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NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF REGISTRATION AND REVISION THEREOF, IN CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll county, in pursuance of the directions contained in Sec. 13 of Art. 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, that the Board of Registry for the several election districts, and precincts of Carroll county, Maryland, will sit for the purpose of registering qualified voters and erasing the names of those disqualified, between the hours of 8 A. M., and 7 P. M., on

TEUSDAY, September 30th,
AND
TUESDAY, October 7th,

1902, and for the purpose of revision only (on which day no one can be registered) on

TUESDAY, October 14th,

1902, at the following places in the several elections precincts and districts to wit:

District No. 1.—At Reaver's storeroom in Reindollar's Opera House, Taneytown.

District No. 2, 1st Precinct.—At Johnson Hollenberry's storeroom, in Uniontown.

District No. 2, 2nd Precinct.—At the room adjoining Angell's store in Tyrone.

District No. 3.—At the Mystic Chain Hall in Silver Run.

District No. 4, 1st Precinct.—At old Hotel property in Sandyville, owned by Lewis W. Caples.

District No. 4, 2nd Precinct.—At store room and dwelling in Bird Hill, owned by Mrs. Mary E. Nelson.

District No. 5, 1st Precinct.—At store room of Benj. Dorsey, in Eldersburg, formerly owned by Dr. Shipley.

District No. 5, 2nd Precinct.—At the store room of Wm. A. Dorsey, Jr., in Berret.

District No. 6, 1st Precinct.—At the Fireman's Building, in Manchester.

District No. 6, 2nd Precinct.—At the Factory of C. M. Masenheimer, in Manchester.

District No. 7, 1st Precinct.—At the Albaugh building, corner Court and Main Streets in Westminster.

District No. 7, 2nd Precinct.—At the store room of Wm. T. Wilson, West Main Street in Westminster.

District No. 7, 3rd Precinct.—At the home of Charles A. Turtle, opposite Albaugh building, Main Street in Westminster.

District No. 7, 4th Precinct.—At Lamber, Coal and Supply Company Building, corner of Green and Liberty Streets, Westminster, second door on Liberty Street from Green.

District No. 8.—At the Barber Shop of Howard A. Lippy, in Hampstead.

District No. 9.—At the residence of John T. Ingles, in Taylorsville.

District No. 10.—At the home of Mrs. Lynn, in Middleburg.

District No. 11.—At the old Bank Building, on Main Street in New Windsor.

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

District No. 13.—At the storeroom of E. M. Molesworth, in Mt. Airy.

JOHN M. ROBERTS, President;
HENRY S. MUSSELMAN,
CHARLES H. SMITH,
Board of Supervisors of Elections of Carroll County.

Test: SAMUEL J. STONE, Clerk.
sep-13-5t

PUBLIC SALE OF TWO DESIRABLE PROPERTIES.

The undersigned, as agent for the heirs of the late Joseph N. Bowers, will sell at Public Sale, at 1 o'clock, P. M., on

TUESDAY, 14th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1902,

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EDWARD A. CASSELL,
Agent &c., near Medford.
J. Thos. Roop, Auct. sep 20 4t

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County:
August Term, 1902.

Estate of Michael Morelock, deceased.

On application, it is ordered, this 15th day of September, 1902, that the sale of the real estate of Michael Morelock, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by George W. Morelock and Guy W. Steele, administrators d. b. n. c. t. a. of the last will and testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this court by the said administrators d. b. n. c. t. a. be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 3rd Monday, 20th day of October next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 2nd Monday, 13th day of October, next. The report states the amount of sale to be ($7,670.81).

WILLIAM Y. FRIZZELL,
JACOB KINEHART,
L. CALVIN JORDAN, } Judges.

True copy,—Test:
JOSEPH D. BROOKS,
Register of Wills.
sep-20-3t

NO. 3895 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

Horace L. Shipley et al., plaintiffs, vs. Frank I. Lewis et al., defendants.

