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PROCLAMATION

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of Maryland.

WHEREAS, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen...

CHAPTER 845. AN ACT to amend Section 44, Part VII, of Article 4, title "Sheriffs," of the Constitution of this State...

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, three-fifths of all the members of each of the two houses concurring, that the following section be and the same be proposed as an amendment to Section 44, Part VII, of Article 4, title "Sheriffs," of the Constitution of this State...

Sec. 44. There shall be elected in each county in every second year, one person, resident in said county above the age of twenty-five years, and at least five years preceding his election, a citizen of the State...

He shall hold his office for four years, and until his successor is elected and qualified; shall be eligible for re-election; shall give such bond, exercise such powers and perform such duties as now are prescribed by law...

In case of vacancy by death or resignation, refusal to serve, or neglect to qualify, or removal from office, the Governor shall appoint a person to be Sheriff for the remainder of the term...

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State shall be at the next General Election...

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NOTICE. The following applications for oyster grounds in or adjacent to St. Mary's County are now on file in the office of the Board of Shell Fish Commissioners of Maryland. Published charts of the natural oyster bars of St. Mary's County are filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County.

Notice is hereby given that all protests against the granting of said oyster grounds must be filed in the Circuit Court of St. Mary's County on or before the 12th day of October 1914. Applicant Address Acres

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THREE PICTURES.

Dawn is breaking in the far East. Upon the wretched and the sad: Now weary eyes can only fast. In terror for the world seem mad. All the dear, sweet beauties of old Are shattered and blood stained now:

War, cruel war, stains their soul, With vengeance written on their brow: Tiny babes and widowed mothers Are left to perish, yes, to die; Go to battle fathers, brothers-- Blood-shed! Blood-shed! is the cry!

The sun is sinking in the West, And eyes are dim and steps are slow: All is anguish and unquiet rest: For dreadful war has struck a blow: With food so high, makes times so hard.

We face a famine, near to death; Humbly now we pray to God-- Pray and plead with our every breath, For our stricken friends o'er the way, Then for our own we grieve and sigh: Thousands are shattered every day, Are we to perish too and die?

God sits in Heaven on His throne And looks on His smouldering world: He hears our sigh and our moan, Yet on His brow, is there a frown? Ah! blood-shed is an awful thing, And war is cruel and not right; Will the Angels forget to sing? Never two wrongs did make a right: God holds the Earth within His hand; He will soon this old world will cease, All the vast waters and the land, Because, He loves our souls and Peace. HOPE.

BOOK WAS THERE TO STAY Beth Fisherman and Girl With Gorgeous Hat Displaced at Some-what Unusual Happening.

It was Sunday evening, and the Independent Broad Hippie car was packed with a happy but somewhat crowd of pleasure seekers. On the back platform were a number of fishermen with their rods and minnow buckets. A back seat "reserved" for smokers, but generally occupied by women of the usual number. One of the women wore a hat that must have been the envy of all the others. If all the feathers on it were taken from one ostrich, that unfortunate bird must be in retirement, for he certainly has no clothing left.

A hook attached to a line on a four-foot pole dangled down from the creation of the milliner's art and finally caught it. Unconscious of what was to come, the owner of the hat, as well as the owner of the hook and her feet, dangled down from the car, and as he did so the hat and about 80 cents worth of false hair started with him.

The young woman, shorn of her adornment, uttered a shriek, sprang to her feet and clawed the atmosphere wildly. Sympathetic passengers hurried to the rescue, but the hook was there to stay. Nearly two embarrassing minutes were lost before the conductor took an active part. Then he drew his pocket knife and cut the line despite the protest of its owner. The girl finally proceeded, the fisherman went on his way, muttering, and the young woman rode to the center of the city with a turtle hook and about a foot of line attached to her hair.

"That's getting the hook all right," said a passenger. The young woman looked dazed because everybody laughed--Indiana News.

BUILT TO OBTAIN DISTORTION Camera, the Idea of German Engineer, Capable of Producing Most Remarkable Effects.

A German engineer has built a camera based on the pinhole principle, in which instead of a small round hole he uses narrow slits, vertical and horizontal in the two walls, although to vary the effects, other angles are sometimes employed. With this arrangement he is able to obtain exact perspective pictures, showing either vertical or horizontal dimensions out of proportion. By multiplying the number of slitted walls between the plate of the camera and the object, and including some of them at an angle, he has produced some remarkable photographs. Thus a landscape may be made to appear flat or hilly, or a street scene may be radically changed in character. Architects and caricaturists to produce comical distortions, and decorative painters to vary patterns or to produce condensed or extended letter types without altering their character. Popular Mechanics.

