TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of authority vested in me by a Deed in Trust or Mortgage, executed by Thos. H. Vanderford, on the 16th day of June, 1925, which Mortgage or Deed of Trust is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Cabarrus County, N. C., in Book Number 48, pages 228, ets., I will sell at public auction at the Court House door in Concord, N. C., on Saturday March 5th, 1927, at 12 o'clock M., to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate:

Lying and being in the County of Cabarrus, State of North Carolina, and bounded as follows:

All that certain tract of land containing 218 acres, more or less, and known as the "Troutman Gold Mine Tract," and being the same property that was conveyed to Walter George Newman by E. Mauney and others by deed dated the 5th day of May, 1899, and registered in Book of Deeds Vol. 54 at page 305 in the offices of the Register of Deeds for Cabarrus County, N. C., and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a white oak D. M. McMakin's old corner; thence south with his old line 47 chains to a post oak in Barringer's old line; thence with Barringer's said line South 77 East 32 chains to a black jack; thence North 20 East with Barringer's other line 15.92 chains to a stake, formerly a black oak, Barringer's other corner; thence with his line North 82 East 8.25 chains to a stake, formerly a black oak, J. William's corner; thence North 3 west 41 chains to a stake in the bank of a branch on the Rowan-Cabarrus County line; thence South 86 1-2 West with the Rowan County line to the beginning, containing 215 acres, more or less, and known as the Jacob Troutman Gold Mining Tract, and adjoining the lands formerly belonging to Union Copper Mining Company of Stockton Gold Mine Tract and others,

Same also being the land deeded by J. L. Crowell Trustee, dated May 16th, 1925, to Thos. H. Vanderford by deed dated June 11, 1925.

Title to said property is supposed to be good, but the purchaser takes only such title as I am authorized to convey under said mortgage.

This 1st day of February, 1927.

J. L. CROWELL, Trustee.

By J. L. Crowell, Jr., Attorney.

NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE FARM LAND IN NO. 10 TOWNSHIP.

North Carolina—Cabarrus County.

Under and by virtue of a judgment and order of the Superior Court of Cabarrus County, N. C., wherein the Sikes Co., Inc. and others are plaintiffs, and W. H. Austin and wife, Lexie Austin, Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., Inc., Brown Constructing Co., Inc., and others are defendants, the undersigned commissioners will on Monday, March 7th, 1927, at the Courthouse door of Cabarrus County, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock M., sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lying and being in No. 10 Township, County of Cabarrus, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Yorke & Wadsworth Co., M. M. Furr, and others: Beginning at a box elder on the South Bank of Rocky River and runs S. 19 1-2 W. 295 poles to a Post Oak, John E. and Hiram Bost's corner; thence with John E. Bost's line S. 72 1-2 E. 64 poles, crossing the Great Road to a Post Oak, corner of lot No. 1 and in John E. Bost's line; thence with the line of lot No. 1 N. 14 W. 273 poles to a bank of the River; thence up the River, 1st: N. 29 W. 8 poles; 2nd: N. 40 W. 36 poles to the beginning, containing 90 acres, more or less.

Sold to satisfy the provisions of said judgment.

This the 3rd day of February, 1927.

FRANK ARMFIELD and
H. S. WILLIAMS,
Commissioners.

NOTICE OF RE-SALE.

North Carolina—Cabarrus County.

Sophronie Bost and husband, Jarner Bost; Jeanette Wagoner: Cosby Wagoner and wife Viola Wagoner; Beulah McCullough and husband, Thomas McCullough; Montrose Biggers and husband, Price Biggers: Willie Wagoner and wife, Daisy Wagoner; and Samuel Wagoner. Plaintiffs.

vs.

Jasper Wagoner and wife, Annie Wagoner; Luther Wagoner and wife, May Wagoner; Otis Wagoner and wife, Annie Wagoner; Mary Butler and husband, John Butler; Fred Wagoner and wife, Etta Wagoner; Hoover Wagoner and wife, Alice Wagoner—Defendants.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Cabarrus County made in the special proceeding entitled as above, the same being No. —upon the special proceedings docket of the said Court, the undersigned commissioner will, on the 19th day of February, 1927, at 12:00 o'clock M., at the courthouse door in Concord, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract of land lying and being in the county of Cabarrus and more particularly described as follows:

First Lot: Lying on Crowell St and being lot No. 6 in Block A of the map of Linville, made by Quint E. Smith, and filed in the office of the Register of Deeds for Cabarrus County, bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake in the edge of Crowell St., Taylor Wagoner's corner and runs thence N. 58 1-2 E. 155 ft. to a stake; thence S. 31 1-2 E. 50 feet to a stake; thence with line of lot 8, S. 58 1-2 W. 161 ft. to a stake in the edge of Crowell St., No. 25 W. 50 ft. to the beginning. Same being the lot conveyed to Sallie Williams by Missouri Brown, by deed duly recorded in office of Register of deeds for Cabarrus County in Book —— p. ——, reference to which is hereby made.

