THE GAMBLING SPIRIT.

Dr. Talmage Preaches a Strong Sermon Against It.

The Evil Now Sweeping Over Our Country —It Kills Industry as Well as Morality —Church Lotteries Included in the General Denunciation.

In his latest sermon the popular Washington divine calls attention to the misery produced by the "infernal spell" of the gamester and sounds a warning note to those who are attracted by this sin. His text is Acts 1: 19: "Aceldama, that is to say the field of blood."

The money that Judas gave for surrendering Christ was used to purchase a graveyard. As the money was blood money, the ground bought by it was called in the Syriac tongue, "Aceldama," meaning "The field of blood." Well, there is one word I want to write today over every race course where wagers are staked, and every pool room, and every gambling saloon, and every table, public or private, where men and women bet for sums of money, large or small, and that is a word incarnadined with the life of innumerable victims—Aceldama.

The gambling spirit, which is at all times a stupendous evil, ever and anon sweeps over the country like an epidemic, prostrating uncounted thousands. There has never been a worse attack than that from which all the villages, towns, and cities are now suffering.

While among my hearers and readers are those who have passed on into the afternoon of life, and the shadows are lengthening, and the sky crimsons with the glow of the setting sun, a large number of them are in early life, and the morning is coming down out of the clear sky upon them, and the bright air is redolent with spring blossoms, and the stream of life, gleaming and glancing, rushes on between flowery banks, making music as it goes. Some of you are engaged in mercantile concerns, as clerks and bookkeepers, and your whole life is to be passed in the exciting world of traffic. The sound of busy life stirs you as the drum stirs the fiery war horse. Others are in the mechanical arts, to hammer and chisel your way through life, and success awaits you. Some are preparing for professional life and grand opportunities are before you; nay, some of you already have buckled on the armor. But, whatever your age and calling, the subject of gambling about which I speak today is pertinent.

Some years ago, when an association for the suppression of gambling was organized, an agent of the association came to a prominent citizen and asked him to patronize the society. He said: "No, I can have no interest in such an organization. I am in no wise affected by the evil." At that time his son, who was his partner in business, was one of the heaviest players in a famous gambling establishment. Another refused his patronage on the same ground, not knowing that his first bookkeeper, though receiving a salary of only $4,000, was losing from $50 to $100 per night. The president of a railroad company refused to patronize the institution, saying: "That society is good for the defense of merchants, but we railroad people are not injured by this evil," not knowing that, at that very time, two of his conductors were spending three nights of each week at faro tables in New York. Directly or indirectly this evil strikes at the whole world.

Gambling is the risking of something more or less valuable than you hazard. The instruments of gaming may differ, but the principle is the same. The shuffling and dealing of cards, however full of temptation, is not gambling unless stakes are put up; while, on the other hand, gambling may be carried on without cards, or dice, or billiards, or a ten-pin alley. The man who bets on horses, on elections, on battles, the man who deals in "fancy" stocks, or conducts a business which hazards extra capital, or goes into transactions without foundation but dependent upon what men call "luck" is a gambler.

Whatever you expect to get from your neighbor without offering an equivalent in money, or time, or skill, is either the product of theft or gaming. Lottery tickets and lottery policies come into the same category. Bazars for the founding of hospitals, schools, and churches, conducted on the raffle system, come under the same denomination. Do not, therefore, associate gambling necessarily with any instrument, or game, or time, or place, or think the principle depends upon whether you play for a glass of wine or one hundred shares of railroad stock. Whether you patronize "auction pools," "French mutuals," or "book-making," whether you employ faro or billiards, rondo or keno, cards or bagatelle, the very idea of the thing is dishonest; for it professes to bestow upon you a good for which you give no equivalent.

This crime is no new-born sprite, but a haggard transgression that comes staggering down under a mantle of curses through many centuries. All nations, barbarous and civilized, have been addicted to it.

