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TO THE PUBLIC.

In view of the many inquiries that have been most naturally made during the past week, it becomes our duty to make a frank statement to the public.

Because of the fact that a number of persons are interested in the AMERICAN SENTINEL and job printing office; for the protection of all these interests the undersigned were by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, appointed Receivers, and will continue the publication of the AMERICAN SENTINEL and all the work of the office, under the same business and editorial management that existed before the death of Mrs. E. J. Rippard.

So far as the interests of the public are concerned there is no change whatever in the conduct of the office, and we solicit the continued patronage of subscribers and advertisers, assuring them that they will receive as in the past, faithful and efficient service.

E. O. GRIMES, Jr.,
W. L. SEABROOK,
Receivers.

PUBLIC SALES OF VALUABLE REAL and PERSONAL PROPERTY.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., the subscribers, as executors of John Arthur, late of said county, deceased, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, situated along the road from Westminster to Taneytown—about 8 miles from the former place and 4 miles from the latter, on

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, 1906,

at 9 o'clock, A. M., sharp, the following Real Estate, to-wit: A small tract of land containing about FOUR ACRES, upon which the improvements are an 8-room Log Dwelling House, Weatherboarded, with Summer House adjoining; Barn, Hog House, Smoke House, Hen House, and other outbuildings, with a Well of good Water convenient to the buildings, an abundance of good fruit, &c. All the buildings, are in good condition, the land fertile. The property is convenient to churches, schools, stores, &c, and is a very desirable little home.

Also, at the same time and place the following Personal Property will be sold:

1 Bay Mare, good driver; 1 new Falling Top Buggy, 1 Stick Wagon, 1 good Hand Cart, 2 sets Buggy Harness, one new; forks, shovels, rakes, hoes, &c.; a lot of Hay, Straw and Fodder, a lot Boards, Rails, Coal, a large pile of cut Wood, about 300 lbs. Bacon, a lot of Fried Down Sausage, Pork Steak, Apple Butter, Potatoes by the bushel, barrel of Vinegar, 50 barrels of Corn, one-half interest in 19 acres of growing Wheat, and half interest in 3 acres of growing Rye, 2 shot guns. Also Household and Kitchen Furniture, consisting of 4 Bedsteads and Bedding, complete, Bureaus, Wardrobes, 2 Clocks, Looking Glasses, Wash Stands, chairs, tables, towel racks, large lot of carpets by the yard, oil cloth, rugs, blankets, bedspreads, comforts, quilts, sheets, bolsters and pillow cases, napkins, towels, tidies, 2 self-feeder Coal Stoves, 1 Comfort Range, in good condition; sink, kitchen table, washing machine, iron kettle and stand, lots of queens and glassware, kitchen utensils, generally, jarred fruit of all kinds, &c.

The subscribers, as executors aforesaid, will also sell at Public Sale, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1906,

at 1 o'clock P. M., that valuable little Farm, located along the road leading from the old plank road to the Uniontown county road, about 1 mile from Tyrone and 2 miles from Uniontown and containing

55 ACRES, MORE OR LESS,

adjoining lands of David H. Hahn, Lewis Myers, Calvin Dodrer and others. The improvements thereon consist of a comfortable and commodious Log House, weatherboarded; fine Bank Barn and all other necessary outbuildings, with water convenient to the buildings. The land is under good cultivation and productive, with good fencing, and the buildings are all in good condition. This is a very desirable small farm and well worthy the attention of persons desiring such property.

Terms of Sale of Real Estate.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid to said executors on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof by the said court, and the residue in two equal payments, the one payable in 6 months and the other in 12 months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bonds or single bills of the purchaser or purchasers, with sufficient security, bearing interest from the day of sale, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser or purchasers.

Terms of Personal Property.—All sums of $5 and under, cash; on all sums above $5 a credit of 9 months will be given, purchasers giving their notes with approved security, and bearing interest from the day of sale. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

ROBERT ARTHUR,
DAVID SHORB,
jan 12 4t Executors.

E. Oliver Grimes, Jr., Attorney at Law.

NO. 4263 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

EX-PARTE. In the matter of the Trust Estate of C. Edwin Helwig, Ralph J. Royer Trustee.

