

A COFFIN SIDEBOARD.

GHASTLY REVELELS IN A NEW YORK SALOON.

Like the Paris "Cafe of Death"—The Musty Cellar Where "Gnomes" and "Chickens" Make Merry Among the Skeletons and Skulls.

A SCORE of rollicking, noisy fellows, young and old, gathered about a musty, worm-eaten bier deep down in a mustier old cellar, eating bread and beefsteaks; a coffin for a sideboard, holding foaming flagons and tobles

of ale; a great jar of tobacco and dozens of long-stemmed church warden pipes; all this walled in with tuns and hog-heads of wine, casks and barrels of brandy and whisky, flasks of rare old cordials, and over all the dust of decades and gleaming skulls peering down from odd places through the dusk, which the flickering candle light only served to make more ghastly, says the New York World.

This is not a picture from degenerate Paris, but an actual scene in old New York. It is one of the monthly meetings of the Gnomes—a drinking club of old Ninth warders, and held in the sub-cellar of a famous-time drinking place at the corner of Fourth and Charles streets.

It is not a new institution—this gathering of sub-surface revelers, with their ghouliah tastes. For upward of fifty years the Ahrens, father and son, have kept a drinking place in the little old Dutch red brick building, and during that time it has been a favorite resort for the politicians and men-about-town of the old Ninth ward and old Greenwich village.

This place is now kept by Henry Ahrens—"Handsome Harry" they call him. It consists of a large barroom, with a sitting-room in the rear. The barroom is itself unique. It is a low-ceilinged room with oaken floor, which is kept as clean as scrubbing-brushes can make it. Half a dozen handsome rugs cover the floor. A quaintly carved old English settee and three or four comfortable rocking-chairs and a Turkish stool add to the unsaloon-like aspect of the place.

Two groups of life-sized statuary—one a Faith, Hope and Charity, and the other a Venus—occupy prominent places in the room. They are surrounded by potted plants and tropical evergreens.

The inside room is a museum of curious, incongruous, yet artistic treasures, some of them rarely interesting.

The chief interest in the place, however, lies in the old cobwebby cellar, or rather in the banquet room of the cellar. This is a little room, not more than fourteen feet square, walled in with barrels and casks grimy with dust and cobwebs. Thick, black webs hang from the weather-stained rafters, and where the spiders have failed to string their nets artificial webs have been made of pack thread to which papier-mache spiders as big and ugly as horned toads cling and wink their glass bead eyes with looks of devilish ferocity. Two bats live in the cellar and occasionally stir up the dust with their skinny wings, and skulls grin everywhere.

One thing that is always pointed out to a visitor is a cask of Madeira wine which is claimed to be forty years old. It is so old, or rather the cask is, that the hoops look as if they were falling off. The cask is never tapped except on the occasion of a marriage or birth in the family, and upon the occasion of the five-year unions which the old Roosters hold. Another old cask of liquor is Otard Dupuy brandy, which has been in stock since 1860. This is never touched except for medicinal purposes, and upon a physician's prescription.

An enormous coffin, in which is a papier mache skeleton, and the worm-eaten bier are the principal articles of furniture. The coffin is the sideboard of the club.

A similar apartment—but little more than a niche in the walls of barrels and casks and hogheads, holds the ancient and rusty cook stove where the banquets of the midnight revelers are prepared. There are no chairs or stools. The guests sit around on beer kegs and rough planks. The first thing to meet the eye of the visitor, when his eyesight gets used to the dark, is a huge blackboard, reaching from ceiling to floor, upon which is a hideously drawn skeleton.

No Danger of a War.
A French governor of the south Pacific colony of New Caledonia, who was also an admiral of the navy, assumed his authority while the natives were still cannibals. There had been rumors of an insurrection, and the admiral called before him a native chief who was faithful to the French cause and questioned him as to their truth. "You may be sure," said the native, "that there will be no war at present, because the yams are not yet ripe." "The yams, you say?" "Yes. Our people never make war except when the yams are ripe." "Why is that?" "Because baked yams go very well with the captives."

