

On St. Patrick's Night

By EUNICE BLAKE

"Nora O'Rourke," said the postman on the morning of St. Patrick's day, handing a maid who answered his whistle two letters. "Any such person here?"

"That's myself," said the girl, taking the mail. The postman went on, and she returned to the kitchen. One of the missives bore a black border and a foreign stamp. She tore off the envelope and read the contents, from her sister in Ireland:

Dear Nora—I have to tell you some bad news. Our uncle Patrick, who has been in the grocery business in Dublin, is dead. But there's some good news too. He made a lot of money, and, not having any wife or children, he has left it all to you and me. We will have about \$2,000 apiece. Your loving sister, BRIDGET.

The bad part of the news had little effect on Nora, for she had never seen her uncle, and the legacy of \$10,000 was a matter of great delight. She was so interested in the latter that she forgot for some time to open her other letter; then she turned her attention to the other letter. It was from Patrick Doolan, asking her to go with him to the ball to be given on the night of St. Patrick's day, and he hoped that she would give him an answer to a question that he would ask her.

She knew very well what that question would be, but was in doubt as to her answer. She held in her hand the letter advising her of her legacy and her lover's note, turning from one to the other back and forth. Pat Doolan was a money maker, owning a number of teams, with which he did hauling. Nora's poverty had constrained her to consider his proposition of marriage, remembering that he would be able to keep the wolf from his and her door. But inclinations rather led her to favor young Michael O'Connor, who was bright and active, but had not the faculty of holding on to what he made. She knew that both Pat and Mike would be at the ball on St. Patrick's evening, and she laid a plan to assist her in the matter between them. During the afternoon she went to see her friend, Kathleen Clancy, and said to her:

"Kath, I'm going to say something tonight to Pat Doolan that may make him get sweet on you."

"What are you going to tell him?"

"That your uncle in Ireland is dead and has left you \$10,000."

"But I haven't any uncle in Ireland."

"Never mind that. Likely Pat won't mention the matter to you. If he does don't tell him the truth till tomorrow, and I'll give you something pretty."

Nora went to the ball with Pat and on the way told him that she knew a girl who that morning had received a legacy of \$2,000 by the death of an uncle in Ireland. Pat asked who was the girl, and Nora gave him to understand that she was Kathleen Clancy.

During the evening Pat did not refer to the answer to his proposition. Kathleen, not being a very pretty girl, was something of a wall flower.

"I'm sorry for the poor girl," said Pat, "sittin' around with no one to ask her to dance. I'm minded to go and ask her myself."

"That's right," said Nora. "She'll appreciate the attention."

Pat asked Kathleen to dance and, having danced with her once, he concluded to ask her again. Meanwhile Mike O'Connor danced with Miss O'Rourke. He asked her to dance with him again, but she declined. To do so would not have accorded with her plan.

When Pat and Nora were going home from the ball, instead of pressing her for an answer to his proposal, he said to her:

"Nora, I don't like your dancing with that miserable fellow, O'Connor."

"I only danced with him once."

"That's enough. You shouldn't have danced with him at all."

"I'm sorry," said Nora, with apparent penitence.

When Pat left her at the door she said to him:

"I suppose you don't want the answer you said you were lookin' for?"

"Not tonight. I'm thinkin' about your dancing with that spalpeen O'Connor. Maybe I'll get over it in time."

"That won't do you any good, for I won't get over what you've done this night. It's not Kathleen, whose uncle in Ireland has died and left her \$10,000, but my own uncle has left that money to me. I told you it was Kathleen to see if you could be switched off by a bait of a legacy, and I've found that you don't value me so much as the fortune. Good night and goodby."

"Nora"—he began in a supplicating tone, but he got no further, for she shut the door in his face.

When Nora and Kathleen met again Nora learned that Pat had not mentioned the legacy, but he had asked Kathleen to go to a ball with him to come off a week later. Then Nora told her friend that inasmuch as she had helped her to find out that the man she had thought of marrying could be so easily turned away from her she would keep her promise to give her something pretty. When she received her fortune she presented her friend with a set of furs.

Nora married Mike O'Connor, and under her tutelage in careful expenditure of moneys he became prosperous. Kathleen was dropped by Doolan, who was beside himself with chagrin when he learned how he had been tricked. He never forgave Nora O'Rourke for having fooled him, but what she had done made her really more desirable.

