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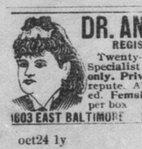

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SPECIAL SALE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

There will be a grand parade from all parts of the county to our store in Westminster **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th.** Will you be in line? The occasion of this great demonstration will be the first offering of BARGAINS in all departments for FALL and WINTER. New goods throughout all departments. Unquestionably the finest stock ever opened in the county. Every department enlarged and every detail looked after.

A few summer goods left that will be sold at prices which seem absurd. The balance of our Lawns at 1c. a yard. In order that as many as possible may be supplied no more than 10 yards will be sold to each customer. French Organdies that sold at 25c a yard cut to 5c a yard. Lot Wool Dress Goods sold up to 50 cts. cut to 25 cts. a yard.

NEW FALL DRESS GOODS AND SILKS.

4 pieces double width black figured Mohairs at 25 cents; 5 pieces single width black figured Mohairs at 18 cents; 15 pieces fall Plaids and Tweeds at 12½ cents; 4 pieces Tarlatan Plaids at 8 cents; 10 pieces new fall Flanettes at 10 cts. Novelties up to $1.25. Black Goods up to $2.39. All the popular Silks in colors and black.

NOTIONS.

5 dozen Huck Towels, fringed, 16x36, 10c a pair; 19 dozen Huck Towels, hemmed and fringed, 18x36, 19c a pair; 5 dozen pure Linen Towels, fringed, 23x47, 50c a pair. Lot Child's Vests at 1c each. Lot of Zephyr and Germantown at 3c an ounce, Ladies' seamless Tan Hose were 15c cut to 9c. Ladies' green, oxblood and white printed Hose cut to 19c. Ladies' Tarlatan Plaid Hose 35c. Ladies' Fancy Stripe Hose 25c. Ladies' Roman Stripe Lisle Thread Hose 50c. 25 dozen Ladies' Fast Black Hose at 5c. Men's heavy Hose worth 10c at 5c. Misses' seamless Hose, worth 15c, cut to 9c. Child's Wool Vests, sizes 16 to 20, worth 25c, at 10c. Child's Wool Pants, sizes 16 to 24, worth 25c, at 8c.

DOMESTICS.

3000 yards of extra heavy Brown Muslin, yard wide, at 5c. 1000 yards of Bleached Muslin, extra good, at 5c. Balance of Summer Gingham at 5c a yard. 800 yards standard Calicoes, in short lengths, from 10 to 20 yards, perfect goods, at 4c. Case new fall Prints, Sateen styles, at 5c. 250 yards Tick worth 8c at 5c a yard. 200 yards Tick worth 12½ at 10c a yard. 500 yards Tick, will hold feathers, worth 16c, at 12½c. 50 extra heavy full size Crochet Spreads worth 75c at 50c. 250 yards pure Linen Crash 19 inches, worth 12½ at 8c; 250 yards pure Linen Crash 21 inches, worth 15c at 10c; 250 yards pure Linen Crash, bleached, extra heavy, 14 inches, worth 12½c at 8c.

BLANKETS AND COMFORTS.

The effects of the tariff are being felt upon these goods. They are advancing every day. In a few weeks time they will be from 10 to 25 per cent. higher. Buy early. Buy now. Take advantage of the wonderful lowness of price. 150 pairs of Blankets, grey and white, 39c. 150 pairs of Blankets, grey and white, 50c. 100 pairs of Blankets, gray and white, 75c. 50 pairs of Blankets, grey and white, $1.00. 50 pairs of Blankets, grey and white, $1.25. 50 pairs of Blankets, grey and white, $1.50. 20 pairs of Blankets, grey and white, $2.00. 10 pairs of Blankets, gray and white, $2.50. 10 pairs of Blankets, grey and white, $3.00. 5 pairs of Blankets, white, $3.50. 5 pairs of Blankets, white, $4.00. 5 pairs of Blankets, white, $4.50. 24 Comforts at 50c. 24 Comforts at 75c. 24 Comforts at $1.00 12 Comforts at $1.25. 12 Comforts at $1.50. 12 Comforts at $2.00. 12 Comforts at $2.50. 12 Comforts at $3.00.

