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LAND OFFICE NOTICES.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at North Platte, Neb., April 15th, 1893.

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 the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb., on June 5, 1893, viz: Ashley Peters, who made Homestead Entry No. 17,076 for the north half southwest quarter south half northwest quarter section 22, township 15 north, range 29 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Welman Stearns, Chas. E. Jordan, Hugh T. Crockett and William Ross, all of North Platte, Nebr.

156 A. S. BALDWIN Register.

LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

William J. Ferrell, Mrs. Ferrell the wife of William J. Ferrell, whose first name is unknown, and the unknown heirs at law of the said defendant William J. Ferrell, defendants, will take notice that on the 2d day of May, 1893, James W. Ham, Peter B. Wycoff and John F. Dillon, executors of the estate of Sidney Dillon, deceased, Isaac Dillon and Chester W. Collins, doing business under the name and style of Dillon, Collins & Company, plaintiffs, filed their petition in the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to have the title to the west half of the southwest quarter of section ten (10), in township fourteen (14) north of range thirty-one (31) west, decreed and confirmed in the said firm of Dillon, Collins & Company, and praying further that said defendants and each of them be compelled to come into court and set forth all their claim of title and estate in and to said premises above described and that the same be declared null and void as against the title and estate of said Dillon, Collins & Company, and that said defendants, and each of them, be perpetually enjoined from claiming any right, title, interest or estate in and to said premises, and that they and each of them be perpetually enjoined from interfering in any manner with the possession of said Dillon, Collins & Company in and to said premises; and praying further that the said cloud upon the title to said premises by reason of the failure of the records of Lincoln county, Nebraska, to show the certain deed made and executed by said defendant, William J. Ferrell to Morrell C. Keith, conveying to said Keith said premises herein above described, be removed and for such other and further relief as to the court may appear just and equitable. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 12th day of June, 1893.

Dated May 2d, 1893.

GRIMES & WILCOX, Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

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ORDER OF HEARING.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN COUNTY, } ss.

At a county court, held at the county court room in and for said county, May 10th, 1893.

In the matter of the estate of Richard Goddard deceased.

On reading and filing the resignation of the administrator of said estate and the court moving that administration of said estate may be granted to Sidney Sapp as administator.

Ordered, That May 26th, 1893, at 10 o'clock a. m. is assigned for hearing said matter, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a county court to be held in and for said county, and show cause to the contrary, and that notice of the pendency of said matter be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in THE NORTH PLATTE TRIBUNE, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

JAMES M. RAY, County Judge.

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PROBATE NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of George Hawley, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of said deceased will meet the executor of said estate before me, county judge of Lincoln county, Nebraska, at the county court room in said county, on the 29th day of August, 1893, on the 29th day of September, 1893, and on the 29th day of October, 1893, at one o'clock p. m. of each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims and eight months for the executor to settle said estate from the 26th day of April, 1893. This notice will be published in the NORTH PLATTE TRIBUNE newspaper for four weeks successively on and after the 26th day of April, 1893.

164 JAMES M. RAY, County Judge.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale issued by W. C. Elder, clerk of the District court of Lincoln county Nebraska, upon a decree and judgment rendered by said court in favor of Charles S. Seaver and against Axel F. Westin, I have levied upon the following described real estate as the property of the said Axel F. Westin, to-wit: Southeast quarter (S. E. ¼) Section ten (10), Township sixteen (16) north of Range twenty-seven (27) west of Sixth Principal Meridian, in Lincoln county, Nebraska, and I will on the 17th day of June, 1893, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, at the east front door of the Court house of said county, in North Platte, Nebraska, sell said real estate at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said order of sale, the amount due thereon in the aggregate being the sum of $222.65, and $28.83 costs, and probable increase costs, with interest on said decree and judgment.

Dated at North Platte, Neb., this 1st day of May, 1893.

175 D. A. BAKER, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued by W. C. Elder, clerk of the district court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, upon a judgment of foreclosure rendered in said court in favor of N. W. McGee against Christian Schwamb, an insane person, and Cyrus Fox, his guardian, I have levied upon the following described real estate as the property of said Christian Schwamb, to-wit: The southwest quarter of section 5, in township 16 north, of range 27 west, and I will on the 17th day of June, 1893, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, at the east front door of the court house of said county, in North Platte, Nebraska, sell said real estate at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, to satisfy said order of sale, the amount due thereon in the aggregate being the sum of $436.50 and interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from March 3d, 1893, and $19.68 costs and accruing costs.

North Platte, Neb., May 2d, 1893.

