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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM,
In Woolery's District, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust from Henry Richter to John T. Richter, dated February the 3rd, A. D. 1903, and duly recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, the undersigned, trustee, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 1903,

at 1 o'clock P. M., a farm containing 61 ACRES AND 17¼ SQUARE PERCHES, more or less. About 5 Acres is in Timber and 6 Acres in Meadow. The improvements consist of a House, Barn and Wagon-Shed, and all other necessary buildings; there is a never failing spring and running water through the farm, a fine orchard of all kinds of fruit, and the farm has recently been limed, is under good fencing and in an elegant state of cultivation.

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JOHN T. RICHTER, Trustee.
aug 14 4t

LIST OF ELECTION OFFICERS Appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll County, in the Place of those Heretofore Appointed Who Have Since Been Excused, or Found Disqualified.

By virtue of Sec. 10 of Article 25 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, as amended by Chapter 464 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its January session, 1900, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll County has appointed the following named persons as Judges and Clerks of Elections, for the several election districts of Carroll County, in place of the parties heretofore appointed who have since been found disqualified or excused. Those under the heading "Democrats," being intended to represent the Democratic party, and those under the heading "Republicans," being intended to represent the Republican party.

DEMOCRATS.

District No. 4, Woolery's, Prect. No. 2—Charles N. Stocksdale, Clerk, appointed in place of John P. Klee, resigned.

District No. 6, Manchester, Prect. No 2—J. Thomas Yingling, Jr., Clerk, appointed in place of John C. B. Lamotte, resigned.

REPUBLICANS.

District No. 3, Myers'—Edward H. Brown, appointed Registrar in place of Harvey S. Morelock, resigned.

Edward O. Lippy, appointed Gate Keeper in place of Josiah S. Erb, resigned.

District No. 4, Woolery's, Prect. No. 1—William M. Tracey, Registrar, appointed in place of Murray Shreeve, resigned.

District No. 4, Prect. No. 1—Arthur Chew, appointed Clerk of Election in place of Carroll Magee, resigned.

District No. 11, New Windsor—Alfred Bankerd, appointed Judge of Election in place of Charles T. Repp, resigned.

District No. 11, Charles T. Repp, appointed Clerk in place of Alfred Bankerd, resigned.

JOHN M. ROBERTS, President;
HENRY S. MUSSELMAN,
CHARLES H. SMITH,
Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll County.
Test:
aug 29 2t SAMUEL J. STONE, Clerk.

In the District Court of the United States
For the District of Maryland. In Bankruptcy.
In the matter of Elmer C. Beaver, a Bankrupt.

To the creditors of Elmer C. Beaver, of Westminster, in the County of Carroll and district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of August, A. D. 1903, the said Elmer C. Beaver, was duly adjudicated a bankrupt by Hon. Thomas J. Morris, Judge of said Court; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of E. Oliver Grimes, Jr., Referee in Bankruptcy, 22 East Main Street, Westminster, Maryland, on the 5th day of September, A. D. 1903, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

E. OLIVER GRIMES, Jr.,
aug 21 3t Referee in Bankruptcy.

In the District Court of the United States
For the District of Maryland. In Bankruptcy.
In the matter of William C. Bollinger, a Bankrupt.

To the creditors of William C. Bollinger, of Manchester, in the County of Carroll and district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of August, A. D. 1903, the said William C. Bollinger, was duly adjudicated a bankrupt by Hon. Thomas J. Morris, Judge of said Court; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of E. Oliver Grimes, Jr., Referee in Bankruptcy, 22 East Main Street, Westminster, Maryland, on the 5th day of September, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

E. OLIVER GRIMES, Jr.,
aug 21 3t Referee in Bankruptcy.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters Testamentary on the estate of

ALBERT SCHAEFFER,

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 subscribers, on or before the 18th day of March, 1904, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 18th day of August, 1903.

MARY C. SCHAEFFER,
GEORGE E. SCHAEFFER,
aug 21 4t Executors.

TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF CARROLL COUNTY.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll County will meet at its office, in Westminster, Maryland, on TUESDAY, the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, 1903, at 9 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of granting removal certificates. If the voter's name has already been erased, the certificate will be given to him or any person applying for it, but if the VOTER'S NAME HAS NOT BEEN ERASED HE MUST APPLY IN PERSON FOR IT.

JOHN M. ROBERTS, President;
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Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll county.
aug 28 3t.

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By order JNO. E. MASENHIMER.
au-2-1y Clerk

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Our lot, 50c, 75c and $1.00 Straw Hats at 25c each; some 25c Straw Hats 10c. Three large rolls 10c toilet paper for 20c. Assortment of $3.00, $3.50 and $4.00 Trunks, now $2.65. A line of $1.25 Satchels, large size, 79c. For good goods at very modest prices don't forget to call.

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

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

Tuesday, September 29th, and Tuesday, October the 6th, 1903,

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

Tuesday, October 13th, 1903,

at the following places in the several election precincts and districts, to-wit:

Dist. No. 1.—At Reaver's Storeroom in Rinedollar's Opera House, Taneytown.

