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REMARKABLE DOCUMENT.

Unique Story of an Application For Office.

BY MEL R. COLQUHITT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Holcombe, appointment clerk of the department of the interior, I am permitted to copy for your readers the oldest, most original and unique document among the files of that office.

"To Thomas Ewing, Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

The postmark: "Bluff Springs, Mo., Sept. 21."

The office indorsement reads: "Appointment, Martin Rice, Mo."

"Appn: "Ans. 8th Oct. '90." (The Document):

"Bluff Springs, Cass County, Missouri, Sept. 15, 1849.- Dear Sir: This is to inform you and through you to inform the president, that I am willing to accept an office under his administration, provided it pays well. BUT I have very little expectation of getting one.

"I consider myself qualified to fill almost any office. BUT there are hundreds of others who are as well qualified as I am, and perhaps better.

"I consider myself an honest man. BUT there are thousands of others equally honest.

"I am a political friend of the President. BUT that is no good reason why I should receive an appointment.

"I am a stranger to fame and fortune. BUT that is no good reason why I should not receive one.

"I should of course like to have the best office. BUT 'beggars must not be choosers.'

"I should like to have an office near home. BUT I do not wish any honest and capable officer turned out to make room for me, who am untried.

"I am a poor man. BUT I do not wish to plead poverty.

"I am a farmer. BUT that argues nothing for or against me.

"I am also a surveyor. BUT there may be a great many better ones.

"I am a self-taught man. But I have much yet to learn.

"I have the reputation of a great mathematician. BUT I do not wish to boast of it.

"I have a small family. BUT everybody else has or wishes to have.

"I have lived several years in Missouri. BUT I am yet unknown to fame.

"I have sought office, it is true. BUT I have seldom been successful.

"I see a great many offices bestowed at Washington city, either with or without merit. But none have fallen to my share.

"This looks somewhat strange. But how could it be otherwise.

"The great probability is that I never will obtain one. But who knows?

"You may perhaps think I am jesting with you in thus applying for office. But I assure you I am in earnest.

"You may accuse me of egotism and arrogance in thus addressing you. But how can I expect an office unless I ask for it?

"You may perhaps wish to have my character before appointing me to office. But indeed I would not exchange my character for any office whatever.

"I could perhaps get a good recommendation for my neighbors. But I do not wish to ask them to tell a lie for me.

"If you wish a reference to some person high in office, I will refer you to the Hon. John F. Ryland, of our supreme court. But he knows very little if anything about me.

"If you can do nothing for me in the

way of office, please write to me and say so. But make no apologies.

"I shall await anxiously an answer to this letter. But I shall be agreeably disappointed if I get one.

"My address is Pleasant Hill P. O., Cass alias Van Buren County, Missouri. But what of that?

"In looking over this communication I see as many personal pronouns as if it had been written by Colonel Benton himself. But I assure you it was not.

"I could write more, BUT I fear it would be wasting time to no purpose.

"No more. BUT remain yours, etc. "MARTIN RICE.

"To Thomas Ewing, Secretary of Home Department, Washington, D. C."

Nearly half a century later Mr. Holcombe received a letter, from which letter I make the following extracts. It is dated:

"Lone Jack, Jackson county, Mo., March 22, 1894. To Appointment Clerk Holcombe: I notice that it is stated that in delving amongst the old archives at Washington you had dug up an old-time application for office during the administration of General Taylor in 1849. I write to say that the old-time applicant still lives, and has not yet succeeded in obtaining any office under the federal government. \* \* \* A stranger, as I said in my letter at that time, to fortune and to fame, I have in a great degree remained so. \* \* \* And though I failed in that instance to obtain what I asked for, I have had a thousand disappointments since more serious than that one was, and I suppose and feel sure that I did not feel half as bad over the disappointment then as thousands have since felt and are feeling now under similar ones, for you must know that the application cost me nothing but the writing of that letter and a postage stamp.

Hoosier's Tramp," "The Old Fashioned Preacher."

Tumor, philosophy, love of nature and a profound reverence for all things holy pervade the book. Martin Rice was born in east Tennessee about thirty miles north of Knoxville, in 1814. In 1833 his father and family moved to Jackson county, Missouri, and "entered" 160 acres of government land near Lone Jack, a part of the farm on which Martin Rice now resides. Politically, Mr. Rice says he "has generally been in the minority;" in religion he is a Baptist. During the war between the states he was a steadfast friend of the union.

An engraving from a photograph of Mr. Rice is the frontispiece to his book. It shows a lined and rugged face, with broad brow and kindly eyes; a face of the calm, resolute, pioneer type—testifying to the courage and earnestness of the man.

The old blue folds of the remarkable document are now encased in a large official envelope and endorsed: "Very old and unique application for appointment, But." And it is safe to say that it is more carefully treasured than any of the thousands of elaborately worded, high-sounding applications on file, with all their imposing lists of illustrious signers and their awe-inspiring indorsements.

