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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 19, 1909.

WAR AND WHEAT.

The daily papers have recently been filled with accounts of the trial trips of our new battleship, the North Dakota. Not only is she the largest, but also the fastest in the world, having made a speed record of 22 1/2 knots. There are faster ships, but they are not battleships. In addition to speed, she has enormous gun power and experts pronounce her the most formidable fighting machine ever built. At present the United States has two of these "dreadnoughts," England has four. According to the present program of building, when we have four, England will have ten or eleven, and Germany no doubt as many. If we wish to keep up we will have to build more, especially as we have our Pacific possessions to guard against possible attack from the growing power of Japan, which, according to Maj. Gen. J. P. Story, U. S. A., now has control of the Pacific. We bought the Philippine Islands for the purpose, as it was said at the time, of providing a base for war operations, offensive and defensive, in case of trouble in the East; and now the joint Army and Navy Board, after years of deliberations, have decided that they are unsuitable for this object and Pearl Harbor, the harbor of Honolulu, is to be made the Gibraltar of the Pacific. Hawaii was acquired during President Cleveland's administration, and so the purchase of the Philippine Islands finally turns out to be a waste of money, so far as a base for warlike operations is concerned, and the present holding of them a loss.

In connection with these preparations for war, we have the serious statement of Mr. James J. Hill, that "the armed fleets of an enemy approaching our harbors, would be no more alarming, than the relentless advance of a day when we shall have neither sufficient food nor the means to purchase it for our population." Coming from such an eminent source these words should be given thought and consideration. His statement is based not only upon study but also upon his personal and practical knowledge of the great agricultural lands of this country and the rapid settlement of the North West, and he claims, that at the present rate of increase, our population in fifty years will be 200,000,000; that at that time, according to our standard of living, we will not produce enough food, as the increase in the production of cereals does not now keep step with the increase in population; and taking wheat as a standard for edible grains, that even now we have "to provide from some source for an annual deficit of more than 35,000,000 bushels."

His remedy is improved cultivation by means of which the fertility of the soil can be preserved, and he suggests that we build less battleships and use the money for starting model farms over the country. This is a good suggestion, for seeing the model farms and the advantages of improved methods, the farmers of each community would readily adopt them.

And a little reflection makes us appreciate the need of more intensified farming. Formerly a rich agricultural community, New England is now a region of game preserves and recreative spots for the rich. The fertility of the soil becoming exhausted, her people moved West, and the tide is still flowing westward leaving abandoned farms in its wake. A few years hence there'll be no new lands to cultivate. The average yield of wheat per acre has been about fourteen bushels for 30 years, showing that it has required new soils with large crops to make up for the small yield of those that are depleted. In Europe and Great Britain, with a soil naturally inferior to ours in fertility, the average yield is 26 to 27 bushels per acre. Americans are the most wasteful people in the world; we are now using three times as much timber per year as is grown. This is a serious condition, but the waste of soil fertility by improper methods of cultivation and lack of fertilization will prove more fatal. We must call a halt, and begin to save and fatten up what we have left. The land does not "wear out," it is starved out.

In parts of Carroll county we do better than the 14 bushels per acre for the whole United States, but how much better than that is our general average? Not much, we doubt if it is five bushels more. Did you ever stop and think though that the cost of your crop, outside of the threshing, is practically the same whether you raise fifteen or thirty bushels per acre? All the land planted must be plowed and harrowed, and then the wheat must be sowed and cut. The Year Book takes the price and cost of production of wheat for ten years in the U. S. and finds the average price

per bushel to be \$0.638, and the cost of production per acre \$7.89. These figures may not be correct for Carroll county, but are useful as a matter of illustration, and so employing them we find, by calculation, that raising 16 bushels per acre we make \$2.32; by raising 20 bushels we make \$4.87. Thus we see that we get as large a net profit from one crop of 20 bushels as two crops of 16 bushels, and that we lose on a crop of twelve. It don't pay then to cultivate a large acreage of run-down soils; more money will be made by replenishing and planting less. In other words, we should try and make two stalks of wheat corn, and grass grow where we now raise one. To do this we must change present methods and use those that have been found successful elsewhere. We are not familiar with them and must learn. The Agricultural Department has done much with its Experiment Stations and Bulletins, but the farmer is a hard headed individual and usually has to see before he believes. Hence, the great value of Mr. Hill's suggestion of the government starting model farms in each community, it could put one in practically every county of the United States for the cost of two "dreadnoughts." We like to have the biggest and best of everything, but battleships without food for the men to man them would be useless. We must stop wasting and learn how to save, and to help us in doing this, the government should stop building battleships, if necessary, and give us model farms, the strength of a nation can come only from the soil. Let us then devote more attention to the care and conservation of the earth we possess, and let the government aid us in doing it.