THE TALE OF A BOBCAT

By M. QUAD

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"Friends and neighbors," began old Joe Grimm as he took a seat on a cracker barrel at the crossroads store. "You all know that up to five years ago I lived over in Joe Davis county. I had a squat over there by the big Blue Gum swamp. That was forty acres of land in the squat, and it was mighty pore land. It was all I could do to raise nuff corn and bitters for me and the ole woman. If it hadn't been that the Blue Gum was full of varmints that I could trap in the winter and sell their furs I reckon we should have starved out."

"One winter, for some reason or other, most of the varmints left the swamp, and it was mighty poor trapping. I got just enough fur to keep us goin', and as a consequence when spring and summer cum along we was powerful hard up and like to go hungry in another month."

"One night arter the ole woman had given me three or four blints about laziness we went to bed feelin' that Providence was to blame for it all. Along about midnight she noised me awake and said:

"Joe, I have got a bright idea. It's fur you to go in the swamp tomorrow and set a deadfall to catch a bobcat. If you kin ketch a big bobcat mebbe you kin sell him at Mud Flats or the Bend to some one fur a pet. He orter bring at least \$5."

"It was worth thinkin' about," said Joe, "and next day I reckoned it might pay to try it. I went out and set a deadfall, and while I was doin' it a bouncin' big bobcat ran up a tree close beside me and gin a screech that riz my ha'r up."

"That night about 12 o'clock we was awake by the darndest screamin' and screechin' that a man ever heard of. It come from a bobcat who had meddled with that deadfall."

"We got her caged, and next mawnin' I set out for the town of Mud Flats. I went thar kase thar was two or three rich men in the place who might buy the cat and kase thar was to be leeshun thar that day."

"Eight miles below Mud Flats was Walnut Bend, a town of about 1,500 people, without any mud in front of it. The Benders wanted the county seat moved over thar, and after a lot of hard feelin's about it it was agreed to hold a leeshun. It was to be held in Mud Flats, and that is what bring about 250 Benders over thar that day I drove in with the cat. I hadn't driv inter the town yit when I met old Jim Darby in the road. Arter he had noded to me and took a look at the cage he says:

"What ye got thar, Joe?"

"A big bobcat," I says.

"What ye goin' to do with him?"

"Sell him fur I kin."

"Ole Jim steps aroun' to the back of the wagon and peeks in and the cat gives a scream and spits in his face. With that, ole Jim backs up and walks the road a few feet. When he cums back to me he says:

"Joe, these Mud Flatters are a tricky lot. They have formed in line in front of the polls and are goin' to vote so slow that us Benders won't stand no show to git the county seat. I wonders—"

"What ye wonderin' about, Jim?" says I.

"I think ye might make use o' that cat—I think so. If he was turned loose down by the votin' place what would he do?"

"Why, he would bite and claw until you could smell sulphur."

"I reckon he would, Joe. What I want of him is to drive these Flatters away from the poles and gin my men a chance to hold the land. If you think he kin do this there is \$10 in it fur you."

"I want jest four times that, Jim," says I, seein' my advantage.

"Jim sticks fur awhile, strokin' his red chin whiskers, and he finally cums to my terms. He tells me what to do as he passes up the money and starts back to the town and gives his men the wink, and they all draws off to an old barn farther down the street. Then I drives in and stand up in my wagon and shouts out that I have a big bobcat for sale. The street was full of men, but no one minds me. I shouts out that I will take \$5 for the varmint. Then I lowers the price to \$4—and \$3—and \$2, and arter about ten minutes of this hollerin' I gits the signal from Jim, and I pretends to git mighty mad, and I yells out:

"If nobody will buy this bob of me then Lam goin' to turn him loose and let him find his way back to his lovin' home in Blue Gum!"

"What I did took the crowd by surprise. I turned to the cage and tore off a couple of slats, and the cat cum out like a bullet. He clawed my cap off as he cum and then bit the ole mule on his way to the ground, and a fiend was let loose in Mud Flats."

"He broke up that votin' line in thirty seconds, and he drove men inter stores and shops and houses. Lawd, but he was a fury! He was as mad as six bars rolled inter one."

"It was when the cat started fur home that Old Jim appeared with his men and formed a solid line befo' the polls. They kept that line all day in spite of many fouts, and when the closin' hour came they had the county seat by 150 majority. And when I got home and showed the ole woman the money and told her we could live a life of luxury fur the rest of our lives she jest up and fainted away."



