THE
Saint Mary's Enterprise,
LEONARDTOWN, MD.

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Enoch B. Abell .....Editor.

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TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.
One Copy, One Year, In Advance, $1.50

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ADVERTISING RATES.
1 Square (8 lines brevier) 1 time. $1.50
Each subsequent insertion.....75c.
All communications must be accompanied by the name of the writer.

THE NEWSPAPES SITUATION.

Editorial from Baltimore News.

Discontinuance of publication of the St. Louis Republican, one of the oldest papers in the West, established in 1808, is symptomatic of the unprecedented conditions that confront the newspapers of the country—conditions that are causing publishers everywhere to walk the floor.

In common with all other businesses, newspapers were faced throughout the war with rapidly mounting costs that forced increase in their selling price from one to two cents. This furnished temporary relief, but there were many reasons why newspapers cannot advance circulation prices to cover the additional expense to which they are now put unless they are absolutely compelled to do so.

Aside from the fact that they must consider effect of decreased circulation—which increase in the price of papers would bring—upon advertising revenue, it is a mistake to assume that this is their only objection to meeting the emergency in this way. If all papers pursued this course, there would unquestionably be material reduction in the number of newspaper readers, and now if ever this country cannot afford to have such a class. A quick, smart reply may be made to the effect that reading of newspapers does more harm than good, but we doubt if many serious minded persons would view, without apprehension, the cutting off from this source of education and information thousands of people who rely upon it for pretty much all their reading. The constant appeals to the papers for aid in the advancement of reform, for the spread of knowledge, the constant reliance upon the newspapers by municipal, state and national government for help in meeting the problems that confront them, the thousand and one ways in which publicity advances the general welfare, serves as a check upon unsound propogunda, are too well known to need comment. At this very moment the press, more than any other agency, is depended upon to expose the fallacies of Bolshevism and kindred movements, to take the sting out of radicalism, depriving it of its power for harm by arousing intelligent opposition to its teachings.

In every great emergency the press is counted upon to concentrate the great power of public opinion which, in a democracy such as we have, is the big controlling factor in all crises, whether they pertain to industrial strife or international differences. That in these respects the press performs a function that is becoming more and more essential to the nation will not be denied. But its value necessarily depends upon the ground it covers, and from this standpoint the public generally is concerned in any step that may curtail the dissemination of newspapers, thus minimizing their influence for good among the very classes most dependent upon them for advice and counsel and in whose advancement and education the public, as a whole, is vitally concerned.

What has happened in the newspaper world is that the cost of paper upon which they are printed has advanced to unprecedented height and at a time when the demand for space for advertising was never so great. Not only this but the future, certainly for some time, holds but little prospect for relief. Throughout the country newspapers are being pushed to the wall. Meetings of publishers held from time to time, to find a way out, urge conservation in every possible way, invariably reaching the conclusion that newspapers must look to a larger advertising revenue to meet their necessities. This does not mean additional expenditures on the part of advertisers, but rather payment of the same price for less space. There is a well-defined belief that the whole newspaper situation will be materially improved by adoption of some plan that will reduce the tremendous amount of blanket sheet advertising that has grown so rapidly during the past decade and by the substitution of a less extravagant display. By reducing the size of the papers expenses will be materially cut, while readers are bound to find a relief from the constantly increasing bulk of the publication they now get twice a day. But, whatever course is decided upon, newspapers in the next few months must take radical action to meet a situation that both for their own welfare and for that of the public calls for a remedy that will mean something more than transient alleviation of their distress.

As heretofore announced we have been forced to advance our rates of advertising to meet the pending crisis. Our subscription price will remain at $1.50 per year payable in advance, and would most earnestly request our delinquent subscribers to come to our rescue by immediately paying up over due subscriptions. Our subscription price now does not reach the actual cost of the paper by 17 cents. We cannot run our paper at a loss.

New Advertisements.

WANTED

—Married man at once to take charge of Bayside Wharf.

Store for rent at Bayside.
Apply,
JOHN B. ABELL,
1-8-tf. Clements, Md.

Dance

—AT—

St. John's Hall

HOLLYWOOD

Friday, January 30

Under the Auspices of the Men's League.

Good Music.

Admission 25c.

Open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.; Saturday until 10 p m.

LEONARDTOWN

MEAT MARKET

Opposite I. S. Johnson's.

Our Motto is; Small Profits, but Fine Quality.

Our meats can meet any challenge—ask our patrons. They can tell you the quality and cuts. You have no trouble in securing our meats and groceries.

