon and Plow Harness, 2 Cook Stoves and other articles too tedious to mention.

Sale commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, the cash will be required; on all sums over $10 a credit of Nine Months, the purchaser giving note with approved security, payable in Bank.

JOHN F. WHITTINGTON,
WILLIAM M. GILPIN, Clerk,
WILLIAM R. MILLER, Auc'rs. d5-ts.

Endeavor.

A moaning cry—as the world rolls by,
Through gloom of cloud and glory of sky—
Rings in my ears forever.
And I know not that it profits a man
To plow and sow, and study and plan,
And reap the harvest never,
"Abide, in truth abide,"
Spake a voice at my side,
"Abide thou, and endeavor!"

And even though, after care and toil,
I should see my hopes from a kindly soil,
Though late, yet blooming ever,
Perchance the prize were not worth the pain,
Perchance this fretting and wasting of brain
Wins its true guerdon never.
"Abide, in love abide,"
The tender voice replied.
"Abide thou, and endeavor!"

Strive, endeavor; it profits more
To fight and fail, than on Time's dull shore
To sit an idler ever;
For to him who bares his arm to the strife,
Firm at his post in the battle of life,
The victory faileth never.
"Therefore, in faith abide,"
The earnest voice still cried,
"Abide thou, and endeavor!"

MY PROPERTY.

Aunt Fanny had just come to make her usual summer visit and I had proudly taken her through the house to have her admire the improvements made since her last visit.

"It is all very nice and convenient, dear," she said, as she seated herself in the easy-chair I offered her, "but did you never regret giving those bonds to your husband, May?"

"Most assuredly not, auntie. Why?"

"Because I thought it very unwise and that some day you would bitterly regret it. It was your poor father's property and should have been retained in your own name I am sure."

"Now, don't worry, auntie, please. You came to have a pleasant visit with us. Ella has been nearly frantic with delight since I told her you were coming."

"The child, yes. She is a dear little thing to be sure! But do you know that if your husband should die today she would inherit the property you gave him. If she were your own child it would be different."

"But she is mine, all I have, certainly. I love her dearly, and I hope to be a good mother to her, notwithstanding all the bitter things written and said against stepmothers."

"Yes, and you are a good mother to her. But to suppose still farther. If she, too, should be taken away then your property would not revert to you, but go to her relatives, of whom you know nothing, would that be right?"

"Perhaps not. But why do you say these dreadful things? She and her father are as likely to live as I. And a wife is entitled to her dower."

"Yes, the interest from one-third of what her husband leaves. Just the interest, mind you. And you gave him the means to go into business. You know he failed once, and may, possibly again."

"But he paid back every penny," I flashed back, proudly.

"I know, and it was right; but, consequently, you married a poor man with a child as well as a wife to support on a clerk's salary."

"You forget, auntie, that he still had this beautiful home when all his creditors had been fully paid; the home in which Ella was born and where his poor wife died."

"I forget nothing, and what I remember with the greatest bitterness is your unadvised act of yielding up your little patrimony, intrusted to me by your dying father for you, and that you took no obligation for it whatever."

"But" I replied, "he invested it in a business which supports us nicely. Besides, it was not his fault. He wanted me to have interest-bearing notes, or to be the company in the business, as if I would! and I told him never to mention the subject to me again, and he never has."

"Then all I have to say is you were very silly as well as imprudent."

But it was not all she had to say, even to tell me that a certain match-making mother had said that my husband would have preferred one of her daughters if she had held property in her own right as I did. That he needed the money and married me simply to obtain it.

"Don't, aunty, please," I said with a little shiver.

"Nor would I, but to convince you that he should have secured your little property to you, if only for the opinion of others."

"It is all right just as it is. Ah! here comes Ella," and my dear old wordly-wise aunt forgot to lecture in her delight at seeing the little fairy who nearly smothered her with kisses.

But I had received a hurt that rankled like a thorn in the flesh. And so Mrs. Jones thought he married me for my money? And perhaps others have the same opinion? Of course I know he did not, and said it over and over again to myself as I helped our one servant to prepare the evening meal.

And when my husband came with his hearty, cheerful welcome for Aunt Fanny, I looked wistfully in his face for an answer to my mental question, for it would become in spite of my firm determination to ignore it as such.

Once more during Aunt Fanny's stay did she attempt to renew the conversation interrupted by Ella's entrance. But I only said: "If you please, auntie, I would rather not say anything more about that."

"Pardon me, May; I shall not offend again."

"Offend, you who have been father, mother and auntie all in one?" and I kissed her as I had ever done since she drew me away from her only brother's coffin, hiding her own grief to assuage mine.

"Do you remember, auntie, dear, when I used to have sulks and you would take me out hunting—hunting sunshine, you called it? I often think of it when things go wrong, as they will occasionally, and wish you with me to go out hunting sunshine."

"Yes, I remember. You were a great comfort to me, and I am afraid I have never quite forgotten the man who coaxed my brother's only child away from the lonely old maid."