175 D. A. BAKER, Sheriff of Lincoln County, Neb.

Application for Liquor License.

Notice is hereby given that George Davis and D. J. Wilkins did on the 6th day of May, 1893, file their application to the county commissioners of Lincoln county, Nebraska, for license to sell malt, spirtuous and vinous liquors in the unincorporated town of Brady Island, in said county and state, for one year from the 1st day of May 1893, to the 30th of April, 1894.

If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from May 10th, 1893, said license may be granted.

GEO. DAVIS.
D. J. WILKINS.
APPLICANTS.

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By virtue of the laws of the State of Nebraska I hereby offer a reward of Fifty Dollars for the capture and conviction of any person charged with horse stealing in Lincoln county.

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Democratic office seekers are still allowed to stand in the street and look up at the windows of the White house, but the great man they have elected president is somewhat different from former occupants.

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It is evident that the European attendance at the world's fair will not be very large; and the American attendance will also fall considerably short of general anticipation if the extortionists are not soon suppressed.

If it be true, as Mr. Watterson says, that it cost $1,000,000 to nominate Cleveland and $5,000,000 to elect him, then the democratic party is realizing less on an investment of $6,000,000 than has ever before been known.

Prof. H. Hirschberg will be in North Platte Nebraska from May 15th to 20th and while there will adjust glasses to all in need of such, and will make no charges for consultation and examination of eyes. A. F. Streitz has been appointed agent for Prof. Hirschberg's Non-Changeable Spectacles and Eye-Glasses and they will have a full stock of the above mentioned spectacles and eye-glasses.

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The tide of season's immigration into the state has set in, with promise of a material increase in the population from this source during the spring and summer months. Especially is north-west Nebraska enlivened by the influx of a new settlers and what with the promising prospect for good crops and the increased demand for agricultural products that is likely to arise from foreign countries, the outlook for the farmers is very encouraging.—Bee.

A Treat For North Platte.

The Hirschberg Optical Co., of 629 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo. and 30 E. 14th St., New York. have completed arrangements to have Prof. Hirschberg stay with their agent, A. F. Streitz, and examine eyes of all who are in need of glasses. This will be a rare opportunity for all who are suffering from defective vision to have their eyes scientifically examined and corrected.

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THE GOLDBUG

By EDGAR ALLAN POE.

[CONTINUED.]

"Pretty much, but not altogether," said Legrand. "You may have heard of Captain Kidd. I at once looked upon the figure of the animal as a kind of punning or hieroglyphical signature. I say signature because its position upon the vellum suggested this idea. The death's head at the corner diagonally opposite had, in the same manner, the air of a stamp or seal. But I was sorely put out by the absence of all else—of the body to my imagined instrument—of the text for my context."

"I presume you expected to find a letter between the stamp and the signature."

"Something of that kind. The fact is, I felt irresistibly impressed with a presentiment of some vast good fortune impending. I can scarcely say why. Perhaps, after all, it was rather a desire than an actual belief, but do you know that Jupiter's silly words about the bug being of solid gold had a remarkable effect upon my fancy? And then the series of accidents and coincidences—these were so very extraordinary. Do you observe how mere an accident it was that these events should have occurred upon the sole day of all the year in which it has been or may be sufficiently cool for fire, and that without the fire or without the intervention of the dog at the precise moment in which he appeared I should never have become aware of the death's head, and so never the possessor of the treasure?"

"But proceed—I am all impatience."

"Well, you have heard, of course, the many stories current, the thousand vague rumors afloat, about money buried somewhere upon the Atlantic coast by Kidd and his associates. These rumors must have had some foundation in fact. And that the rumors have existed so long and so continuous could have resulted, it appeared to me, only from the circumstance of the buried treasure still remaining entombed. Had Kidd concealed his plunder for a time and afterward reclaimed it, the rumors would scarcely have reached us in their present unvarying form.

"You will observe that the stories told are all about money seekers, not about money finders. Had the pirate recovered his money, there the affair would have dropped. It seemed to me that some accident—say the loss of a memorandum indicating its locality—had deprived him of the means of recovering it, and that this accident had become known to his followers, who otherwise might never have heard that treasure had been concealed at all, and who, busying themselves in vain because unguided attempts to regain it, had given first birth and then universal currency to the reports which are now so common. Have you ever heard of any important treasure being unearthed along the coast?"

"Never."

"But that Kidd's accumulations were immense is well known. I took it for granted, therefore, that the earth still held them, and you will scarcely be surprised when I tell you that I felt a hope nearly amounting to certainty that the parchment so strangely found involved a lost record of the place of deposit."