UMBRELLAS.

We got a chance to buy an immense lot of Umbrellas at a very decided advantage. The lot was a pretty big one, but we tackled it. All are warranted fast color. 100 Ladies' Umbrellas, natural wood handles, steel rod, covered with gloria, close wrap, 50c. 100 steel rod, paragon frame, 75c. 50 Dresden and enamel handles, $1.25. Men's 10 rib heavy gingham covered, 30 and 32 inches, 85c. 50 men's bamboo and weischel handles, close wrap, at $1.00. 50 men's mounted handles, $1.25. Every one of these Umbrellas is a good thing.

SHOES.

We are exhibiting our new line of Shoes for men and ladies. It is truly a handsome show. All the new shades and toes. We have a few shoes to close out cheap. 25 pairs Men's Tan Shoes, $2.00. 9 pairs Men's Patent Leathers, $1.50. 20 pairs Bike Shoes, $2.00. 25 pairs Child's Shoes, from 6 to 10, 50c. 75 pairs Misses' Shoes, from 12 to 1½, 75c.

HATS AND SHIRTS.

New shapes and colors in hats for fall. Balance of Straw hats up to $1.50, at 25c. Hats up to 50c, at 10c. All our summer Shirts divided into two prices. Sold up to $1.50. We have all sizes, at 39 and 75c.

CLOTHING.

The following is a complete list of all our summer clothing. We have cut the price to almost nothing, compared to the quality of the goods. 6 Men's suits, $1.79. 15 Men's Suits, $4.00. 25 pairs Men's Pants, 50c. 25 pairs Men's pants, 75c. 31 pairs Men's Pants, $1.00. 19 Boys' Suits, from 15 to 19, $3.89. 16 Boys' Suits, from 9 to 14, 59c. 1 lot Boys' Suits, from 11 to 15, $1.79. 1 lot Boys' Suits, from 9 to 16, $2.29. 1 lot Boys' Reefer Suits, from 4 to 6, $1.39.

Our fall line of Carpets is new and attractive. All bought before the tariff, consequently are low in price. It is by far the most complete and in fact the only complete carpet line in the county.

Don't forget to come to the **GREAT SPECIAL SALE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.** We will have an extra force of sales people and will do our best to accomodate all.

J. T. ORNDORFF'S SONS'

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UNDERSELLING STORES, WESTMINSTER, MD.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS at the January session in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six of the General Assemby of Maryland a bill was passed proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State by adding an additional section to Article fifteen thereof, to be known as Section eleven of said Article, which said bill and amendment are in the words following, to wit:

CHAPTER 459.

AN ACT to amend the Constitution of the State by adding an additional Section to Article fifteen thereof, to be known as Section eleven of said Article.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, (three-fifths of all the members of the House concurring,) That the following additional section be, and the same hereby is, proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State; and, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof as herein provided, it shall stand and be known as Section eleven, of Article fifteen of said Constitution:

11. Appointments in the Civil service of the State, in the municipalities and counties of the State, shall be made according to merit and fitness, to be ascertained as far as practicable by examination, which shall be competitive, except appointments which are subject to confirmation by the Senate, and the General Assembly shall pass all such laws as may be necessary more fully to carry into effect the provisions of this section.

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 held in this State, submitted to the legal aad qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article fourteen of the Constitutuion of this State and at the said general election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot used at said election shall be printed, after the lists of candidates, the question concerning the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment, so that each voter at such election can designate thereon in the manner prescribed by law, whether his vote is "For the Constitutional Amendment," or "Against the Constitutional Amendment" as he shall elect, and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the Governor of the State of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said fourteenth article of the Constitution.