THE COMING LEGISLATURE.

The people of Maryland having again confided to the Democratic party the control of our state government, by giving the party a large majority in the legislature, will, with the aid of the Democratic Governor, be expected to enact such legislation as will promote the highest interests of the people of the state, and prevent the passage of such bills as would, if enacted into law, be detrimental to the public interest. The recent Democratic state convention, which was in many respects a most notable body, adopted a platform, embodying the views of the party upon the public questions which were at the time, engaging the attention of the people.

The platform was conservative and clear and evinced the progressive spirit of the party, and was the basis of the discussions during the campaign. It is not necessary here to recapitulate the various items of the platform, for every member of the legislature is expected to be familiar with them.

It is enough for us to say, that the people throughout the state, who supported our party and gave us such a splendid victory, will expect our representatives at Annapolis, in connection with the Governor, to carry out every platform pledge in good faith, and to do it promptly upon the assembling of the legislature. What the Republican party proposes to do in the coming General Assembly, we do not know, and really do not care. They are in such a minority that the responsibility of legislation does not rest upon them, nor are they in position to be obstructive. But in view of the large majority which our party has, the responsibility for proper legislation does rest upon us, and this responsibility will doubtless be met. All that we wish to emphasize in this article is, that as a Democratic newspaper, and anxious for the success of the Democratic party, we want to see every pledge of the party fulfilled to the letter. Less than that would be wrong in principle and wretched in policy.

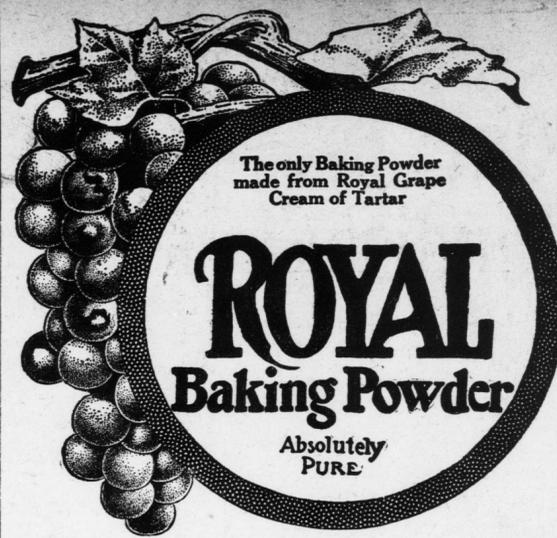
THANKSGIVING DAY.

There is no more appropriate religious observance in this country than Thanksgiving day. The last Thursday in November, in each year, is now, by common consent, and by official proclamation, set apart as a day of National Thanksgiving to Almighty God for His blessings upon us as a Nation. No people in the world have greater reason for such thanksgiving than the American people, and the day should be generally observed.

BE FAIR OR FIGHT.

After reading the leading editorial in last week's "Sentinel," which appeared under the startling head of "\$200,000 Gone Forever," we wondered why it was necessary to announce "that it stood for the building up of the county," and to tell your patrons it would be "the acme of ingratitude if we did not stand by them;" while pondering over the matter we could not help but think of the words of Edward Moore, "Honesty needs no pains to set itself off." And suddenly, like a flash, the reason came to us, as we recalled that an advertisement of the Baltimore Retailers' Association had recently appeared in our columns, and we then realized that the sordid and ignoble object of all this self praise was to injure us. This advertisement, which was objectionable to our merchants, was seen by everyone who read our paper, though not by all of those who read yours; nor did anyone know, except a small number of whom you were one, that it had been inserted without the knowledge of the Board of Directors or a single executive officer of the company, and when discovered it was at once withdrawn and the employee guilty of the indiscretion, discharged. Of course you had a perfect

BAKING POWDER.



right, if you thought it fair, to comment upon all the facts. But you had no right to indirectly criticize a part of our actions, concealing from your readers that this paper had done all it could to remedy the mistake; you had no right to deceive the public and lead it to believe that we were trying to injure the business of our community, when you knew it was false. It was a trick, "which is at most a mean thing."