"But how did you proceed?"

"I held the vellum again to the fire after increasing the heat, but nothing appeared. I now thought it possible that the coating of dirt might have something to do with the failure, so I carefully rinsed the parchment by pouring warm water over it, and having done this I placed it in a tin pan, with the skull downward, and put the pan upon a furnace of lighted charcoal. In a few minutes, the pan having become thoroughly heated, I removed the slip, and to my inexpressible joy found it spotted it several places with what appeared to be figures arranged in lines. Again I placed it in the pan and suffered it to remain another minute. Upon taking it off the whole was just as you see it now."

Here Legrand, having reheated the parchment, submitted it to my inspection. The following characters were rudely traced in a red tint between the death's head and the goat:

53‡‡†305)6*;4826)4‡.)4‡);806*;48†8*60))85;1‡(;:‡*‡83(88)5*†;46(;88*96*?;8)*‡(;485);5*†2:*‡(;4956*2(5*—4)8*¶8*;4069285);)6†8)4‡‡;1(‡9;48081;8:8‡1;48†85;4)485†528806*81(‡9;48;(88;4(‡?34;48)4‡;161;:188;‡?;

"But," said I, returning him the slip, "I am as much in the dark as ever. Were all the jewels of Golconda awaiting me upon my solution of this enigma, I am quite sure that I should be unable to earn them."

Legrand, having reheated the parchment, submitted it to my inspection.

"And yet," said Legrand, "the solution is by no means so difficult as you might be led to imagine from the first hasty inspection of the characters. These characters, as any one might readily guess, form a cipher—that is to say, they convey a meaning—but, then, from what is known of Kidd, I could not suppose him capable of constructing any of the more abstruse cryptographs. I made up my mind at once that this was of a simple species—such, however, as would appear to the crude intellect of the sailor absolutely insoluble without the key."

"And you really solved it?"

"Readily. I have solved others of an abstruseness 10,000 times greater. Circumstances and a certain bias of mind have led me to take interest in such riddles, and it may well be doubted whether human ingenuity can construct an enigma of the kind which human ingenuity may not, by proper application, resolve. In fact, having once established connected and legible characters, I scarcely gave a thought to the mere difficulty of developing their import.

"In the present cases—indeed in all cases of secret writing—the first question regards the language of the cipher, for the principles of solution, so far especially as the more simple ciphers are concerned, depend upon and are varied by the genius of the particular idiom. In general there is no alternative but experiment (directed by probabilities) of every tongue known to him who attempts the solution until the true one be obtained, but with the cipher now before us all difficulty was removed by the signature. The pun upon the word 'Kidd' is appreciable in no other language than the English. But for this consideration I should have begun my attempts with the Spanish and French as the tongues in which a secret of this kind would most naturally have been written by a pirate of the Spanish main. As it was, I assumed the cryptograph to be English.

"You observe there are no divisions between the words. Had there been divisions, the task would have been comparatively easy. In such case I should have commenced with a collation and an analysis of the shorter words, and had a word of a single letter occurred, as is most likely (a or I, for example), I should have considered the solution as assured; but, there being no division, my first step was to ascertain the predominant letters as well as the least frequent. Counting all, I constructed a table thus:

"Of the character 8 there are 33.
; „ 26.
4 „ 19.
‡) „ 16.
* „ 13.
5 „ 12.
6 „ 11.
"Of the character † 1 there are 8.
0 „ 6.
9 2 „ 5.
: 3 „ 4.
? „ 3.
¶ „ 2.
—. „ 1.

"Now, in English, the letter which most frequently occurs is e. Afterward the succession runs thus: a o i d h n r s t u y c f g l m w b k p q x z. E predominates so remarkably that an individual sentence of any length is rarely seen in which it is not the prevailing character.

"Here, then, we have, in the very beginning the groundwork for something more than a mere guess. The general use which may be made of the table is obvious, but in this particular cipher we shall only very partially require its aid. As our predominant character is 8, we will commence by assuming it as the e of the natural alphabet. To verify the supposition, let us observe if the 8 be seen often in couples—for e is doubled with great frequency in English—in such words, for example, as 'meet,' 'fleet,' 'speed,' 'seen,' 'been,' 'agree,' etc. In the present instance we see it doubled no less than five times, although the cryptograph is brief.

"Let us assume 8, then, as e. Now, all words in the language 'the' is the most usual. Let us see, therefore, whether there are no repetitions of any three characters in the same order of collocation, the last of them being 8. If we discover repetitions of such letters so arranged, they will probably represent the word 'the.' Upon inspection we find no less than seven such arrangements, the characters being ;48. We may therefore assume that ; represents t, 4 represents h and 8 represents e—the last being now well confirmed. Thus a great step has been taken.