Second Lot: Being in Ward No. 4 of Concord, N. C., and in the southeast intersection of Crowell and Young streets. Beginning at an iron stake in the south edge of Young St and East edge of South Crowell St. and runs thence with Young Street N. 58 1-2 E. 49 feet to a stake; thence S. 31 1-2 E. 120 ft. to a stake; thence S. 58 1-2 W. 65 feet to a stake in the east edge of South Crowell St.; thence with said Crowell street No. 25 W 125 feet to the beginning, being part of the land conveyed by R. M. White and others to R. A. Brown and recorded in Book 55, page 120 of the records of Deeds of Cabarrus County.

Third lot: All that lot in the City of Concord, N. C., on Young street in Linville addition, known and described as Lot No. 2, in Block A of a certain map or plat of Linville, made by Q. E. Smith, and filed in the office of Register of Deeds for Cabarrus County, on March 23, 1917, reference to which is hereby made for a better description to said lot, which has a frontage of 60 feet on Young Street and a depth of 120 feet and extends to line of lot No. 6 in said Block A.

Bidding begins at $630.00.

C. W. SWINK.
Commissioner.

This the 31st day of January, 1927.
Armfield, Sherrin & Barnhardt, Attorneys.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of J. W. Collett, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated on or before the 21st day of January, 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

G. H. HENDRIX, Administrator.
Hartsell and Hartsell, Attorneys.
January 21, 1927.

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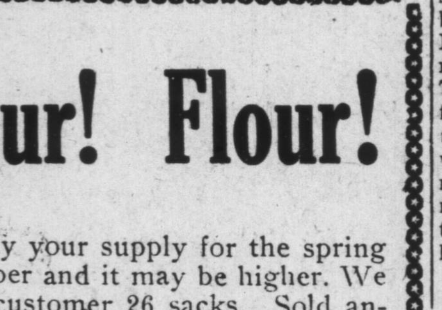

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Having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of C. C. Patterson, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate, must present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated, on or before the 4th day of February, 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

C. R. PATTERSON,
W. D. PATTERSON,
Administrators.

By J. L. Crowell, Attorney, Concord, N. C.
February 2nd, 1927.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of D. W. Shimpock, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated, on or before the 1st day of January, 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

OLE SHIMPOCK,
Administrator.
January 1st, 1927.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of Grover C. Cook, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated on or before the 20th day of January, 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

WILEY COOK,
Administrator.
Caldwell & Caldwell, Attorneys.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

By virtue of authority vested in me by a deed of trust or mortgage, executed by Adam Litaker on the 22nd day of February, 1915, which mortgage is duly recorded in the Register's office for Cabarrus County, N. C., in Book No. 32, page 33, the conditions not being complied with, I will sell at public auction at the Court House Door in Concord, N. C., on Monday the 14th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock M., to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate:

In No. 9 Township, adjoining and bounded by the lands of Adam Heglar, Luther Biles and others: Beginning at a B. O., at what was formerly Cassell's corner, and runs thence N. 23 W. 18 poles to a Spanish Oak, corner in what was the Gibb's line; thence N. 49 E. 26 poles to a stone in what was formerly the Cassell line; thence S. 19 E. 17 poles to a stone in what was formerly the Gibbs' line; thence S. 46 W. 27 poles to the beginning, containing about 2 acres and 103 square poles more or less.

Title to said property is supposed to be good, but the purchaser takes only such title as I am authorized to convey under said mortgage.

This the 15th day of January, 1927.

G. HAWLEY HEGLAR,
Trustee.

By Hartsell & Hartsell, Attorneys.

SALES OF VALUABLE LANDS IN NUMBER 10 TOWNSHIP.

By virtue of an order of sale in the Superior Court of Cabarrus County in the January term, 1927, in the case wherein M. L. Love administrator of the estate of Guy Black, Mamie Black, widow, C. W. Boat, Mary D. White, P. E. White and M. B. Sherrin are plaintiffs and Albert Caldwell Black, Susie Black, Vina Black and Baby Ray Black are defendants,

We will at 12 O'clock M., on Saturday February 26th at the Courthouse door in Concord, N. C. expose to sale at Public Auction for cash, to the bighest bidder the following described lands lying and being in Number 10 Township, Cabarrus County, N. C.

