

**REVENGE THAT WAS COSTLY**

**Australian Farmer's Fancy Method of Pest Destruction Could Hardly Be Called a Success.**

A farmer living near Boreo Creek, New South Wales, was greatly annoyed by the depredations of a hawk, which almost daily took toll among his chickens. Finally, after a good deal of trouble, he succeeded in trapping the bird alive, and, smarting under his losses, resolved upon a really elaborate revenge. Procuring a supply of "gel" (explosive), he fastened it to the unfortunate hawk's leg and attached a long fuse to it. Then, having lit the fuse, he released the bird and waited for it to fly into the air to annihilate. However, the trick failed to work. Somewhat dazed, no doubt, by the rough handling it had received, the hawk obstinately refused to move from a position near the door of the "humpy."

With the fuse sputtering fiercely, the farmer began to get uneasy, and he did all in his power to scare this "feathered mine" away, but at first with little success. Finally it rose in the air—but only to settle on his roof, near the chimney. Shouting and bombarding with stones and sticks alike failed to move it from this position, and with the perspiration streaming down his face and his hair beginning to stand on end the farmer was ultimately obliged to take to his heels for his own safety. The bird sat doggedly on the roof till the end came; then the luckless squatter, looking back, saw roof, chimney and hawk go up in one terrific explosion. He has now sworn off all fancy methods of pest destruction.—Wide World Magazine.

**WHAT GIVES SKY BLUE TINT**

**Simple Explanation of Matter to Which Probably Few Have Given Much Attention.**

Not one person in a hundred could give a satisfactory answer to the question, Why is the sky blue?

And yet the explanation, as given by Professor W. H. Bragg, at the British Royal Institution, is quite simple.

The blue sky, he explained, is due to the interception of particles in the atmosphere of the blue rays which form a part of the white light of the sun. The parts of white light conveyed by longer red and yellow light waves manage to jump the many substances in the atmosphere and are seen at sunrise and sunset.

The professor illustrated his meaning by showing a disc of light on the screen which, passing through a bowl of water, became gradually redder as the water got cloudier, till at last, after an imitation of the sun in a November fog, it faded away.

Professor Bragg also revealed some of the mysteries of sound. If you put a stick in a revolving bowl of water, it sets up little whirlpools behind it. In the same way the wind rushing past trees forms whirlwinds on a small scale, and these cause those sounds so admirably described by the imaginative word "soughing." Similar sounds are set up by telegraph wires.

**Tradition and Superstition.**  
The moon, of course, is the source, or reason, or what you will, of many superstitions. As one grows older possibly the moon becomes less an object of romance than formerly, but the sense of bewilderment is never lost—even though some otherwise sane people object, as long as they live, to seeing the lovely new moon over their left shoulder. Frankly, we do not know the reason of this fear. In the course of a busy and, we trust, useful life we have never happened to hear the reason. But it is well to assume that there is one.

Tradition is interesting; superstition is common. Perhaps we have too few traditions in this country and too many superstitions. But most of us will proudly affirm that we believe in all the good traditions and in no superstitions whatever—and maybe we all shall be telling the truth.—Exchange.

**Tides in the Bay of Fundy.**

The Bay of Fundy is noted for its high tides. At the head of the bay a rise of 62 feet is known, and in Passamaquoddy bay, which indents New Brunswick near the border of the state of Maine, a rise of 25 feet is not uncommon. At St. John the rise varies from 20 to 27 feet. At Moncton the tide rushes up the estuary a crest or wave of water from 3 to 6 feet high. At most places the tide rises gradually, but not slowly, each wave rolling up on the shore a little higher than the preceding one. There are two high tides in every 24 hours. For instance, say at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 10 at night, and on the following day the two high tides will be one hour later, and so on.

**Good Old Cheap Coal Days.**

In the good old days of 1812 one could step out with a couple of dollars and come home with food and fuel sufficient to supply a good-sized family for a week. Facts regarding living expenses a century ago are contained in a letter from John Sims, great-grandfather of Admiral Sims, to his wife, Molly, dated Uniontown, 15th October, 1812. At that time, board and lodging for two cost \$35.00 a week. Coal was 6 cents a bushel. Chickens, still wearing their feathers, cost 75 cents a dozen. Beef was from 3 to 3 1/2 cents a pound, while butter retailed from 12 1/2 cents a pound.

**REBECCA PROPOSES**

By GRACE O. WEATHERBY.

The late afternoon sun streamed into the spotless little kitchen of Rebecca Hollis, a spinster, bathing the figure in the rocking chair in a warm light. Becky, as she was more often called, rocked vigorously back and forth, the ancient chair sending out its protest in nerve racking squeaks. But Becky's thoughts were far away. She was trying to decide just what action to take with Ben Abbott. Ben was the village postmaster, and as nice a man as any woman could wish for, Becky knew he thought a great deal of her, as he was a frequent visitor, and always brought a gift of some kind with him—but Ben was bashful. Night after night he would sit there, silent, nervously twisting his fingers, trying to find something to say. Becky's patience was sorely tried.

