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HOW CHRISTMAS HAPPENED

Few probably know just how December 25th originally happened to be fixed as Christmas Day. About 340 A. D. St. Cyril made careful inquiry as to the date of the birth of Christ and reported December 25 as the correct date. Pope Julius accepted this, and some years later established the festival at Rome on this date. Before the close of the century it was accepted by every nation in Christendom.

"Of all the old festivals," says Irving in his "Sketch Book," "that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heart-felt associations. There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that blends with our conviviality, to a state of hallowed and elevated enjoyment. There is something in the very season of the year that gives a charm to the festivity of Christmas. At other times we derive a great portion of our pleasures from the mere beauties of nature. The song of the bird, the murmur of the stream, the breathing fragrance of spring, the soft voluptuousness of summer, the golden pomp of autumn, earth with its mantle of refreshing green, and heaven with its deep delicious blue and its cloudy magnificence, all fill us with mute but exquisite delight, and we revel in the luxury of mere sensation. But in the depth of winter, when nature lies despoiled of every charm, and wrapped in her shroud of sheeted snow, we turn for our gratifications to moral sources. We feel more sensibly the charm of each other's society."

FARMERS AND GAMBLERS.

Senator Capper, of Kansas has a reputation of being the farmers' friend. He has been giving the recent drop in crop values more attention than perhaps any other American senator and his bill to tax the grain gambling business out of existence meets with the approval of all soil-tillers in Maryland.

The senator says that many times the quantity of the total crop of grain has been bought and sold on the Chicago Board of Trade this fall and winter, and that the gambling in futures is the prime cause of beating down the price of grain. He admits, apparently, that the price of grain was due for a fall, but what he is trying to implant in the minds of congress is that the wholesale gambling at Chicago has exaggerated the loss to farmers many fold. All of which will be generally admitted.

The grain gamblers sometimes force prices up and sometimes down; but in either case the price is forced further up than conditions merit and forced down further than conditions merit. And just at the time of the year when prices should be stabilized the prices are usually knocked down.

Farmers will never be satisfied with prices fixed by gamblers. They are willing to let supply and demand fix prices, and nothing else.

BEWARE OF STOCK SHARKS

The get-rich-quick promotions of the last two or three crazy years are coming home to roost, now that money is tight and the price of commodities are dropping.

It is stated in the Agricultural Department at Washington that new oil companies, either hopeful or wildcat, sold a billion dollars' worth of stock to the farmers of one rich western state in two years. These farmers are now learning that most of this money was absolutely thrown away.

In Iowa, two flashily advertised packing house companies were started and most of the shares were sold to farmers of the state by salesmen who received commissions of 25 cents on every dollar they made the farmer produce. One of these concerns built a plant and failed in four months. The

other didn't get that far; nevertheless, the million and a half the farmers put in mostly missing. The courts are now full of law suits started by indignant stock purchasers.

Recently, a western farmer who in a life-time of hard work had developed a first class farm worth \$40,000 went into court and asked that a guardian be appointed for himself. It appears that the stock boomers had gotten him to sign up for stock in various shady oil companies to the tune of \$175,000. The guardian repudiated the notes and the farmer will not lose his farm.

James A. Davis, of the Chicago Association of Commerce, says: "It is safe to estimate that at this moment there are MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLARS WORTH of 'wildcat' investments being offered to the people of this country.

Don't buy. Beware of the sharpers!

BY AIR OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

King Victor Emmanuel, at Rome, was keenly interested when he was told by Gianni Caproni, the aeroplane inventor, of a projected giant plane which would carry 300 persons across the Atlantic in about 36 hours. Plans for the machine are now being completed, and provisions are being made for dining and sleeping accommodations on board the aerial liner.

A smaller aeroplane designed by Signor Caproni will make its trial trip in January near Lake Maggiore. This aeroplane will be capable of carrying 100 persons a distance of 500 miles, it is said. Work on the trans-Atlantic plane will be started as soon as the smaller liner has been tested. In his conversation with the King, Signor Caproni told him of his plan to return to New York next spring and begin the construction of a new aeroplane factory near New York City.