Ordered, this 12th day of January, A. D. 1906, by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, that this court take jurisdiction in the Trust Estate of the said C. Edwin Helwig and that the said Ralph J. Royer, trustee, settle said Trust Estate under the supervision and control of the said Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity And it is further ordered that the said Ralph J. Royer, Trustee in the above named cause, give the usual notice to the creditors of the said C. Edwin Helwig who were such prior to the 11th day of January, A. D. 1906, to file their claims, properly authenticated with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County on or before the 19th day of March, by causing a copy of this order to be published in some newspaper in Carroll County, once a week for four successive weeks before the 12th day of February, A. D. 1906.

WM. H. THOMAS.

True copy.—Test:
jan 12 4t DAVID P. SMELSER, Clerk.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County:
December Term, 1905.

Estate of Oliver J. Hoover, deceased.

On application, it is ordered, this 15th day of January, 1906, that the sale of the real estate of Oliver J. Hoover, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by Rebecca Hoover and Geo. O. D. Hoover, executors of the last will and testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this court by the said executors, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 3rd Monday, 30th day of February 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, 15th day of February, next. The report states the amount of sale to be $220.00.

A. KURTZ MYERS,
JOHN E. ECKENRODE,
GEORGE R. RUPP,
Judges.

True copy.—Test:
jan 19 3t J. J. Stewart, Register of Wills.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., letters of Administration on the estate of

WILLIAM H. SHAEFFER,

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 9th day of August, 1906, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 9th day of January, 1906.

HARRY K. SHAEFFER,
FRANK T. SHAEFFER,
jan 12 4t Administrators.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

CHARLES E. PICKETT,

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 23rd day of August, 1906, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of January, 1906.

THOMAS A. BARNES,
jan 26 4t Administrator.

CLAUDE TILDEN SMITH,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
WESTMINSTER, Md.
Office No. 7 Court Street. 12 tf

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For rare bargains in Embroideries and Torchon Laces, visit this counter, where you will find goods fully worth 10c yd. going at **5c Yd.**, and plenty to select from.

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ANNUAL ELECTION.

Office Westminster Cemetery Company,
Westminster, Md., Jan. 16th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given to the Lotholders of the Westminster Cemetery Company, that the annual election for a President and Board of Six Managers of said Company, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the First National Bank of Westminster, on

TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 6th, 1906, between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock.

P. S.—Notice is also given that the stated meeting of the present Board will be held at 6½ o'clock, P. M., on the same day, at which time a full report of the operations of the company for the past year will be given to the lotholders.

jan 20 3t JOHN J. REESE, Secretary.

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I have stocked the store with New Goods in all lines, and will have no old stock of any description whatever. I will keep

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Very Respectfully,
MILTON A. SULLIVAN, No. 90 West Main Street, Westminster, Md.
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The Dwelling House recently occupied by Guy W. Steele, Esq., on Court St. Eight rooms and modern improvements. Reasonable repairs or improvements will be made to suit tenant. Immediate possession given.

jan 5 tf CHARLES E. FINK.

STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING.

The Stockholders of the Farmer's Fertilizer Company, of Carroll County, are hereby notified to meet at the Company's Office in Westminster, on

TUESDAY, 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1906, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the transaction of such business as may be brought before them.

By order of the Board,
JOHN ROYER,
jan 12 4t Secretary.

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ENGLISH and GERMAN SPOKEN.

THE OLD MILL.

Here from the brow of the hill I look
Through the lattice of boughs and leaves,
On the old gray mill with its gambrel roof,
And the moss on its rotting eaves;
I hear the clatter that jars its walls,
And the rushing water's sound,
And I see the black floats rise and fall
As the wheel goes slowly around.

I rode there often when I was young,
With my grist on the horse before,
And talked with Nelly, the miller's girl,
As I waited my turn at the door:
And while she tossed her ringlets brown,
And flirted and chatted so free,
The wheel might stop or the wheel might go,
It was all the same to me.

