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THANKSGIVING.

Thursday next is Thanksgiving Day. Every one should remember to give thanks on that day for the blessings received during the past year. While it may be true that much sorrow has entered some of our homes, there is still much left to be thankful for. When we reflect for a moment upon the conditions in far-away Europe we must realize our's is a God-blessed home. Be thankful for our blessings and so acknowledge it in devout thanksgiving to an allmerciful God on Thursday.

THE recent British drive in Flanders is regarded as the greatest victory of the Allies since the battle of the Marne. The drive was witnessed by Gen. Persing, our American general

"THE Allies have suffered a great loss the past week in the death of Gen. Maud, who has so successfully conducted the campaign in Mesopotamea."

STATE Fuel Administrator, Meyer, claims that the shortage in anthracite coal will shortly be relieved as the embargoes have all been removed and a large number of train loads are on their way. The question of fixing the price has not yet been settled.

MR. POLK BRAMBLE, who has been assistant local editor of the Enterprise for several years, will sever his connection with that paper the last of this month and enter the employ of the Transcript December 3. Mr. Bramble is an experienced lynotype operator and a good news gatherer.

THE President has been compelled to issue drastic regulations in regard to Alien Enemies. The District of Columbia and the Panama Canal will be a barred zone, and every alien enemy will be required to leave. This step has been made necessary by the number af evidences of German treachery that have been discovered.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

Dear Women of Kent County:

The Liberty Loan drive has been put through with success, the Y. M.C.A. campaign has been launched and is steadily progressing. The Christmas presents have been sent to the boys in France and a good surplus left over is to be donated to making the Xmas happy for the boys in our own camps. The Thanksgiving shelf for the soldier boys resulted in 912 containers of canned goods and jellies being sent on Tuesday last, November 20th, 1917, to the contonments nearest to us, and now I would say a word to the busy housewives of Kent county. Perhaps there never was a time when they were more busy, for labor is scarce and high and there is every call for conservation and economy, but we must not forget the Red Cross work. Thousands of wounded soldiers are needing bandages and dressings which are so necessary to the proper healing of their wounds. Our own soldiers and sailors are calling for warm sweaters to help them meet the necessary exposure.

Our county is thoroughly organized for Red Cross work, there being units all through the county, and there are many willing, faithful workers, but all the units are calling for more helpers. The Navy League and Red Cross will supply wool to any one who is willing to knit. Remember, there are many of our soldiers and sailors who have no home folks to knit for them, and we must not let them suffer from cold; so let every woman combine her social pleasure with work for them. Think what comfort twenty women working a whole afternoon can bestow. Let these faithful women who are working so hard, feel in every way they have our co-operation, and we are willing to make great sacrifices that the boys may not suffer. There are women in all parts of the county who have volunteered their services to teach knitting, so let us all get to work.

A MEMBER OF THE RED CROSS.

Rock Hall, Md.

To the Editor of the Transcript:—

Chestertown, Md.

Gentlemen:

It is well enough for ladies to claim credit for what they do, but if Chestertown ladies are claiming credit for sale of Liberty Bonds which were sold at Rock Hall and Wesley Chapel, they are certainly not entitled to wear such plumes. These bonds were sold through the efforts of home people, and no lady outside of this section can claim the slightest credit for selling a single bond.

Yours respectfully,

ROCK HALL.

Mr. and Mrs. Albaugh, of Philadelphia, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Vandergrift.

REALTY ASSESSMENT COMPLETED.

Mr. Owen C. Smith, Supervisor, Has Tabulated the Result.

The reassessment of taxable realty in Kent county has been completed. The following tabulated record is furnished The Transcript by Mr. Owen C. Smith, supervisor of assessments. It shows that 4478 separate parcels of real estate, with an aggregate assessment value of $9,628,688, have been listed for taxation. This does not include any personalty property which will probably amount to $2,500,000 and will make the taxable basis approximately twelve millions of dollars, or about two millions more than the present basis. The assessment by district follows:

	No. of Parcels	Amt. on Land	Amt. on Buildings	Total Assessment
FIRST DISTRICT				
Galena	85	$24,249	$71,453	$95,684
Millington	207	51,000	165,085	216,085
Balance of District	614	1,296,729	516,381	1,813,110
Total	906	1,371,978	652,901	2,124,879
SECOND DISTRICT				
Still Pond	76	18,550	57,012	75,562
Balance of District	429	1,391,545	429,416	1,820,961
Total	505	1,410,095	486,428	1,896,523
THIRD DISTRICT				
Betterton	110	26,589	115,607	142,196
Bay Side	40	11,967	17,054	29,031
Balance of District	434	797,990	595,128	1,393,118
Total	584	836,542	727,789	1,564,335
FOURTH DISTRICT				
Chestertown	750	358,865	694,124	1,052,989
Balance of District	47	216,325	108,747	325,072
Total	797	575,190	802,871	1,378,061
FIFTH DISTRICT				
Rock Hall	195	34,911	122,735	157,646
Balance of District	567	406,403	321,095	727,498
Total	772	441,314	443,530	885,144
SIXTH DISTRICT				
Entire District	399	657,073	354,930	1,012,003
SEVENTH DISTRICT				
Entire District	320	540,549	227,194	767,743
Total of Kent County	4,478			9,628,688

FORMERLY AND NOW.