Dist. No. 2, First Precinct.—At Johnson Hollenberry's Storeroom, in Uniontown.

Dist. No. 2, Second Precinct.—At the Room adjoining Angell's Store, in Tyrone.

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

Dist. No. 4, First Precinct.—At the old Hotel Property in Sandyville, owned by Lewis W. Capie.

Dist. No. 4, Second Precinct.—At the residence of States N. Dell, in Bird Hill.

Dist. No. 5, First Precinct.—At Storeroom of Benj. Dorsey, in Eldersburg, formerly owned by Dr. Shipley.

Dist. No. 5, Second Precinct.—At the Storeroom of Wm. A. Dorsey, Jr., in Berrett.

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

Dist. No. 6, Second Precinct.—At the Factory of C. M. Masenhimer, in Manchester.

Dist. No. 7, First Precinct.—At the Albaugh Building, corner Court and Main streets, in Westminster.

Dist. No. 7, Second Precinct.—At the Storeroom of the Wilson Buggy and Machine Company, West Main street, in Westminster.

Dist. No. 7, Third Precinct.—At the Home of Meade Ohler, opposite Albaugh Building on Main street, in Westminster.

Dist. No. 7, Fourth Precinct.—At the Lumber, Coal and Supply Company Building, corner Green and Liberty Streets, Westminster, second door on Liberty street from Green.

Dist. No. 8.—At the Firemen's Building in Hampstead.

Dist. No. 9.—At the Residence of John T. Ingles, in Taylorsville.

Dist. No. 10.—At the Home of Mrs. Lynn, in Middleburg.

Dist. No. 11.—at the Residence of C. E. West, Main street, in New Windsor.

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

Dist. No. 13.—At the Storeroom of John B. Runkles, in Mt. Airy.

JOHN M. ROBERTS, President;
HENRY S. MUSSELMAN,
CHARLES H. SMITH,
Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll County.
Test:
aug 28 7t SAMUEL J. STONE, Clerk.

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Th' crick? Why, bless you, man, it's good
To set an' watch it dream along
An' wish 't a feller understood
Th' words it's puttin' in its song.
Why, it comes playin' through th' farms,
A-whisperin' to all th' grass
An' calamus, 'at holds its arms
A-lettin' on 'at it can't pass.

An' then it sort o' hesitates
Before it turns to go through town,
As if th' water kind o' hates
To take th' path 'at hurries down
To where th' bridge spreads out a shade
'At makes th' ripples dark an' cool—
An' so it slips through there, afraid,
An' rests when it has reached th' pool.

Th' pool—you know where that is! Sho!
There where the ellum's biggest limb
Hangs out, a sign 'at down below
Is jest th' place for boys to swim.
An' then, th' crick, it travels on
An' fights th' rocks, an' seems to brawl
An' quarrel with 'em—when it's gone
It sends 'em back a partin' call.

Th' crick! Lord, bless you, man! Why, half
Th' fun o' life is jest to set
An' watch it run an' sing an' laugh
An' shake the sunshine till it's wet.
Th' crick is jest like human kind—
Or we're jest like it, as to that—
Fergettin' what we've left behind,
When we get where the big world's at.

—Chicago Tribune.

THE CAUSE OF THE GREENBAUM ASSIGNMENT.

There didn't seem to be anything for respectable, law abiding citizens to do but stand aside and let them shoot it out. If either had been a professional claim jumper or a "bad man" or one had been a tenderfoot, it would have been different.

But with Jack Walker and Ben Jones claiming the same ground we had no call to interfere. It would not have been neighborly and maybe not quite safe. They were both square men and good miners, who knew their rights and how to stand up for them. We were sorry enough, for good men were none too thick in Mercur, but it was their party, and we were not invited.

The trouble came about in this way: Their claims joined on the sides. Walker's was located back in the seventies, but he followed the placer boom into Idaho and only did his assessment work until shortly after Ben Jones located the ground to the west, when he came back and went to work in good earnest. He struck a splendid lead and after doing the necessary development applied for a patent. The official survey showed that his claim bore more to the west than anybody supposed and at the south end extended some sixty feet over the ground Jones was working and took in his shaft. Now, the shaft was down 200 feet or more, and had cost a lot of good money and hard work, and was in ore besides, but that wasn't by any means the worst. The apex of Jones' vein was in this little triangular piece of ground, and it was a strong vein and the only one he had yet found.

The apex of the vein is the point where it comes nearest the surface. When it is found on one's claim, the owner may follow the vein on its dip (which is its direction into the earth) between his end lines to the lower regions, if he wants to, and all the ore in it belongs to him. This may not strike you as quite fair, but it is mining law nevertheless, as held by the courts, and miners often find their best workings under the surface ground of their neighbors.

To understand this trouble you ought to know how mining locations are made. A claim may be 1,500 feet long by 300 on each side of the discovery. When it is located, stakes or monuments are put up at the point of discovery and at each corner, showing its dimensions and direction, and a description of it, giving date of location and name of locater, is recorded with the district recorder, and it cannot thereafter be changed, and all subsequent locations are made with reference to it.