Ordered, this 18th day of September, A. D. 1902, that the sale of the real estate mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by Horace L. Shipley and Daniel F. Shipley, trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 28th day of October next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Carroll county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 13th day of October next. The report states the amount of sales to be $5,531.50.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.
sep 20 3t

NO. 3996 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity.

J. Thomas Flickinger and others, plaintiffs, vs. Nancy Little, defendant.

Ordered, this 23rd day of September, 1902, by the Circuit Court for Carroll county, in Equity, that the sale of the real estate mentioned in the aforegoing report of sale, made and reported in this cause by William Flickinger, trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 27th day of October, 1902; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 20th day of October, 1902. The report states the amount of sale to be $910.00.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

True Copy, Test:
JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.
sept 27 3t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters of Administration on the estate of

WILLIAM R. PRUGH,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 16th day of April, 1903, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 16th day of September, 1902.

LAURA V. PRUGH,
Administratrix.
sep 20 4t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters of Administration on the estate of

GEORGE W. GOODWIN,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 15th day of April, 1903, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 15th day of September, 1902.

ELIZA W. GOODWIN,
Administratrix.
sep 20 4t

ELECTION NOTICE.

The Stockholders of The Westminster Savings Bank are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting for the election of Seven Directors of The Westminster Savings Bank, to manage its concerns and affairs for the ensuing year, will be held on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1902,

between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, P. M., at the office and place of business of the said The Westminster Savings Bank, in Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland.

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Our Duty to Know Our Duty.

To preserve tomatoes whole without their going to pieces, first scald and peel them, put a layer of tomatoes in a jar about 3 inches thick and then sprinkle about one-half teaspoonful of air-slacked lime and then more tomatoes and lime until you have the desired amount, and then fill the jar with water and let set one night, then in the morning have the sirup hot and put tomatoes in and cook until done. You will find this all right.

Some men will learn more in a country stage ride than others in a tour of Europe.

Common sense is better than uncommon education, it is also rarer.

If a man does as well as he knows how, he is likely to think that he does as well as can be expected of him. But he makes a sad mistake who acts on that idea. It is every man's duty to know what is right, and then to do it. God's commands are "Thou shalt" and "Thou shalt not." There is no allowance for ignorance of the right way. In human society it is a man's duty to know the law, and do it. And that is God's standard for man.

Kind Lady—"Poor fellow, have you got no friends?" Hap Hazard—"No, mum; I kain't got nobody but relatives."

"LOOK OVER THE HARNESS FIRST."

—:o:—

When old Uncle John starts off to town
He looks at the straps with care:
"For you never can tell," says Uncle John,
"What trouble there may be there.
I've saved a runaway, many a time,
Where worst might 'a' come to worst
By simply not forgetting to just
Look over the harness first."

Is there not a lesson that he who starts
To scatter wild oats away
May learn from the plan of Uncle John
Which will stand him in stead some day?
In setting forth on the long trip where
There's many a break and burst,
Make sure, as nearly as mortal may—
"Look over the harness first."

And for him and for her who take the step
That must lead unto joy or woe
The plan that is followed by Uncle John
Is a good one on which to go.
There are many weary women and men
Who are counting themselves accursed
Because they didn't, before the start,
"Look over the harness first."

For him and for her who have come to the place
Where the ways appear to part,
The lesson we learn from Uncle John
May well be taken to heart.
The joys they have lost may lie ahead:
Perhaps when the bond is burst
The eyes that are sad may brighten—but
"Look over the harness first."

In war and in love there are many defeats
Which lead to shame and despair,
That never had come of the buckles and reins
Had only been kept in repair.
Whoever you are, if it's glory or gold,
Or power for which you thirst,
Try Uncle John's plan, when it's time to set out,
"Look over the harness first."

—S. E. Kiser in Leslie's Weekly.

A BIT OF A COWARD.

—:o:—

From the Baltimore Herald.

I.

"Ready for anything again are you?"

Jim Carfax took the pipe out of his mouth and polished it quietly.

"I guess so, and I just want you to certify as much, doctor, then they'll send me up to the front again to see a bit more of the fun. I shall miss it all if you keep me hanging about here much longer."