We are in a position to meet all demands and accommodate our patrons. We guarantee our beef to be absolutely Western dressed. We carry in stock a complete line of Meats and Green Groceries.

Give us your order over phone, 35-J. We will deliver same to your residence if in corporation or by parcel post.

LEONARDTOWN MEAT MARKET,
CLEMENTS & TUNIMAN, Props.
11-29 Leonardtown, Md.

POSTPONED
Public Sale
— OF —
Valuable Personal Property.

I will offer for sale to the highest bidder at my place near Park Hall, on

WEDNESDAY, January 28th,

the following personal property:

3 Horses 2 Cows, 1 Yoke Oxen,
1 Two-Horse Wagon, 1 Corn Planter,
3 Steel Gasoline Drums
A Lot of Plow Harness, and a lot of other useful articles.
Also balance of a small stock of General Merchandise. All goods in good condition and useful.

TERMS.—All sums of $20.00 and under cash, over that amount a credit of six months with approved security will be given.

☞If weather is unsavorable the sale will be held next fair day.

E. A. NORRIS.
1-24-1t.

(A. Kingsley Love, Attorney.)

Notice to Creditors.

This is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court for St. Mary's County, letters of administration on the estate of
STEPHEN H. BOWLES,
late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber on or before the 13th day of July, 1920; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under our hands and seals this 13th day of January, 1920.

JAMES H. BOWLES,
LUCY E. GRAVES,
1-17-6t Administrators.

Order Nisi.

In the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County. No. 1308 New Equity.

Mary E. Reeder and others
vs.
Marie Shelton and others.

Ordered by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, in Equity, this twenty-fourth day of December, n the year nineteen hundred and nineteen, that the account and distribution, as stated, made, reported and filed in the above entitled case, by the Auditor, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the fourth Monday in January next; provided a copy of this order be inserted and published, in some newspaper printed and published in St. Mary's County, once in each of four successive weeks before the said fourth Monday in January, next.

ENOCH B. ABELL,
Clerk of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County.
True Copy—Test:
ENOCH B. ABELL, Clerk.
1-3-4t

No. 9429 Reserve District No 5.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE
National Bank of Mechanicsville
At Mechanicsville, in the State of Maryland, at the Close of Business on Dec. 31, 1919.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, (except those shown on band c)	$89,197.45	
Total loans		$89,197.45
Overdrafts, unsecured		4.90
U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES OWNED:		
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds (par value)	$20,260.00	
Owned and unpledged	44,500.00	
Total U. S Government securities		64,760.00
OTHER BONDS, SECURITIES, ETC.:		
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned and unpledged	87,982.81	
Total bonds, securities, etc., other than U.S.		87,982.81
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription		950 00
Value of banking house, owned and unincumbered	3,000.00	
Equity in banking house		3,000.00
Furniture and fixtures		2,382.51
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank		12,223.89
Cash in vault and net amount due from national banks		34,710.65
Net amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies other than included in Items 12, 13, and 14		2,434.33
Total of items 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17	37,144.98	
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting banks and other cash items		622.65
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		1,013.00
Total		$299,282.19

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		25,000.00
Surplus fund		5,000.00
Undivided profits	$9,461.62	
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.	3,861 05	5,600.57
Circulating notes outstanding		20,260.00
Certified checks outstanding		43.23
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding		6.83
Total of items 30, 31, 32 and 33	50.06	
DEMAND DEPOSITS (other than bank deposits) subject to reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):		
		4.90
Individual deposits subject to check		116,616.95
Total demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39	116,621.85	
Other time deposits		126,749.71
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, items 40, 41, 42 and 43	126,749.71	
Total		$299,282.19

State of Maryland, County of St. Mary's, ss:

I, Richard H. Sothoron, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. H. SOTHORON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1920.

WM. W. BURROUGHS, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: EUGENE TRICE,
C. D. SASSCER,
GEO. C. PEVERLEY,
Directors.
1-15-3t.

GUY BROS.,
CLEMENTS, MD.

—DEALERS IN—

CHEVROLET CARS (in stock

Chevrolet Repairs (in stock)

Case Corn Planters, Farm Implements, Auburn Wagons, Wrenn Buggies, Goodrich, Fisk and Goodyear Tires, Ranges, Cook Stoves, Pnonographs, Furniture, Harness, Galvanized Corrugated Roofing, American Wire Fencing, Boughs and Piedmont Guano in Stock, Millinery, Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Etc.

