

The Minister's Answer.

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The little minister—little in stature, little in power, little in salary—sat before a table in his study diligently and laboriously searching amid the leaves of various volumes of reference and occasionally scribbling a few sentences on paper which later on should serve as notes for his sermon on the following Sunday.

The Rev. James Philander Dubois smiled fondly and proudly and gratefully while he thought. He was an unmarried churchman who felt it incumbent upon himself to become one of the two principal performers in a ceremony in which already he had become quite proficient as an agent of fate where others were concerned.

So he leaned back and gazed at the ceiling and thought of a beautiful, brave young creature. He lingered mentally on her radiant face, her graceful form, and heard in his brain the sweet thrill of her voice.

He had never thought thus of any woman before. Until he first saw Marguerite Van Diemen a year ago he looked on all women with an academic eye as parishioners and studied them only to decide what branch of church work, if any, they were best fitted for.

But the year that followed his first sight of the violet eyes of Miss Marguerite, and the brown hair that shone like sunny light drowned in amber pools in a forest brook, had been a year of awakening for him.

It was not a quite complete awakening, however. He was very thoroughly awake—wide-awake, starting, stark awake—to the knowledge that he was so deeply in love with her that to lose her would mean a dreary, sorrowful life for him, but he was not awake enough to suppose that he had any qualities or attributes to please so wonderful and clever and bright a creature.

However, though the Rev. James Philander Dubois was thus humble and devoid of any proper self esteem, and though he did not believe that she could possibly want him, he was in love, and love sneers at logic. He expected her answer to be "No," but he was pining just the same to ask the question.

So, like the courageous and determined little minister that he was, he had written to her asking for the favor of an interview on a matter very important to him. And she had replied, appointing that very evening and adding, "You should know that I have declined an invitation to the County club dance in order to give you this evening, though the dance is the last one of the season and I was really anxious to go."

Perhaps it was this letter rather than the Rev. Mr. Philander's conviction of the stereotyped nature of all sermons that made it so difficult for him to finish the construction of his discourse.

Determined though he was, the question he was to ask Miss Marguerite in a few hours was the kind that no man ever asks without perturbation, and there was the last paragraph of her letter. It showed him that she was losing an evening of great enjoyment, for, though Marguerite Van Diemen was a good parishioner, she loved dancing with an ultra worldly love.

No doubt she expected to hear some immensely important news from him. Wouldn't she be indignant and angry when she learned that he had kept her from her pleasure simply to propose to her?

The clock struck the hour, and the minister became aware with a sharp start that it was high time to keep his appointment. He arose and put on his overcoat.

At that moment the doorbell rang. It is only because we are so used to the really dramatic things of life that we do not know and feel the dramas that each moment makes.

The ring of the doorbell was such a dramatic instant in the life of the Rev. James Philander Dubois.

Passing through an adjoining room, he opened the door and saw before him a young woman, poorly dressed in a faded gown of blue, her head bowed off with a hat of uncertain texture, under which her hair hung forth in all directions. Her face was terribly wasted and sallow, and its piteous aspect was only increased by a touch of the inconspicuous in a suggestion of red high on the cheeks.

The reverend gentleman shrank back. He wished that he could escape what he foresaw would be a long delay, but sense of duty conquered the human instinct at once.

The young woman spoke as soon as he opened the door. "Won't you give me something to eat?" she begged. "I haven't had anything since morning."

"Poor soul!" muttered the little minister. "The housekeeper is out for the afternoon, but I shall do the best I can for you. Will you come to the kitchen while I investigate the pantry?"

As the unkempt young woman followed him into the kitchen the minister felt such deep, angry annoyance as only a man can feel when the woman he loves is waiting for him while circumstances keep him away. But the moment he realized that he, a minister, pledged to help the afflicted and the sinning, had what was almost an emotion of hatred toward this poor creature he crushed down what were wicked and shameful thoughts to him. He hastened to bring out all the food he could find and set it before her.

Food taken to the door would not have come under the head of Christian charity with the Rev. Mr. Philander, though he was the head of an ultra fashionable church.

"Have you been a victim of circumstantial or what is termed hard luck?" was one of the first things the minister asked after he had dished up cold victuals and a quantity of vegetables. "Oh, it's a long story," insouciantly replied the woman, while she devoured the stuff set before her.

"Whatever may have been the past," said the little minister, "don't forget that forgiveness is yours for the asking."