(Contributed)

There is nothing more natural than to suppose that the period through which we are passing is the most trying of our history. Our present experiences are always more vexing, and more difficult for us to face than any previous trials to which we have been exposed. What is more common on a day when the storm may be raging than to hear some one say, "I never knew a worse day." Riding with two of my small boys there came up a most severe thunder storm. The rain beat upon us, a perfect flood. One of the boys peeped from under the edge of the umbrella and asked this question, "Papa, did it ever rain this hard before?" "Oh yes," I said, "even worse, until it raised a flood, which destroyed all mankind."

There have been worse times than those of to-day. There may be and doubtless will be, ahead of us, worse times to come. That is, times which will test our faculties of mind and body, our charity and our patriotism, more than they are being tested today.

These thoughts were aroused by my attendance upon the Pomona Grange on Saturday, the 17th, at Rock Hall. There were present some two hundred farmers from all over the county. Matters of deep local, state-wide and national importance were discussed. The one matter of deepest interest was brought up by a memorial from Galena Grange, with a set of resolutions appended, appealing for relief to the farmer, in the matter of labor. A warm discussion was aroused by these resolutions. It was thought by many that there never was a time in our national history when the farmer was "as hard up against it" as he now is for labor, and if relief does not come speedily, there will be a widespread desertion of farms, the area of tilled land will become much less, in the near future, and the food supply will necessarily be shortened.

I am not writing to confute this point. I believe that while it pays to cultivate land there will be found those to undertake the job. It is so in other departments of life. It pays to make ammunition just now, and there are millions ready to face the risks and do the work. So in this case every man who can handle a plow and horse and who is not afraid of the sunshine, will, if he can, get the land, raise the wheat at $2.20 a bushel and corn at $1.20.

War is a fearful disorganizer of the regular routine of life. That the labor question is a most serious one, no one denies, and we sadly need a "Moses to lead us out of our wilderness by providing for us a means of relief.

But that our difficulties are greater than ever before, or we less manly and less able to face them, I for one doubt. That doubt is based upon my memory of at least one, and I think more, periods in the past, when the farmer's condition was worse than now, infinitely more so, along this Atlantic border.

The proclamation, freeing the slaves south of Mason's and Dixon's Line, uprooted (at one fell stroke) the whole system of labor in every slave state. There were hundreds of the leading farmers on this Eastern Shore, who had their means of support taken from them. The condition in my family was typical of what it was in many another family. The fall of '64 found my father in jail (as a political prisoner) and not a soul on our farm but my mother, brother and myself. We had been used to a kitchen full of help. Now not one was left. My mother, prostrated with anxiety, and perfectly helpless. I was 20 years of age and my brother 18. Household and outdoor work all devolved upon us. A large part of the corn crop was in the field at Xmas. No wood in the yard and but little feed in the barn. Machinery was not much used in those days. Everything depended upon muscle and determination. No telephones, no railroads and no automobiles. The long weary miles of dirt road had to be traveled to go to town and the steamboat landing.

Were we (and the many others) likewise situated, whipped out and ready to give up? No, we were not made of that kind of material. We were ready to take up our crosses and shoulder our burdens. Those days of gloom would not last always, a brighter day would come and did come. Produce was bringing a good price and with wheat at $3.00 a bushel we could raise enough to live on and we did live. I don't remember much growling.

The period of the nineties was also a dark one, to the farmer. Coxe's army sprang up. The bottom had dropped out of prices. There was no demand for wheat, corn and hay. I sold many a bushel of sweet potatoes in Virginia for 10 cents and you could scarcely give away Irish potatoes. The farmers of Virginia (where I then lived) were desperate. My people could not pay my salary. I had to give up several hundred dollars of it. In '97 I became the owner of the farm on which I now live. For several years I sold corn around 35 cents and wheat around 60 cents. Wages were low, averaging 60 cents, and there was a demand for work.

The average gross sales off my farm from 1890 to 1910 were $1650, and the out-go for labor was close to $900. This did not make the business attractive. When the taxes, insurance and up-keep were taken out there was little left for the owner as an investment. This was not entirely, though partially, the result of bad management. The crops were good and the land holding up well. The prices were fearfully low and there was little to inspire a deep interest in the business.

The last seven years have seen a gradual change for the better. In the last two years the war has sent farm produce up to the top notch. But the price of labor has gone up with the price of grain. This was right and natural, provided the cost of production can be held down to that point, where the farmer can come out for enough a head to enable him to make it a profitable and encouraging business.

As yet, I do not think we have serious cause for alarm or good grounds for croaking. This year of '17 is really a boom year for our section. I take it that my farm is only an average one. It has not been astonishingly well managed. There are times when I think the corners could have been more closely rounded. Still, the gross sales will be at least two times greater than ever in its history. I have no growl while this is the case. True, there is a scarcity of labor and wages are high, but these are war times and labor is bound to be scarce. The army and other things are calling for men. When the demand is equal to, or greater, than the supply, wages are bound to be high. This will not be for long, it is hoped. The cantonments will soon be perfected. Then many men will be turned back into the ordinary channels of life, and we may look for a drop in wages.