"But, having established a single word, we are enabled to establish a vastly important point—that is to say, several commencements and terminations of other words. Let us refer, for example, to the last instance but one, in which the combination ;48 occurs—not far from the end of the cipher. We know that the ; immediately ensuing is the commencement of a word, and of the six characters succeeding this 'the' we are cognizant of no less than five. Let us set these characters down thus, by the letters we know them to represent, leaving a space for the unknown—

t eeth.

"Here we are enabled at once to discard the 'th,' as forming no portion of the word commencing with the first t, since by experiment of the entire alphabet for a letter adapted to the vacancy we perceive that no word can be formed of which this th can be a part. We are thus narrowed into

t ee,

and going through the alphabet, if necessary, as before, we get to the word 'tree' as the sole possible reading. We thus gain another letter, r, represented by (, with the words 'the tree' in juxtaposition.

"Looking beyond these words for a short distance, we again see the combination ;48, and employ it by way of termination to what immediately precedes. We have thus this arrangement:

the tree ;4(‡34 the,

or, substituting the natural letters, where known, it reads thus:

the tree thr‡3h the.

"Now, if in place of the unknown characters we leave blank spaces or substitute dots, we read thus:

the tree thr...h the,

when the word 'through' makes itself evident at once. But this discovery gives us three new letters—o, u and g—represented by ‡ ? and 3.

"Looking now, narrowly, through the cipher for combinations of known characters, we find, not very far from the beginning, this arrangement:

83(88, or egree,

which, plainly, is the conclusion of the 'degree,' and gives us another letter, d, represented by †.

"Four letters beyond the word 'degree' we perceive the combination

;(48;88.

"Translating the known characters and representing the unknown by dots, as before, we read thus:

th rtee

an arrangement immediately suggestive of the word 'thirteen,' and again furnishing us with two new characters, i and n, represented by 6 and *.

"Referring now to the beginning of the cryptograph, we find the combination

53‡‡†.

"Translating, as before, we obtain

. good,

which assures us that the first letter is A, and that the first two words are 'A good.'

"It is now time that we arrange our key, as far as discovered, in a tabular form, to avoid confusion. It will stand thus:

5	represents	a
†	"	d
8	"	e
3	"	g
4	"	h
6	"	i
*	"	n
(	"	o
o	"	r
;	"	t

"We have therefore no less than 10 of the most important letters represented, and it will be unnecessary to proceed with the details of the solution. I have said enough to convince you that ciphers of this nature are readily soluble and to give you some insight into the rationale of their development. But be assured that the specimen before us appertains to the very simplest species of cryptograph. It now only remains to give you the full translation of the characters upon the parchment as unriddled. Here it is:

" 'A good glass in the bishop's hostel in the devil's seat 41 degrees and 13 minutes northeast and by north main branch seventh limb east side shoot from the left eye of the death's head a bee line from the tree through the shot 50 feet out.' "

"But," said I, "the enigma seems still in as bad a condition as ever. How is it possible to extort a meaning from all this jargon about 'devil's seats,' 'death's heads' and 'bishop's hotels?' "

"I confess," replied Legrand, "that the matter still wears a serious aspect when regarded with a casual glance. My first endeavor was to divide the sentence into the natural division intended by the cryptographist."

"You mean to punctuate it?"

"Something of that kind."

"But how was it possible to effect this?"

"I reflected that it had been a point with the writer to run his words together without division so as to increase the difficulty of solution. Now, a not overacute man, in pursuing such an object, would be nearly certain to overdo the matter. When in the course of his composition he arrived at a break in his subject which would naturally require a pause or a point, he would be exceedingly apt to run his characters at this place more than usually close together. If you will observe the MS. in the present instance, you will easily detect five such cases of unusual crowding. Acting upon this hint, I made the division thus:

" 'A good glass in the Bishop's hostel in the devil's seat—41 degrees and 13 minutes—northeast and by north—main branch seventh limb east side—shoot from the left eye of the death's head—a bee line from the tree through the shot 50 feet out.' "

"Even this division," said I, "leaves me still in the dark."

"It left me also in the dark," replied Legrand, "for a few days, during which I made diligent inquiry in the neighborhood of Sullivan's island for any building which went by the name of the 'Bishop's hotel,' for of course I dropped the obsolete word 'hostel.' Gaining no information on the subject, I was on the point of extending my sphere of search and proceeding in a more systematic manner when one morning it entered into my head quite suddenly that this 'Bishop's hostel' might have some reference to an old family of the name of Bessop, which time out of mind had held possession of an ancient manor house about four miles to the northward of the island.

