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### PUBLICATION NOTICE.

E. S. Brown, receiver of the Northwestern Manufacturing and Car Company, defendant, will take notice that Joseph H. King, plaintiff herein, has filed his petition in the district court of Red Willow county, State of Nebraska, against the above-named defendant, the object and prayer of which are that certain indenture of mortgage executed on the seventeenth day of August, 1887, by one John F. Clark and Mary Clark his wife to the said E. S. Brown, receiver of the Northwestern Manufacturing and Car Company, purporting to convey to the said E. S. Brown, receiver of the Northwestern Manufacturing and Car Company the following described real estate situated in Red Willow county, State of Nebraska, to-wit: The south half of the northeast quarter and the south half of the northwest quarter of section fifteen in township three, north, in range twenty-six, west of the sixth Principal Meridian, to secure the payment of the sum of one thousand, four hundred and fifteen dollars, recorded in book 9 at page 407, of the mortgage record of said county, be adjudged to be no lien upon said premises, and that plaintiff's title to said premises be quieted against said defendant.

You are required to answer said petition on or Monday, the 28th day of February, 1906.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1906.—19-4ts.

JOHN H. KING, Plaintiff.

By W. S. Morlan, his attorney.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, land office at Lincoln, Nebraska, December 20, 1905. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before register and receiver at Lincoln, Nebraska, on January 27, 1906, viz: Thomas McQuay who filed D. S. No. 314 for the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and lot 2, section 23 and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter and southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 24, township 3, north, range 29 west of the 6th P. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Isaac J. Starbuck of McCook, Neb.; Jacob Harshberger of McCook, Nebraska; William Hyatt of McCook, Nebraska; Richard Johnston of McCook, Nebraska.—12-22-05.

W. A. GREEN, Register.

### NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION.

The qualified electors of the city of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, are notified that a special election will be held in said city on Tuesday, February 27, 1906, between the hours of nine o'clock a. m. and seven o'clock p. m., central standard time for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said city the following proposition:

Shall the city of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, borrow money and issue the bonds of said city in the sum of ten thousand dollars on the first day of May, 1906, in a series of \$500.00 each bearing interest at five per cent per annum, payable on the first day of May of each year after the issue thereof, the principal and interest payable at the fiscal agency of the state of Nebraska in the city of New York. Said bonds to mature on the first day of May, 1926, provided that any or all of said bonds may be redeemed at any time after the first day of May, 1911, at the option of the city of McCook. Shall the mayor and council of the city of McCook annually at the time required by law for making estimates for the levy of taxes for city purposes and in addition thereto levy a tax of two mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable property within the limits of the city of McCook both real and personal to pay the interest on said bonds and to create a sinking fund to pay said bonds and to know as the sewer tax. Said bonds to be sold at not less than par or face value and the proceeds applied to the construction of the main sewer of McCook sewer system. The proposition to be submitted upon the ballots to be "For Sewer Bonds and Sewer Tax." Against Sewer Bonds and Sewer Tax." The voting place of the first ward will be the basement of the Commercial hotel and the second ward at the hose house.

Authorized by the mayor and council of the city of McCook.—1-26-06.

W. A. MIDDLETON, City Clerk.

### NOTICE.

In the matter of the application of Melissa Porter, formerly Melissa Pelton, guardian of Edward N. Pelton, minor heir of Charles H. Pelton, deceased, for leave to sell real estate. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance with the order of the Hon. R. C. Orr, judge of the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, made on the 15th day of January, 1906, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the court house at McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 17th day of February, A. D. 1906, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. of said day, the interest of said minor, being the undivided one-third interest in the following described real estate to-wit: The northeast quarter of section thirty-one (31), township one (1), north, of range twenty-six (26), Red Willow county, Nebraska. The interest of said minor will be sold for cash, and said sale will remain open one hour.

Dated this 15th day of January, 1906.

MALISSA PORTER,

Formerly Melissa Pelton, guardian of the estate of Edward N. Pelton, a minor.

By J. E. Kelley her attorney.—2-2-06.

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that the county commissioners of Red Willow county will receive sealed bids for the printing of commissioners' proceedings legal notices and delinquent taxes for the year 1906, parties receiving contract to furnish good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of said contract. Said bids to be filed with the county clerk on or before noon, February 28, 1906, and to be endorsed thereon. Bids for county printing for the year 1906. The commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated this 9th day of January, 1906.—1-12-4ts.