He spoke in his most persuasive accents to the poor creature. His advice was wise and sound, for with all his modesty and simplicity the minister was both clever and alive to daily needs, a fact that the woman repeatedly acknowledged with a mournful eye and lagging appetite. At times she even desisted in her siege of the eatables when the little minister said something particularly simple and kind.

Finally she broke down and told all her story—an old, old story, not at all romantic, not even interesting to any except the poor creature herself. The minister listened patiently to her long, labored, tedious recital, and if sometimes he felt as if he would go wild with impatience when he thought of Marguerite he promptly forced himself in punishment to concentrate his mind and soul even more than before on the object before him that demanded so much of his pity and his help.

Here was a soul for him to succor and save, and what was his own heart's ease to that?

It was late that evening before the little minister returned home after having found a home for his distressed protegee. He should have felt a thrill of gratitude for duty done and a sense of humble satisfaction for his success in bringing back the straying one to the right road.

He blamed himself for not feeling it. But the more he tried to feel content because he had done his duty the more his soul sank in him and the heavier did his heart seem.

The Rev. Mr. Dubois, though a most devoted minister, was none the less an intensely human man, and all the satisfaction in doing a duty could not lift him from the despondency that he was in, for he felt sure that he had lost any chance, if he possessed one, with Marguerite Van Diemen.

His belief was strengthened to conviction next day when he called at her house, wondering what he could say to gain her pardon. It was characteristic of him that it never entered his head to explain to her what had kept him away. That would have seemed like cant and self praise to the little minister.

The only excuse he could offer was "parochial business." And he realized sharply that would seem a paltry excuse, though he didn't consider anything in the line of his duty as paltry.

So he sent up his card in low spirits, and he was not surprised, though he was grieved, when the maid returned and said that her mistress begged to be excused and added a request that he write to her, saying what she could do for him.

Another man might have felt offended and haughty. The little minister was too just for that. He went home quietly and wrote a very simple little letter telling Miss Marguerite Van Diemen all that was in his heart. He begged her forgiveness for not keeping the appointment and explained it by saying: "A little matter of church business came up to keep me, I could not evade it, though I assure you that it was a great sorrow to me to be kept away."

Then in his mind he wrote "Fins" to his romance and turned sturdily to his work on the unfinished sermon.

Twenty minutes after he had dispatched the note his doorbell rang again. This time the little minister did feel that there were dramas in little things. He laid down his pen and thought.

He heard the maid open the door. He heard a soft voice ask for him. Before he could rise a gown rustled, and Marguerite Van Diemen came toward the open library door.

"I have brought you the answer to your note myself," said she. She held up her hand. "Before I tell you what it is," she continued very hurriedly, with her breath coming short and fast and her eyes shining, "let me tell you something else. Do you know what I have always abhorred the most? The preaching that does not practice! And next to that I object to the practicing that preaches too much of what it does!"

The little minister looked at her with questioning bewilderment in his dark eyes.

Marguerite Van Diemen made a few steps forward and toward him.

"I saw you last evening on the street with a young woman," she went on. "I was a little angry that you should have thought of anything except our appointment. This morning I went to carry some medicine to old Mrs. Anston and found that you had taken the young woman there to nurse her. She told me what you had said to her and what you had done for her."

"Will you forgive me for seeming to neglect you?" faltered the little minister.

"Wait," said Miss Van Diemen. "I still wanted to test you. I wanted to see what you would do. So I waited till you wrote. If you had tried to explain more than you did, why, then perhaps I would not have brought you my answer."

And as she came toward the minister with her hands held out even the modest Rev. Mr. Philander did not need anything more to tell him what the answer was.

WIRELESS FOR NAVY AND ARMY. Experts are Making Every Effort to Master the System.

Washington, May 17.—Experts of the United States are bending every effort toward perfecting wireless equipment, both telephone and telegraph, for use by the vessels of the navy and the naval shore stations. The military authorities also are carefully investigating this subject through the signal corps. Both the navy and the army will be represented at a series of experiments to begin June 15 at Brant Rock, Mass., where a high power wireless station has been erected.

Extensive use will be made of the wireless telegraphy during the Atlantic fleets summer maneuvers. The torpedo boats which will participate in the maneuvers will be equipped with apparatus capable of a radius of 200 miles. Only a few of this class of vessels now have wireless equipments.

GRAND JURY DISMISSED.

Investigation of Town Lot Frauds Comes to Sudden End.