Martin Rice failed to receive his appointment; but it will be a pleasure to your readers to see this very unique official paper.—Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL

Jack Strong is in town again.

Geo. Miller and Mrs. Gunderson celebrated at Cody.

Only four fights in town for the celebration—only one bad eye out of

BRYAN!

(Special Dispatch to THE DEMOCRAT.) Kansas City, Mo., July 5.—

Bryan was nominated by acclamation at 8.30 this (Thursday) evening, and convention adjourned to 10.30 a.m. Friday.

David B. Hill, of New York, will very probably be the vice-presidential nominee.

ORIGINAL OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY.

Under the management of Dr. John H. Scherer and the lectures of the two professors—Jacob Willig and Chas. Brey, will be given at Cornell Hall at Valentine, Wednesday, July 18th at 8 p.m.

This is the original Oberammergau Passion Play copied from the scenery at Oberammergau, Bavaria, Germany, from large photographs that were taken for the King of Bavaria, which were afterward subjected to Edison's science and by him made into living, moving pictures reproducing the realistic features of the great original passion play which is the astonishment and admiration of the most learned and cultured people of Europe and America, consisting of 175 pictures of the life of Christ—his miracles, sufferings and death—together with pictures of the holy places made sacred thereby. Admission, 50c. Reserved seats, 75c. Children, 25c.

Crowds always attend this play so secure tickets right away and come early. 24-2t

Many thousands have been restored to health and happiness by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. If afflicted with any throat or lung trouble give it a trial, for it is certain to prove beneficial. Coughs that have resisted all other treatment for years have yielded to this remedy and perfect health been restored. Cases that seemed hopeless, that the climate of famous health resorts failed to benefit, have been permanently cured by its use. Bear in mind that every bottle is warranted and if it does not prove beneficial the money will be refunded to you. For sale by Quigley & Chapman.

Big Figures.

Supplementing articles we recently published concerning the production and consumption of copper, the following table shows the value of copper manufactures of all kinds, including copper in bars, plates and ingots, exported in each year from 1890 to 1899:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Value. 1890 \$2,349,392; 1891 4,614,597; 1892 7,236,392; 1893 4,525,573; 1894 19,697,140; 1895 \$14,463,703; 1896 19,720,104; 1897 31,621,125; 1898 32,180,873; 1899 35,953,529

Copper mining is probably the most profitable enterprise of the day, and it is more stable than any other class of mining. Given a property where ore exists in sufficient abundance it can be made to pay well. The uncertainties of gold mining are not present in the mining was never as bright as it is today. An unusual opportunity is afforded of becoming interested in an enterprise of that character is presented by El Progreso Copper Mining Co. The company's advertisement in this issue concisely states the case. As the property has been worked for generations there can be no speculation about it, and it seems to be a project where only capital is needed to very profitably develop its great resources.

Was it a Miracle?

"The marvelous cure of Mrs. Rena J. Stout of consumption has created intense excitement in Cammack, Ind.," writes Marion Stuart, a leading druggist of Muncie. "She only weighed 90 pounds when her doctor in Yorktown said she must soon die. Then she began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and gained 37 pounds in weight and was completely cured." It has cured thousands of hopeless cases, and is positively guaranteed to cure all throat, chest and lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Elliott's drug store.

Old papers for sale at this office.

MACHINE OIL.

WE HANDLE THE Eldorado Castor at 40 cents a gallon. 35c in 5-gallon Lots. QUIGLEY & CHAPMAN DRUGGISTS Valentine Nebraska

PARAFFINE WAX advertisement with image of a woman and text: "Don't tie the top of your jelly and preserve jars in the old-fashioned way. Seal them by the new, quick, absolutely sure way—by a thin coating of pure, refined Paraffine Wax. Has no taste or odor. Is air tight and acid proof. Easily applied. Useful in a dozen other ways about the house. Full directions with each pound cake. Sold everywhere. Made by STANDARD OIL CO."

Large Line MILLINERY Latest Styles LOW PRICES. See our Shirt Waists, Wrappers, Neckwear, Etc. Remember the place. I. L. EFNER, Opposite The Donoher

NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS. Our stock of Spring Dress Goods is now complete and the ladies will take especial delight in examining our beautiful lines. We have The Swellest Assortment ever brought to Crookston, and it will be absolutely impossible for you to find prices any lower elsewhere. Don't Forget us when you want Groceries, Shoes, Clothing, or in fact anything. We sell COAL, SALT AND FENCE POSTS. MAX E. VIERTEL CROOKSTON NEBRASKA

THE PALACE SALOON HEADQUARTERS FOR WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS Of the Choicest Brands VALENTINE NEBRASKA

LIVERY STABLE! LIVERY, FEED & EXCHANGE. Special Attention Given to Stockmen. H. GODFREY Merriman, Nebr.

