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Notice To Our Subscribers.

On an after January 1st, 1898 the subscription price of the NORTHWESTERN will be reduced to \$1.00 a year to all who pay up all arrearages to Jan. 1st, 1898 and one year in advance. Remember the \$1.00 rate is for advance payments. This rate does not apply to our old subscription account; neither will it apply to subscription accounts not paid in advance in the future. New subscribers can get the one dollar rate also if they pay in advance. Old subscribers must pay up all their back accounts and the one year in advance to get the rates. Those who have paid to Jan. 1st, 1898 can also renew for \$1.00 by paying in advance. We want to establish advance payments on our entire list and so offer this inducement. It will do away with the expense of sending out a collector which is both annoying to us and to our subscribers. The hard times have made it necessary for us to contract bills and even borrow money to keep the ball rolling, and we must make an effort to square up. We now come to the point where we are forced to urge collections. Having recently opened new books we find that our subscription accounts alone carried forward amounts to nearly \$800.00. If we could get this we would be able to square up and have a little left to keep the wolf from the door.

We have placed all our accounts in the hands of W. J. Fisher who is authorized to receive and receipt for same. We employ Mr. Fisher for two reasons. One is that he offices with us, is familiar with our books and makes collections a specialty; and again because it is impossible for us to attend to the duties of the office and get around and see the parties, as at present we are doing all of our own work, not being able, financially to keep a hand to attend to the mechanical part of the business. It is hoped that all will respond to this notice and promptly pay up. Remember we are forced to send out the collector to all who do not respond at once. You can head him off and save us this additional expense if you remit promptly. If you cannot remit promptly please be ready when the collector comes.

Statements will be mailed to everyone owing us, showing the exact amount due to first of year.

As soon as you get this statement if you have not the ready cash on hand throw a few bushels of wheat, a load of corn or a fat hog in the wagon and make a special trip to town to square up with the printer. We make a special effort every week, fifty-two times a year to get the paper to you. Please reciprocate.

A special correspondent says that the fear all along expressed of famine and suffering likely to occur is now a reality. A food panic is on and a stamped for grub stations along the Yukon has begun. The Canadian authorities have warned all who are unprovided with sufficient food to leave the camp or face suffering and starvation. They also chartered the steamer Bella and gave free transportation down the river to 200 men.

Eugene E. Moore, defaulting estate auditor who by Judge Cornish on December 7th sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. When asked if he had anything to say he made no pretense of denial, but stated that financial reverses had overcome him and his friends had prevented the return of the money, as he intended. All of which goes to prove that some kinds of friendship is worse than to be without friends at all.

MY MAMMA'S HANDS.

I wish you'd see my mamma's hands And the things that they can do. She says they're "very ugly ones," But I don't believe that's true. They're pretty, all the same, to me. And mighty clever too.

She says she can't do anything. But I see her work all day. She writes long things on paper, Which she says are "not much pay." She sews, knits and cooks sometimes (And she spanked me yesterday).

She makes nice cake and candy. And stockings she can darn. Why, the other day I found her Whitewashing our barn. And often I do have to sit And hold great hanks of yarn!

I wonder if my mamma's hands Ever stop to go to sleep. Why, they're busy when they hear me say, "Pray God, my soul to keep." Some night when she's not looking I'll just run in and peep. I'll just run in and peep. —L. Speyers in New York Journal.

ABE LINCOLN'S CHIVALRY.

Helped a Lawyer, Now Famous, to Win His First Case.

His first case at the bar will never be forgotten by ex-Senator John C. S. Blackburn of Kentucky, for Abraham Lincoln played a conspicuous part in helping the young Kentuckian to win his suit. Lincoln was merely an attorney, waiting for one of his cases to be called, when the incident occurred.

Ex-Senator Blackburn was only 20 years old when he began the practice of law, having graduated at Centre college, Danville, Ky. His first case was in the United States court in Chicago, presided over by Justice John McLean, then on the circuit. The opposing counsel was Isaac N. Arnold, then at the head of the Chicago bar, and subsequently a member of congress and author of the first biography of Lincoln. Young Blackburn had filed a demurrer to Mr. Arnold's pleadings in the cause, and when the case was reached on the calendar the young Kentuckian was quite nervous at having such a formidable and experienced antagonist, while the dignity of the tribunal and the presence of a large number of eminent lawyers in court served to increase his timidity and embarrassment. In truth the striking barrister was willing to have any disposition made of the cause in order to get rid of the burden of embarrassment and "stage fright." He was ready to adopt any suggestion the opposing counsel should make.