And worst of all you hoped by your deceit, to injure us and aid yourself; expected, by concealment of the truth, to alienate our friends and arouse a feeling of resentment against us among our merchants; and this, from a paper which, we are informed, agreed also to publish the same advertisement after the election; from a paper, which has always been treated by us with kindness and courtesy. We have ever been friendly to you, save where politics were concerned, yet, in attempting to carry out your despicable purpose, you had not the courage to tell the public frankly whom you meant or the real object of your attack, but sought by base insinuations to stab us in the back.

Now we have said enough, perhaps more than is necessary, concerning your behavior; but, our indignation is always aroused by duplicity. We are sorry you acted this way, though may be you couldn't help it, and will say nothing more than is required to state our future attitude, which is; that we desire to live in peace and have you stand with us, fearlessly for all that tends to promote the moral, material, social and business welfare of the citizens of our town, county and State. When it comes to their political interests we wish to be at war, as this paper stands for the principles of Democracy, and you do not. Under such circumstances our association would be improper. Nothing is ever gained by trimming, principles cannot be compromised.

It is for you to decide upon our future relationship. If it is to be friendly, standing shoulder to shoulder in an effort to promote the welfare of the people, remember, that you must be fair, fair to the public, and fair to us. If you are not, we separate and fight, with no favors asked or given; but, we will hit you only when looking, and then in the front. We do not court your friendship or co-operation except upon these terms; as for your enemy, we will welcome it if you cannot accept them, as it is much better to have an open foe than a deceitful friend.

WOMEN AND VOTES.

Two remarkable events illustrating the rapid advancement, or retrogression, of woman recently occurred. One in England, where a woman assaulted the Hon. Winston Churchill; the other in Illinois, where women helped lynch a negro murderer. Both are notable in that they are so at variance with the average American's idea of womanly actions.

We, with reverent memory of our mother's love, have been accustomed to place women on a pedestal and enshrine her with all the high and noble qualities lacking in our coarser natures. Is it possible that we have made a mistake? Can it be that she is not justly entitled to all the homage we have laid at her feet?

The two acts we refer to are disgusting. The one in Illinois needs no comment. There are always plenty of men to kill when necessary. The one in England was the performance of one of those spectacular creatures, who have been storming Parliament, starting riots, and who, when arrested and imprisoned, in an endeavor to obtain notoriety, have refused to eat and forced the officials to employ a stomach pump to feed them. They are known as suffragettes and seek the right to vote.

Now we Americans have been looking on their actions with superior complacency, but it is time to take notice, because they have invaded our land, and we do what we can to preserve for our wives, and daughters, and sweethearts, those qualities that have made them our superiors. If it would give them pleasure to vote, and that was all, there should be no objection. But when their endeavor to obtain this, causes qualities to be displayed that shock us, what will its possession result in? It looks like a breaking up of the home life, which has made us a strong people, and when that comes, the nation goes. We want women and mothers, not Amazons and shrews.

350 MINERS DEAD.

Bodies Lie Buried Beneath Thousands of Tons of Earth

Cherry, Ill., November 15.—The 350 or more miners who were entombed in the St. Paul coal mine by Saturday's fire are dead. Some of the bodies lie buried beneath thousands of tons of earth which caved in upon them, and it is doubtful whether many of the bodies can ever be recovered. This was the opinion expressed tonight, when rescue work was temporarily abandoned. Fires in the mine which broke out with renewed fierceness early today made further descents by rescuers impossible. Fans employed in an effort to carry fresh air and life down to the imprisoned men served only to enliven some embers, which sprang into flames. Soon the heat and smoke became so dense that it was necessary again to seal the mouth of the hoisting shaft, and the men down there, whatever their condition, are locked in as effectively as in a dungeon.

Perfectly Safe. "You don't mean to tell me you called Jim Jeffries a liar?" "That's exactly what I did." "What did he say?" "I don't know. He was in San Francisco at the time. I was in Michigan."—Cleveland Press.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST—Pocketbook on the W. M. Express, leaving Baltimore 4.15 p. m. Tuesday, containing Railroad ticket, Emory Grove car book and other papers of identity. Reward. ELLA S. PRICE, Glyndon, Md. nov 19

FOR SALE! Two very fine Colts, coming 3 years old, Sired by Maple Wood Norvel, one of the best horses in the county. Apply to MRS. CATHERINE WAGNER, nov 19 14, Near Spring Mills, Md.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of the Sykesville National Bank at Sykesville, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business, November 16, 1909.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts.....\$190,642.06 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 26.30 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation..... 12,500.00 Premiums on U. S. Bonds..... 400.00 Bonds, securities, etc..... 62,627.50 Furniture and fixtures..... 3,785.00 Due from approved reserve agents..... 18,230.41 Checks and other cash items..... 582.11 Notes of other National Banks..... 565.00 Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents..... 161.67 Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie.....\$11,406.20 Legal-tender notes..... 6,100.00 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)..... 625.00 Total.....\$308,671.74