Approved, April 4th, 1896.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LLOYD LOWNDES, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the provisions of Section one of Article fourteen of the Constitution of the State, do hereby order and direct that a copy of said bill proposing said constitutional amendment be published in at least two newspapers in each county, where so many may be published, and where not more than one may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be in the German language, once a week for at least three months preceding the next ensuing general election, (which said general election will be held on Tuesday, the Second day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven,) at which election the said proposed amendment shall be submitted, in the form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

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* THE *
GREAT SEAL
* OF *
* MARYLAND. *
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Given under my hand and the Great Seal of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis on the first day of July in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

LLOYD LOWNDES,
Governor of Maryland.

By order of the Governor:
RICHARD DALLAM,
July 31 14t Secretary of State.

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF A
Small Farm and Personal Property,
In Freedom District, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage from Henry M. Griffee and wife, to Herschel F. Lamotte, dated the 8th day of January, 1894, and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll County, in Liber B. F. C. No. 34, folio 290, and by him assigned to the Union National Bank, of Westminster, on the 10th day of December, 1896, and by the said Bank duly assigned to James A. C. Bond, which said assignments are duly recorded at the foot of said mortgage record, the undersigned, Assignee of Mortgagee, will sell at public sale, on the premises, on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1897, at one o'clock p. m., all the real estate described in said mortgage as containing 17 ACRES of land, more or less, situate in Freedom district, Carroll county, Md., and lying on the Arnold Road, leading from Gamber to the Poole road, 2 miles from Gamber and 3 miles from Eldersburg and occupied by Henry M. Griffee. It is improved by a two story frame dwelling, barn and other necessary outbuildings, all recently erected; water at door, small orchard and about 3 acres in timber. And will also sell on the same day a lot of personal property by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage, such as horses, cows, farming implements, drill, rake, binder, plows, harrows; also new stick wagon, buggy, and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale of Real Estate are—One-third cash upon the day of sale or upon the ratification thereof by the Court; the residue in two equal payments of 6 and 12 months, the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser with approved security bearing interest from day of sale, or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

Terms of Sale of Personal Property:—Cash on all sums of $10 or under; a credit of six months will be given on all sums above $10, to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers with approved security, with interest from day of sale.

J. A. C. BOND,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
Jos. W. Berret, Auct. aug28 ts

APPRECIATES BENEFITS OF LIFE INSURANCE.

401 CALHOUN, ST.,
BALTIMORE, MD., July 17, 1897.

Mr. M. H. Goodrich, General Agent, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR:—I desire to acknowledge receipt of the sum of $25,000 from the NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE, of Montpelier, Vt., in payment of the insurance on the life of my late husband, Mr. William T. Biedler. The proofs of death were submitted to the Company July 16th, 1897, and their check bears same date.

Major George C. Wedderburn (a warm personal friend of my husband) placed this insurance, and I received the above mentioned check through his hands.

I now appreciate the benefit of life insurance. I wish to extend my thanks to Major Wedderburn, and at the same time recommend the NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY to my friends and acquaintences.

Very respectfully and truly,
july24 tf FLORA C. BIEDLER.

DR. JOSEPH T. HERING. DR. THOS. J. COONAN.

DRS. HERING & COONAN

Have this day, July 16, 1897, formed a copartnership for the practice of medicine. Office will be at the present office of Dr. Hering, opposite the Union National Bank, Westminster, Md.

OFFICE HOURS.
7 to 9 A. M.
12 to 2 P. M.
6 to 8 P. M.

JOS. T. HERING,
THOS. J. COONAN.
july 17

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF A
Desirable Little Property,
Near Alesia.