Several interviews between Signor Caproni and Colonel James Chaney, aerial attache at the American Embassy at Rome, have been held, and the inventor has met other officials of the Embassy.

Held legal now to transport liquor to your own home. Some people will now be going home all day.

Socialists claim they will carry the country in 1924.

Millions of people who object to high food prices will never blister their own hands on a hoe handle.

Best wishes to our patrons and friends for a Happy Christmas and a healthful and prosperous New Year.

While the bandit business in this country is quite good temporarily, a lot of people are practising in their back yards with shooting irons.

A large number of federal officials can now resign without any one getting an injunction to prevent them from leaving the government employment.

Formerly they built fences along the highways to keep the cows in the road; now they build them there to keep speeding motorists out of the surrounding fields.

If Santa Claus will sell his obsolete old reindeers and buy an automobile, the modern kid may begin to take an interest in him.

Most of the people of Westminster who can't remember to buy Christmas gifts until the last minute always call around right on time for their pay envelopes.

Several hundred thousand men making a living by hold-ups and burglaries. About time for some of the sharpshooters to practice marksmanship on these fellows.

People who make big profits in their business are liable to come down some fine morning and find a government inspector sitting on their front door step in charge of their operations.

GAMBER

Providence Methodist Protestant Sunday school will hold its annual Sunday school treat next Sunday morning, December 26, at 7:00 o'clock. All the members of the Sunday school are requested to be present.

Christian Endeavor at Providence Methodist Protestant church Sunday evening, December 26, at 7:00 p. m. Topic, "A Purpose Meeting." Leader, Mrs. Goldie Flater.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Shipley, Thursday afternoon, December 30. All are welcome.

Wool Worth 55c a Pound.

Mr. Bedell, Sheep Specialist, University of Maryland has been able to secure a contract for the Sheep Growers of Maryland with a prominent Woolen Mill of the South, to make blankets a very reasonable rate. It requires 10 pounds of clean wool to make a double blanket 72x84 inches, which will weigh about 5 pounds. It will cost the farmer \$5 for the making of the blanket, 75c for freight both ways, and ten pounds of wool at 55c per pound, \$5.50. This would make as fine a blanket as could be found on the market for \$11.25.

A very fine motor robe can be had by supplying 8 pounds of wool, \$4.00 for weaving, and 75c for express. This robe can be had in two shades of brown, two shades of blue, or in plaid.

The blankets come in white, with pink or blue border, gray, with pink or blue border, or plaid. There are two shades of pink, two shades of blue and two shades of gray.

In order to make the blankets and robes stronger and more serviceable, they will contain 8 per cent of cotton warp.

All farmers who have wool and wish to have blankets made for themselves, or to sell to neighbors, can do so by getting in touch with the county Agent before the 10th of January. A date will be set when all wool of the county will be brought into the County Agent's office, graded, bagged and shipped.

St. John's School Children Received Gifts.

St. John's school children combined in a beautiful program on Wednesday afternoon, honor to the Christ Child and Homage to Santa Claus. After their entertainment of parents and friends, they were feasted with the gifts hanging upon an elaborate Christmas tree and with the stacks of candy old Santa had piled up around it. The Merry Christmas spirit reigned everywhere and must surely have been carried to the homes by both old and young.

TRUSTEES' SALE

FARM and LOT
in Carroll and Frederick Counties.

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity, passed in a cause therein depending, wherein Benjamin F. Rigler and others are complainants and Wills E. Rigler and others are Defendants, the undersigned Trustees will offer at public sale, at the home of the late George Rigler, lying on the Buffalo Road, about 4 1/2 miles from Mt. Airy, between West Falls and Cover's Store, on

Thursday, January 20,

1921, at 1 o'clock p. m. all the following real estate of which the said George Rigler died seized and possessed.