But now the laws of the whole civilized world denounce the system. Enactments have been passed, but only partially enforced, and at times not enforced at all. The men interested in gaming houses, and in jocky clubs wield such influence by their numbers and affluence, that the judge, the jury, and the police officer must be bold indeed who would array themselves against these infamous establishments. The House of Commons of England actually adjourns on Derby day that members may attend the races; and in the best circles of society in this country to-day are many hundreds of professedly respectable men who are acknowledged gamblers.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in this land are every day being won and lost through sheer gambling. Says a traveler through the West: "I have traveled a thousand miles at a time upon the Western waters, and seen gambling at every waking moment from the commencement to the termination of the journey." The southwest of this country reeks with this sin. In some of those cities every third or fourth house in many of the streets is a gaming place, and it may be truthfully averred that each of our cities is cursed with this evil.

Men wishing to gamble will find places just suited to their capacity, not only in the underground oyster cellar, or at the table back of the curtain, covered with greasy cards, or in the steamboat smoking cabin, where the bloated wretch with rings in his ears deals out his pack, and winks in the unsuspecting traveler—providing free drinks all around—but in gilded parlors and amid gorgeous surroundings. This sin works ruin, first, by providing an unhealthful stimulant. Excitement is pleasureable. Under every sky and in every age, men have sought it. We must at times have excitement. A thousand voices in our nature demand it. It is right. It is healthful. It is inspiring. It is a desire God-given. But anything that first gratifies this appetite and hurls it back in a terrific reaction, is deplorable and wicked. Look out for the agitation that, like a rough musician, in bringing out the tune plays so hard he breaks down the instrument! God never made a man strong enough to endure the wear and tear of gambling excitements.

A young man having suddenly inherited a large property, sits at the hazard tables, and takes up in a dice box the estate won by a father's lifetime's sweat, and shakes it and tosses it away. Intemperance soon stigmatizes its victim, kicking him out, a slaving fool, into the ditch, or sending him, with the drunkard's hiccough, staggering up the street where his family lives. But gambling does not in that way expose its victims. The gambler may be eaten up by the gambler's passion, yet you only discover it by the greed in his eyes, and hardness of his features, the nervous restlessness, the threadbare coat, and his embarrassed business. Yet he is on the road to ruin, and no preacher's voice, or startling warning, or wife's entreaty, can make him stay for a moment his headlong career.

The infernal spell is on him; a giant is aroused within; and though you bind him with cables, they would part like thread; and though you fasten him seven times around with chains, they would snap like rusted wire; and though you piled up in his path heaven-high Bibles, tracts, and sermons, and on the top should set the cross of the Son of God, over them all the gambler would leap like a roe over the rocks, on his way to perdition. "Aceldama, the Field of Blood!" Again, this sin works ruin by killing industry. A man used to reaping scores or hundreds of dollars from the gaming table will not be content with slow work. He will say, "What is the use of trying to make these fifty dollars in my store when I can make five times that in half an hour by the dice." You never knew a confirmed gambler who was industrious. The men given to this vice spend their time, not actively employed in the game, in idleness, or intoxication, or sleep, or in corrupting new victims. This sin has dulled the carpenter's saw, and cut the band of the factory wheel, sunk the cargo, broken the teeth of the farmer's harrow, and sent a strange lightning to shatter the battery of the philosopher. The very first idea in gaming is at war with all the industries of society.

Furthermore, this sin is the source of dishonesty. The game of hazard itself is often a cheat. How many tricks and deceptions in the dealing of the cards! The opponent's hand is ofttimes found out by fraud. Cards are marked so that they may be designated from the back. Expert gamblers have their accomplices, and one wink may decide the game. The dice have been found loaded with platina so that doubles come up every time. These dice are introduced by the gamblers unobserved by the honest men who have come into the play, and this accounts for the fact that ninety-nine out of a hundred who gamble, however wealthy when they began, at the end are found to be poor, miserable, haggard wretches, that would not now be allowed to sit on the doorstep of the house they once owned.

In a gaming house in San Francisco, a young man having just come from the mines, deposited a large sum upon the ace, and won $22,000. But the tide turns. Intense anxiety comes upon the countenances of all. Slowly the cards went forth. Every eye is fixed. Not a sound is heard until the ace is revealed favorable to the bank. There are shouts of "Foul! Foul!" but the keepers at the tables produce their pistols, and the uproar is silenced, and the bank has won $95,000. Do you call this a game of chance? There is no chance about it.