Royalty and Politics. It is difficult for people in this country to understand how it happens that in Europe all family affairs are mixed up with politics. Five years ago the Duchess Jutta of Mecklenburg married the Prince Baudouin, heir to the crown of Belgium. She is now at the Hotel Germania, held there for a serious nervous affection. It is well known, say foreign papers, that this state of ill health is due to the reception she recently met at the court of Cettinje. King Nicholas has obstinately refused to see his daughter-in-law. The support given by Austria and Germany to Italy to force him to abandon Serbia roused him to fury. King Nicholas will not pardon his daughter-in-law for being German, and by his orders she was cast out of the court. The effect made by Prince Baudouin for the reception of his offending wife only met this response from the fierce old king: "No Germans about me! No you there!"

Acute Indigestion. "I was annoyed for over a year by attacks of acute indigestion, followed by constipation," writes Mrs. M. J. Gallagher, Geneva, N. Y. "I tried everything that was recommended to me for this complaint but nothing did me much good until about four months ago I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and procured a bottle of them from our druggist. I soon realized that I had gotten the right thing for it helped me at once. Since taking two bottles of them I can eat heartily without any bad effects. Sold by all dealers--adv.

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"QUALITY OF MERCY"

By HAZEL W. NELSON.

(Copyright.) It was hot--and very still--in the court room. From without came a distant rumble of life, a faint clanging of trolley-car bells, or the roll of heavy trucks over the cobblestones of the thoroughfare blocks away; but this was a quiet side street. In the intense heat of mid-noon in July the rows of wooden houses, pretentious enough in the early part of the century, were now little used and falling to decay; the overgrown yards, the wide street with its few old trees, stretched sunny and deserted. Now and then a footstep might be heard far up the street, passing, and then grow fainter in the distance. But for the most part people preferred to doze behind closed blinds till the cool of evening brought some relief to the day, one who had tucked their handskerchiefs inside their wilted collars, had then stripped off their coats, and now sat, a study in blue, red, plaid shirtsleeves, all inwardly curing the fate that called them to jury duty in such intolerable weather. A cool, fair-minded jury, indeed!

But there was one person in the court room that cared neither for the heavy silence nor the oppressive heat. The defendant was a young man, under thirty; the whiteness of his clean-cut face was intensified by dark lines of disipation under his eyes. He held his head high, seeming to feel the disgrace of his position or to ask any mercy. Even the crankiest member of the jury felt vaguely that he was not just like the other timorous, or sullen, wretches who had come before them during that term of court.

He himself could hardly account for the strange exhilaration, the wonderful hope, that had possessed him. Even the witnesses against him, who in turn had come to the stand and testified as one man concerning his evidence, gazed at him as they stepped down. He was an affair with the inner-keeper at Paterson had been painted pretty dark; but, although things looked rather black for him from that point of view, his high hopes were not daunted for a moment. His lawyer was so encouraging, and the case seemed so plainly merely one of hard luck on his part.

His eye lighted in contempt on the faded little clerk bending over his writing; how old and weary and dried-up he looked! And he broadened and he himself was so overflowing with life, with the splendid joy of living and with the thoughts of that new and higher life now being unfolded to him. The old clerk faded and gone.

"Love!" he told himself, "there are so many big things a fellow can do--such a satisfaction working day and night toward some end--"

To be sure he hadn't worked very hard yet, but his days meant to him--always directed of great things he would do for the world some time. So far his life had been something of a failure, it's true; these last four years, anyway, he had gone a pretty fast pace. But he had been used to that. His face grew dark as one memory after another crowded upon him; one of a mere lad eagerly pleading forgiveness from his father for some thoughtless prank, and the stern rigidity of the old man's face as he looked on; of a young man, with a face grown harder and more sullen, suspended from college without a fair hearing because he would not "peach" on his classmates--and a thousand others. The lines of bitterness around his mouth deepened; then came his lawyer's words:

"How well we remember our own young days, when perhaps we, too, looked at a pretty good sized crop of wild oats. Gentlemen, the jury, what is this so-called crime but a boyish trick, carried, perhaps, too far? And always--"

The defendant's face faded, and he smiled. It seemed as if the humor-scarum had, that young dave, were another person entirely; he himself was so changed now. Of course, people would make allowances for the witness of a young man; they were always ready to forgive the scrapes of mischievous boys, especially the good-looking ones.