1. All that farm containing

108 Acres ^A/_D 20 Perches

adjoining the lands of William H. Rigler, Calvin Franklin and others. It is improved by a weatherboarded house of six rooms and basement, front and back porches, new bank barn, wagon shed, corn house, chicken house, wash house and all necessary outbuildings. It has two apple orchards and other small fruit, about three acres of it is in wood land and the rest is in a good state of cultivation; the land is naturally kind and readily responds to cultivation. Water is supplied by a pump at the house and barn, and there is running water in some of the fields. About 23 acres of this land is separated from the rest by the Buffalo Road and lies in Frederick county.

2. A lot of land lying adjacent or near to the above described farm containing

2 Acres, 2 Roods and 31 Perches

more or less. The house on this property was recently burned down, but the foundation is good, it is also improved by a small bank barn and other outbuildings. It has a fine garden fruit, and spring of good water.

These properties are in a good neighborhood, conveniently situated as to schools and stores, and present an opportunity to those desiring properties of their character.

Terms of Sale:—One-third part of the purchase money to be paid by the purchaser or purchasers to the Trustees on day of sale, or upon the ratification thereof by this Court; and the residue in two equal payments, the one to be paid in one year, and the other in two years from day of sale with interest, and to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with security to be approved by the Trustees, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers.

GUY W. STEELE, JESSE F. R. HEAGEY, Trustees.
Guy W. Steele, Solicitor.
Dec. 24-25

"EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER BUT NOBODY DOES ANYTHING ABOUT IT." (Mark Twain)

Something like the coal problem. It will settle itself before long now, for it's a question of supply and demand. Many people are supplied and the miners are working full.

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AN APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Three and one-half million children in Eastern and Central Europe have no alternative to disaster between now and next harvest except American aid. For months these most hapless sufferers in the track of war have been admitted to American feeding-stations only if tragically undernourished, and have received American medical aid only if desperately threatened by death from disease.

Winter is closing down. The money of many nations is valueless outside their own boundaries. Economic and crop conditions make famine, with its terrible train of diseases, a certain visitor until next harvest. Inevitably the helpless children will suffer most. No child can grow to health and sanity on the pitiful makeshifts for food with which millions of European adults must content themselves this winter. It is obvious that the remedy can come only from outside.

America saved 6,000,000 European children winter before last. Normal temperature cut the need nearly in half last year, but unusual conditions have resulted in scant shrinkage of child destitution during the twelvemonth just past. The response of America must now decide whether 3,500,000 of these charges, in acute distress, shall begin to be turned away in January from more than 17,000 asylums, hospitals, clinics and feeding-stations dependent on American support. There would be no tragedy in history so sweeping or so destructive of those who can deserve no evil.

The undersigned organizations, working among every race and creed, many engaged also in other forms of relief, agree unanimously that the plight of these helpless children should have complete priority in overseas charity until the situation is met. This is an issue without politics and without religious lines. There can be no danger of pauperization, for the \$23,000,000 for child food, and the \$10,000,000 for medical service that we seek, will relieve only the critical cases. The medical supplies, of course, must be an unqualified gift, but for every American dollar used in child-feeding, the governments and communities aided furnish two dollars in the form of transportation, rent, labor, clerical help, cash contributions and such food supplies as are locally obtainable.

America has not failed in the past in great heartedness. She has never had a more poignant call than this. Contributions should be turned over to the local committees which are now being formed for this national collection, or sent to Franklin K. Lane, Treasurer, Guaranty Trust Co., New York City.

EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL

Herbert Hoover, Chairman Franklin K. Lane, Treasurer
Comprising:
American Relief Administration, by Edgar Richard, Director
American Red Cross, by Livingston Farrand, Chairman
American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), by Rufus M. Jones, Chairman
Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, by Felix Warburg
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, by Arthur J. Brown
Knights of Columbus, by James A. Fitzhugh, Supreme Knight
Y. M. C. A., by C. V. Hubbard, International Committee
Y. W. C. A., by Miss Sarah S. Lyon, National Board

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We have opened a new show room at 7 East Main Street, in which you will find a full line of

STUDEBAKER AND MAXWELL CARS

also a full line of

Accessories and Supplies

Our Automobile Parts Department is up-to-date in every respect. We are now equipped to give our patrons the best of service. Come in and look at our line of cars that will give you the best of service and comfort. Buy one and be convinced.