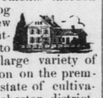
By virtue of the power contained in a mortgage from John C. Runk and Sarah J. Runk, his wife, to Susan Reigle, dated January 8th, A. D. 1891, recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll County, in Liber B. F. C., No. 30, folio 211, &c., and duly assigned to the undersigned, I will sell at public sale, at the Court House door, in Westminster, Carroll county, Maryland, to the highest bidder, on

MONDAY, 13th day of SEPTEMBER, 1897,

at 2 o'clock, p. m., all that parcel of land described in said mortgage, containing

16 ACRES AND 2 PERCHES,

more or less. The improvements thereon are a comfortable two-story log and frame dwelling house, new barn, hog house and other outbuildings, water convenient to the buildings. There is a large variety of fruit trees in bearing condition on the premises. The land is in a good state of cultivation. It is situate in Manchester district, Carroll county, Md., on the county road leading from Lemon's Old Field to Miller's Station, is about one mile from Alesia and Miller's Stations on the Baltimore and Hanover Railroad, adjoins the land of Alexander Craumer and others, and is now in the occupancy of John C. Runk. Sale positive.



Terms of Sale—Cash, or if desired by the purchaser, credit terms will be given as follows: One-half cash, and the other one-half in six months; the credit payment to be secured by the note of the purchaser, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

CHAS. T. REIFSNIDER, Jr.,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
Reifsnider & Reifsnider, Solicitors.
aug 21 ts P. A. Gorsuch, Auctioneer.

PROPOSALS FOR A BRIDGE.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the County Commissioners for Carroll county until September 13th, 1897, to build a wooden bridge over Parr's Falls, at Newport, on the division line between Carroll and Howard counties; to be built according to the following specifications. Length of bridge between abutments, 30 feet; roadway 14 feet; to be built upon stone abutements started upon solid foundation; built with lime and sand; 16 feet wide, 8 feet above low water mark; 3 feet at bottom and 2 feet at top; with wing walls on the upper side of bridge at each end; said bridge to be built of white oak lumber, clear of sap, and said frame to contain 4 stringers 5x12 inches, 22 feet long; 4 stringers 5x12 inches, 12 feet long; 2 girders 8x10 inches, 18 feet long; 2 sills 8x10 inches, 16 feet long; 18 joist 3x12 inches, 12 feet long; 2 caps 8x10 inches, 14 feet long; 4 posts 8x10 inches, 6 feet long; 4 braces 8x10 inches, 12 feet long; 4 braces 4x10 inches, 10 feet long. Said bridge is to be covered with white oak boards 2½ inches thick, 14 feet long, clear of sap. Said bridge to be built in workmanlike manner and well bolted with 1½ inch rods, and subject to inspection and approval by the County Commissioners of Carroll County.

Drawings of said bridge can be seen at any time at the office of the County Commissioners. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

A. T. BUCKINGHAM.
aug21 4t Clerk and Treasurer.

FARM FOR SALE OR RENT, containing 193 acres, near Reisterstown; five minutes walk to electric cars; half-mile distant from W. M. R. R.; improved by two dwellings, barn and corn house. It is well watered; a large lot of fruit trees which yield well. For further information apply to

E. M. RIDER,
aug28 3t* Ruxton, Maryland.

REIFSNIDER & REIFSNIDER and JOS. D. BROOKS, Solicitors.

TRUSTEES' SALE
OF A
VALUABLE FARM,
In Freedom District, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in cause No. 3571, on the Equity Docket of said Court, the undersigned, as the trustees appointed by said decree, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, situated on the Baltimore and Liberty road, about ½ mile from Freedom P. O., and adjoining the lands of Gordon Cummings, Esq., James Dorsey, Esq., &c., on

WEDNESDAY, September 29th, A. D. 1897,

at 1 o'clock, p. m., that very valuable and desirable farm, containing

17¼ ACRES OF LAND, MORE or LESS.

The improvements thereon consist of a large Frame Dwelling House, containing 16 rooms, with front and back porches; a newly built bank barn, 40x70 feet; corn house, dairy and other outbuildings. There is a well of excellent water near the house. The fields are conveniently divided, with water in each field. There is a fine Young Orchard on the property, just beginning to bear fruit.