E. J. WILCOX, County Clerk.

### ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES OF RED WILLOW COUNTY FOR 1906.

County general fund.....	\$18,000 00
Bridges fund.....	9,000 00
Road fund.....	5,000 00
Soldiers' relief.....	500 00
Willow Grove precinct bonds.....	1,100 00
North Valley precinct bond.....	300 00
Bartley village bonds.....	500 00
McCook City bond.....	800 00
School district bonds.....	9,000 00
1-12-4ts	E. J. WILCOX, County Clerk.

### PRIZED HAIR ROPES.

Those Used by the Darling Egg Gatherers of St. Kilda.

An Irish paper not long since offered \$150 for a genuine St. Kilda hair rope, such as is used by egg gatherers. On the lonely island of St. Kilda the most appropriate present a young woman can give to her fiancé is a rope made of horsehair, or, better still, of human hair. The rock scalers of this island consider themselves rich above mention if their brides are able to make them such gifts. The ropes are of various lengths, a good one being forty or fifty feet long.

According to a woman traveler who has spent much time at St. Kilda, the ordinary rope consists of a stout hempen cord wrapped round and round with sheep's wool, then with horsehair and finally on the outside with human hair.

It is the work of years to manufacture such ropes—and the maiden of St. Kilda begins very early in her childhood to save her hair combings—and also to dry and bleach certain rough grasses that grow on the wind swept island. The fibers make the cable stronger, and the elastic quality of the hair prevents chafing against the rude cliffs during the rock scaler's descent.

A curiosity collector wanted to buy one of these ropes, which are used by the St. Kilda egg gatherers. He offered \$100, but the amount was refused scornfully.

### THE ESKIMO SMOKER.

He Dearly Loves Tobacco and Not a Mite of It Is Wasted.

"No man is fonder of tobacco than an Eskimo," said an arctic traveler. "The Eskimo depends for his tobacco solely on the white man. For a pound of it he would sell his oldest son."

"It is odd to see an Eskimo smoke. He chops his tobacco fine and mixes it with chopped willow twigs so as to make it go further. Then he cleans out with a picker of bone the small stone bowl of his pipe, and then he plucks a lock of hair from his deerskin suit and rams it down in the bottom of the pipe bowl so as to prevent any of the finely chopped tobacco from escaping into the stem.

"Finally he lights the pipe and smokes it in a swift series of long, strong puffs so that there may be no waste. Each puff is inhaled deep down into the lungs, and the first puff's smoke is still streaming from the nostrils long after another puff has been started. There must be, you see, no waste. There must be none of that vain combustion of tobacco without benefit to the smoker which goes on continually among us.

"Often the most experienced Eskimo will smoke so hard and fast that tears will stream from his eyes, he will cough violently, and sometimes vertigo and nausea will seize him."—New York Press.

### Animals That Are Always Enemies.

Many animals are born with an inherent antipathy for other animals. The excessive fear shown by young rabbits which for the first time smell a ferret and of young turkeys which hear the shrill cry of a hawk they have never heard or seen before, are proved examples of the strength of these instinctive antipathies. But the case of the weasel and rat is, perhaps, more to be noticed because of the greater equality of the antagonists. The feud is so bitter that a meeting between them almost certainly means death to one or both. Friendships are not uncommon between the cat and dog and have been known between a dog and wolf, but the mutual attitude of the weasel and rat is invariably war—war that is waged to the death.

### The Word "Nugget."

"Nugget" was formerly used to signify a bit or lump of anything, as a "nugget of tobacco." Nowadays, however, it is used principally of gold as it comes from the mine. This use is Australian. Governor Sir William Denison of Australia wrote in 1852, "In many instances the gold is brought to market in lumps or nuggets, as they are called." In Queensland there is a peculiar use of the word unknown in the rest of Australia. There, when a man appropriates unbranded calves, he is said to be "nuggetting."

### He Understood.

Paul Louis Courier, when bitterly assailed by a French professor, quietly remarked: "I fancy he must be vexed. He calls me Jacobin, rebel, plagiarist, thief, poisoner, forger, leper, madman, impostor, calumniator, libeler, a horrible, filthy, grinning rascal. I gather what he wants to say. He means that he and I are not of the same opinion, and this is his only way of putting it."