Notice also the effect of this crime upon domestic happiness. It has sent its ruthless ploughshare through hundreds of families, until the wife sat in rags, and the daughters were disgraced, and the sons grew up to the same infamous practices, or took a short cut to destruction across the murderer's scaffold. Home has lost all charms for the gambler. How tame are the children's caresses and a wife's devotion to the gambler! How drearily the fire burns on the domestic hearth. There must be louder laughter, and something to win, and something to lose; an excitement to drive the heart faster, fillip the blood, and fire the imagination. No home, however bright, can keep back the gamester. The sweet call of love bounds back from his iron soul, and all endearments are consumed in the fire of his passion. The family Bible will go after all other treasures are lost, and if his crown in Heaven were put into his hand he would cry: "Here goes; one more game, my boys. On this one throw I stake my crown of Heaven.

A young man in London, on coming of age, received a fortune of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, and through gambling in three years was thrown on his mother for support. An only son went to New Orleans. He was rich, intellectual, and elegant in manners. His parents gave him, on his departure from home, their last blessing. The sharpers got hold of him. They flattered him. They lured him to the gaming-table and let him win almost every time for a good while, and patted him on the back and said: "First-rate player." But fully in their grasp, they fleeced him, and his thirty thousand dollars were lost. Last of all, he put up his watch and lost that. Then he began to think of his home, and of his old father and mother, and wrote thus:

"My beloved parents, you will doubtless feel a momentary joy at the reception of this letter from the child of your bosom, on whom you have lavished all the favors of your declining years. But should a feeling of joy for a moment spring up in your hearts, when you should have received this from me, cherish it not. I have fallen deep, never to rise. Those gray hairs, that I should have honored and protected, I shall bring down in sorrow to the grave. I will not curse my destroyer, but, oh, may God avenge the wrongs and impositions practiced upon the unwary, in a way that shall best please him! This, my dear parents, is the last letter you will ever receive from me. I humbly pray your forgiveness. It is my dying prayer. Long before you will have received this from me the cold grave will have closed upon me forever. Life to me is insupportable. I cannot, nay, I will not, suffer the shame of having ruined you. Forget and forgive is the dying prayer of your unfortunate son."

The old father came to the postoffice, got the letter, and fell to the floor They thought he was dead at first, but they brushed back the white hair from his brow and fanned him. He had only fainted. "Aceldama, the field of blood!"

When things go wrong at a gaming table they shout: "Foul! foul!" Over all the gaming tables of the world I cry out: "Foul! foul! Infinitely foul!"

"Gift stores" are abundant throughout the country. With a book or knife, or sewing machine, or coat, or carriage, there goes a prize. At these stores people get something thrown in with their purchase. It may be a gold watch, or a set of silver, a ring, or a farm. Sharp way to get off unsalable goods.

The Church of God has not seemed willing to allow the world to have all the advantage of these games of chance. A church bazar opens and toward the close it is found that some of the more valuable articles are unsalable. Forthwith the conductors of the enterprise conclude that they will raffle for some of the valuable articles and, under pretense of anxiety to make their minister a present or please some popular member of the church, fascinating persons are dispatched through the room, pencil in hand, to "solicit shares," or perhaps each draws for his own advantage, and scores of people go home with their trophies, thinking that it is all right, for Christian ladies did the embroidery and Christian men did the raffling, and the proceeds went toward a new communion set. But you may depend on it that, as far as morality is concerned, you might as well have won by the crack of the billiard ball or the turn of the dice box.

Do you wonder that churches built, lighted, or upholstered by such processes as that come to great financial and spiritual decrepitude? The devil says: "I helped to build that house of worship, and I have as much right there as you have;" and for once the devil is right. We do not read that they had a lottery for building the church at Corinth, or at Antioch, or for getting up an embroidered surplice for St. Paul. All this I style ecclesiastical gambling. More than one man who is destroyed can say that his first step on the wrong road was when he won something at a church fair. The gambling spirit has not stopped for any indecency. There transpired in Maryland a lottery in which people drew for lots in a burying ground! The modern habit of betting about everything is productive of immense mischief. The most healthful and innocent amusements of yachting and baseball playing have been the occasion of putting up excited and extravagant wagers. That which to many has been advantageous to body and mind, has been to others the means of financial and moral loss. The custom is pernicious in the extreme, where scores of men in respectable life give themselves up to betting, now on this boat, now on that; now on this ball club, now on that. Betting that once was chiefly the accompaniment of the race course, is fast becoming a national habit, and in some circles any opinion advanced on finance or politics is accosted with the interrogation, "How much will you bet on that, sir?"