This property is well worth the notice of any one desiring a good farm. It is situated on one of the leading county roads of the county, and convenient to schools, postoffice and churches.

Terms of Sale.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, or upon the ratification of the sale by the court; balance in twoequal payments of nine and eighteen months; deferred payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

CHARLES T. REIFSNIDER,
JOSEPH D. BROOKS,
sep4 ts Trustees.

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF A
Desirable Business Property,
At Woodbine, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

By virtue of the power contained in a mortgage from Basil H. Betts to John W. Nelson, dated January 11th, A. D., 1887, recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll County in Liber W. N. M., No. 24, folio 422, &c., and duly assigned to the undersigned, I will sell at public sale, at the Court House Door, in Westminster, Md., on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, A. D., 1897, at 2 o'clock, p. m., all that parcel of land described in and conveyed by said mortgage, containing

11 ACRES, 1 ROOD AND 31 PERCHES,

more or less, together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging. This property is located at Woodbine, Carroll county, Md., directly opposite the station, bounds on the county road leading to the station, and is the most desirable business point at the depot, and the attention of purchasers is particularly invited to this sale. Sale positive.

Terms of Sale.—Cash, or, if desired by the purchaser, one-half cash and the residue will be invested in the property, secured by mortgage, with interest, for any reasonable time.

JOHN F. NELSON,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
Reifsnider & Reifsnider, Sol'rs. sept4 ts

WOOD. WOOD. WOOD.

Sawed and Split Oak Wood, 15 inches long, ready for stove, delivered anywhere in Westminster at $4.25 per cord. Sawed only, $4.00. Orders may be left with Bennett & Co., or sent by postal to me at Fenby P. O.
aug21 3m* JOSHUA LOCKARD.

OFFICIAL CORRUPTION.

How the State Tobacco Warehouses are Conducted.

60 Useless Employes and 20 Fictitious Names on the Pay Rolls.

STORY OF MISSING TOBACCO AND HOW THE OWNER WAS REPAID.

Published by Authority of the Maryland Democratic Editors' Association.

During the long period of Democratic control in Maryland, the tobacco warehouses, one of the peculiar institutions of the State, were conducted in so practical and business-like a manner that considerable revenue accrued from the fees every year and was turned over to the State Comptroller.

Scrupulous care was observed in the inspection of tobacco sent up to the warehouse from the tobacco growing counties, and exact justice invariably characterized the management of the financial end of the institution as long as it remained under the control of the Democratic party. Never were there any scandals under the old regime.

Its annual contributions to the State needs were significant testimonials to the honestry and worth of the Democratic appointees, and, in view of the present conditions and corrupt practices precipitated by the passing of the management of affairs into Republican hands, they appear to be remarkable tributes of Democratic worth. These officials were subjected to precisely the same temptations and desires, as their Republican successors, and, if their abstenence from misappropriation of the public money does not indicate the moral superiority of the Democratic official to the Republican, it at least strengthens the belief that the money of the State is more likely to reach its proper destination by passing through Democratic hands than by its present medium, the puppets of a Southern Maryland "statesman" of Republican persuasion.

On the assumption of control by the Republicans, Governor Lowndes turned over the tobacco warehouses, prizes which Southern Maryland Republicans had long been eyeing greedily, to Congressman Sydney E. Mudd, then Speaker of the House of Delegates. Mr. Mudd had been of material assistance in bringing about the election of George L. Wellington as United States Senator, and, although it was generally suspected that he had been as materially rewarded for his "services" as the most exacting politician could demand, the Governor felt compelled to throw further favors in his way by appointing men to the warehouses at Mudd's suggestion, or practically at his dictation. The Governor had no knowledge whatever as to the character or fitness of the appointees. Mudd knew them, however—he knew them thoroughly. He was to be his party's candidate for Congress from that district, and, although eminently better able to enter the fight for the nomination on retiring from the Speakership than when he appeared at Annapolis in rather indigent circumstances, he did not propose to leave any stone unturned, and the tobacco warehouses became practically a club to hammer out the advancement of the Sydney E. Mudd congressional boom.