"I declare, Ben makes me tired; he hasn't enough gumption to kill a flea, let alone make love to a woman. How ever can I make him speak?"

Suddenly the ancient chair came to an abrupt standstill, and its occupant's back straightened.

"The very thing!" she ejaculated. "It never dawned on me that this was leap year! I'll ask him myself!"

She went to the telephone and called Ben. "Come over to supper tonight, Ben. I want to ask you about something. Yes, at seven will do."

All right, "by."

With a beating heart she phoned a dainty supper, remembering the old saying that the quickest way to a man's heart was through his stomach.

Promptly at seven Ben knocked at the door, and his gray eyes gleamed at the sight of Becky in her fresh blue dress, her cheeks flushed like a girl's. Mutely he offered his roses, white ones, perfect in their pale beauty. With a little cry of gladness Becky buried her face in the fragrant mass, and her eyes filled with quick tears, for didn't white roses mean pure love?

"Come on to supper, Ben," she said, briskly enough.

During the chicken salad and hot biscuits Ben was very quiet, answering her only in monosyllables, but his gray eyes spoke volumes. The air seemed full of suppressed excitement. After supper Ben wiped the dishes, with slow deliberation which was so unlike Becky's quick movements. Secretly a word was spoken. Then with her heart beating fast! Becky led the way to the fireplace in the cozy sitting room. After a moment's silence, Ben said: "Becky, you had something special to say to me tonight, didn't you?"

The rich color flooded Becky's cheeks, but Ben did not notice it. "Why, yes, Ben, I did. I wanted to ask you if you . . ." she coughed and fell silent. The leap year proposal wasn't easy. Ben rose and took a chair nearer.

"I suppose it is downright important, or you wouldn't have asked me up here tonight, but I was coming, anyhow, for I've something I wanted to speak to you about myself."

Now, this was very unlike Ben, and Becky fairly held her breath.

"Perhaps I'd better have my say first," Ben went on bravely, "and then you can tell me what's troubling you." Becky nodded. "You know, Becky, my term as postmaster runs out next month, and I'm going to quit the job. I've bought a farm out on the Western road, a nice little place it is, too, and I'm going to tear down the shack that's on the place now and build one of them bungalows—you know, a long, low, ramblin' kind of a house." He paused and glanced at Becky's averted face. "Well, and so I went down to Job Patterson's and he says he can build right away, and I'm looking over the plans with him tomorrow, you know, deciding where to put the parlor, and how big to make the kitchen, and I was wonderin' if you'd care to go along and sort of help me out. Women have pretty good ideas on this subject. Want to go?"

Becky faced him, her brown eyes very near tears of vexation. "He hadn't proposed, after all!"

"Well?" said Ben, with asperity. "What do you say?"

"Why, of course, Ben," she stammered. "I—I'd love to go."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**For County Commissioner.**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for county commissioner of the Third District on the republican ticket at the primary election April 20th, 1920, subject to the will of the voters, whose support I respectfully solicit.

DAVID E. MARTIN.

**For Clerk District Court.**  
I hereby announce that I have filed for nomination for clerk of District Court subject to the will of the voters at the primary Election April 20th, 1920. Your support will be gratefully appreciated.

WILLIAM M. RITNER.

**For County Commissioner.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner of the First District, subject to the decision of the republican voters.

JOHN R. RITNER.

**County Commissioner.**  
For the first time during the forty years that I have resided in Lincoln county, I am asking for the support of the voters. I am a candidate for the republican nomination for county commissioner from the First district and will appreciate the support of the voters at the primary election to be held April 20th.

J. E. KOONTZ.

**FOR CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT.**  
I announce that I am a candidate for the nomination for Clerk of the District Court at the primary election April 20th. I am the present incumbent of the office, and if you feel that my past services have been satisfactory I will be glad to have your support for a re-nomination.

GEO. E. PROSSER.

**For County Commissioner.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for county commissioner from the First District subject to the will of the voters at the Primary Election April 20th. I have been a resident of North Platte for thirty-eight years.

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**Notice of Petition.**

Estate No. 1745 of Mary Hansen, deceased in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said Estate take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of a certain instrument as the last will and testament of Mary Hansen and for the appointment of Thilie S. Blankenburg as executrix of said estate, which has been set for hearing on April 30, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Dated April 3, 1920.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of North Platte, Neb., up to 8 o'clock p. m. April 20th, 1920, for the construction of Sewer Lateral "G5" in Blocks 2, 3, 8 and 9, South Park Addition in said city, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the city clerk of said city. Said bids to cover complete construction of 10 inch sewer 1250 feet in length, one flush tank, one man hole and one lamp hole complete. Certified check for \$50 payable to the city treasurer of said city to accompany the bid. Said city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated April 2, 1920.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge.