And then like a flash came a picture of a day long ago, when he was a boy off in the country; a picture of the old weather-beaten court house at Pleasant Mountain, overgrown with woodbine, and a great weeping willow almost in front of the door. That day he had had Wilkins and Andy Blake had been to the circus at Upton--Upton was twelve miles from his father's farm; it was such a large, flourishing town with a brick walk down Main street, and the circus always came there; and that exciting day he and Andy and Bud had been to the circus, and they--oh, joy! had happened in upon a real live trial at the court house.

But and Andy had shinned up the willow tree and peeped in the window, but he had on his Sunday pants and trousers--upon shinning; so he had shined and peeped in through the crowd of farmers.

He could see now, after all these years, the drawn, haggard face of the prisoner at the bar, and feel again the pity with which he had eyed the poor prisoner. And yet--

With a start he realized that was not he, that same little boy, was the prisoner. It surprised him to notice how the thought struck him. But then that man had been tried for murder, the murder of a life-long enemy, in a passion of rage, and had been sentenced to death. And though his crime was not so monstrous, the penalty looked unutterably worse.

He saw himself, in a convict's suit, and with close shaven head, peering

stone on the public road, marching in automatic lock-step, or sitting, a solitary figure, in dim cell, in the remotest of the prison life added to the never-ceasing cruelty of his thoughts, slowly eating away his sanity; and then, to go out into the world, to run across old friends, to learn, with the brand of a lightning bolt upon him, that his fingers clutched fiercely at the arm of his chair; it had all passed through his mind in one brief instant--and again the sweetly persuasive tones of the lawyer:

"Gentlemen, we are not yet so old or so hardened that we cannot smile with condescension upon the indiscretions of the young. Surely you have not forgotten your own college days. Perhaps as a law student you were one of the--the--unfortunate students of these thoughtless young men, some similar scene from your own experience will rise before you and move you to pity."

"It is a very dark night, no moon, only a few stars. Several young men in a huge packard are returning from a midnight revel, rendered perhaps rather--irresponsible--you get my meaning, gentlemen, by long reveling and much champagne."

"One of the young fellows is in rather low spirits because of large losses at cards early in the evening--very hard luck he had had that night--and the crowd devises a game, a crazy scheme of hiding at a corner and--er--picking somebody's pocket. And so they draw up in a dark side street leading from the park, and the one young gentleman gets out--and waits not many minutes before footpads are heard--and you know the rest, gentlemen."

"In the excitement of the moment no doubt he struck harder than was intended--and the old gentleman was not strong--but surely to burn up your discrimination the affair will not be regarded as serious, especially as the old gentleman is reported out of danger. The law is a punisher--not an avenger, and when an administrator of law without mercy we oppress the people!"

"An unconscious way he heard the lawyer's voice going on, but his head teemed with a surge of thoughts: Yes, this was the old, dogmatic, narrow-minded system of law, he agreed, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, why, he, who had done a criminal's deed (he could face the cold facts now), would have to pay the corresponding penalty. But the defendant had no fears. He could trust these modern, intelligent jurymen to discern between a cold-blooded crime and a mad mistake. How kind and broad-minded the law looked; how ready to listen to reason and be convinced. He thought that he had never seen such a benevolent face at the judge's. It recalled a verse from some old book, "Charity suffereth long, and is kind." Yes, that was the judge's face exactly.

What a splendid thing this American system of law is, thought the accused. No hanging a man by a crazy mob, awarded for an instant by a blind fury against some poor wretch. No tyranny of a headstrong king, banishing a noble to the Tower for a momentary dislike or the whim of a favorite. What a difference now--nothing rash or emotional all the while, and keen judgment, justice and mercy!"

How alert his every sense was! Now his lawyer had finished the appeal, but he had taken amid a burst of applause, and the jurymen adjourned to the next room. He watched them until the door shut.

There was no look in a single one of the faces of that hard-represented jury that he had been used to. He was very broadminded of their comfortable backs seemed tolerant with that charity for a human being that was stirring all humanity.

The jurymen were not out of the room on matters. The facts of the case were quite clear to them; they were in a hurry to get home, and this was but a trifle; the murder trial on for tomorrow promised some excitement. One among the held back, voting against the decision of the others, but the outer room and its fur--so breath had overcome his slight reluctance.

In the court room the accused sat with his head in his hands, his thoughts were still running riot; he had to exert a supreme effort of will to hold himself in the chair. His pulses were tingling fiercely, with the love of mere living, with an exhilaration of gratitude that contracted his throat, with the sweetness of freedom after this tense nightmare, with a mighty resolve for the future--

"Thank heaven! I'm not an old man yet. Really, I'm