"I accordingly went over to the plantation and reinstituted my inquiries among the older negroes of the place. At length one of the most aged of the women said that she had heard of such a place as Bessop's castle and thought that she could guide me to it, but that it was not a castle nor a tavern, but a high rock.

"I offered to pay her well for her trouble, and after some demur she consented to accompany me to the spot. We found it without much difficulty, when, dismissing her, I proceeded to examine the place. The 'castle' consisted of an irregular assemblage of cliffs and rocks—one of the latter being quite remarkable for its height as well as for its insulated and artificial appearance. I clambered to its apex and then felt much at a loss as to what should be next done.

"While I was busied in reflection my eyes fell upon a narrow ledge in the eastern face of the rock, perhaps a yard below the summit upon which I stood. This ledge projected about 18 inches and was not more than a foot wide, while a niche in the cliff just above it gave it a rude resemblance to one of the hollow backed chairs used by our ancestors. I made no doubt that here was the 'devil's seat' allnded to in the MS., and now I seemed to grasp the full secret of the riddle.

"The 'good glass,' I knew, could have reference to nothing but a telescope, for the word 'glass' is rarely employed in any other sense by seamen. Now here, I at once saw, was a telescope to be used, and a definite point of view, admitting no variation, from which to use it. Nor did I hesitate to believe that the phrases, "41 degrees and 13 minutes' and 'northeast and by north,' were intended as directions for the leveling of the glass. Greatly excited by these discoveries, I hurried home, procured a telescope and returned to the rock.

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"I let myself down to the ledge and found that it was impossible to retain a seat upon it except in one particular position. This fact confirmed my preconceived idea. I proceeded to use the glass. Of course the '41 degrees and 13 minutes' could allude to nothing but elevation above the visible horizon, since the horizontal direction was clearly indicated by the words 'northeast and by north.' This latter direction I at once established by means of a pocket compass. Then, pointing the glass as nearly at an angle of 41 degrees of elevation as I could do it by guess, I moved it cautiously up or down until my attention was arrested by a circular rift or opening in the foliage of a large tree that overtopped its fellows in the distance. In the center of this rift I perceived a white spot, but could not at first distinguish what it was. Adjusting the focus of the telescope, I again looked and now made it out to be a human skull.

"Upon this discovery I was so sanguine as to consider the enigma solved, for the phrase 'main branch, seventh limb, east side' could refer only to the position of the skull upon the tree, while 'shoot from the left eye of the death's head' admitted also of but one interpretation in regard to a search for buried treasure. I perceived that the design was to drop a bullet from the left eye of the skull and that a bee line, or, in other words, a straight line, drawn from the nearest point of the trunk through 'the shot' (or the spot where the bullet fell), and thence extended to a distance of 50 feet, would indicate a definite point, and beneath this point I thought it at least possible that a deposit of value lay concealed."

"All this," I said, "is exceedingly clear, and, although ingenious, still simple and explicit. When you left the Bishop's hotel, what then?"

"Why, having carefully taken the bearings of the tree, I turned homeward. The instant that I left 'the devil's seat,' however, the circular rift vanished, nor could I get a glimpse of it afterward, turn as I would. What seems to me the chief ingenuity in this whole business is the fact (for repeated experiment has convinced me it is a fact) that the circular opening in question is visible from no other attainable point of view than that afforded by the narrow ledge upon the face of the rock.

"In this expedition to the 'Bishop's hotel' I had been attended by Jupiter, who had no doubt observed for some weeks past the abstraction of my demeanor and took especial care not to leave me alone. But on the next day, getting up very early, I contrived to give him the slip and went into the hills in search of the tree. After much toil I found it. When I came home at night, my valet proposed to give me a flogging. With the rest of the adventure I believe you are as well acquainted as myself."

"I suppose," said I, "you missed the spot in the first attempt at digging through Jupiter's stupidity in letting the bug fall through the right instead of through the left eye of the skull."

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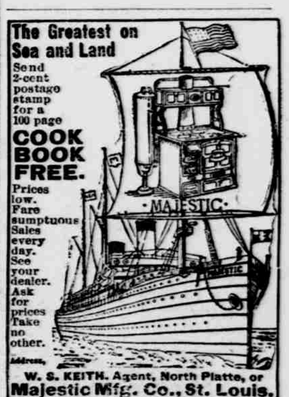

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