Shall I sketch the history of the gambler? Lured by bad company, he finds his way into a place where honest men ought never to go. He sits down to his first game, but only for pastime and the desire of being thought sociable. The players deal out the cards. They unconsciously play into Satan's hands, who takes all the tricks and both the players' souls for trumps—he being a sharper at any game. A slight stake is put up, just to add interest to the play. Game after game is played. Larger stakes and still larger. They begin to move nervously on their chairs. Their brows lower, and eyes flash, until now they who win and they who lose, fired alike with passion, sit with set jaws, and compressed lips, and clenched fists, and eyes like fireballs that seem starting from their sockets, to see the final turn before it comes; if losing, pale with envy and tremulous with unuttered oaths cast back red-hot upon the heart —or winning—with hysteric laugh— "Ha, ha! I have it!"

A few years have passed, and he is only the wreck of a man. Seating himself at the game, ere he throws the first card, he stakes the last relic of his wife —the marriage ring which sealed the solemn vows between them. The game is lost, and staggering back in exhaustion he dreams. The bright hours of the past mock his agony, and in his dreams, fiends with eyes of fire and tongues of flame circle about him with joined hands, to dance and sing their orgies with hellish chorus, chanting, "Hail, brother!" kissing his clammy forehead until their loathsome locks, flowing with serpents, crawl into his bosom and sink their sharp fangs and suck up his life's blood, and coiling around his heart pinch it with chills and shudders unutterable.

Take warning! You are no stronger than tens of thousands who have by this practice been overthrown. No young man in our cities can escape being tempted. Beware of the first beginnings! This road is a down grade, and every instant increases the momentum. Launch not upon this treacherous sea. Splint hulks strew the beach. Everlasting storms howl up and down, tossing unwary craft into the hell-gate. I speak of what I have seen with my own eyes. To a gambler's deathbed there comes no hope. He will probably die alone. His former associates come not nigh his dwelling. When the hour comes, his miserable soul will go out of a miserable life into a miserable eternity. As his poor remains pass the house where he was ruined, old companions may look out for a moment and say: "There goes the old carcass—dead at last;" but they will not get up from the table. Let him down into his grave. Plant no tree to cast its shade there, for the long, deep, eternal gloom that settles there is shadow enough. Plant no "forget-me-nots" or eglantines around the spot, for flowers were not made to grow on such a blasted heath. Visit it not in the sunshine, for that would be mockery, but in the dismal night, when no stars were out and the spirit of darkness comes down horsed on the wind, then visit the grave of the gambler.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of Mary A. Irwin, dec'd, late of Union township.

Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement, to the undersigned.

HENRY T. IRWIN, Adm'r.
Harry Keller, Attorney. Runville, Pa. No. 21.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs of Levari Facias, Fieri Facias and Venditioni Exponas issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre Co. Pa. and to me directed, there will be exposed to Public Sale, at the Court House, in the borough of Bellefonte, Pa., on

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1898, at 10.30 A. M.

All that certain tract of land situate in the Township of Howard, County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, bounded on the North by land of James Turner, on the East by lands of Joseph L. Neff and Rebecca Wheeler, on the South by land of George D. Johnson, and on the West by lands of Curtin & Company, containing 120 acres more or less. Thereon erected a large dwelling house, two barns, blacksmith shop and other outbuildings; about 75 acres are cleared and the balance in timber.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Joseph Casselberry.