We Have A Number Of Used Cars And Trucks At The Right Price.

Thanking you for your patronage, we are,
Yours for service,

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is the FIRST AND OLDEST ESTABLISHED BANK in this section. Its record in past years for thorough business methods and courteous treatment is one of its best assets, which fact is strongly endorsed by the confidence and liberal patronage of the public. Its Officers and Directors have a wide and extensive acquaintance, and are alive to every business condition and are prepared to advise and help its customers.

COME AND LET US TALK WITH YOU.

Merry Christmas To All!

Executors' Sale
—of Valuable—

Real Estate

IN MANCHESTER AND ALESIA, CARROLL COUNTY, MD.

The undersigned Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Samuel H. Hoffacker, deceased, by virtue of said will and an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, will sell at public sale on

Saturday, Jan. 15, A. D. 1921

at 1 o'clock p. m., on the "First" tract after described premises in Manchester, Carroll County, Maryland, the following real estate:

First—All those two tracts or parcels of land lying contiguous to each other and containing in the aggregate

One-half Acre, more or less

improved by a

Brick Dwelling

Barn, Wood House, and Well of Excellent Water at the house. This property is very desirable one, the buildings are in good repair, located on New Street, in Manchester, Carroll County, Maryland occupied by Mrs. Samuel H. Hoffacker and is subject to the payment of Two dollars annual ground rent.

Second—All those three tracts or parcels of land containing

26 Acres and 28 Perches

more or less, lying contiguous to each other at Alesia, in Carroll County, Maryland. About 15 acres of this land is in a high state of cultivation and about 11 acres in good timber. This tract of land is very desirable and adjoins the lands of Charles Lippy, John Graf and others, and are the same which were conveyed to Samuel H. Hoffacker by John List and wife, by deed dated March 1st 1915, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll County, in Liber D. P. S., No. 110, folio 103.

Personal Property

At the same time and place the undersigned Executors will sell lot of personal property, consisting of Household and kitchen furniture, corn, &c. See hand bills.

Real Estate Terms of Sale.—One-third cash on the day of sale, on the ratification thereof by said Court, and the residue in two equal payments, the one payable in six months and the other payable in twelve 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.

Personal Property Terms of Sale.—Cash, on all sums under five dollars, and a credit of six months will be given for all sums of five dollars and upwards, the purchaser or purchasers giving his, her or their notes, with sufficient security, bearing interest from day of sale.

SAMUEL I. HOFFACKER, J. WESLEY HOFFACKER, Executors.
Henry Gensler, Auctioneer.

THIRD CAR TO THE REAR, SERVICE A-LA-CARTE.

Our delivery service is a-la-cart and men. We've got some good men, and while the coal car is not so easy to get to as the dining car, we are giving fair service to our regular clients.

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NO. 5237 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, Sykesville National Bank, a corporation, Complainant, vs. Robert W. Carter, et al. Defendants. Ordered this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1920 that the account of the Auditor filed in this case be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 10th day of January, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

EDWARD O. CASH, Clerk.
True Copy.—Test: dec 24-25 EDWARD O. CASH, Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, Maryland, letters Testamentary on the Personal Estate of

ARTHUR HARDY, late of Carroll County, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers therefor legally authenticated, to the subscribers, on or before the 24th day of July, 1921; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate.

Given under our hand this 20th day of December, 1920.

WILLIAM H. HARDY, DAVID E. HARDY, ARTHUR R. HARDY, Executors.

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

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Given under our hand this 20th day of December 1920.

SAMUEL I. HOFFACKER, J. WESLEY HOFFACKER, Executors.

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WANTED!

Two furnished rooms for a young man and his wife. One for a bedroom and the other for kitchen and dining room. Apply to

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