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Notice.
Frank Fredericks will take notice, that on the 17th day of March 1916, P. H. Sullivan, a Justice of the Peace, of North Platte Precinct No. 1, Lincoln county, Nebraska, issued an order of Attachment for the sum of \$31.50, in an action now pending before him, wherein Edward Burke is plaintiff and Frank Fredericks defendant, that property consisting of money, as wages due, in the hands of the Union Pacific Railroad Co. a corporation, has been attached under said order.
Said cause was continued to the 6th day of May, 1916, at ten o'clock a. m.
North Platte, Neb., March 25, 1916.
EDWARD BURKE,
Plaintiff.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Commissioner
I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for County Commissioner for the Third Commissioner District subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election April 18th. My home is in Sellers Precinct.
JOHN W. FOWLER.

Clerk of District Court
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for clerk of the district court, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election. Your support will be appreciated.
GEO. E. PROSSER.

For County Attorney
I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for County Attorney subject to the approval of the voters at the primary election April 18th.
P. R. HALLIGAN.

For County Commissioner
I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for County Commissioner for the Third District at the April primary and support given will be appreciated. I have been a resident of the county for twenty-nine years and my home is southwest of Hershey.
S. J. KOCH.

For Representative
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for representative from the Sixty-eighth district (Lincoln County) at the primary election April 18th.
SCOTT REYNOLDS.

For Sheriff
I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for Sheriff and solicit the support of the voters at the primary election to be held April 18th. I have been a resident of the county for fifteen years, am a farmer and live in Hinman precinct.
THOS. MCCONNELL.

For Sheriff
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for Sheriff of Lincoln county subject to the will of the voters at the primary election April 18. My home is in Maxwell precinct.
BEN E. LAYTON.

For County Attorney
To the voters of Lincoln County, Nebraska: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for county attorney subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election, April 18th, and most respectfully solicit your support.
JOHN GRANT.

For County Commissioner
I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for County Commissioner from the Third Commissioner District, subject to the action of the voters at the April primary.
S. J. FILBERT,
Welllet, Neb.

For County Commissioner
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for county commissioner for the First Commissioner District subject to the will of the voters at the primary election April 18th. I have been a resident of the district over forty-four years. First time in politics, need the office and respectfully ask your support. Residence in Hinman precinct.
J. W. (Buck) POWLAND

For County Commissioner
I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for County Commissioner from the Third District subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election. I have lived in Lincoln county for 29 years and my home is Sutherland.
A. S. COATES.

For County Attorney
I hereby present my name as a candidate for the republican nomination for County Attorney at the primary election. Please investigate my record as present county attorney and if you deem me worthy of re-election I would thank you for your support.
GEO. N. GIBBS.

For County Clerk
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination for County Clerk subject to the action of the voters at the April primary. Your support will be appreciated.
A. B. HOAGLAND.

For County Clerk
I hereby announce myself a candidate for county clerk of Lincoln County subject to the will of the democratic electors at the primaries April 18. Was born in this county thirty-eight years ago, taught school three years, later consorting in Cottonwood precinct where I now reside.
ROYAL S. ERICSSON.

For County Commissioner
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for County Commissioner from the First District and solicit the support of the voters. I have been a resident of Lincoln county for thirty years.
I. L. MILTONBERGER.

For County Treasurer
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for County Treasurer in the primary election April 18th. Make inquiry about me and if you think I am qualified and otherwise all right your support will be appreciated.
Former residence Deer Creek Precinct.
S. M. SOUDER,
Asst. Co. Treas.

For County Clerk
I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for the republican nomination for county clerk at primary election in April and will appreciate the support of the members of that party.
C. H. WALTERS,
North Platte Neb.

For Sheriff
I respectfully present my name as a candidate for the republican nomination for Sheriff at the primary election. My home is in Sutherland precinct, and I have been a resident of the county since 1885. Support given me will be appreciated.
FRANK COKER.

For County Clerk
I hereby announce myself as candidate for the republican nomination as County Clerk of Lincoln County, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election April 18th your support will be appreciated.
A. S. ALLEN,
(Formerly of Walker Precinct.)

For Sheriff
I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for Sheriff of Lincoln County subject however to the decision of the voters at the primary election April 18th. Your support will be highly appreciated.

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For County Commissioner
I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination for County Commissioner from the Third district subject to the action of the voters at the primary election. D. E. MARTIN,
(Six miles Northwest of Hershey.)

For Sheriff
I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for Sheriff, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election, April 18th.
A. J. SALISBURY.