173 PER CENT. ANNUALLY. That's the Profit—Copper, the Article—Mexico, the Country.

"El Progreso" in its group of six mines has some of the richest copper ores in the richest mining country in the world. Ore runs 12 per cent copper, 12oz. silver, a trace of gold, total value, about \$13 a ton, and in two of the mines, in addition to copper and silver, ore contains 3 per cent to 5 1/2 per cent quicksilver or mercury, about \$105 a ton. The great Lake Superior copper mines—Calumet, and Hecla, Wolverine and Tamarack, Quincy, etc.—that annually return millions, run only from \$3 to \$15 a ton.

Boston and Montana six years ago sold for \$15 a share, to-day, \$275, paying 240 per cent on the investment. United Verde sold for \$100 a share, today stock not in the market and pays \$6,666 per cent on investment. Calumet and Hecla sold for \$1 a share, to-day worth \$200, and pays on investment 10,000 per cent. Entire capital stock of United Verde was offered for \$100,000 and refused. Senator Clark, later, paid \$200,000, and to-day he has annual income from this property of over \$1,000,000. If this is possible here with labor six times higher than in Mexico, with ore five times less valuable, with fuel five times dearer, and every thing else in proportion, do you doubt that El Progreso will return 173 per cent and more, annually, to original investors, to first stockholders who contribute the money to start "the ball rolling" who are on the "ground floor"?

An experienced, know the country, the people, the language, lived there 18 years, and know the mines of this section of Mexico, and unsatisfactorily state El Progreso is the best; have been worked for generations in a Mexican way, and supplied the copper for the surrounding country. No attempt was ever made to extract the gold, silver or quicksilver. A modern 30-ton concentrating and smelting plant—supplying only the \$13 ore—will return \$400,000 per annum; thus \$43, \$10 for treatment, equals \$3340 tons equals \$1,320 a day, for 300 days equals \$396,000. This will pay 20 per cent on \$1,000,000 total capitalization. Fair value of shares \$1.00. 300,000 shares are treasury stock, and 400,000 of this to be sold very low to raise money to start things when price will be greatly advanced—100,000 at 12c (all sold), 100,000 at 15c, 100,000 at 20c, 100,000 at 25c.

Dividend multiplied by No. of shares for purchase \$1.00 show annual profit. 12c.....173 Per Ct.....\$203.65; 173 Per Ct) 20c.....130 Per Ct.....\$260.00; 130 Per Ct) 25c.....104 Per Ct.....\$260.00; 104 Per Ct) 30c.....80 Per Ct.....\$240.00; 80 Per Ct) \$1.00.....26 Per Ct.....\$263.81; 26 Per Ct) The best chance ever offered of securing stock in a legitimate copper mining enterprise. Send for prospectus. Organized company on a plan to give a chance to all—big and little, rich and poor, great and small, none need be excluded. If quick, you can own 6 1/2 shares for every dollar you remit. DAVID B. RUSSELL, President, El Progreso Copper Mining Co., 65 Wall Street, New York.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice to Creditors.

In County Court, within and for Cherry County, Nebraska, in the matter of the Estate of Annie E. Handy, deceased. To the Creditors of said Estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine in said County, on the 14th day of July, 1900, at 10 o'clock a.m. to receive and examine all claims against said Estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is 7 months, from the 14th day of December A. D. 1899, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 14th day of December, 1899. Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, this 20th day of June, 1900. W. K. TOWNE, County Judge.

Application for Appointment of Administrator.

In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska. In the matter of the Estate of Abraham Colman, deceased. Martha J. Hoffman filed in my office a petition praying for the appointment of William E. Bailey as administrator of the Estate of Abraham Colman, deceased. All persons interested in said estate will take notice that I have fixed July 7th, 1900, at 10 o'clock a.m. as the time and my office in Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska, as the place for hearing said petition, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause, if any there be, why such administrator shall not be appointed. Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, this 20th day of June, 1900. W. K. TOWNE, County Judge.

STRAYED: From Georgia, about April 15, 1900, two sorrel yearling horse colts, not branded. One large chestnut sorrel with white stripe in face, and a smaller, light sorrel with white spot in forehead. GEO. GRABE, Crookston, Nebr.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Last November, a 3-year-old brindale cow branded and hair braided, left shoulder. W. L. NICHOLS, Merriman, Nebr.

STRAYED—17 head of cows branded on left side or hip. A suitable reward will be paid for recovery. C. H. CORNELL, Valentine, Nebr.

TAKEN UP. The latter part of May, at my place near Reige, German precinct, 1 gray mare about 12 years old, branded on left shoulder and T on right shoulder; weight about 850 pounds. W. A. WILSON.

A complete press and printing outfit for sale. Write or inquire at this office. 23 tf