### The Kind She Wanted.

Husband—Anything you want in town today, my dear? Shall I order some more of that rising flour? Wife—We have plenty left, but I wish you would stop at a registry office and order me a self rising servant girl.—Illustrated Bits.

### Preparing the Soil.

"I notice the young Widow Prettyman doesn't have her widow's weeds so much in evidence now."

"No; she's clearing those weeds away. I believe she sees signs of a second crop of orange blossoms."—Philadelphia Ledger.

### That's Why.

"You say you conceal nothing from your wife?"

"Absolutely nothing."

"And why do you not?"

"It is evident that you do not know my wife."—Houston Post.

Nothing can bring you peace but yourself; nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.—Emerson.

## New Men and New Methods In Diplomacy

AMONG the important subjects before congress is that of reform and reorganization in the diplomatic and consular service. It happens that at the time this subject is under consideration important changes are pending in the personnel of our diplomatic force. New men and new methods and promotions for faithful service will, it is hoped, tend to increase the prestige of the United States abroad and develop and strengthen international friendship and business relations. Among the diplomats who are scheduled for promotion are the ambassador to Brazil, David E. Thompson; the minister to Japan, Lloyd C. Griscom; the minister to Turkey, John G. A. Leishman; the minister to Switzerland, David Jayne Hill, and the third assistant secretary of state, Herbert H. D. Pelree. Mr. Pelree will be the first minister of the United States to Norway and Mr. Thompson, it is expected, will be promoted from the Brazilian embassy to that of Mexico, a post which the growth of the Mexican republic and our increased relations with it have rendered a most responsible one. Mr. Griscom's services at the court of the mikado will be rewarded, it is thought, by promotion to the Brazilian embassy, and it is supposed to be the president's plan that Mr. Leishman shall be the first ambassador to Japan.

The post of ambassador to Brazil will be of especial importance in the near future in view of the fact that the pan-American congress is to assemble at Rio Janeiro for its next session. It is the earnest desire that the good work of cementing friendship between the different countries of pan-America shall go on, and to that end it is highly desirable that diplomatic and consular posts in countries to the north and south of us shall be suitably filled.

The subject of consular reform is one that is engaging the especial attention of the new secretary of state, Elihu Root. The bill providing for reform and reorganization of the consular service, known as the Lodge bill, aims to classify the service and abolish many abuses now connected with it. Its effect would, it is believed, be to provide greater incentives to good work on the part of our consular agents than now exist and thus increase our foreign trade.

In the diplomatic service the most pressing need is said to be that of



JOHN G. A. LEISHMAN.

homes for our diplomatic representatives in the great capitals of the world. Uncle Sam pays Whitelaw Reid \$17,500 a year for representing him at the court of St. James, and Mr. Reid pays \$17,000 a year rent for his house in London. That leaves \$500 for keeping up the establishment, entertaining the numerous guests and paying the grocery, meat and wine bills. Besides the embassy home in London, Mr. Reid has a country house, Wrest Park, where he goes to enjoy the seclusion and rest which even an ambassador occasionally needs. Conditions somewhat similar exist at the other leading European capitals. The dignity of the great American nation has to be supported abroad somehow, and under the circumstances only rich Americans can do it. This state of things is held to be inconsistent with the genius of our republican institutions.

It is maintained that if the bill introduced in the house of representatives by Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio were to become a law it would be possible to appoint comparatively poor men to important diplomatic posts if desired. The bill authorizes an expenditure of not to exceed \$5,000,000 in building homes for American representatives abroad. In introducing it Congressman Longworth said:

"It is an open and notorious fact that with the very small salaries paid our diplomatic envoys in comparison with those of other countries none but very rich men can aspire to these offices; that no man of however great learning, experience or ability, can represent this country abroad unless he be a man of great wealth. No matter how much salaries might be increased there would always be an evidence of the wealth of each particular incumbent according to the style of residence he occupied. If, however, a suitable and dignified official residence be given to each of our diplomatic envoys, then, at least so far as external appearances are concerned, the rich man and the poor man will appear alike."