'Tis twenty years since last I stood
On the spot where I stand to day,
And Nelly is wed, and the miller is dead,
And the mill and I are gray.
But both, till we fall in ruin and wreck,
To our fortune of toil are bound,
And the man goes, and the stream flows,
And the wheel moves slowly round.

—Thomas Dunn Egglish.

"LOOIZY."

BY FRANK H. SWEET.

From Farm and Fireside.

The girl straightened up from her heavy cotton hoe, pushed back her sunbonnet, and hollowed a toil-worn hand over her mouth into a trumpet, directing it toward the adjoining field.

'O-oh, Loo-i-zy,' she called, 'he's comin' home to-morrow. He writ so.'

The other girl did not seem to understand, for her hand went into a curve behind her ear.

'Comin'—home—tomorrow—Kemp is,' the trumpet carried more shrilly over the two fields of cotton plants.

This time the other girl nodded comprehendingly, hesitated a little, and then stuck her hoe into the ground, blade up, and crossed to join her friend.

As she pased down between the rows of cotton barefooted and coarsely clad, with a man's dilapidated straw hat pushed back from her forehead, she presented a picture which brought a pleased look into the eyes of the waiting girl.

'Looizy is purty, jest purty,' she said to herself, softly. 'No wonder Kemp wants to see her. The surprisin' thing is how he's kept away so long. But then, she was only a gal when he left. Look at that ha'r now.'

The approaching girl was silhouetted like a clear-cut etching against the morning sun, and its rays had caught up the golden meshes of her hair and reflected them across the shimmering green into the warm eyes of her friend. A goldfinch was singing rapturously to itself as it bounded in midair overhead, and beyond the cotton field in the background a group of live oaks pressed their dense foliage against the sky as a fitting frame for the aureole of the girl's head.

'Looizy, you're a perfect picture,' breathed her friend, as she drew near. 'I jest wish you could see yourself a minute.'

Looizy flushed and laughed protestingly.

'It's jest 'cause you like me, Linda,' she smiled. 'An' anyway, prettiness ain't no great. It don't hoe a single plant o' that cotton for me, nor make the rows a bit shorter. Hey-ho!' stretching her arms above her head in good-natured exaggeration of discontent, 'threewhole days a-draggin' back an' forth across the field, an' a week more to come. An' that's only jest one part o' the work. If dad wa'n't humpin' to get more mules an' a cotton gin, an' to make his farm the best one in all the country round, I'd beg for jest one shiftless year so we could sort o' rest up.'

Linda's face grew wistful.

'You-all have the best farm in the country now,' she said, 'an' it's gettin' better all the time. I'ts a pleasure just to walk over to your fence an' look 'round. An' then see ours; tumble-down fences an' tumble-down house, an' everything lookin' like 't wa'n't keered for nor kept up. It makes me sick every time I look around.'

'But you all are doing something so much better an' finer,' cried Looizy, her face flushed with enthusiasm. 'What's fences an' more mules an' new plows 'longside o' educatin', and makin' a gentleman of one's own brother? Ever since I've known you-all, you've worked hard an' saved every cent for Kemp. You've sent him through little schools an' big schools, till he's learned everything there is in the world. It's grand. He'll make it all up to you, an' more.'

'Yes,' with a satisfied note of joy in her voice, 'I know he will, an' now he's home. But I hate tumble-down things, an' when I look 'round I feel we ought to have worked harder, so we could have helped him an' kept up things too.'

'Oh, well, never mind,' soothingly. 'Kemp's got his learnin' and will be helpin' you now. With you-all an' him it won't take no time to fix up the farm as well's ours. Then you'll have Kemp an' the farm, too.'

Linda shook her head.

'Kemp ain't comin' home to stay,' she answered, 'only just a little visit. Of course we'd knowed he couldn't, if we'd just thought. The country here's too small for him now. I'm glad he's got ahead so, except jest for daddy. Daddy's pretty old, you know, an' he's worked hard an' is all tired out, an' he' counted so on Kemp's comin home to stay. He sets the world an' all on Kemp, an'—an' the the letter upset him right bad. Then his havin' to sell the last pair o' mules, too.'

'What for?' sympathetically.