Tract number 1:

Adjoining the lands of Frank White, the Howell lands, Jake Newell, and others. Beginning at a pile of stone where B. J. stood, Frank White's corner and runs North 15, West 24 poles to a stone on Ham Howells's (deceased) line; thence North 79 East 40 poles to a stone; thence South 15 East 24 poles to a stone by a B. J. stump; thence South 79 West 40 poles to the beginning, containing 6 acres, more or less. The same being the second tract of land described in deed by W. W. Wilhelm and wife to C. W. Bost, dated December 21, 1908 and recorded in record of Deed Number 71 page 486 of the Register of Deed for Cabarrus County. Same being the land this day deeded to Guy Black, which deed is delivered and filed for registeration simultaneously with this mortgage. The timber on the half of this land belons to C. W. Bost, which he reserves in said deed.

Tract number 2:

Beginning at a stone, corner of the 20 acre tract and said stone being 2 poles from Burleys on hickory corner and rus thence North 26 West 60.25 poles to a stone on H. C. Howell's and A. H. Howell's line; thence with H. C. Howell's line South 76 West 102 4-5 poles to a stone pile by a B. J. stump, H. C. Howell's corner; thence with corner on White's line; thence with Burleyon's line North 72 1-4, Eeast 112 3-4 poles to a small hickory, Burleyson's corner; thence the same line prolonged North 72 1-2, East 2 poles to the beginnig, containing 43 acres, deeded to F. E. White by Isaac Burleyson on Jan. 4, 1899 and recored in record of deeds Number 95, page 107. Same also being the land deeded by Mary D. White and husband, Frank E. White to Guy Black on December 5, 1922, which deed is filed for registration simultaneously with this mortgage.

Tract number 3:

Adjoining the lands of W. E. C. White, J. F. Newell, Guy Black and others.

Beginning at a pile of stones said White Newell, and Black's corner and runs thence with Guy Black's line North 80, East 663 feet to a large stone on the west side of the road, Guy Black's corner and runs with his and the road South 14, East 564.8 feet to an iron stake in said road, a new corner of W. E. C. White and Guy Black; thence a new line due West 793 feet to an iron stake in the edge of a field, a new corner; thence a new line due North 442 feet to the beginning, containing 8.33 acres, more or less. Same being the land this day deeded to Guy Black by W. E. C. White and wife. Said deed is filed for registration simultaneously with this mortgage.

Tract number 4:

Adjoining the lands of Guy Black, J. F. Newell, W. E. White and others. Beginning at a pile of stones, J. F. Newell's and Guy Black's corner and runs thence with the Newell line South 80, West 356 feet to an iron stake by a hickory, a new corner on said Newell's line; thence a new line South 7 3-4, East 227 feet to an iron stake by a maple, a new corner; thence a new line crossing ditch South 68 1-2 East 345 feet to an iron stake, W. E. White and Guy Black's corner; thence with Guy Black's line due North 442 feet to the beginning, containing 2.59 acres, more or less.

Tract number 5:

Beginning at an iron stake W. E. White and Guy Black's corner and runs due East 793 feet to an iron stake in the public road; thence with said public road South 14, East 533 feet to an iron stake, F. E. White and Mark Austin's corner; thence with F. E. White's line North 72, West 858 feet to a pile of stones on the edge of an old road; thence North 79, West 117 feet to an iron stake, a new corner on the F. E. White line; thence a new line due North 243 feet to the beginning, containing 7.21 acres, more or less.

Tracts numbers 4 & 5 are a part of the land conveyed by W. E. White by F. E. White and wife, M. D. White by deed dated March 1st., 1921, and registered in office of register of deed for Cabarrus County N. C. in book Number 100, page 70.

And that the estimated value of said lands is $2680.00

The above described lands are being sold to satisfy the mortgages thereon and to pay indebtedness of the estate of Guy Black, deceased.

This the 24th day of January, 1927.

M. B. SHERRIN and
J. L. CROWELL, Jr.,
Commissioners.
Armfield, Sherrin and Barnhardt, Attorneys.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of J. W. Stowe, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated on or before the 22nd day of January, 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

R. W. STOWE, Administrator.
January 24, 1926.

ADMINSTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of Sam Alexander, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated on or before the 24th day of January, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

M. B. SHERRIN, Administrator.
Armfield, Sherrin and Barnhardt, attorneys.
January 24, 1927.

NOTICE.