The conspiracy worked like a charm, the hope of obtaining a place on the warehouse pay roll was more than sufficient to keep the floating Southern Maryland vote in line, and, on the day the Fifth District Republican Convention met, the "Hon." Mr. Mudd was nominated, and an additional reason for the existence of the warehouses was recorded.

After his nomination, the candidate felt the need of money.—an emotion peculiarly strong in Republican statesmen from his section of the state, where the prosperity of the Republican voters usually increases as election day approaches and culminates on that day. Mr. Mudd has never been noted for heavy personal contributions to campaign funds. He is rarely, however, unnerved at *the use* of money in politics—unless it be his own—and consequently, the employees at the warehouses from the chiefs down, were "invited" to contribute a portion of their salaries to further the Mudd campaign for Congress.

These "contributions," it should be explained, were to be "voluntary," and in view of the complete and perfect understanding on this point, it is difficult to conceive why the impression got abroad that those who should neglect to avail themselves of the privilege should be relieved of their places. It is a satisfaction to state that the employees, with remarkable unanimity, responded to the invitation at once and put up their cash.

After the election, last year, the report got abroad that affairs were not going on among the followers of Congressman Mudd—or to be more explicit the officials at the warehouses—as might be desired.

There was no surplus as had been the case "under Democratic misrule" and some carping critics were so unkind as to suggest that the high price of votes in the past election might have something to do with its absence.

The dissatisfaction among those whose business relations brought them into contact with Mudd's officials grew, and so great became the suspicion the Governor suddenly removed Inspector Naylor, of Charles county, and later on Inspector DuVal, of Prince George's, conspicuous Mudd lieutenants, and determined to have the condition of affairs subjected to a thorough investigation.

Col. John A. Tompkins, the well known expert accountant, spent two months in going through the books. The accounts were found to be "in a disgraceful condition." Absolutely no effort at order or system had been observed. Col. Tompkins was compelled to wade through a veritable labyrith of crooked ink, and the result was sufficient not only to show the complete unfitness of the horde of Mudd-Lowndes appointees, but to prove that the dishonesty and corruption alleged against them had failed completely to measure up to the real situation.

The pay rolls were found to be padded, not only with names of those who never performed a stroke of work at the warehouses, but even with names of fictitious personages. Some of those named in the pay rolls—not the mere creatures of political fancy, but real flesh and blood Republicans, capable of turning so many votes apiece—had never seen the warehouses, and did not even come up for their salaries. Instead of this they had their checks mailed to them with agreeable regularity—about as fair an illustration of calm and sublime impudence as might be cited.

As an example of the self-indulgent mode of work under the Mudd-Lowndes machine, the experience of a tobacco grower from one of the counties may be mentioned. This gentleman sent some tobacco on for inspection, and after waiting a reasonable time for some reply or action from the authorities, he came on himself to investigate. He found that the officials knew absolutely nothing about his tobacco, beyond the fact of its reception. It had disappeared, and was not to be accounted for. The officials were called on to make good the loss, which they preceded to do in a manner peculiar to themselves. The owner of the missing tobacco was put on the pay roll and continued to receive checks on the State Treasury until his loss was made good.

Another discovery of Col. Tompkins was that several checks had been made out to Southern Marylanders who had not the slightest identification with the institution. Conspicuous among these was a check made out to Sydney E. Mudd. Just why Mr. Mudd should have been paid out of the funds of the warehouse, and what services he could have rendered to warrent such payment, was a question which has puzzled those who learned of this disclosure. This lack of positive information on such an interesting subject led to numberless conjectures, many of which did not reflect favorably on the distinguished subject, but Mr. Mudd himself has set all doubt at rest by stating that the money was one of the "voluntary" campaign contributions he received, and that inadvertently the public money had been used, but that the loss had been immediately made good. This explanation is reassuring and should set all anxiety(?) at rest.