Tulsa, Okla., May 17.—Upon motion of the government, Judge John A. Marshall, of Utah, in the United States district court here dismissed the grand jury impaneled last Tuesday to reinvestigate the Muskogee town lot fraud cases. Judge Marshall upheld the government's contention that the jury had been subjected to improper influences. The motion to dismiss the jury was made because it failed to find indictments against C. W. Turner and W. T. Hutchings. Following the dismissal Judge Marshall ordered another grand jury of sixteen men to report Tuesday next. Judge Marshall also ordered all witnesses subject to the call of the court.

Yankton Asylum Steward.

Yankton, S. D., May 17.—Frank D. Wyman, ex-steward, Yankton, has been appointed steward at the state hospital for the insane, in place of J. A. Schleiter, of Aberdeen, by the state board of charities and corrections, in session here.

ATTACK ON A MINISTER.

Thayer, Neb., Residents Excited Over a Note of Warning.

Thayer, Neb., May 17.—This town is greatly excited over an attack upon Rev. M. O. Pfug, pastor of one of the churches and also teacher in the Thayer schools. A note was written in red ink as follows and left on his doorstep: "Rev. Pfug: You are hereby requested to get out of the country inside of twelve hours or stand the consequences."

The note was ornamented with skull and cross bones. The sheriff of Thayer county has posted deputies, who are guarding the minister's house. Some people of the town accuse Rev. M. Pfug of improper conduct toward some of the pupils in the school, but he denies harm was done or intended.

SATURDAY SIFTING.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Donaldson have been in Creighton visiting relatives of Mrs. Donaldson.

Mrs. W. J. Austin and daughters, Misses Georgia and Margaret Austin, spent Saturday in Sioux City.

Among the day's out of town visitors in Norfolk were: H. H. Howarth, West Point; M. L. Kile, Creighton; E. G. Barnum, Dallas, S. D.; W. W. Morrissey, Valentine; W. R. Booth, Dallas, S. D.; J. E. Nagel, Brunswick; Miss Lois Mae Pease, Long Pine; August F. Ruhlow, Hoskins.

Hebron has given a guaranty of \$1,200 for purses and will hold the state freemen's tournament on August 25, 26 and 27.

County Superintendent N. A. Housel, of Madison county, has announced that the institute for Madison county will be held at Norfolk the week beginning August 16.

In addition to today's game with the Stanton high school, at Stanton, the baseball schedule of the Norfolk baseball nine includes a game with high school nine next Saturday, and Neligh at Neligh next Saturday, and a return game with Stanton in this city on May 29. The season then closes, as school will be out for the year. The fact that baseball is a summer game prevents it being carried out very extensively in high schools.

The militia boys will be out Sunday for target practice at the new rifle range which the Norfolk company has established on a pasture on the S. Vogt farm, four miles east and a half mile south of the city. The rifle range is in accord with the government target regulations. A range of 1,000 yards is possible. Last Sunday the practice was at 200 and 300 yards. Squads of militiamen will be out practicing each Sunday from now on, as required by the military authorities.

A record of the practice shots is kept. Fremont Tribune: At 8 o'clock Friday morning funeral services for Conductor R. L. Canote were held in Fremont at the residence, 347 North Pebble street. Rev. J. Frank Reed was in charge. Following the services the remains were escorted to the union station and shipped to Norfolk for interment. An abundance of flowers from friends of the family marked the ceremonies. The attendance was large. The pallbearers, who were chosen from the members of the O. R. T., were: A. B. Lane, F. W. Taylor, Frank Weitz, John Dexter, W. M. Fisher and A. Lyman. The remains were accompanied to Norfolk by a party of friends and relatives of the bereaved family. Besides the pallbearers the following were among those who went: Mrs. R. L. Canote and daughter Ruth, Mrs. E. J. Chapman of Missouri Valley, sister of the bereaved wife, Mrs. J. N. Nelson, Mrs. W. M. Fisher, Miss Maud Kier, C. E. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Will

Thurber, Mrs. F. W. Taylor, C. S. Hayes was in Pilger Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stadelman are in Omaha.

M. L. Kyle, a Creighton jeweler, was a Norfolk visitor Friday.

County Attorney James Nichols was up from Madison Saturday.

The Misses Goetze of the Wayne normal were Norfolk visitors Saturday.

Miss May Johnson will spend the coming week visiting friends in Omaha.

Rev. and Mrs. Hammond leave Tuesday for Denver, Colo., to attend the Presbyterian church meeting to be held there next week.

Earl Perry and Miss Clara Anderson, two prominent young people of this city, will be married on Wednesday of the coming week. A marriage license was issued by County Judge Bates at Madison Friday evening.