'Oh, it'll only be for a little while, Kemp writes, an' then it'll be paid back a thousand times over. But it makes daddy feel bad, for he raised the mules an' hates to see 'em go. You see, Kemp's fitted for the biggest kind o' position now, an' he advertised for it jest as soon's he got through his last school. He didn't want to keep us spendin' money on him, he wrote. But folks ain't got to know him yet, an' he's been waitin' nearly a year an' used up all the money we could send. There's been plenty o' small jobs offered him, he writes, but they'd hurt his chances an' have him busy when the proper one comes. So he's waited. It'll only be a little while now, for there's a number o' big places needin' him. He's jest comin' for a few days to see us an' git the mule money, an' then will go back to be ready. He has to dress up fine, of course, or the fine places will slip by. We all are going to be mighty proud o' Kemp some day.'

'Of course we are,' acquiesced Looizy, warmly, 'the whole neighborhood 'round. There ain't another young man in these parts that's had Kemp's chance.'

'Deed there ain't. That's what I tell daddy, an' he 'grees with me; but he's old an' tired out, an' feels bad that Kemp can't come to stay. But we-all 'll be mighty glad to have him for even a few days.' She looked at her friend archly, adding: 'Kemp wrote a whole lot about you, an' about you an' him bein' engaged when you wa'nt but thirteen. Funny you ain't seen each other in more'n eight years. But Kemp ain't forgot. I wrote him how you-all was gettin' the best farm in the country an' your dad makin' money, an' that you was the prettiest girl ever lived, an' Kemp he was real interested. He writ the very next day an' said a whole lot about you an' him bein' engaged—though we knew it before. Mebbe he'd forgot that. An' he said he should start right off, he wanted to see you so bad. The letter came this mornin', an' he'll be here to-morrow. That shows how much he thinks of you. Won't it be nice when you're married an' get to be one of us?' gleefully.

Looizy looked at her tenderly. 'It'll be nice to have you for a sister, Linda,' she answered. 'But I spect I shall be scared o' Kemp, he's such a great man now. I—I wish, though,' hesitating, as though the wish might be blasphemy, 'that Kemp hadn't asked for the mule money.'

'Oh, daddy ain't mindin' the wuth a bit,' quickly; 'it's only the partin' with mules he's raised. An'—an'—it'll be a little hard with the farm work for a while. If 't wa'n't for Calvin I don't see what daddy could do—not for a short time, I mean, till Kemp sends money for new mules an' horses an' carriages an' farm tools, like he wrote.'

'Calvin's a good boy,' said Looizy. 'I heard dad tellin' the other day that he was the most promisin' young man in the neighborhood, reliable, steady, ambitious an' hard workin'. You ought to be proud to have two such brothers as Kemp an' Calvin.'

'I am,' answered Linda, 'but of course Calvin ain't to be compared with Kemp. He's a good boy, though, an' does most all the work on the farm, an' he's learned how to read an' write an' a lot more things from books in the evenin's. He has to work by day, an' of course we could never spare him to 'tend school. Yes, Calvin's a good boy, far's not havin' genius goes.'

'H'sh! here he comes now,' warned Looizy.

A compactly built young man with strong face and bright, cheery eyes had vaulted the boundary fence by placing a hand lightly upon the top rail, and was now coming toward them with quick, eager strides. But though he nodded and smiled at his sister, his words and eyes were for their neighbor.

'Your dad at home, Miss Looizy?' he asked.

'Yes, paintin' the barn.'

'Then I reckon I'd better hurry over. He told me yesterday that he wanted me to come an' help lift some heavy ladders he couldn't manage by himself, to paint up under the eaves an' on the ends. Kemp'll be here to-morrow, an' I 'low he'll be callin' for most of my time, one way an' another.'

'Yes, Linda just told me you was expectin' him. You-all must be glad—though,' roguishly, 'I don't s'pose you remember him much, bein' eight years?'

Calvin grimaced a little.

'I remembered him all right,' he answered. 'He made me do most of his work, an' beat me for exercise an' to keep me in mind that he could make me do it all, I suppose. He was two years older than me.'