For County Commissioner
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for county commissioner for the First District, subject to the decision of the voters at the primary election, April 18th.
F. W. HERMINGHAUSEN.

For County Commissioner
I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for county commissioner from the First District subject to the action of the democratic voters at the primary election.
J. C. WILSON.

For County Judge
I hereby announce that I have filed my petition as required under the non-partisan judiciary act for the purpose of becoming a candidate at the April, 1916, primary for the office of County Judge.
GEO. E. FRENCH.

For Sheriff
I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff. I have been a resident of Lincoln county for thirty-six years. Your support at the primary election will be appreciated.
W. D. WALDO.

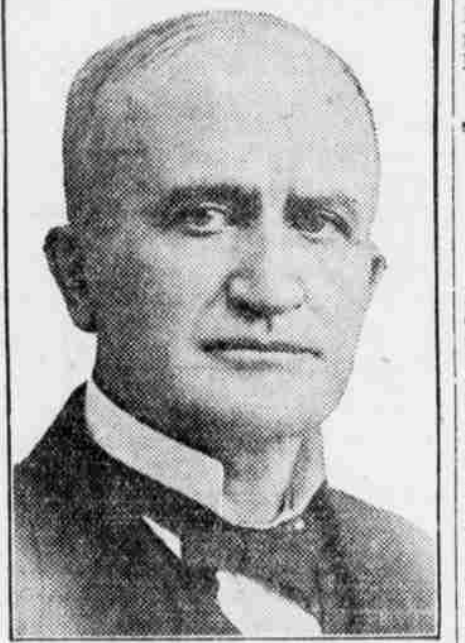
Announcement
In announcing my candidacy for the republican nomination of county treasurer, I desire to say that I have been a resident of Lincoln county, and a taxpayer thereof, for nearly a quarter of a century.

I have always been a republican and believe I have made good when placed in positions requiring ability and trust.

I promise the party, if nominated, to make an energetic campaign, not only for myself, but for the entire success of the county, state and national candidates, and most respectfully ask your support at the primary election April 18, 1916.
E. S. DAVIS

For Sheriff
I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff at the April primary. I have been a resident of Lincoln county for fourteen years, and I believe I have the ability to satisfactorily fill the office. Your support will be appreciated.
CYRUS RUSSELL.

For Sheriff
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Chattel Mortgage Sale.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage dated on the 6th day of July, 1915, and duly filed in the office of the county clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska on the 25th day of March, 1916, at 10:45 a. m., and executed by H. Scoonover to William J. Hendy and Ed N. Ogier, doing business under the firm name and style of Hendy-Ogier Auto Company, to secure the payment of the sum of Five Hundred Fifty dollars, (\$550.00) and upon which there is now due principal, interest and expense the sum of \$804.77, default having been made of the payment of said sum, and no suit or other proceeding at law having been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof, the undersigned, Hendy-Ogier Auto Company will sell the property there-in described, viz: (ne 1) Dodge automobile, car No. 594, engine No. 50599, (now in their possession) at the garage of the said Hendy-Ogier Auto Company at public auction in the city of North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, on the 29th day of April, 1916, at one o'clock p. m. of said day.

Dated this 27th day of March, 1916.
William J. Hendy and Ed N. Ogier doing business under the firm name and style of Hendy-Ogier Auto Company.
By Muldoon & Oberst, Their attorneys.

Notice For Publication.
Serial No. 05651.
Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb.
March 11, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that Joseph M. Carson, of North Platte, Neb., who on Apr. 7, 1913, made homestead entry, No. 05651, for N½ of NE¼, and E½ of NW¼, Section 2, Township 12, N. Range 32, W. 6th Prin. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at North Platte, Neb., on the 4th day of May, 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: S. W. Edmisten, Andrew Hahn, C. G. Fredrich, L. L. Greeno, all of North Platte, Neb.
J. E. EVANS,
Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Serial No. 05646.
Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Nebraska, Feb. 29, 1916.

Notice is hereby given that James D. Cole, of North Platte, Neb., who on Apr. 2, 1913, made Homestead entry, No. 05646, for NE¼, and NE¼ of SE¼, Section 34, Township 16, N. Range 31, W. 6th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at North Platte, Neb., on the 24th day of April 1916.

Claimant names as witnesses: H. F. Johnson, George A. Macomber, Wm. A. Gaunt, James Bechan, all of North Platte, Neb.
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