The Little Christmas

THE CHIEFFINE BUY WIS COMMINGS THE Christman eve drew nearmidnight, cold and clear, And this is what the fir tree said, all

in the pale moonlight, Now, which of us shall chosen be to grace the hely night?"

The tail trees and the goodly trees raised each a lofty head In glad and sharet confidence, though not a word they said, But one, the baby of the band, could

not restrain a sigh. "You all will be approved," he said. "But, ch. what chance have 1?"



THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL AND SANTA CLAUS.

"I am so small, so very small, no one will mark or know How thick and green my needles are, how true my branches grow.

Few toys and candles could I hold, but heart and will are free. And in my heart of hearts I know I am a Christmas tree."

The Christmas angel hovered near; he caught the grieving word, And, laughing low, he hurried forth, with love and pity stirred.

He sought and found St. Nicholas, the dear old Christmas saint, And in his fatherly, kind ear rehearsed ed through my brain. Catching a the fir tree's plaint.

Saints are all powerful, we know, so it befell that day That, ax on shoulder, to the grove a woodman took his way. One baby girl he had at home, and he

went forth to find A little tree as small as she, just suited to his mind.

Oh, glad and proud the baby fir, amid its brethren tall, To be thus chosen and singled out, the

first among them all! He stretched his fragrant branches; his little heart beat fast; He was a real Christmas tree-he had his wish at last.

One large and shining apple, with cheeks of ruddy gold; Six tapers and a tiny doll were all that he could hota. The baby laughed, the baby crowed, to

see the tapers bright; The forest baby felt the joy and shared in the delight.

And when at last the tapers died and when the baby slept The little fir, in silent night, a patient viail kept.

Though scorched and brown its needles were, it had no heart to grieve. "I have not lived in vain," he said.
"Thank God for Christmas eve!"

The First Christmas Card.

The honor of the Christmas card is ascribed frequently to the late W. C. T. Dobson, an English painter. In December, 1814, a date earlier than that given to any other claim, he was anxious to send some more novel Christmas greeting than that of a letter to a distant friend, and the idea occurred to him to make a little sketch symbolizing the spirit of the season. The sketch depicted in its center a family party gathered around the Christmas dinner table raising glasses to the health of absent friends. Underneath were the words "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you," while on each side was a small er sketch representing an act of benevolence. Mr. Dobson's card so pleased its recipient that the following wider and wider until an enterprising | care of both of you." printer saw there was money in the seen in hundreds of shop windows.

A TRAIN

By RYLAND BELL

callroad. There was a bridge server Mrs. A. W. McKnowie the river near where I dived, and I highly holding at fishing over the wa | vicinity on professional Galacia. ter. I perched myself on an abstractiwhere I would not be into fired with by trains, and when my of the rest. nears I knew some about I would The he trees they were talking law at wave my hand to him, setting a con-

There was a time, when I was about sixtuen years old, that a task went over the bridge carrying an express car. The engineer was Josh McCur dr, the best friend I had among the brutherhood. When I was a little feel playing about among the switches where the men were mulcing up trains he had jumped from his cab and vanked me out of the way of a carthat was being backed right on to me. As I grew older I appreciated what he had done for me and loved him accordingly. And he loved too the more

because he had done it. In July and August I was usually fishing on the bridge nearly all day. One morning when Josh McCurdy's train was coming I heard a shot and saw bis train slowing up. But it didn't come to a full stop till the engine and forward cars had got on to the bridge. I saw the heads of passengers thrust out of the windows of the coaches and other evidences of excitement which convinced me that something

serious had happened. The shot I had heard, together with the fact that I knew the train always carried an express car, suggested to me that the train had been held up by robbers. Boylike, I was curious to see what was going on, besides being solicitous about my friend the engineer. So, instead of keeping out of the way, I went as fast as I could go over ties and stringers toward the train. I was not likely to be noticed coming from the bridge; but, feeling sure that my inference that robbers were at work was correct, as I neared the hissing engine I dropped down on to some supports below and made my way along them.

1 was now over the bank, which sloped from the abutment to the river. I couldn't see what was going on in or about the train, but one thing I saw that set me to thinking. The locomotive and one car-either the baggage or express-were on the bridge, and I could look up from under them. In those days the old fashloned coupling had not completely passed out of use, and the cars of this train were linked together with a pin.