'Calvin!' remonstrated Linda, hotly. 'You were nothin' but boys then. All boys fight, an' I don't doubt you provoked him.'

'P'raps,' grinned Calvin. 'I know I wanted to, an' I was fourteen then—old enough to know my own mind. But you needn't feel anxious, Linda. I don't hold any spite against Kemp, an' shall help to give him the very best time I can. Besides,' with another grin, 'Kemp writes he weighs a hundred and twenty; I weigh a hundred and fifty; so there won't be any of the old misunderstandin!'

'I've been tellin' Looizy some o' the things Kemp wrote,' said Linda, mischievously. 'See how she colors up. Oh, Kemp'll have a good time all right. But you must drive him 'round all you can, Calvin, to every place he used to go. Kemp was never very much with animals, an' didn't like to go by himself.

A shadow had come to Calvin's face, but he nodded with a forced smile and a side glance at Looizy. She was not looking at either of them, but off across the fields, in which, however, there was no cheeriness.

'I'll 'tend to him all right,' he said, 'But I must be going now, or them ladders'll be sendin' roots into the ground.'

The next day brought Kemp, a tall well-dressed, fine-looking young man with easy tongue and frank, confidential manner that won them all from the start. Even Looizy's shyness and apprehension melted rapidly away. Linda was openly jubilant, and her father happy. Calvin met his brother with warm, memory-effacing cordiality, to which was soon added a respect and admiration which he would not have believed possible. Kemp was well informed, with clear head and remarkably practical views of life. He had come home to conquer, and all his forces of agreeableness were kept forward to that end. He went into the fields and worked with them as he had never done in the old days, he walked with Linda, deferred to his father, and talked with Calvin about crops and their studies in the future. When the mules were sold it was done more as an act of pleasure than sacrifice, and without even the expected regret being felt. Kemp was going to return everything so abundantly, and it would not be many months before the mules would be repurchased. Inside of a week Calvin made it a point to seek Looizy and apologize for what he had said about Kemp' overbearing disposition as a boy.

'He's all right,' he said, 'an' smart's a steel trap. Folks used to 'low he was good stock, but sp'iled in the raisin', an' that was my idea. But we was all mistaken. You—you'll have a fine man, Looizy.'

But though the words were bravely spoken, and the look which accompanied them open and sincere, when he turned away the shadow came back to his face, stronger than ever, so strong that all the resolutneess of his nature could not efface it when alone by himself.

Looizy's practical father had been the most suspicious and uncompromising, but even he began to waver and show signs of capitulation. Kemp was interested in every detail of the farm, and accompanied him from point to point, asking numberless questions of valuation and possibility, and making shrewd suggestions that surprised and delighted the money-making farmer; and though the old man was a close-mouthed person generally, it was not many days before Kemp knew almost to a dollar the valuation of his possessions.

But Looizy, as the days went by, missed something which she could not define herself. Beneath her practical common sense was an undercurrent of romance. Kemp seemed to meet every desirable quality that she could have expressed in words, and yet a shadow was beginning to sober her eyes, which, oddly enough, the presence of Calvin sometimes lifted. But Looizy did not know. If she had been asked whom she loved, she would have said Kemp, unhesitatingly. And Calvin would have said the same; so he went off more and more to himself.

One day he and Kemp met on the bank of a small stream which formed a boundary line of the two places. Calvin had a pick which he intended to use against some obstructing roots; Kemp was returning from a visit to Looizy's father. Between them and the cultivated fields was a fringe of young live oaks, made dense by an undergrowth of shrubs. The river path was a favorite walk of the neighborhood.

'Linda brought a letter from the postoffice for you just now,' Calvin began, affably, 'from Macon, the postmark said.'

Kemp looked grave.

'Yes, from the young lady I spoke to you about, very likely,' he answered. 'I've been half expecting one, for I haven't written in over two weeks. Well,' regretfully, 'I suppose I shall have to write and tell her it's off.'

'What's of?'

'Why, whatever's between us, of course. Meta's the prettiest girl I ever met, and the nicest. I stopped there coming down, and a few things were said without much thinking. I knew as soon as I left that it would have to be broken off, for her people haven't a bit of money.'

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