Goods Delivered in Quantities. Give us a call

The Eastern Shore Trust Co.

Will Buy Your Liberty Bonds, Any Issue.

LL AT CATHE LEONARDTOWN BANK AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO ADVISE WITH YOU REGARDING THE SAME.

IT IS OUR DESIRE IN THIS, AS IN ALL OTHER OPLICIES, TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY WHEN WE CAN DO THIS AND AT THT SAME TIME HELP OUR GOVERNMENT, AS WE DID IN EACH LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE. WE HAVE PERFORMED A DOUBLE DUTY, AND TO THIS END WE ARE CO-OPERATING WITH OTHER LARGE BANKING INSTITUTIONS IN THE BIG FINANCIAL CENTERS.

We advise you to hold your bonds and not sell them, but if you do want to sell bring them to us and take advantage of our proposition.

S. M. JONES, Cashier

Are You 100 per cent. American?
Prove It by attending the
DANCE

To be given by the American Legion, Post No. 54, at Hotel St, Mary's

FRIDAY, February 6th, 1920.

Admission, Including Refreshments - 75 Cents

MUSIC BY DARROCH.

SPECIAL
On of before February 1st

A MOTOR FREIGHT LINE

WILL RUN DAILY BETWEEN

Leonardtown and Washington, D. C.

Stopping at all points on Route

Schedule wi'l be Announced Later

Offering
750,000 Shares
Continental Oil & Refining Company

Capital Stock	- -	3,000,000 Shares
Outstanding	- -	920,000 shares
Present Offering	- -	750,000 shares

Par Value of Shares, $1.00—all common and fully paid.

Registrar and Transfer Agent,

UNITED STATES CORPORATION CO.,
New York.

When shares now being offered are sold the company will have a stock liability of 1,670,000, par value $1.00 per share, or	$1,870,000.00
The only other obligations of the company, aside from nominal operating expenses, are mortgage and deferred payments amounting to	700,000.00
The average daily production of the oil wells owned by the Continental Oil & Refining Company is about 2, 00 barrels—912,500 per annum—from which should be an estimated minimum gross annual revenue of	2,053,125.00

The company has paid a dividend of 1½ per cent. per month since May 15, 1919. As of November 15th, the dividend rate was increased to 2 per cent—or at the rate of 24 per cent annually on par.

PRICE $2.50 PER SHARE.

HAROLD WALTON,
347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

Fresh Meat

Having secured the services of Mr. Bartell, and having completely renovated my meat market, enlarged space and modern fixtures, I am prepared to give my patrons the best possible service.

Beef Veal Pork Lamb

Native Dressed Beef and Chicago Dressed Beef

Country Sausage, green and smoked,

Poultry, dressed and live,

Pure Country Lard,

Apples,

Potatoes, Turnips, Cabbage and Celery

Sweet Potatoes,

See me for your wants in this line

L. H. Getz
LEONARDTOWN, MD.

Tobacco Growers, ATTENTION!

If you are looking for big prices for your tobacco, ship to Bowen & Sunderland, Our Mr. Sunderland gives his personal attention to inspection and sales of same. We never disappoint. ASK OUR SHIPPERS. We also will get you top market prices for your poultry, eggs, live stock, wool, etc. Where prices and service count we win. Give us a trial.

WRITE FOR SHIPPING TAGS.

BOWEN & SUNDERLAND,
ESTABLISHED 1876,
General Commission Merchants,
311 S. CHARLES ST.,
BALTIMORE, MD.
6-8-1y.

FARMS WANTED

CHAS. H. HEINTZMAN
922 South Charles Street,
BALTIMORE, MD.

FARMS WANTED
-24-1y.

Special Notice.

For $1.25 we will send to any reader of this paper, a TWO POUND BOX of our fresh home-made, hand dipped assorted CHOOOLATES, postage prepaid. Send us by mail $1.00 for a trial box.

PURITY CONFECTIONERY CO.,
230 W. Mulberry Street.
Baltimore, Maryland
1-10-1y

Mrs. A. F. TURNER,
Dress-Making Plain Sewing
LEONARDTOWN, MD,

For Sale

In Leodardtowd, a six room house and lot. In good condition and in white block. Also a nice building lot.
Address
S., care of Enterprise,
1-17-3t Leonardtown, Md.

Dr. C. V. HAYDEN
DENTIST.
LEONARDTWN, MD.

JOHN H. T. BRISCOE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
LEONARDTOWN, MD.