"And the best friend a wayward girl ever had," I replied.

But somehow, after Aunt Fanny's visit my thoughts and feelings were not the same. Had I been unwise, as she said, in giving up everything to my husband? And had he been too eager to accept it? I was fearful it was even so. He should have made me understand that I had reserved rights and not taken my property to control unadvisedly, especially to invest in a business subject to all the fluctuations of the market. And now he never spoke of it only as his own, and I had helped him to it all, and he had forgotten it.

In my morbid state of feeling I found so many bitter things of which to complain to myself. We had been married four years and during that time many improvements had been made in the house and round it, incurring an expense of some thousands of dollars. My slightest wish in regard to a convenience or modern change was satisfied almost as soon as expressed. And it was, as I said to my aunt "a beautiful home."

But what if it was? It was with my money it had been embellished and made more valuable, and he could easily afford to be lavish in expenditure.

"My money used to beautify his home," I said, bitterly, looking around at my handsome surroundings.

When mine and thine are having a battle, love and tenderness flee from the contest. And at times I was frightened at the hard, bitter thought i was hiding from my husband, or fancied I was hiding from him.

"What is it, May?" he once said with a look of wistful tenderness. "Are you quite well?"

"Never better," I replied, lightly, too thoroughly ashamed of the imp I was harboring to give it a name.

It was just a month since Aunt Fanny left us —a wretched month to me—when one evening my husband came in and gave me a folded paper. Look, dear, and see if it is all right!

It was a certificate of deposit in the bank for just the amount of the bonds I had given him four years ago.

"If you prefer the bonds I can obtain them for you, but the interest is very low now, and that reminds me, you will have to trust me awhile for your accumulated interest. This is all I have saved from my business, but you are to have the interest, every penny."

"But whatever am I to do with it?" I asked, in amazed bewilderment.

"Why keep a checkbook and spend your own money as you please," he replied laughing heartily. "And now is the embargo removed, and may I tell you how grateful I am for the use of the money, and how much more the loving confidence displayed in tendering it?"

I could not reply, for the little good left in me was groping, dismally, in the valley of humiliation.

"I will consider silence consent, then. Have you never suspected how I secured your patrimony to you in case anything happened to me before I could repay you?"

"But I would not have any security, you know that!" I said, eagerly, snatching at the last ray of self-respect.

"But you did all the same. This house with its two lots was deeded to you and the deed recorded the same day I received your bonds. So you see I have not only been using your money, but living in your house — Etta and I — for the past four years."

"Oh! why did you?" I asked.

"Why did I live in your house? Because I had nowhere else to go, and, besides, I rather liked it."

"You know what I mean. Why did you deed the place to me?"

"Because it was right to do so. I was acting as your guardian, and I had no right to use your property without giving security. Don't you see?"

"Yes, and now I am to deed it back to you?"

"No, I like it just as it is."

"I must write to Aunt Fanny tonight," I said more to myself than him.

He indulged in a low whistle. I had unwittingly betrayed myself, and compromised with a full confession, even to the grievous report that he had only married me for my little fortune.

"Did you believe that?" he asked, gravely.

"I tried hard not to believe it, but just now I seem to myself such a perfect type of total depravity that I wonder you took me under any circumstance s."

SWINDLED BY AN OLD GAME.

A Farmer Robbed of $200 by Three Bunko Steerers at Williamsport.

A special dispatch to the Philadelphia *Times*, dated Williamsport, Dec. 11, says: John Smole, a farmer, living at Armstrong, came to the city this afternoon to meet a tea agent, and not finding him at his residence went out to look in a store window.

"They're fixing up for Christmas," remarked the tall man."

"Yes," said Smole.

"You're from the country, ain't you?" asked the stranger. To which Smole replied that he was.

"Well, I'm a cattle dealer," said the stranger. "You havn't any cattle to sell, have you?" Smole told him that he hadn't. Just then two other men walked up and asked them if they were from the country. On being inform that they were, one said that they were going to sell cloth here twice a week and wanted them to distribute some bandbills for him in the county.

"Come up into our room and I'll show you some samples," said the cloth dealer. He then led the way to his room, in a building near the Porter House. After getting into the room, in which was a table spread with samples of cloth, the cloth dealer handed Mr. Smole and the cattle dealer a box of envelopes to draw from, explaining that they contained numbers corresponding with others on the samples and that they might draw something. The cloth man's firm just gave money away. After two or three blanks had been drawn Mr. Smole drew a ticket marked 500. "Well, why don't you give him $500?" asked the cattle man, who acted as spokesman for Mr. Smole, seeing the cloth man hesitated.

"Oh, my firm," said the man of cloth, "don't give money away only to responsible men. They must show that they are worth it. If you can get $200," he said to Smole, "I will give you the $500."

Mr. Smole departed with the "cattle man," and going to Kline's hardware store soon returned with the money. After entering the room he began counting the cash, when the cloth dealer grabbed the $200 and the three bunko men left in a hurry. The police are looking for them.

A Prophecy for 1886.

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