**NOTICE OF PETITION.**

Estate No. 1750 of Mary Norris, Deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said Estate: Take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased and the appointment of William Norris as executor of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein on April 30th, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Dated April 2, 1920.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge.

**NOTICE OF PETITION.**

Estate No. 1751 of David Jones, Deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said Estate: Take notice that a petition has been filed for the appointment of Henrietta Jones as administratrix of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein on April 30th, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Dated April 5, 1920.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST, County Judge.

**SHERIFF'S SALE**

By virtue of an execution issued from the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, in favor of Anna Holderness, plaintiff, and against William A. Holderness, defendant and to me directed, I have levied upon the following described real estate in Lincoln County, Nebraska, to-wit: West Half (W 1/2) of the East Half (E 1/2) and West Half (W 1/2) of Section Six (6), Township Eleven (11), Range Twenty-Nine (29), Four Hundred Fifty-Eight and 90.100 acres. I will on the 19th day of April, 1920, at 2 o'clock P. M. at the east front door of the Court House in North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution, interest and costs aggregating the sum of \$4754.87, the following described property, levied upon by me, to-wit: West Half (W 1/2) of the East Half (E 1/2) and West Half (W 1/2) of Section Six (6), Township Eleven (11), Range Twenty-Nine (29), Four Hundred Fifty-Eight and 90.100 acres.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate No. 1735 of Betty Weinbars, Deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, ss: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for the presentation and filing of claims against said estate is July 30, 1920, and for settlement of said estate is March 23, 1921; that I will sit at the county court room in said county on April 30, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., and on July 30, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST,  
m30-4 County Judge.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS.**

Estate No. 1734 of E. R. Raworth, Deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, ss: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is July 29th, 1920, and for settlement of said estate is March 25th, 1921, that I will sit at the county court room in said county on April 29th, 1920, at 10 o'clock a. m. and on July 29th, 1920, at 10 o'clock a. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.

W. H. C. WOODHURST,  
m30-4 County Judge.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Estate No. 1737 of George W. Tremblay, Deceased in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, ss: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is July 30, 1920, and for settlement of said estate is March 28, 1921; that I will sit at the county court room in said county on April 30, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., and on July 30, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST,  
M30-4 County Judge.

**Notice to Creditors.**

Estate No. 1735 of Nels C. Rasmussen, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, ss: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is July 23d, 1920, and for settlement of said estate is March 19th, 1921, that I will sit at the county court room in said county on April 23d, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m. and on July 23d, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST,  
m 25-4 County Judge.

**NOTICE.**

To Elsie S. Hoy, Harry A. Hoy, Doris Hoy, his wife; Roberta E. Von Goetz and Victor Von Goetz, her husband; Alta B. Eastman and Charles H. Eastman her husband; William A. Hoy; and Loreta I. Hoy a minor and Elsie S. Hoy, mother and natural guardian of Loreta I. Hoy, a minor and all other persons interested in the estate of Frank P. Hoy, deceased.

You and each of you, are hereby notified that there was filed on March 26th, 1920, in the District Court in and for Lincoln County, Nebraska, by A. E. Jared, executor of the estate of Frank P. Hoy, deceased, a certain petition, the object and prayer of which are that an order be issued by the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, authorizing A. E. Jared, as executor of the estate of Frank P. Hoy, deceased, to execute his certain good and sufficient deed of conveyance conveying to one Lester H. Joy the fee simple title to the east half (E 1/2) of the North West quarter (NW 1/4) and the east half (E 1/2) of the South West quarter (SW 1/4) of section 19, and the east half (E 1/2) of the south West quarter (SW 1/4) of lots 3 and 4 all in section 18, all in Township 16 North of Range 26 West of the 6th P. M., Lincoln County, Nebraska, upon the payment to him by the said Lester H. Joy, of the sum of \$2860.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent from March 1st, 1920 being the balance due in accordance with the provisions and terms of a certain contract of sale executed by the said Frank P. Hoy during his life time and in accordance with the prayer of said petition, said matter has been set for hearing by order of the District Court, of Lincoln County, Nebraska, for May 14, 1920, at the office of H. M. Grimes, Judge of the District Court, of Lincoln County, Nebraska, at the Court house in the city of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, at which time, you and each of you, may appear and show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted as prayed.

A. E. JARED,

Executor of the estate of Frank P. Hoy, deceased.

By Beeler, Crosby & Baskins,  
His Attorneys. M30 M7

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

Department of the Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at Broken Bow, Nebraska, March 10, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Frederick W. Tibbels, of North Platte, Nebraska, who, on May 15, 1916, made homestead entry, North Platte No. 06355, Broken Bow No. 011910, for the N 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 18, Township 11 North of Range 30 West of