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in.....\$ 50,000.00 Surplus fund..... 4,000.00 Undivided profits, less expense and taxes paid..... 1,827.20 National Bank notes outstanding..... 12,000.00 Due to other National Banks..... 2,464.87 Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers..... 85.96 Dividends unpaid..... 2.70 Individual deposits subject to check..... 138,748.54 Deposits not subject to check..... 99,364.95 Certified Checks..... 10.00 Cashier's checks outstanding..... 147.61 Total.....\$240,844.54

State of Maryland, County of Carroll, ss: I, W. M. Chipley, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. W. M. CHIPLEY, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November, 1909. J. FRED. WAESCHE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: E. M. MELLOR, ASA HEFNER, F. T. BENNETT, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of the Union National Bank of Westminster, at Westminster, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business, November 16, 1909.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts.....\$166,551.58 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 224.15 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation..... 100,000.00 Bonds, securities, etc..... 201,455.86 Banking house, furniture and fixtures..... 16,000.00 Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)..... 6,315.49 Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers..... 2,435.37 Due from approved reserve agents..... 25,222.52 Checks and other cash items..... 3,467.62 Notes of other National Banks..... 1,635.00 Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents..... 121.21 Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie.....\$13,138.17 Legal-tender notes..... 5,220.00 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)..... 450.00 Total.....\$542,938.27

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in.....\$100,000.00 Surplus fund..... 50,000.00 Undivided profits, less expense and taxes paid..... 14,064.42 National Bank notes outstanding..... 99,500.00 Due to other National Banks..... 10,782.12 Dividends unpaid..... 258,197.47 Individual deposits subject to check..... 9,991.61 Total.....\$422,538.02

State of Maryland, County of Carroll, ss: I, J. W. Herring, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. W. HERRING, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 1909. N. E. BAUMGARTNER, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: BENJ. F. GROUSE, GEO. K. SCHAEFFER, JEREMIAH GEIMAN, Directors.

BEAGLE PUP LOST.

Lost, about two weeks ago, a beagle pup, white and yellow spotted; about 5 months old. Reward will be paid if returned to HARRY K. OURSLER, nov 19 3t Westminster, Md.

Cob Corn For Sale.

We have plenty of Corn on the Cob. Send in your order. N. I. GORSUCH SON CO. nov 19 3t

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

We hereby warn all persons against trespassing upon our lands, with gun or dog, hunting or trapping or in any other manner, as we are determined to enforce the law against all offenders. Jacob Wantz, Noah Miller, Noah Brown, Jesse Snyder, Charles Wantz, nov 19 3t

UNCLAIMED MATTER

Remaining in the Postoffice, Westminster, Md., November 13, 1909. Bankard, Miss Irene B. Buckingham, Mr. C. S. Benson, Miss Lillie Brown, Brown, Copenhaver, Mrs. Anna-Copenhaver, Mr. Charles Fisher, Miss Mammie Myers, Samuel H. Ottoman, Mr. Wm. M. Rosser, M. D., Mr. H. E. Woodbury, Frank T. Young, Mrs. G. Persons calling for matter in the above list will please say it was advertised. nov 19 S. K. HERR, P. M.

FOR SALE!

FINE 118 ACRE FARM, 12 Acres in Timber; good 7-room House, large Barn, Wagon Shed and Corn House, and Hay Shed 40x50 ft., 18 ft. to square with track and hay fork complete; plenty of all kinds of good fruit; fine spring and well water; only half mile to school and stores, 2 miles to station, 3 1/2 miles to Westminster. Price only \$6800. To effect quick sale will include 35 acres growing grain. This farm raises 5 to 900 bushels grain, 15 to 17 bbls. corn to acre, 5 1/2 tons sweet corn per acre, and large quantities of good hay. Apply to E. A. STROUT CO., Westminster, Md. EDWARD W. CASE, Agent. Also have several good small farms from 1 1/2 acres to 60 acres ranging in price from \$800 to \$2800. nov 19 3t

LECTURE

BY Miss Emma R. Steiner, BENEFIT WESTMINSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT, AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL, WESTMINSTER, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1909.