ALSO,

All that messuage, tenement and tract of land situate in the Township of Benner, County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at stones; thence by land of—— Shuey, South 62 degres West 159 perches to post; thence by land of George M. Hale, North 33 degrees West 177 perches to post in public road; thence along said public road North 52 degrees East 54 perches to post; thence along same North 56 degrees East 120 perches to post; thence by land now of James Clark, South 35 degrees East 159 perches to post; thence South 56 degrees West 32 perches to post; thence South 35 degrees East 40 perches to stones, the place of beginning, containing 215 acres and 150 perches, neat measure, be the same more or less. Thereon erected one dwelling house, barn and other out-buildings.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of James Fannon.

ALSO,

All that certain lot of ground situate in Phillipsburg Borough, Centre county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at corner of Pine street and North 7th street; thence along Pine street, South 57 degrees West 115 10-12 feet to an alley; thence along said alley North 33 degrees West 50 feet to stake; thence North 57 degrees East 115 10-12 feet to North 7th street; thence along said street, South 33 degrees East 50 feet to the place of beginning. Thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling house, work shop, stable and other out buildings.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of M. C. Dorland and W. H. Dorland.

ALSO,

All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in Boggs township, Centre county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post; thence by land of Linn & McCoy, 60 feet to a post; thence by same 200 feet to a post; thence along the Bellefonte and Philipsburg Turnpike 60 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1-4 of an acre, more or less. Thereon erected a two story frame dwelling house and out-buildings.

Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of William Miller, George Miller, Sarah Miller, Mary Butler, John Miller, J. Lincoln Miller and Curtin Miller, heirs of James S. Miller, deceased.

ALSO,

All that certain tract of land situate in Gregg township, Centre county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at pitch pine; thence along lands of John Grove, South 71 1-2 degrees West 34 perches to post; thence South 36 1-2 West 29 8-10 perches to post; thence South 27 1-2 degrees East 76 5-10 perches to post; thence along lands of Peter Auman South 62 degrees West 100 8-10 perches to post, thence by land of John Grove and others North 28 degrees West 205 1-2 perches to post, thence by land of Daniel Runkle North 62 degrees east 162 perches to stones, thence by land of Benjamin Ripka and John Grove south 27 1-2 degrees East 124 perches to the place of beginning, containing 175 acres and 57 perches neat meassre. Thereon erected a dwelling house bank barn and other outbuildings.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Benjamin Breon.

ALSO,

All the right title and interest of Darius Waite in all that certain messuage tenement and tract of land situate in Half Moon township, Centre county, Pennsylvania. Beginning at stones the land of Jeremiah way, South 51 degrees 280 5-10 perches to stones, thence by land of Millers heirs South 42 1-2 degrees West 40 perches to white oak, thence by land of Jos. Eves and others North 58 degrees West 206 4-10 perches to stones, thence by land of Samuel Ellenberger and others North 42 1-2 degrees East 72 perches to the place of beginning, containing 100 acres and 90 perches. Thereon erected a two-story dwelling house, bank barn and other outbuildings.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as all the right, title and interest of Darius Waite.

ALSO,

All the right title and interest of John S. Waite and Darius Waite in all that certain piece or tract of land situate in Half Moon township, Centre county, Pennsylvania. Beginning at stones, thence North 50 1-2 degrees East 99 perches to stones, thence North 39 1-2 degrees West 93 perches to stones, thence South 41 1-2 degrees West 104 perches to stones, thence South 57 degrees East 20 perches to stones, thence South 39 1-2 degrees East 57 perches to the place of beginning, containing 32 acres and 138 perches.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as all the right title and interest of John S. Waite and Darius Waite.

ALSO,

All that certain tract of land situate in Curtin township, Centre county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: On the North by land of William Weber, on the East by land of Mary Glossner, on the South by land of Henry Thiel, on the West by land of Samuel Hall et al. Containing 77 acres more or less. Thereon erected a dwelling house and other out-buildings.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Mary Ferringer.

ALSO,

All that certain tract of land situate in Penn township, Centre county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: On the North by Brush mountain, on the East by land of J. H. Reifsnyder, on the South by lands of same and —— Stover and on the West by land of W. C. Hubler, containing about 17 acres. Thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling house, stable and other out buildings.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of John Weaver.