Arnold made an argument in which he criticised the demurrer in a manner that increased the young lawyer's confusion. However, Blackburn knew he had to make some kind of an effort. He proceeded with a few remarks, weak and bewildering, and was about to sit down when a tall, homely, loose-jointed man sitting in the bar arose and addressed the court in behalf of the position the young Kentuckian had assumed in a feeble and tangled argument, making the points so clear that the court sustained the demurrer.

Blackburn did not know who his volunteer friend was, and Mr. Arnold got up and sought to rebuke the latter for attempting to interfere in the case, which he had nothing to do with. This volunteer was none other than Abraham Lincoln, and this was the first and last time the Kentuckian ever saw the rail splitting president. In replying to Mr. Arnold's strictures Mr. Lincoln said he claimed the privilege of giving a young lawyer a helping hand when struggling with his first case, especially when he was pitted against an experienced practitioner.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Electricity and Balking Horses.

One of the recent extensions of the use of electricity is in conquering a balky or lazy horse. A western Pennsylvania gentleman owned a horse which he said was worth \$1,000, provided he could cure him of balking. It was suggested that he try electricity. He purchased a three volt storage battery and connected it by wires with the bit and the crupper. The battery was placed in the road cart to which the horse was attached. At first the horse refused to move, but stood with all four feet braced. Then the owner touched the button connected with the battery. When the horse felt the shock, he snorted, jumped and began to move off at a lively pace. Every day for a week he was given the same lesson. His owner, who does not care to sell him, declares that now he never balks, bites or kicks.

The West Pennsylvania Humane society, which investigated the method, came to the conclusion that a small amount of electricity used upon a horse was more humane than a whip.—Exchange.

England's Shortest Railway.

The shortest railway line in Great Britain is the Brighton Dyke Steep Grade railway, which was opened recently, adding a new feature to the attractions of Devil's Dyke. The Dyke, which is a favorite resort of the Brightonians, is a great but remarkably regular chasm on the South downs, situated about six miles to the northwest of Brighton. The view from the tableland, nearly 100 feet above the sea level, which surrounds it is one of the finest panoramic views obtainable in the country. The new line, which descends direct from the top of the hill to a point about a quarter of a mile distant from the village of Poyning in the plain below, is only 840 feet in length.

Open to the Public.

"One thing surprised me out in Yellowstone park."

"What was that?"

"I didn't see any signs around 'Keep off the geysers.'"—Chicago Record.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT.

In District Court Sherman county, Nebraska.

Kattie McMasters, Plaintiff.

vs.

Edgar M. McMasters, Defendant.

Will take notice that on the 14th day of October, 1897, Kattie McMasters, Plaintiff herein, filed her petition in the district court of Sherman County, Nebraska, against said Defendant, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a decree of divorce from said Edgar McMasters, the husband of said Kattie McMasters, for willful abandonment for more than two years without just cause.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 6th day of December, 1897. Dated, October 14th, 1897.

KATTIE McMASTER, Plaintiff.

Geo. W. HUNTER, Attorney.

LOUIS REIN, Clerk District Court.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS.

In district court of Sherman county, Nebraska.

Walter South, Plaintiff.

vs.

Benjamin H. Drake et al., Defendants.