Mrs. M. C. Howell returned this week from a visit with her parents in Iowa suffering from a severe shock as the result of a street car collision. The car struck a cab in which Mrs. Howell was riding. She was pitched out of the vehicle, which was badly smashed. Mr. Howell is a Northwestern fireman.

Judge A. A. Welch will convene district court at Madison on Wednesday of the coming week. The jury will start in on its grind the following Monday. A rarer light term of court is expected by Norfolk attorneys and there are no big cases on the docket. The Trempeholl sidewalk case may be tried.

Union Pacific train No. 78, the Norfolk-Columbus accommodation train, beginning May 17, leaves Norfolk at 1 o'clock instead of at 2 o'clock, as in the past. The change is made on account of a general shake-up in time cards which is taking place this month, preparatory to the summer's business.

The telephone is to replace the telegraph in transmitting grain quotations to the Norfolk office of the Herbert E. Gooch company's brokerage office, beginning Monday. W. A. Porterfield, the telegraph operator who has been in charge of the office, will go to Lincoln and J. D. Freeman will come to Norfolk to take charge of the office.

A girl from Cody, Neb., whose mother searched for her in this city recently, is believed to be still in the city. As her mother described her, the young lady, eighteen or nineteen years old, is a slender girl about five feet high, with brown hair and blue eyes. A girl answering this description has been seen by some of those to whom the mother appealed. The Cody woman, however, while describing her daughter, did not give her name.

Under the direction of the Masonic lodge, the funeral of the late Robert L. Canote, a Northwestern conductor, was held Friday afternoon at the Methodist church, Dr. C. W. Ray, the pastor, delivering the funeral address. The pallbearers were: W. M. Fisher of Missouri Valley, E. B. Taylor, S. G. Dean, H. R. Ward, G. T. Sprecher and George Peters. The impressive Masonic ritual was used at the grave, the Masons marching to Prospect Hill cemetery at the head of the funeral procession.

County Judge William Bates of Madison, who was in Norfolk Saturday on business is far from being out of the race for re-election. The office of county judge is made non-partisan by a new law and the candidates must run by petition without recourse to the party primary. There seems to be little question but that there is considerable sentiment in Norfolk favorable to retaining Judge Bates in the county court. Norfolk attorneys who practice more or less in the county court are also favorable to the judge. Judge Bates said that before leaving Norfolk he would try to get a line on the feeling here and that his decision as to whether or not he would run will be made public soon.

A. N. McGinnis of Norfolk retained his place on the board of directors of the Rosin Coal company at the recent annual election. Sherman Willey, Dr. H. T. Holden and Mr. McGinnis were in Wyoming to attend the meeting. The only change in the officers was the election of F. J. Plimper of Howell, Neb., to succeed H. C. Miller of Douglas, Neb. The mine buildings have been completed, the mine cars and a 2,000 ton tippie ordered and the ties placed on the right-of-way, the grade of the eight-mile spur having been completed. The rails will be laid in a short time, when the right-of-way title is completed. The Norfolk people interested expect to have coal on the market by September 1. The mine will be equipped with all the latest electrical machinery before it is opened. The company's little railroad connects with the Northwestern.

The T. B. T. ladies and their husbands gave a pleasant surprise party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wolfkief Friday evening, in honor of Mrs. Wolfkief's and Mrs. Hughes' birthdays. Both ladies were presented with souvenir spoons. A four-course luncheon was served.

Dallas News: Fred Haaksworth of Norfolk, a "lucky," drove through from Plainview, Neb., to Dallas with his team of broncos, making the entire trip in considerable less than a week's time. These horses of Haaksworth are thoroughly acclimated and can eat any kind of hay or drink any kind of water and be in readiness for the road the very next minute. They are immune from distemper, lung fever, glanders or any other distressing disease of the horse tribe. They are the kind for the prairie, and go when others quit, and in the selection of these animals the owner made no mistake.

"It would be worth \$50,000 to know where and when the Northwestern is going to build its extension from

Dallas, S. D., across Tripp county," said a prominent Rosebud real estate man in Norfolk Saturday, discussing the Tripp county railroad situation. "The railroad men who know are not telling. I would give a few thousand to know and if I did know I wouldn't tell. The presence of Northwestern surveyors working on preliminary surveys is exciting all kinds of rumors. You hear of them being almost everywhere. Then on the other hand you can hear it declared that certain townspeople boomers are having stakes set out running through their towns to imitate a right of way in order to boom the lot sale. The Rosebud is running over with enterprise. The course of the railroad will mean thousands of dollars to those who are so situated as to be benefited by the direction taken by the railroad."