### THE BACKBONE.

Its History Linked With a Theory of Animal Evolution.

The history of the backbone, like that of most life, is not altogether a majestic upward evolution. It has its tragedies and its setbacks, its hopes and failures. In the waters along our seashore are creatures, some sponge or lichen-like, others with strange bulblike bodies, growing on the end of long stalks. But they hold a secret from the crabs and snails which crawl about, and when the fishes brush against them—if their poor, dull sense only knew it—they might claim a blood brotherhood. When they were young, for a little while a gristly cord was theirs also, but this, with all the hopes that such a beginning brings, of fish, of bird, of man even, soon melted away, and there they nod and sway in the watery currents, never to know of the opportunity which nature has snatched from them—why, who can tell?

In sharks the backbone has become jointed and flexible and a rude kind of skull is present, but still more important is the presence of four fins, which correspond to the four legs of lizards and to the wings and legs of birds. A curious basket-like skeleton protects the delicate gills, and it is probable that this existed long before the limbs appeared. All is still of gristly cartilage.

In the higher fishes bone replaces the cartilage, and when the lowly tadpole, fishlike at first, swimming about by means of the fin around his tail, pushes forth his legs and climbs upon the land our skeleton is well on its way backward. Reptiles of old took to trees. Their backbone grew less flexible so that they might safely sail through the air, feathers replaced scales, two fingers of each hand were lost and one from each foot, teeth disappeared, a beak of horn proved best, intelligence increased and the forehead rose high, and behold—a bird!—Outing Magazine.

### BATTLE OF MARATHON.

The Most Decisive Day in the History of the World.

The single day in the world's history which was fraught with the most tremendous consequences to mankind was the day on which the battle of Marathon was fought. The handful of tiny states that inhabited Greece had developed faculties which indicated that man had advanced another stage toward the highest ideals.

Foremost among those little nations was Athens, which state, too, contained the germs of human freedom. It was the forerunner of the democracies of the world. But the very existence of Athens and Greece was threatened by the huge barbaric empire of Persia. Darius had sent out his hordes of warriors to add the Grecian states to his vast dominions. Face to face his forces met the Athenians on the plains of Marathon.

Heriberto invincible in the field, the Persians looked upon the little army opposed to them with contempt. The Greeks themselves hesitated to hazard a battle with the conquerors of the world. Their generals debated the question, and the decision to fight the Persians was caused by the eloquence of the immortal Miltiades. He led his 10,000 Greeks against the Persian host and gained a decisive victory. The glorious day of Marathon beat back the advancing tide of eastern despotism and barbarism and saved the freedom and civilization of the western world.—Pearson's Weekly.

### A King's Ruse.

Alfonso, king of Aragon, was one day examining the different articles in his jeweler's shop in company with many ladies of his court. He had scarcely left the house when the jeweler missed a diamond of great value and ran after him, complaining of the theft. The king, not willing publicly to disgrace any of his attendants, commanded a large basin full of sand to be brought him, into which he directed each person to put in the hand clinched and to draw it out flat. By this means the diamond was left in the sand, unknown by whom.

### Calcium.

Calcium was first made in minute quantities by Humphry Davy. In the new process chloride of calcium is placed in a receptacle and fused by electrolysis. An iron cathode forms a basis upon which the molten calcium deposits itself, and the once rare metal builds itself up into an irregular rod resembling a cabbage stalk. When the stalk has grown to the right length it is clipped off and dipped in paraffin wax to preserve it from the action of the air.

### Three Strange and Remarkable Men.

As Dumas, the grandfather, prided himself more upon his wonderful strength and skill in athletics than his generalship, as Dumas the second prided himself more upon his knowledge of cookery than the authorship of "The Three Musketeers," so Dumas the third prided himself more upon his knowledge of art than upon the writing of "La Dame aux Camelias." They were three strange and remarkable men.

### At Their Own Expense.

"Do you joke writers ever make jokes at your own expense?"

"For the first few years all our jokes are made that way. After that, if we're lucky, we get paid for 'em."—Cleveland Leader.

### The Bargain.

"You ought to take this horse," said the dealer. "He is a bargain."

"Well, then, I don't want him," said the customer. "I want something to drive, and I never could drive a bargain."

The most manifest sign of wisdom is a continual cheerfulness.—Montaigne.

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