ALSO,

All that certain messuage tenement and tract of land situate in Patton township Centre county Penna. Bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a post at the eastern corner of Grave yard, thence by Grave yard south 27½ degrees west 3 perches and 18 links to a stone, thence by lands of Meek's heirs south 3 degrees west 37 perches to a stone, thence by lands aforesaid south 74 degrees west 37 perches to a B. oak stump, thence by lands aforesaid south 61 degrees west 37 perches to a W. oak dead, thence by lands of Jacob Gray south 37½ degrees east 55 perches to a stone, thence by lands aforesaid south 53 degrees west 28 perches and 17 links to stone, thence by lands aforesaid south 39¾ degrees east 19 perches to a stone, thence by lands aforesaid south 51½ degrees west 67 perches and 15 links to a pine, thence by lands of Geo. Mattern (now Dr. M. Stewart) south 39¾ degrees east 157 perches and 13 links to a stone, thence by lands of Jacob Mattern north 60 degrees east 38 perches and 22 links to a pine, thence by land aforesaid and lands of S. T. Gray north 57 degrees east 149 perches and 21 links to a stone, thence by lands of S. T. Gray north 2¾ degrees west 111 perches to a post in road, thence by Pine Grove road north 36¾ degrees west 5 perches to a post, thence by aforesaid road north 61½ degrees west 10 perches to a post, thence by aforesaid road north 37 degrees west 85 perches to a post, thence by said road north 65 degrees west 8 perches to a post, thence by aforesaid road north 32¾ degrees west 10 perches to a post, thence by aforesaid road south 39¾ degrees west 18 perches to a post, thence by aforesaid road north 38¾ degrees west 43 perches to a post, thence by land of Isaac Gray south 55 degrees west 29⅛ perches to the place of beginning, containing 322 acres and 75½ perches. Thereon erected two two-story frame dwelling houses, large bank barn, wagon shed and other outbuildings.

ALSO,

All that certain tract or piece of land situate in Huston township Centre county Penna. Beginning at a Hemlock on the north side of Bald Eagle Creek, thence extending by said land known as the Mud Lick property south 4 degrees east 143 perches to a white oak, thence south 27 degrees east 74 perches to stones, thence extending by land of Wm. A. Thomas estate north 58 degrees east 92 perches to stones, thence extending by land of Michael Mayes north 24½ degrees west 178 perches 4-160 to a post on the bank of Bald Eagle Creek, thence extending up said Creek south 75 degrees west 8 perches to a post, thence north 64 degrees west 10 perches to a post, thence north 85 degrees west 10 perches to a post, thence south 78 degrees west 20 perches to a hemlock the place of beginning, containing 93 acres and 39 perches nett measure.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Miles Mattern, Jacob Mattern, David Mattern and Mary M. Mattern and J. Linn Mattern, administrators of John B. Mattern, dec'd.

ALSO,

All that certain messuage tenement or tract of land situate in the Township of Patton, Centre county Penna., bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at stones, thence by land of John Mattern north 58 degrees east 24½ perches to a pine, thence north 55 degrees east 78 perches to a post, thence by land of John B. Stine (now S. T. Gray) south 41½ degrees east 36¼ perches to a post, thence by land of Jacob Hicks (now Dr. M. Stewart) south 55 degrees west 102¼ perches to a post, thence by land of F. B. D. Gray's heirs north 41 degrees west 39 perches to stones, the place of beginning, containing 25 acres nett.

ALSO,

All the right title and inteaest of the defendant David Mattern in and to all that piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in the township of Half Moon County of Centre and State of Penna., bounded and described as follows to wit: On the north by lands of Samuel P. Gray and Samuel T. Gray, south by land of George Mattern and other lands of said David Mattern and on the west by lands of A. T. Gray, containing 6 acres more or less.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of David Mattern.

ALSO,

All that certain messuage tenement and lot of ground in Borough of Philipsburg, Centre county, Pennsylvania, marked in the general plan or plot of said borough as lot No. 131 bounded and described as folinws to wit: Beginning at the corner of Centre and Beaver streets, thence by Beaver street 60 feet to a corner of lot No. 132, thence by lot of No. 132 60 feet to a corner, thence at right angles to said last line 60 feet to Centre street, thence by Centre street 60 feet to the place of beginning, containing 60 feet width and depth. Thereon erected a two story dwelling house and other outbuildings.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Charles A. Munson.