Are not the trials in life largely comparative. We compare ourselves with others. We see only the outside gloss. We don't know what they are up against, so their lot seems ever to be better and their prospects brighter Give me my own cross. I know its weight and have become accustomed to bearing it.

Notwithstanding his early hours and the present demand for him to be up and doing, I think the farmer (on the Eastern Shore) has in many respects a lot to be envied. At the Pomona Grange on Saturday there was a well-dressed, well-fed crowd brought there in automobiles. Only two horse teams were present. There were not less than 35 automobiles, representing about thirty thousand dollars. This told the tale, that they were either prospering or running headlessly into debt. If the former, they should be happy. If the latter, whom should they kick?

Public Sale

—OF—

Valuable Personalty

The undersigned, having been elected sheriff of Kent county and intending to discontinue farming, will sell at Public Sale on the farm where he now resides, near Fairlee, known as the Crawford farm, on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1917

commencing at 10.30 a. m., the following described property:

16 HEAD OF HORSES AND MULES

All young and good to work or drive.

12 Good Milch Cows, 1 Heifer

FARM IMPLEMENTS

Two Farm Wagons, One Dearborn and Harness, One Manure Spreader, One Single Carriage, One Double Carriage and Harness, One Sleigh and Bells, One 8-foot Deering Binder with tongue truck, One Four Horse Drill, One Corn Planter, One Mower and Rake, Two Oliver Riding Plows, One Three Horse Plow, One Two Horse Plow, one One-horse Plow, One Randall Harrow, One Spring Tooth Harrow, One 60 Tooth Drag, One 50 Tooth Drag, Two Riding Cultivators, Five Walking Cultivators, One Smoothing Board, Two Clover Seeders, One Set Barn Trucks, One Corn Seive, One Iron Age Garden Seeder, a Combined Hill and Drill Seeder, Sower, Covers and Cultivators, Half Bushel Measures, Bushel Baskets, Grain Shovels, Grind Stone, Dinner Bell, Three Four-horse Trees, Four Three-horse Trees, Five Two-horse Trees, Ten Sets Plow Harness, Six Sets Wagon Harness, Fifteen Collars and Bridles, One Riding Saddle and Bridle, Corn Knives, Spades, Shovels, Hoes and Forks.

The above mentioned property is as good as new and as good as can be found on any well equipped farm.

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One Home Comfort Cook Stove, One Air Tight Stove, One Coal Stove, One Churn, One Separator, Three Milk Cans, One Kitchen Safe, Two Tables and many other articles.

Terms of Sale.—On all sums of $10 and under the cash will be required. On sums over that amount a credit of ten months will be given on bankable note with interest, approved by the undersigned. No property to be moved until the terms are complied with.

GEORGE W. CARTER, Owner.
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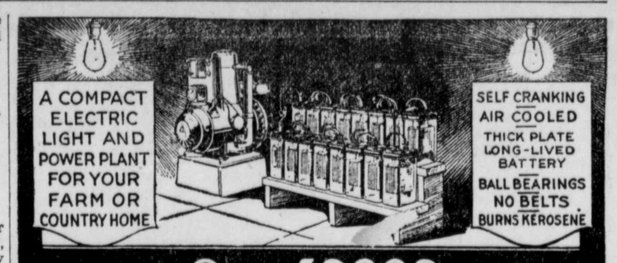

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Public Sale

—OF—

Valuable Personalty

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell without reserve on the farm where I now reside, known as the Edes farm, near Edesville, on

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1917

commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following personalty:

5 Head of Horses
4 COWS, 1 BULL
3 Brood Sows, 17 Shotes

FARM IMPLEMENTS.

One farm wagon, 1 dearborn, 1 carriage, 1 Osborne binder, 1 mower, 1 hay rake, 1 Ontario disk drill, 1 spring tooth harrow, 1 randle harrow, 1 three-horse drag harrow, 1 roller, 1 corn planter, 1 three-horse plow, 1 two-horse plow, 1 one-horse plow, 3 hand cultivators, 1 carriage poll, 1 four-horse tree, 1 three-horse tree, a lot of double and single trees, 2 sets of carriage harness, 4 sets of chain harness, 2 sets of plow gears, 6 work bridles, 6 collars.

HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE.

Terms of Sale.—On all sums of $10 and under the cash will be required; on sums over that amount a credit of 12 months will be given on note with approved security and payable at the Third National Bank. No property to be removed until the terms of sale are complied with.

WILLIAM GLADSKY, Owner.
H. W. VICKERS, Atty.
Stockton Startt, Auct.

Executor's Sale

—OF—

Chestertown Transcript Pub. Co. Stock

Under and by virtue of an order of the Orphans Court for Kent County, passed May 5th, 1914, the undersigned as executor of the late Garrett Foxwell will offer at public sale in front of the Court House door in Chestertown, Md., on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 o'clock noon

16 SHARES OF THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT PUBLISHING COMPANY OF KENT COUNTY, MD.

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