A man was hammering with his fist at the rear door of the car above me. but suddenly turned and ran down the steps and disappeared from my view. I was not slow in divining that he had gone for something with which to break in the door, an ax or a tie. There right over my head was the link that held the car to the rest of the train. hanging loose. A plan of action flashstringer, I pulled myself up to where I could reach the pin and pulled it out. Then, lowering myself, I made my way with a boy's agility to the cab of the locomotive and, climbing the steps, found myself in it, alone. Opening the valve, I let on steam, slowly at first, but rapidly increasing the power

till I was well under way. I expected to die for my act, for the robbers could jump on to the rear platform of the car, come forward, and I was defenseless. The reason they didn't do this was that they had been told off for different purposes. Two were going through the cars robbing PHONE 36. the passengers, one was guarding the engineer, who had been taken from his cab, and the fourth man was hunting for a tie with which to batter down the door of the express car. He did not see that the car was moving till it had gone too far to be reached, walking as be would have had to do on ties, which is a slow process.

I crossed the bridge with my engine and one car and was well on the other side when, hearing a sound behind me, I turned and saw the express agent coming over the coal in the tender. He had taken in the fact that his car had been hauled away and when he saw me at the throttle informed me that in some mysterious way I had saved the treasure for which he was responsible, as well possibly as his life. Without a word he threw his arms about me and hugged and kissed me till I thought he would smother me. Then he fired a few short questions at me, to which I fired back as short

replies, and the story was told. We had no fear of being followed across the bridge, so, pulling up at a station not far beyond the river, we telegraphed for information. The news horses and galloped away. It was some time, however, before we received an order to back across and, when we did, found that no lives had been lost, though the robbers had got considerable plander from the passen-

Jack McCurdy set an example by hugging me, and pretty much every one present followed it. I was sent for year he designed another card, of by the president of the road and asked which he sent lithographed copies to what I wanted as a reward for my a large circle of friends. Other artists | feat. I said I wanted preferment for followed his example, and the circle Jack McCurdy. The president smiled sending out Christmas cards grew at this and said, "I think I can take

And he did. Jack became a division business, and within a few years from superintendent, and a quarter of a cenits birth the Christmas card was to be | tury later I became president of the

Royal Neighbors Elect Officers At the meeting of the Royal Neighbors Friday evening the following officers were elected:

Oracle, Mrs. H. B. Henckle; vice oracle, Mrs. E. York; past oracle, Mrs. N. Hammer; chancellor, Mrs. A. Alder recorder, Mrs. J. F. Schmeismarshal, Mrs. C. Jahnston; inner All work Positively Guaranteed Upon Lenving the Shop. When I was a toy I lived heads a guard, Mrs. C. A. Moore; outer guard

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E32 36, 16, 29, R. H. KIPDY. FRED BECKMAN. Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings. December L. 1914.

Legal Notice.

County, Nebraska.

James E. Lane, mortgagee named in Administrator of said Estate, before the mortgage in the petition herein the County Judge of Lincoln County, described, the unknown heirs or leg-ntees and divisees of said James E. n said County, on the 29th day of De-Lane, deceased; the unknown heirs or cember, 1914, and on the 29th day of legators and divisces of Josiah Har- June, 1915, at 9 o'clock a. m. each day, rington, deceased, as assignee from for the purpose of presenting their said James E. Lane of said mortgage claims for examination, adjustment and the real estate covered and and allowance. Six months are alclouded thereby, 10-wit: $E^{\frac{1}{12}}$ NW $^{\frac{1}{14}}$ lowed for creditors to present their and E1/2 SW14 section 24, township claims, and one year for the Admin-12 North, range 32 West 6th P. M., istrator to settle said estate, from the defendants.

above named and described, will take North Platte Tribune, a legal seminotice that William Schaepler, plain- weekly newspaper of said county for the herein, on the 18th day of August, four consecutive weeks prior to De-1914 filled his petition in the office of cember 29, 1914. the Clerk of the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, against 96t4 the defendants hereinbefore in the titie named and described, the object and prayer of which are to obtain the decree of said court to quiet in the plaintiff the title to said described real estate to-wit: E¹/₂ NW¹/₄ and E¹/₂ SW¹/₄ section 24, township 12, North, range 32 West 6th P. M., against the apparent and unenforcible lien arising by virtue of the mortgage thereon, made by Alton L. Martin to James E. Lane, dated March 10, 1894, recorded March 24, 1894 in book 13, page 473 of the mortgage records of said Lincoln County, which said mortgage has been fully paid and satisfied and due and legal assignment of same was made by said ames E. Lane to said Josiah Harrington, now deceased, the last named baying executed and delivered good and sufficient release of said mortgage, but both said instruments, towit: said assignment of mortgage and release thereof, so as aforesaid duly executed, acknowledged and delivered, have been lost or destroyed without recording and all without fault or laches on behalf of said plaintiff, who prays for sald decree without redeeming or offering to redeem therefrom, full satisfaction of the same having been made, and for equitable relief gener-

You, the said defendants, and each you, are required to answer said petition on or before Monday the 18th day of January, 1915.