The defendants, Benjamin H. Drake, May Drake, Ezekiah S. Drake, Mary Drake, The Central Loan and Trust Company, A. Campbell, Assignee of the Central Loan and Trust Company and Des Moines National Bank Trustee, will take notice that on the 14th day of November, 1897, Walter South, plaintiff herein filed his petition in the District Court of Sherman county, Nebraska against said defendants implored with Charles L. Drake, Edna J. Drake, The Keystone Lumber Company, Albert B. Guthrie, Henry Miller, John Miller, and — Miller, his wife, name unknown, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the said Benjamin H. Drake and May Drake to the said Central Loan and Trust Company and by the said Central Loan and Trust Company assigned to plaintiff, upon the South West quarter of Section 15, Fourteen, in Township 14, Fourteen, north of Range 15, Fifteen, west of 6th p. m. situate in Sherman county Nebraska, to secure the payment of a promissory note in the sum of \$1,000.00 due and payable on March 1st, 1899 and in 30 days after default to pay the interest thereon and six interest notes due and payable September 1st, 1896, March 1st, 1897, September 1st, 1897, March 1st, 1898, September 1st, 1898, March 1st, 1899 for \$200.00 each. That there is now due on said note and mortgage the sum of \$1,139.48. Eleven Hundred and Thirty-nine Dollars and Forty-eight cents, and interest on \$300.00 from September 1st, 1896, and on \$800.00 from March 1st, 1897, and on \$100.00 from September 1st, 1897, and on \$100.00 from October 28th, 1897, at ten per cent per annum, for which sum plaintiff prays for a decree that defendants be required to pay the same or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 13th day of December, 1897. Dated this first day of November, 1897.

WALTER SOUTH, Plaintiff.

by R. J. NIGHTINGALE, his attorney.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS.

In District Court of Sherman county, Nebraska.

The Vermont Savings Bank, Plaintiff.

vs.

Margaret Gaydecki, et al., Defendants.

The defendants, Margaret Gaydecki, Andrew Gaydecki, The Central Loan and Trust Company, A. Campbell Assignee of the Central Loan and Trust Company, Des Moines National Bank Trustee, and The J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company will take notice that on the 28th day of October, 1897, The Vermont Savings Bank plaintiff herein filed its petition in the district court of Sherman county Nebraska, against said defendants implored with Anton Kwiatkowski, — Kwiatkowski, his wife, first name unknown, Michael Michalski and Victoria Michalski, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the said Margaret Gaydecki and Andrew Gaydecki to the said Central Loan and Trust Company upon the South West quarter of Section 12, Twelve, in Township 15, Fifteen, north of Range 14 in Sherman county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note for the principal sum of \$900.00 and seven interest notes for the sum of \$30.00 each, dated March 22nd, 1893, said principal sum of \$900.00 being due and payable on May 1st, 1900 and in twenty days after default to pay any interest due thereon and said interest notes being due and payable on May 1st of each year after date of said principal note. That said notes and mortgage were on May 9th, 1893 sold and assigned to plaintiff and there is now due thereon the sum of \$955.03 with interest on \$830.00 from May 1st, 1897 and on \$20.00 from October 28th, 1897, at ten per cent per annum, for which sum plaintiff prays for a decree that defendants be required to pay the same or that said premises be sold to satisfy the amount found due on said mortgage.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 6th day of December, 1897. Dated this 28th day of October, 1897.

THE VERMONT SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff.

by R. J. NIGHTINGALE, its attorney.

LEGAL NOTICE.

H. Smelser, plaintiff.

vs.

Lloyd J. Hyatt and Mary C. Tockey, Defendants.

Lloyd J. Hyatt will take notice that on the 6th day of April 1897, R. D. Hendrickson, predecessor in office of Geo. E. Hunter, a Justice of the Peace of Loup City Township, Sherman county, Nebraska issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$123.75 and interest in an action pending before him, wherein H. Smelser is plaintiff and Lloyd Hyatt and Mary C. Tockey are defendants, that property of defendants, consisting of 22 bushels and 40 pounds of wheat has been attached under said order, also garnishee summons issued against Mike Pagan. Said cause was continued to the 6th day of December, 1897, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

W. J. FISHER and T. S. NIGHTINGALE, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE.

To Gottlieb Gunther, non-resident.

You will take notice that on the 5th day of November, 1897 Ed W. Sawyer, a Justice of the Peace in Bristol township, Sherman county, Nebraska issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$5.20 in an action pending before him, wherein Henry Reese is plaintiff and Gottlieb Gunther is defendant. That property of defendant, and consisting of one third undivided interest in thirty acres of corn grown and now standing on the south half of the south east quarter of Section 25, Township 12 north of Range 14, west 6th p. m. in Sherman county, Nebraska, has been attached under said order; said cause was continued to the 6th day of December, 1897, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

At a same time plaintiff garnished Jacob Gunther.

You are required to answer said petition on or before December 27, 1897.

HENRY REESE, Plaintiff.

By M. T. GARLOW, his Attorney.

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