TERMS—No deed will be acknowledged until purchase money is paid in full.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE. W. M. CRONISTER, Sheriff.
Bellefonte, April 7, 1898.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the petition of John A. Erb and Wm. W. Thomas for transfer of the license of the said Jno. Erb to the said Wm. W. Thomas, has been filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Centre county, according to the Act of Assembly approved July 15, 1896.

W. F. SMITH,
Clerk.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the account of Jno. B. Linn, committee of Susan Young, will be presented for confirmation on Wednesday, April 27, 1898, and unless exceptions be filed on or before the second day of the term, the same will be confirmed. W. F. SMITH,
no. 16. Prothonotary.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that in the assigned estate of Israel Confer, the assignor's claim for benefit of exemption has been filed and confirmed nisi, by the court. W. F. SMITH.
no. 16. Prothonotary.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of John B. Heckman, late of Gregg township, dec'd.

The undersigned having been granted letters of administration of said estate, notice is hereby given to all persons knowing themselves indebted to the decedent to make immediate payment, and those having claims are requested to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

J. M. HECKMAN,
Wm. G. B. HECKMAN,
20. Administrators.

DIVORCE NOTICE.

Catharine D. Confer vs Wesley Confer } In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre Co. No. 128 Nov. Term, 1897.

Divorce A. V. M.

To Wesley Confer, Respondent:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Centre. } ss:

The petitioner, the above libellant named, having filed her application for divorce in the above stated case and publication of said application having been ordered by said court, you are hereby notified to appear at our Court of Common Pleas on the fourth Monday of April 1898, then and there show cause, if any, you have, why Catharine D. Confer should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with Wesley Confer, according to the prayer of the petition filed in said court.

W. M. CRONISTER, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office.
Bellefonte Pa. March 30, '98. 9-17.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the matter of the estate of Michael Fishburn, late of Benner township, deceased.

The undersigned having been granted letters of administration on said estate, notice is hereby given to all persons knowing themselves indebted to the decedent to make immediate payment, and those having claims are requested to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

ISRAEL KAUFFMAN, Administrator.
Orvis, Bower & Orvis, Attorneys Bellefonte, Pa.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Susan Young, deceased, late of Howard township.

Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted there to are requested to make immediate payments, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement, to the undersigned.

BALSER WEBER, Adm'r,
No.17 Howard Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Mary Barr, dec'd, late of Huston township.

Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those daving claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement, to the undersigned.

C. M. BOWER, Adm'r,
Bellefonte, Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Frederick Zettle, deceased, late of Gregg township.

Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims to present them for settlement.

J. W. ZETTLE, Ex'r,
No. 15. Spring Mills, Pa.

CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania on Friday the 22nd day of April A. D. 1898, by W. L. Goodhart, F. E. Naginey, Tyson Shadle, William Thompson, Jr., James Thompson, William E. Gheen and others, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporation," approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Central Commercial Telephone Company," the character and object whereof is to erect and maintain telephone lines and leasing and putting telephones in private houses, manufactories and business places, and charging rates of toll for the use thereof in and throughout the counties of Centre, Clinton, Clearfield, Huntingdon, Lycoming and Montour in the State of Pennsylvania, to connect all the principal towns and villages in the said Counties by such system of telephone lines, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements. ORVIS, BOWER & ORVIS,
Mar. 24, 1898. Solicitors for applicants.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Hon. John G. Love, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the 49th Judicial district, consisting of the county of Centre, having issued his precept bearing date the 28th day of March 1898, to me directed for holding a Court of Common Pleas and Orphans' Court, Court of Oyer and Terminer and general Jail Delivery and Quarter Sessions of the Peace in Bellefonte, for the county of Centre, and commence on the 4th Monday of April, the 25th day of April, 1898, and to continue two weeks. Notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and Constables of said county of Centre, that they be then and there in the proper persons, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, with their records, inquisitions, examinations, and their own remembrances, to do those things which to their office appertains to be done, and those who are bound in recognizances to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Centre county, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand, at Bellefonte the 28th day of Mar., in the year of our Lord, 1898 and the one hundred and twenty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

W. M. CRONISTER,
Sheriff.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.

The following accounts have been examined, passed and filed of record in the Register's Office for the inspection of heirs and legatees, creditors and all others in any way interested, and will be presented to the Orphan's Court of Centre county for confirmation on Wednesday, the 27th day of April, A. D., 1898.