Dated December 8, 1914. WILLIAM SCHAEPLER, Phintiff. By King & Bittner, his attorneys, Res. Phone Osceola, Nebr.,

Order of Hearing on Final Settlement The State of Nebraska, Lincoln Coun-

In the County Court: In the Matter of the Estate of Wil-liam Shrear, Deceased:

To the creditors, heirs, legatees and

others interested in the estate of Wil-

Take notice, that Lester Walker has filed in the County Court, a report of his doings as administrator of said estate, and it is ordered that the same stand for hearing the 18th day of December, A. D., 1914 before the Court at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., at which time any person interested may appear and except to and contest the same

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In the County Court.

In the Matter of the Estate of John R. McWilliams, Decensed.

Elizabeth McWilliams praying that administration of said estate may be granted to berself as administratrix. Ordered, That December 29, A. D. 1914, at 9 o'clock a, m. is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear before a County Court to be held in and for said County, and show cause why the prayer of petitioner a 22nd day of December, 1914, at one should not be granted; and that noo'clock p. m. at the office of the county tice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the North Platte Tribune, a semiweekly newspaper printed in said ty upon which forfeiture of contract County, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing.

In the Matter of the Estate of William

County, Nebraska, November 25th,

William Schaepler, plaintiff, vs. itors of said deceased will meet the 25th day of November, 1914. A copy Each and all of the defendants of this order to be published in the

ribed ribed and before to Non-Resident Defendants. The defendants, Arthur Battles, Handhald Battles, Stella & Dowd, — Dowd, ber fusband, first and real name under fush battles, Stella & Dowd, — Dowd, ber fusband, first and real name under that on the 18th day of November, 1914. Under that on the 18th day of November, 1914. George E. Warren filed a petition in the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebaska against said above named defendants, the object and prayer of dated which are to foreclose his certain mortal a 24, April, 1912, by the defendant, Arthur mortal Battles in favor of the U.S. Live Stock and Company, a corporation, upon the followed

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plaintiff prays that each and all-

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northeast one-fourth in section nine-teen, all in township sixteen north, of range thirty-two west of the sixth P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska, reported in Book 42, Page 313, of the Mortgage Records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, to secure a First Mortgage Coupon note or obligation to said U. S. Lave Stock Company, a corporation, dated the 27 th day of April, 1912, and plaintiff alleges that there is due upon mand note or obligation the sum of \$345.66, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent her minum from the rate of 6 per cent her minum from the rate of 6 per cent her minum from the rate of 6 per cent her minum from the rate of 6 per cent her minum from the rate of 6 per cent her minum from the rate of 6 per cent her minum from the meriliwest one-fourth and the west constall of the meriliwest one-fourth and the southwest one-fourth and the southwest one-fourth of the mattheast ene-fourth in the southwest one-fourth of the mattheast ene-fourth is section nine-teen, township maximum north, of range On resuling and filling the petition of

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Notice to Non-Resident Defendants The defendants Will Cuttrim, Clara Cuttrim, Austin 8, Christ, John E. Srist, Frank Wille, C. E. Marquis

he paintil programed premises be de-be said mortgazed premises be de-dered to be sold to satisfy the amounts thereon and that each and all of t defendants and all persons cham-by, through or under them or any bem be excluded from and foreclos-of all interest, right, title, lien and ity of redemption is to and upon

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the Court at the hour of 8 o'clock am, at which time any person interested may appear and except to and contest the same.

Notice of this proceeding and the hearing thereof is ordered given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the North Platte Tribune, a sonik weekly newspaper printed in said country, for 2 consecutive weeks prior to said date of hearing.

Dated November 23. 1914.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale issued from the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, upon a decree of foreclosure rendered in said Court wherein Mutual Building & Loan Association, a corporation is plaintiff and Corda V. O'Brien et al are defendant, and the mediant in the light of the cast from done of the cast from done to the light of the country Nebraska, sell at public activity. Nebraska, sell at public activity, Nebraska, sell at public activity. Nebraska, sell at public activity, Nebraska, sell at public activity. Nebraska, sell at public activity, Nebraska, sell at public activity, Nebraska, sell at public activity. Nebraska, sell at public activity, Nebraska, N Notice to Non-Resident Defendants