The contrast between this institution under Democratic control and Republican mismanagement will at once appeal to the intelligent voter, and all Marylanders who have the interests of the state at heart and who wish her institutions to be worthy of pride and respect will hang their heads in shame at the disclosure of Republican license and thievery shown by Col. Tompkins' examination.

Another result of Col. Tompkins' investigation showed that 60 men were on the pay rolls who had no right to be there, and Secretary of State Dallam says that of these at least 20 were fictitious and that no such men existed except in the imagination of the scheming politicians who had them placed there. Who got the money on these fictitious names Col. Tompkins is now trying to find out, but up to the present time with poor success. The men who were caught red-handed in perpetrating these frauds and outrages on the people of the state are attempting to brazen the whole thing out, and, while they do not deny the accusations against them, they refuse to explain them.

Readers should remember that all the above statements have been made as a result of an investigation ordered by an executive who appointed the guilty men to office and placed them in charge of valuable state interests without knowing anything about their fitness or honesty. The men were admitedly appointed in fulfilment of a deal to get votes for George L. Wellington as U. S. Senator and no other reason was ever given for their appointment. The man who made the investigation, Col. John A. Tompkins, is a Republican and is one of the ablest and best-known expert accountants in Baltimore.

The facts above set forth are only a part of the report he expects to make, for he has not yet completed the investigation. Governor Lowndes himself has given the whole disgraceful business to the public without any concealment, and is being roundly abused for allowing the dirty linen of his party to be exposed to the popular gaze.

EUROPE'S IMMENSE SHORTAGE.

Needs Millions of Bushels of Wheat, Rye and Potatoes.

European advices of the American Agriculturist, New York, show a shortage this year in European crops, as compared with average crops, as follows: Wheat, 300,000,000 bushels; rye, 325,000,000 bushels; potatoes, 1,000,000,000 bushels.

The heaviest shortage in rye is in the countries of largest production—Russia, Germany, Austria and France. In these countries also is the heaviest decline in potatoes. The seriousness of the situation in Europe is apparent from these figures, and the known fact that rye, far more than wheat, is depended upon as a breadstuff by the European masses. No part of the world, apparently, has a considerable surplus of cereals except the United States and Canada.

WE CAN'T SUPPLY POTATOES.

The potato crop in these foreign countries is found to be about 25 per cent. less than last year, and may be still smaller. The United States has no potatoes for export; but if prices go high enough the United States can spare 240,000,000 bushels of wheat, 300,000,000 bushels of corn, 100,000,000 bushels of oats, and 10,000,000 bushels of rye—a total of 650,000,000 bushels.

This will be the biggest export ever made of American grain. It is just about enough to offset Europe's needs of wheat and rye, but where is she to find a substitute for her enormous shortage in potatoes? Must she not take every bushel of feed stuffs that America can spare?

FORMER HEAVY EXPORTS.

In the twelve months ended on June 30, 1892, following Europe's short crops of 1891, the foreigners bought from the United States flour and wheat amounting to 225,000,000 bushels, at an average export price above $1 a bushel; of corn, 177,000,000 bushels, at an average value of over 55 cents a bushel; of rye, more than 12,000,000 bushels, at an average of 95 cents a bushel.

FARMERS HOLDING FOR HIGH PRICES.

A canvass of the farmers in the centres of commercial production has shown that the farmers are very firm holders. They think that they control the situation, and say they want to net at their local shipping stations for wheat and rye and potatoes, $1 a bushel; corn, 30 cents; oats, 25 cents; hay, $12 and $15; cotton, 9 and 10 cents; tobacco, 50 to 150 per cent. above last year's sales.

Onions, if frequently eaten, will beautify the complexion. They are an excellent blood purifier, as well as one of the best nervines.