1. First and final account of John B. Linn, trustee of Mrs. Rebecca Burnside, wife of Thomas Burnside, dec'd, trust created under the will of Jane F. Mann, dec'd.

2. First and final account of John B. Linn, trustee of Mrs. Annie Burnside, wife of William Burnside, dec'd, trust created under the will of Jane F. Mann, dec'd.

3. First and final account of William Pealer, administrator of etc., of Samuel Crawford, late of Gregg township, deceased.

4. Final account of B. V. Eink, administrator of etc., of Richard Newman, late of Taylor township, deceased.

5. The first and final account of J. R. Bible, executors of etc., of Catherine McCormick, late of Potter township, deceased.

6. Account of Peter Breon, guardian of Emory S. and Bruce Ripka, minor children of Henrietta Ripka, late of Potter township, deceased, as filed by Perry W. Breon, ex'r of etc., of Peter Breon, deceased.

7. First and final account of Harry O. S. Barnhart and James K. Barnhart, executors of etc., of Philip W. Barnhart, late of Boggs township, deceased.

8. The first and final account of John A. Hunter, Jr., administrator of etc., of Joanna M. Hunter, late of State College borough, dec'd.

9. The account of Deborah E. Valentine, and George Valentine, Jr., administrators of etc., of Jacob D. Valentine, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased.

10. The account of Dr. George S. Frank, administrator of etc., of Allison H. Miller, late of Millheim borough, deceased.

11. The first and final account of John C. Rearick, administrator of etc., of Jessie D. Rearick, late of Union township, deceased.

12. The first and final account of Jacob Bottorf, administrator of etc., of Thomas Williams, late of College township, deceased.

13. First account of A. A. Dale, guardian of Florence Neff and W. S. Neff, minor children of James I. Neff, late of Stephenson county, Ill., deceased.

14. The first account of Mary J. Gates, executrix of etc., of George Gates, late of Half Moon township, deceased.

15. Second and final account of John P. Taylor and Samuel McWilliams, executors of etc., of Rebecca M. Brisbin, late of Potter township, deceased.

16. First and final account of Ellen H. Andrews, executrix of etc., of Sarah Lindsey, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased.

17. The fourth and final account of Jno. M. Keichline, administrator of etc., of John M. Wagner, late of Beggs township, deceased.

18. First and final account of S. W. Smith, executor of etc., of Mary A. Smith, late of Centre Hall borough, deceased.

19. First and final account of W. H. Noll, Jr., administrator of etc., of W. H. Noll, Sr., late of Spring township, deceased.

20. First and final account of A. J. Weaver, administrator of etc., of Sarah A. Weaver, late of Gregg township, deceased.

21. First and final account of John H. Roush, executor of etc., of Mary Woesner, late of Gregg township, deceased.

22. Supplemental account of Andrew J. Lytle, executor of etc., of Piersol Lytle, late of College township, deceased.

23. The account of Charles Smith, administrator of etc., of Elizabeth Fox, late of Haines township, deceased.

24. The first and partial account of Elizabeth Thomas, executrix of etc., of Mrs. Jane Barr, late of Philipsburg boro, deceased.

25. The first and final account of F. S. Musser, administrator of etc., of Charles A. Musser, late of Gregg township, deceased.

26. First and final account of Wilbur F. Reeder, executor of etc., of Mary S. Gordon, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased.

27. The first and final account of Henry Walkey, guardian of Bessie E. Walkey, George B. Walkey, Marry E. Walkey and John M. Walkey, minor heirs of Daniel C. Walkey, deceased.

G. W. RUMBURGER,
Bellefonte Pa., March 30th, 1898.