Surgeon Cade surveyed one boot thoughtfully for a moment.

"You think so, do you?—all right. Well, go and amuse yourself—look up any friends you've got in this heaven-forsaken country, and, I say, mind you're ready to go back when I do give you a clean bill of health. Ta-ta. I've wasted enough time over you."

Carfax strolled moodily back to his quarters.

II.

"Well, I do get letters anyway. That's more than some of those poor devils do up at the front" He settled himself down the next morning after breakfast for a quiet pipe and examination of the mail. "Natal postmark! Rummy! It can't be—yes, it is—Dickie Parsons. How the blazes did he know I was out here? What's he got to say?"

"Dear Jim—So you've plunged in, have you? I spotted your name among the wreckage. There's only one James Montgomery Carfax, is there? Enteric! Poor beast, I'm deuced sorry for you. I had my little whack at the beggers at Ladysmith; now I'm back looking after the 'biz,' which is going to be a fine thing. Why don't you come here and recruit a bit? You won't be fit for anything for months, so pack up whatever you have, if you have anything—and if you haven't it doesn't matter a rap—and come and spend Christmas with us. Us means Laura—you remember Laura, don't you? She remembers you, anyway—and yours truly, DICK."

"Waste a minute!" said Carfax, getting up and knocking the ashes out of his pipe; "I won't waste a second. I wonder whether I can get a wire through. Dickie Parsons (ripping good chap he always was)—and Laura." He pulled the letter out of his pocket and looked at one passage. "'She remembers you.' I bet she doesn't remember me half as well as—I wonder what became of that Carruthers bounder—well, I gave him a fair field once—I'll be hanged if I will again."

III.

"We are so glad you were able to come."

"And if you are feeling a bit chippy, as I bet you are, the air of Hlatamunye will soon buck you up a bit."

Carfax found himself shaking hands with Laura Parsons, and wondering how much she remembered of the old pleasant intimacy before "the Carruthers bounder" cast a shadow over their intercourse. Then came a thirty miles' drive through one of the richest districts of the garden colony, at the end of which, for the first time for many months, he found himself dining in comfort in an apparently English country home.

The two men sat alone finishing their cigars after dinner.

"You seem pretty comfortable," said Carfax at length.

"Yes, I've got pretty well all I want. It was a bit dull till Laura came out. It'll be a bit dull when she goes"—

"When she goes?" Carfax looked up quickly.

"Oh! she isn't going at present. She'll stay while you're here, anyway," and Parsons laughed, "but there are no end of awfully decent chaps out here and jolly few girls, and Laura's a bit out of the common, and has no end of beggars running after her. See?"

"I suppose so." Carfax surveyed the end of his cigar thoughtfully.

"Not that I think she fancies any of 'em much. Not so much as her snakes, anyway."

"Snakes!"

"Yes, she's awfully keen on snakes. Keeps them in jars all over the place. If you want to get on with her you ask her to show you the beasts."

"It's an odd taste, isn't it?"

"My dear chap, did you ever know a woman who hadn't an odd taste in some matter or other? Now you're going to bed, and tomorrow we'll show you round—snakes and everything."

IV.

"I suppose this is one of them. Venomous-looking little beast." Carfax strolled around early the next morning, stopped and examined a glass jar standing alone on a table. I wonder whether it's as dangerous as it looks. What would you say, pussy?" He lifted up a cat which had followed him in from the garden, and watched it sniff the glass confining the captive. "I wonder who'd score if it came to a tussle? I wouldn't give much for your life, puss, then." The snake roused out of its apathy, began to make inimical overtures through the glass, to which pussy responded by dabbing at the jar. "Unless I'm jolly well mistaken, you're about as dangerous a customer as one could meet in the open. You haven't got a head that shape for nothing. Eh, pussy, what would you say? Ah! would you"—

It was done in an instant. The cat, which had been crouching back made a sudden dash at the jar, which overbalanced, and in a second the lithe little reptile was at large and puss had slipped from the table like a flash. Carfax stood staring for an instant, then a cold sweat broke out over him.