North Carolina—Cabarrus County.

This is no notify all persons concerned that the co-partnership hitherto existing between Earl Calloway and J. A. Jones under the firm named Calloway & Jones with place of business at 165 Harris St., Concord, N. C., has by mutual consent this day been dissolved. The debts and obligations of said firm, if any, have been assumed by Earl Calloway and by the terms of dissolution he is now the owner of all open accounts, notes and indebtedness of every description due said firm and he will continue business at the same stand.

Witness our hands and seals this 25th day of January, 1927.

W. E. CALLOWAY, (Seal)
J. A. JONES, (Seal).
27-4wks.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

North Carolina—Cabarrus County.
Lina Boyd Averett vs. Lee Averett.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cabarrus County, N. C., for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony; that the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court on the 7th day of March, 1927, at his office in the Court House of said County and State, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 26th day of January, 1927.

J. B. McALLISTER,
Clerk of the Superior Court.
27-4wks.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as the Administrator of the estate of John D. Barringer, deceased, all persons owing said estate are hereby notified that they must make prompt payment or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate must make prompt payment or suit will be brought. And all persons having claims against said estate must present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated on or before the 5th day of February, 1928, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

P. M. BARRINGER,
Administrator.
Caldwell & Caldwell, Attorneys.
January 31, 1927.

IT PAYS TO USE PENNY ADS.

TIME OF CLOSING MAILS

The time of the closing of mails at the Concord Postoffice is as follows:

Northbound.

136—11:00 P. M.
36—10:00 A. M.
34— 4:10 P. M.
38— 8:30 P. M.
30—11:00 P. M.

Southbound.

39—9:25 A. M.
45—3:25 P. M.
135— 8:00 P. M.
29—11:00 P. M.

RAILROAD SCHEDULE.

In Effect September 26, 1926

Northbound		
No. 40	to New York	9:28 P. M.
No. 136	To Washington	5:05 A. M.
No. 36	to New York	10:25 A. M.
No. 34	To New York	4:43 P. M.
No. 46	To Danville	3:15 P. M.
No. 12	To Richmond	7:10 P. M.
No. 32	To New York	9:03 P. M.
No. 30	To New York	2:15 A. M.
Southbound.		
No. 45	To Charlotte	3:40 P. M.
No. 35	To New Orleans	9:56 P. M.
No. 29	To Birmingham	2:15 A. M.
No. 31	To Augusta	5:51 A. M.
No. 33	To New Orleans	8:15 A. M.
No. 11	To Charlotte	8:00 A. M.
No. 135	To Atlanta	8:37 P. M.
No. 39	To Atlanta	9.45 A. M.

ington and beyond.

No. 37 To New Orleans 10:45 A. M.

Train No. 34 will stop in Concord to take on passengers going to Washington and beyond.

Train No. 37 will stop here to discharge passengers coming from Washington and beyond.

All trains stop in Concord except No. 38 northbound.

Bible Thought for the Day

The Eyes of The Wicked:—The eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not escape, and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.—Job 11.20.

Prayer:—Then, Our God, guide us with Thine eye upon us that we may live and rejoice daily in Thee.

LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

Miss Irene Black, of Charlotte, is the guest of Miss Helen Black.

Gilbert H. Hendrix is administrator of the estate of J. W. Collett.

One new case of whooping cough was reported Saturday to the county health department.

The price of cotton on the local market Friday was quoted at 13 1-2 cents per pound.

No new cases of any kind were reported Friday morning to the county health department.

More warm weather was Concord's good fortune Friday. High temperatures prevailed again throughout the day and night and although there were clouds in the skies at times there was no rain.

Halbert Webb, graduate of State College, has accepted a position with the Hartsell Mills Co. He is connected with the dye department of the mill and began his duties February first.

Margaret Swink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swink, is ill at her home on South Church street with pneumonia. Her condition today is reported by relatives as practically unchanged.

Evangelistic meetings will be held at the First Methodist Protestant Church from February 6th to 20th, every evening at 7:30 o'clock. N. J. Miles will be the musical director.

The golf course at the Cabarrus Country Club has been popular during the week. With perfect weather for outdoor sports prevailing, the number of players on the course has increased greatly during the past week.

Friends here of William L. Hahn, of Mt. Pleasant, will be interested to know that his condition is somewhat improved, following a two weeks' illness of pleurisy and complications of heart diseases. He is the father of H. C. Hahn, of Concord.