When you remember that miners are not surveyors, and measurements are made by stepping the ground, and the side of a mountain is not as level as a floor, and that courses are run by looking at the sun or north star, you will conclude that accuracy is next to impossible until an actual survey is made. Jones searched the records before he located and tied to the older claim, taking Walker's west line for his east. He found Walker's northwest corner stake all right and stepped 1,500 feet in a southwesterly direction, that being the direction the records showed the claim to run, but failed to find the southwest corner stake. So he went over to the southeast one, which was still standing, and stepped 300 feet westward at right angles to the other line, as nearly as he could guess it, to where he intercepted the other line. He called that point Walker's southwest corner and his northeast and put up a monument. You see how easy it is to make a mistake of a few feet, and you will also see, if you are as bright as you look, that it wouldn't be difficult some pleasant evening after Jones had "struck it" in his shaft for Walker to move his southeast stake a little to the west and thus float his claim in that direction.

The whole thing depended on that stake. Walker's was the prior location, and if the stake hadn't been moved the ground was his, and if it hadn't been it was a hard thing to prove. That swinging stakes and florting a claim is killing business if you are caught, or was before courts and lawyers got so thick, but it is sometimes done nevertheless.

Jones knew the law and of course knew the vein went into his ground through the side line and that Walker could follow it if he got the apex and take all of his ore.

He had staked the ground himself, and had been honest and careful about it, and had spent all his money and two years of hard work in the shaft. He was absolutely certain Walker had floated his claim and intended to steal the ground, and he didn't purpose to let it go that way. To go to court meant big money for lawyers, surveyors and experts, and he didn't have any money to throw away. Besides, courts were slow, and he would be enjoined from taking out ore until the case was decided, and the chances were about even it would be decided wrong anyway. The ground was his. He had located and developed it and wasn't going to be beaten out of it. So the night after the survey he quietly moved his tent down near the shaft, went to town and got Winchesters for himself and his two miners, pulled up the surveyors' stakes and announced that he would hold the property. Of course he had no business to do that. What he ought to have done was to file a contest in the land office and protest Walker's patent, then commence suit in the district court to determine the title, and that is just what a claim jumper or blackmailer would have done, in the hope of being bought off. But Jones was only a common miner who didn't know much about the technicalities of the law, but did know there was virtue in a good gun in a righteous cause.

John Walker, although older was by nature a good deal such a man as Jones. Absolutely honest and fearless, he thought he could come nearer guessing what was right between man and man than the courts and when he had guessed didn't need any officer to make or help him to do what ought to be done. He was as much surprised as anybody when the survey showed his lines took in some of Ben's ground and his shaft. He was glad of it, because if the vein turned and came back into his ground he wouldn't lose his ore. But he didn't want Ben's shaft or the ore under the surface and was going over to tell him so when he learned that the young miner accused him of swinging lines and proposed to hold the ground with a gun. That put a different face on the matter. It wouldn't do to let the hot headed fool defy the the law in that way. Besides, since he was so free with his accusations it was no two to one he hadn't himself pulled the stake and located on purpose to make a conflict and be bought off. Then again, the affidavit of possession could not be made and the patent procured while Jones held the ground. So the next day he rode over to Ophir to get Bill Bliss and his brother to go with him up to the property and see who owned it. He had done them many a good turn and knew they would stay with him. They were miners and not regular fighting men, but he didn't wan't toughs who would fight for either side for $25 a day. He was a respectable man himself and looked up to by all the miners and feared by the outlaws, and he wanted things done as they should be. He paid up his little bills and arranged business matters the best he could and made a will, so if it turned out that he didn't own that little strip his affairs would be in as good a shape as possible. This may look like a reckless and lawless piece of business to the average reader, and it was, but it didn't strike the miners and gamblers of Mercur so, and every man in camp knew that either Walker or Jones or both would be dead on the disputed ground within the next twenty-four hours, and nobody thought of trying to stop them.

Walker was hardly over the divide when the Salt Lake stage drew up at the cabin and unloaded his wife and three children. It had been their intention all along to come out for the hot weather, but not for three or four weeks yet. But the owner of their cottage sold it to some one who wanted to move in at once. Mrs. Walker knew the father would be glad enough to see them at any time, so stored the things not needed at the camp, sent the others out by freight wagons and loaded herself and children into the stage and came on.

Nobody told her about her husband's trouble or why he went to Ophir. She and the girls gayly took possession and proceeded to clean up the cabin and have a woman cook supper for its grizzly old owner when he got back. They were so taken up with their work and with speculating on where best to hide to see papa's surprised face when he came in that they forgot all about little Jack for as much as five minutes. When mamma looked up and asked Katie where Jack was, she answered, "Just out in front picking mountain flowers." Her mother suggested she had better look after him a little or he might wander away. Katie looked, but there was no Jack in sight. She went around the cabin and then extended the search and was soon chasing wildly through the sagebrush in that vicinity, but saw no sign of the runaway. When she rushed back out of breath and said she could not find him, there was a commotion in that two room cabin. The mother and Edna joined in the search, and the neighbor woman. They knew he couldn't have gone far, but it was getting late, and Jack wanted to be

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