He began to make stealthily for the door, but two wicked eyes and a very active foe lay between him and safety, while a sudden movement on the animal's part made him spring onto a divan like a girl frightened by a mouse. The snake then began a rapid tour of inspection, and the man watched it with fascinated eyes. Should he make a dash for the door? Not yet; he would wait until it was further away, until it wasn't looking, until his courage returned. Tired of its unsatisfactory perambulations, and attracted by a slight movement, the little animal came back. Carfax dashed a chair at it, but the intended victim was quicker and slipped aside, while the action made him trip on the unstable couch and lie panting and shaken, his last remnants of self-possession deserting him. A final instinct of preservation prompted him to get beneath a heavy plaid used as a covering when the house, being crowded, this couch became an impromptu bed, and this he tried to hold as a screen to interpose if the reptile should make a dart at his face. But it showed no disposition to do this for the moment. Rather it seemed to delight in tantalizing its victim. Afraid to stir, Carfax watched its approach, felt it raise its head against the couch, and then work its way gently on the covering. Unwilling to move his body for fear of irritating it he drew a cushion over his head, while a sense of horror and sickly terror kept him motionless and spell bound.

"Mr. Carfax, I thought you were coming to look"—the door was quickly opened and he heard a light step and a sudden stop. He longed to cry out and say: "Don't come near?" but his tongue refused to utter a word.

What followed the man felt rather than saw. The snake raised its head venomously, with its forked tongue playing. He heard a strained voice say: "Don't move." There came a quick blow, and the animal lay impotently twisting itself into knots on the floor, while a rather shamefaced Jim Carfax rose and ground its head beneath the heel of his boot.

"Miss Parsons"—he waited a moment and continued—"they wouldn't let me go back to the front. Do you know why? They said my nerve was gone; that I should make a rotten coward of myself, and disgrace the fellows if we got in any tight corner. They didn't know I should do it without going back, did they?"

The girl was trembling now, and it was a minute before she could speak.

"If it had hurt you I should never have forgiven myself. Dick said I ought to have had it killed."

"It was dangerous, then?"

"Yes, oh! yes; horribly."

"There's some comfort in that, but it doesn't make me less a coward. You've saved a coward's life, Miss Parsons." He gave the animal a vindictive kick to the corner of the room, then looked up and noted the tears in his rescuer's eyes.

"Why, you're as frightened now as I was then!"

"I shall never keep snakes any more. It might—it might—and it would have been my fault—oh, Jim!"

"Laura!" he took one quick step to her—"aren't you ashamed of me?"

"I know you're not really a coward. Dick says lots of people have got the Victoria Cross for doing ever so much less than you did when that convoy was attacked."

* * *

"I thought you didn't care. I thought when that Carruthers came along that I was in the way."

"You might have asked."

He took her in his arms.

"I'll ask now," said Jim Carfax; but he knew from the glad way she yielded to him that he needed no answer.

How Insects Make Music.

From the Christian Intelligencer.

The grasshopper has a wing that is very curious to look at. You have seen this little insect, I have no doubt. Its color is light green, and just where the wing joins the body there is a thick ridge and another on the wing. On this ridge there is a thin but strong skin, which makes a sort of drumhead.

It is the rubbing of these two ridges or drumheads together which makes the queer noise you have heard. There is no music in it certainly. The insects could keep quiet, if they wished, but they must enjoy making the noise.

The grasshopper sometimes makes two rubs on its drumhead and sometimes three. The moment it is very dark they begin. Soon the whole company is at work. As they rest after each rubbing, it seems as if they answered one another.

Do you know that bees hum from under their wings? It is not the stir of those beautiful light wings we hear. It is the air drawing in and out of the air tubes in the bee's quick flight. The faster the bee flies the louder the humming is. Did you know that insects feel? They have nerves all over them, through their wings and out to the end of every feeler.

Life Insurance Agent—"My dear sir, have you made any provision for those who come after you?" Hardupe—"Yes, I put the dog at the door, and told the hired girl to say I'm out of town."

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