Roller skates are coming into their own again here. During the past several night when it has been unusually warm, scores of youngsters could be seen skating about on the paved streets of the city, and in some parties there have been at least a dozen skaters.

One defendant was sentenced to serve 29 months on the chain gang in recorder's court Friday on three counts. Another paid $10 for being intoxicated, another $10 for gambling and two others, charged with stealing an automobile, were bound over to Superior Court.

Harvey B. Rogers has sold to H. E. C. Winecoff for $100, property in No. 14 township, according to a deed filed here Friday. Two other deeds record the sale of property in No. 11 township by I. I. Davis, Jr., to John R. Query and R. A. Plummer for $150 and $50, respectively.

Duke defeated V. P. I. at basketball Friday night while Carolina was winning from Virginia and Furman from Wake Forest. The clash between the two Baptist teams in Greenville ended in a fight, Ober and Emmerson being charged with an attack on the referee. They later apologized.

Major Graham K. Hobbs has been detailed to act as Inspector General of the troops of North Carolina during the inspection trip this month. He will be here February 19th with Lieutenant Compton, of the regular army. No Inspector General has yet been appointed to succeed Major Kenneth E. Caldwell, who recently resigned.

Sanatorium Sun: "That Cabarrus County is leading the State of North Carolina, and that North Carolina is leading the South in an effort to stamp out and prevent tuberculosis by having held four clinics within the past year, at which 868 persons were examined and given the tuberculin test, is the statement made by the Cabarrus County Health Department in its report for the year 1926."

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THE BLACK DIAMOND EXPRESS
by Darryl Francis Zanuck

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SYNOPSIS

John Ballard, left poor by the same Fate that deprives him of his parents, works his way through college, then devotes his career to fighting negligent railroads, cherishing a vendetta against them for killing his parents. Phil Hardin, a college chum, now a railroad official, offers John a staggering salary. John wavers; it would be his chance to wed Viola Ruskin. But through a misunderstanding Viola weds Phil. John turns down the job, and aims at a political career. Jordan, the money king behind the railroad, warns him not to become an enemy.

CHAPTER VI—Continued

Now, without ostentation, without real public knowledge of what was going on, the N. Y. and C. V. was being used as a pawn in a great game. A few years ago it had paid good dividends on its stock, both common and preferred; its bonds had been gilt edged securities. No hint that interest might not be paid on these bonds had ever been heard. Its surplus had been enormous; the road had been rich enough to finance, from its own resources, without expensive borrowing, such necessary improvements as were required to keep it up.

Gradually, under Jordan, all this had changed. The surplus had been wiped out entirely. New bond issues had been made. The road's debt was far greater than it had been; no dividends had been paid for some years. And though, as yet, interest on all the bonds had been promptly paid, there were

"The time may come," he said, "when you will be obliged to go into these things officially."

constant ugly rumors that even on these payments there might, some day soon, be defaults. No longer was there the ready market for N. Y. and C. V. bonds that there had been; wise investment houses frowned when their clients talked of buying such bonds and urged the selection instead of other securities, which were, they said, safer—even though the lowered price of the N. Y. and C. V. bonds made the yield look high.

George Warren talked more than once to John Ballard of these matters.

"The time may come," he said, "when you will be obliged to go into these things officially. You will do well to make yourself familiar with the affairs of the road now."

"I've been puzzled by things I've heard," John admitted. "What have they done with the money?"

"Many things," said Warren. "They have paid enormous salaries for one thing. James Hardin for years was content with a salary of fifty thousand dollars a year. He enjoyed, of course, a good income from his stock holdings as well. His son's salary is five times what his father's was—from the N. Y. and C. V. alone. In addition he draws several other salaries as the head of some of the subsidiary companies.

"Then, if you will look back, you will find that the road has bought —for very large sums—control of a number of other properties. It paid five million dollars for the coastwise shipping lines it took over four years ago. Who owned those lines? Jordan. And the actual property—ships, docks, warehouses —wasn't worth three million dollars at the most liberal estimate. It has bought up moribund trolley lines, practically put out of business before they were bought by competing motor bus routes. It paid a fancy price for a franchise granted to a competing road—and not a shovelful of earth had ever been turned to build that line!"

"Is all that legal?" asked John.

"Probably—yes. They couldn't buy you, but the N. Y. and C. V. and Jordan between them command the services of some of the ablest lawyers in the world. I say that Jordan owned the ships the railway bought. I know that is true. But I doubt very much if anything of the sort could be proved in court. These people are clever enough to cover up their tracks. If you came to make an investigation you'd find, I'm pretty sure, that dummy owners had done the actual selling and you'd find it impossible to prove any connection between them and Jordan."