Representative Burke, in Washington, has introduced a bill for the opening of a half million acres of land in the Rosebud reservation and Senator Gamble offered a bill for opening Pine Ridge reservation. The Burke bill includes all the Rosebud reservation in Meyer and Washburn counties north of the tenth parallel and south of the Big White river, except Indian allotments. Mr. Burke has included as a new feature of his bill the provision that townsites shall be chosen by the government before the state makes its selection of lands, and that ten acres of each township shall be reserved for school, park and public purposes. He also provides that 20 per cent of the net proceeds from the sale of lands shall be set apart for schoolhouses and other public buildings or in the improvement of townsites. Another new provision of the Burke bill requires the state to select two other selections in the same township if the original selections are lost by allotment. The Burke bill has the approval of the Indians, and it is believed the interior department will favor it, as it is acceptable to Major McLaughlin.

The secretary of the interior has announced a decision reversing the commissioner of public lands and the former policy of the department in regard to homestead entries that is of vital interest and good news to thousands of South Dakota settlers who have been compelled to absent themselves part of the time from their claims. The case decided is that of Platt, of Mitchell, against Clarence E. Moon over a Lyman county homestead. Mitchell contested Moon's entry, alleging failure to comply with the law and abandonment. The evidence showed Moon had no other home except his claim; that he was there at least once or twice each week and had five acres broken. Chamberlain land officers decided for the contestant and the commissioner of public lands sustained the decision, holding the entry for cancellation. The secretary of the interior now reverses the commissioner and dismisses the contest, holding the claimant had demonstrated good faith, and that the contest, having been filed within fourteen months after the entry and within eight months after the time claimant was required to begin residence, there was sufficient compliance with the law to hold the entry, but the secretary of the interior says he does not necessarily decide by this that the claimant has made sufficient compliances to allow final proof.

Homesteaders Are in a Row. Lamro, S. D., May 14.—Special to The News: There is something of a row on just now among Tripp county homesteaders over the proposition of organizing the county June 1. Governor Vessey has issued a decree to this effect, but the Homesteaders' association has taken steps to petition the governor to rescind his action. Some of the individual homesteaders do not agree with this action on the part of the association.

Following is the letter being sent out by the association: The Association Letter. Dallas, S. D.—Dear Sir or Madam: We wish to call your attention to a matter of great importance to every homesteader of Tripp county and hope you will carefully read the following: First—On or about March 2, 1909, there was a petition circulated in Tripp county for the organization of said county, by the so-called residents. It is very apparent from reading their petition that a great many of the signers were not legal voters or even residents of the county.

Second—On March 31, 1909, upon learning of this petition to the governor, there was a meeting of homesteaders called in the city hall at Dallas, S. D., and a petition to Governor Vessey signed by about 250 homesteaders asking that the organization of Tripp county be postponed until fall, thereby giving the homesteaders a voice in the election of county officers and the location of the county seat which every tax payer ought to be interested in. But Governor Vessey had already signed the proclamation calling for an election for the organization of Tripp county to be held on Tuesday, June 1, 1909.

The homesteaders then organized an association for the benefit and mutual welfare of the homesteaders, electing Fred H. Crosby president, C. A. S. Howlett vice president, H. A. Kent secretary, and Fred Hawksworth treasurer, and employed A. J. Wilcox of Gregory, S. D., as counsel to take this matter into court and set aside the action of the governor and endeavor to put off the organization of the county until fall when the homesteaders will have a vote at the election.

This takes money and we have practically no funds to carry this through the courts and secure the necessary evidence to support our claim that Governor Vessey was misled in issuing a proclamation that is absolutely void and fails to comply with the law. If you will send us one dollar it will enable us to go on with our fight immediately. There is no time to lose; you can see that. We have only about thirty days to tie up this election.

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for one year in the Tripp County Homesteaders' association. Address all mail to H. A. Kent, Secretary Homesteaders Assn., Dallas, S. D.

Mrs. Gipner's Tart Reply. Mrs. J. Gipner, who drew No. 96, wrote a tart reply, which expresses the opinion of many of the homesteaders. Following is the text of her letter: Lamro, S. D., May 7.—Tripp County Homesteaders Association, Dallas, S. D.—Friends: I call you friends for I think you mean well. I received your circular asking that I contribute a "widow's mite" to oppose the organization of Tripp so that I might "vote."