Alaska and her Wonderful Resources, social, financial, political and mining advancement of this great gold country during the past 15 years, illustrated by motion pictures and views of Dawson, Klondike and Siberia opposite Nome, Alaska. Admission 35c. Tickets on sale by members of fire department and at all drug stores. nov 19

RECEIVER'S SALE

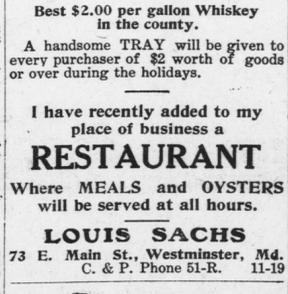
At Sykesville, Md. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a deed of trust from Albert A. Fortman and Son to the undersigned trustee, I will offer at public sale on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1909, at 3 o'clock p. m., at Sykesville, Carroll County, Maryland, all the following property, being stock in trade of the firm of Albert A. Fortman and Son, viz: All kinds of granite and tinware, hand and power pumps, coal stoves, wood stoves, stove castings, galvanized iron piping, four inch soil pipes, stock and cattle powders, and many other articles too numerous to mention. This sale presents an opportunity for anyone to obtain bargains. Terms of Sale—Cash. HARRY F. CURLEY, Trustee. nov 19 2t

Now Ready For The Holidays

WITH A LARGE STOCK OF WINES AND LIQUORS. Best \$2.00 per gallon Whiskey in the county. A handsome TRAY will be given to every purchaser of \$2 worth of goods or over during the holidays. I have recently added to my place of business a RESTAURANT Where MEALS and OYSTERS will be served at all hours. LOUIS SACHS 73 E. Main St., Westminster, Md. C. & P. Phone 51-R. 11-19

A CHOICE OF CARRIAGES

greater than is possible elsewhere is offered you here. Whether you want a runabout, a buggy or a big drag with all the varieties in between, you can get it here. Come and make your own selection, not from pictures, but from the carriages themselves. DOYLE & MAGEE WESTMINSTER, MD.



BABYLON & LIPPY CO. White Wool BLANKET SALE

Of Immediate Importance Because Prices Are Lowest Now.

These white wool double bed size Blankets are without equal at such prices. You'll regret it if you wait too long to buy these.

- \$6.00 White Wool Blankets, 11-4, Special, \$4.50
- \$6.50 White Wool Blankets, 11-4, Special, \$5.00
- \$6.00 Grey Wool Blankets, 11-4, Special, \$4.50

Learn all you can about FAMOUS "Forest Mills" Underwear

Some years ago a firm started out to make knit underwear decidedly better than was done formerly. A constant improvement was kept up until today "FOREST MILLS" Knit Underwear is known solely because of its excellence. It's the underwear for this winter. Ask to see it! Realize why! All sizes! All prices!

All the Leading Furs Of Merit and Fashion are Shown at This Store.

Here the woman of fashion can find the furs of the season. She also knows that every fur carries our guarantee as to its quality.

- Rich Fur Neckwear, Scarfs, Pelerines and Muffs in the most approved styles and shapes,
- Of Possum, Raccoon, Wolf, Alaska Sable, Sable Fox, Russian Mink, Lynx, Correy, Etc.

Any of the above Furs made to your order at short notice.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEARLY EVERY WOMAN KNOWS This Store is Headquarters for COFFEE AND TEA.

The SUPERIORITY of our goods are being proven every day by our INCREASED SALES. REMEMBER, we are roasters of Coffee, and you get it at FIRST cost. Tickets good for Premiums given Free

We also carry the Largest Line of Stationery, Confectionery, Post Cards and Sporting Goods IN TOWN. CARROLL MDSE. CO., Opposite Westminster Savings Bank.

MARLAND NEWS. J. L. Pursell, a claim holder, near Brushie, S. D., was held up late Monday night by a masked bandit and robbed of \$3,472. Mrs. Sophie Mayer, of New York, the first woman lawyer to cross the ocean in a law case, won for her client a legacy of \$100,000 and for herself an enviable name as a counselor. Miss Lillie Sutton, of Ocean Springs, Miss., who was sentenced last spring to serve a term of 7 years in the Mississippi State Penitentiary, by Circuit Judge W. H. Hardy, on an indictment for burglary, the theft of a

half pound of butter and five eggs from the residence of Fred Ableson voluntarily gave herself up. Edward Weagley, a Chambersburg youth of 16 years, following a dare by several of his companions on Monday, dropped a lighted match into a piece of drainpipe, containing a quantity of powder, a blinding explosion followed and young Weagley fell from the ground with his whole face, forehead to chin and ear to ear, blown full of powder and terribly burned. The world's average rainfall is inches.