"I see," said John. "It's graft—and, though you know it, you couldn't prove it?"

"Exactly. Some time we'll get proof. People engaged in enterprises of this sort always make a false step sooner or later. They grow overconfident with success, and careless. That is one reason my paper hasn't denounced this sort of thing more. I want to let them think they are pulling the wool over my eyes. I want to lull them into a feeling of false security. It's the best way I know to lead them to give themselves away. That, you see, is our best chance—to have them so cock sure, so satisfied with themselves, that they'll make a blunder that will lay them open to attack. To strike before we have the proof would simply put them on their guard and make it almost hopeless ever to get the goods on them."

John was very thoughtful after that talk with Warren. It opened his eyes; it set his mind to work in new channels. And it was not long before he began to gather evidence fully corroborative of what Warren had told him. Evidence—and yet not evidence. It was evidence that satisfied him, but he was lawyer enough to know that it would be useless in a court of law.

Yet, very quietly, very steadily he built up his arsenal of information. It would all be useful some day; of that he was certain.

For Jordan, as time went on, he came to have a growing dislike and distrust. The man was, it seemed to him, a menacing and sinister figure. He was, for his own selfish ends, dragging a great and once valuable property to ruin and bankruptcy. And that was a disaster that must, John knew, be averted if any possible way to avert it could be found.

The sufferers, if the N. Y. and C. V. went down, would not be Jordan and Phil Hardin and the other big rich men concerned. No. It was the small stockholders who would suffer. The widows, the orphans the little people of small means who had invested all they had in N. Y. and C. V. stocks and bonds. These would be the ones who would be ruined if, as came to John to seem inevitable, the road finally went into the hands of receivers.

For Phil Hardin, his old friend he had more pity than blame. Phil it seemed to him, was the same old weakling; he was putty in Jordan's hands. For all his title of president he was no more than Jordan's hired man, forced to do as he was told. He was riding straight for a fall—and, if John knew anything about him, he didn't even know it.

So far as John could tell Phil's marriage had been a happy one. He and Viola had no children, but they were seen much together, and Viola, from all that John could gather, was happy and contented. She was still a youthful and beautiful woman; he saw her sometimes at a distance, even met her once or twice face to face. And it terrified John to think of what the future might hold for her.

CHAPTER VII

Ten years had passed into history. John Ballard sat in his office frowning as he read the morning paper—the Ventnor Sun. His office was no longer a room in the dingy little red brick building that had seen the beginnings of his law practice, however. It was a stately, high-ceiled chamber in the County Court Building.

For John Ballard was now, and for two years had been, district attorney of Ventnor County—elected after a bitter fight, a campaign that had attracted attention far beyond the confines of the state even. The prediction George Warren had made ten years before had been fulfilled. Despite the efforts of the ring, backed by all the corporate enemies John Ballard had made as a lawyer, the reform element had succeeded, for the first time, the first time at least in this generation, in breaking down the entrenched power of Balderston's political group and putting an honest and fearless man into the office it was most dangerous to the crooks to lose.

John's two years in office, the first half of his term, had been busy and active years. Already he had accomplished a great deal. He had put the fear of the law into the hearts and minds of men who had thought themselves above and beyond all law. He had terrified the police into making a real effort to clean up vice conditions in the city. He had made it plain that the old graft in city and county contracts was dead—at least while he held office.

And now, staring at him from the columns of the first page of the Sun, was news that beckoned him to the greatest fight of all.

(To be continued)

Greensboro Visitors Honored.

Mrs. Fred Odell and Mrs. Phillip Carlton, the guests of Mrs. J. M. Odell, were the attractive honorees on Friday afternoon when Mrs. A. G. Odell entertained at a delightful informal tea.

Bowls of early spring flowers were arranged throughout the home.

Music added to the pleasure of the afternoon. Mrs. C. B. Wagoner, accompanied by Mrs. V. A. Means, sang several sovely compositions while instrumental music by Mrs. I. I. Davis was beautifully rendered.

Delicious tea and sandwiches were served to the following guests: Mesdames Odell, Carlton, J. M. Odell, George L. Patterson, I. I. Davis, V. A. Means, C. B. Wagoner, John K. Patterson, Josie Durant, C. A. Cannon, Mattie Lee Cannon, W. H. Gorman, and W. W. Morris.

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