I like you people and I also like the people who are now out here. They are good citizens and I think have the interests of all at heart when they petitioned the governor to organize the county. Furthermore after considering the questions carefully I think it would be best for us to organize the county now so that public schools can be arranged for at once and not deprive so many children of school advantages until we could live here long enough to be elected to the offices of sheriff, constables and directors, etc. I have seen so very many children go through Lamro the last year that I would be heart for us to organize the county now so that public schools can be arranged for at once and not deprive so many children of school advantages until we could live here long enough to be elected to the offices of sheriff, constables and directors, etc. I have seen so very many children go through Lamro the last year that I would be heart for us to organize the county now so that public schools can be arranged for at once and not deprive so many children of school advantages until we could live here long enough to be elected to the offices of sheriff, constables and directors, etc. I have seen so very many children go through Lamro the last year that I would be heart for us to organize the county now so that public schools can be arranged for at once and not deprive so many children of school advantages until we could live here long enough to be elected to the offices of sheriff, constables and directors, etc.

Do not be pessimistic, "come to Tripp, the land is fine." Do not spend your money in opposing; not many of you could get an office anyhow. Sincerely, Mrs. J. Gipner, No. 96.

Advertisement for Bids. Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk of Madison county, Nebraska, on or before the first day of June, 1909, for the furnishing of blanks and stationery for the remainder of the year 1909.

Following is a statement of the probable gross number of each item of such blanks and stationery that will be required during said year: Blanks. Three sets election proclamations, 500 tax statements, 6 1/2 x 8, ruled one side; 4,000 delinquent tax statements, 4,500 blanks, 8 1/2 x 14; 2,000 blanks, 7 1/2 x 7; 500 blanks, 8 1/2 x 3 1/2; 500 blanks, 8 1/2 x 28, 500 institute enrollment cards, printed one side; 5,000 perfect attendance certificates, 3,000 envelopes, No. 6 1/2; 1,000 envelopes, No. 10; 2,000 letter heads, 1,600 circular letter, 100 in each order; 100 bar dockets, full term.

Separate bids must be made on blanks and stationery, all bids must be made on bidding sheets furnished on application by the county clerk of said county. All supplies must be furnished in accordance with specifications, or file in the office of the county clerk.

All supplies are to be furnished as ordered. Bids must be marked bids for blanks, and addressed to the county clerk of Madison county, Nebraska. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of his contract. The county commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Bids will be opened according to the requirements of the law at the regular meeting of the county board, June 20, 1909.

Dated at Madison, Neb., this 28th day of April, A. D. 1909. George E. Richardson, County Clerk.

Saloonkeeper Fined \$75. Lindsay, Neb., May 15.—Special to The News: John Ruppert was fined \$75 and costs in the district court at Columbus this week for illegal selling of liquor. Mr. Ruppert has for a number of years been running a saloon at St. Bernard, a small Catholic parish, procuring only a government license to do so. Recently some parties in Cornlea took the matter up, with the result that he was arrested, tried and

Legal Notice. To Justus P. Leaver, Isaac Vanz Horn, lots 6, 7, 17, 18, 19 and 20, block 3, lots 7 and 8, block 6, lots 2 and 3, block 11, lots 13 and 14, block 13 of Riverside Park addition to the city of Norfolk, in Madison county, Nebraska, defendants, will take notice, that on the 8th day of May, 1909, Napoleon A. Rainbolt, plaintiff herein, filed a petition in the district court of said county, against the said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a tax lien held and owned by him, acquired by a tax sale certificate issued by the then county treasurer of Madison county, Nebraska, in pursuance to a private sale made by the said treasurer to Mary Kingsbury on the 21st day of August, 1905, of the said described lots for delinquent and unpaid taxes thereon for the year 1903 and subsequent taxes against said lots for the years 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907 and 1908. Said certificate was assigned to plaintiff, and on September 11, 1907, was merged in a tax deed to said lots, recorded in Book 39, at page 89. That no redemption from said tax sale or tax deed has ever been made and there is now due the plaintiff on account thereof the sum of \$56.27, for which sum with interest from this date, at 15 per cent per annum, plaintiff prays for a decree that defendants be required to pay the same or that the said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due, with interest, costs and attorney's fee, of 10 per cent of the amount found due.

You are required to answer the said petition on or before the 21st day of June, 1909. Dated May 8, 1909. Napoleon A. Rainbolt, Plaintiff. Mapes & Hazen, Attorneys. His Attorneys.

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