A Japanese Woman Politician.
The most remarkable woman in politics in Japan is Mme. Hatoyama. When her husband, a leader of the progressionist party, ran for parliament, she took the stump and made speeches in his interest—a very extraordinary thing for a Japanese lady to do. She is now a teacher in the academy of which her husband is principal.

An Inducement to Pay Taxes.
People in Madison county, Kentucky, who have paid their taxes are entitled to be married free by the sheriff.

An Old Soldier's Recommendation.
In the late war I was a soldier in the First Maryland Volunteers, company G. During my term of service I contracted chronic diarrhoea. Since then I have used a great amount of medicine, but when I found any that would give me relief it would injure my stomach, until Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea remedy was brought to my notice. I used it and will say it is the only remedy that gave me permanent relief and no bad results follow. I take pleasure in recommending this preparation to all of my old comrades, who, while giving their services to their country, contracted this dreadful disease as I did, from eating unwholesome and uncooked food. Yours truly, A. E. BENDING, Halsey, Oregon. For sale by P. C. Corrigan, druggist.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

LEGAL NOTICE.
Peter Hartvig and Mrs. Peter Hartvig, his wife, first name unknown, defendants, will take notice that on the 28th day of December, 1893, plaintiff herein, filed a petition in the district court of Holt county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by defendants James P. Hymer and Jennie M. Hymer, husband and wife, to the South Platte Loan and Trust Company upon the southeast quarter of section nineteen, in township thirty, of range sixteen west, in Holt county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of their promissory note dated April 20, 1891, for the sum of \$35.00 and interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum payable semi-annually and 7 per cent. after maturity; that there is now due upon said note and mortgage according to the terms thereof the sum of \$38.65 and interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from 1st day of January, 1894, and plaintiff prays that said premises may be decreed to be sold to satisfy the amount due thereon. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 16th day of March, 1894. Dated February 6, 1894.
THE SOUTH PLATTE LOAN AND TRUST CO., By G. Norberg, Adams and W. R. Butler, Attorneys.

In the District Court of Holt County Neb. Aultman, Miller & Co., of Akron, Ohio, an incorporated company, under the general laws of Ohio, plaintiff,

vs. Wilson Stewart, John Barnett and Catherine Barnett, defendants.

NOTICE.
The above named defendants, John Barnett and Catherine Barnett, will take notice that on the 28th day of January, 1896, the plaintiff herein filed a petition in the district court of Holt county, Nebraska, against you and each of you to recover a judgment against each of you for the sum of \$50.00 on a certain promissory note given by you and your co-defendant Stewart to the plaintiff on the 21st day of March, 1892, plaintiff alleging in said petition that there is due on said note said amount.

You are further notified that on the same day, the above named plaintiff, caused to be filed in said court an affidavit for an order of attachment against you and that on the same day there was issued out of said court a writ of attachment against you for the above amount, and you are further notified that on the 28th day of January, 1896, at 7 o'clock p. m., that the sheriff of Holt county Nebraska, levied upon, to satisfy said writ, the following described real estate as your property under and by virtue of said writ of attachment so issued, to-wit: Northwest quarter section eleven, township twenty-eight, range ten, west 6th p. m., and being situated in Holt county, Nebraska.

You are further notified that the ground upon which said writ of attachment issued against you is a non-resident of the state of Nebraska; you are also notified that on the 4th day of February, 1896, the plaintiff herein filed an affidavit for service by publication against you alleging that you are non-residents of the state of Nebraska.

You are further notified that the plaintiff demands judgment against you in the amount heretofore stated and will ask that the property attached be sold for the purpose of paying said judgment and costs.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 16th day of March, 1896. Dated February 4, 1896.

R. R. DICKSON, Attorney for Plaintiff.

In the District Court of Holt County, Neb.

Aultman, Miller and Co., Akron, Ohio, an incorporated company, under the general laws of Ohio, plaintiff,

vs. William Veale, defendant.

NOTICE.
The above named defendant, William Veale, will take notice that on the 28th day of January, 1896, the plaintiff herein filed a petition in the district court of Holt county, Nebraska, against you to recover a judgment against you for the sum of \$100.00 on a certain promissory note given by you to the plaintiff on the 11th day of July, 1892, plaintiff alleging in said petition that there is due on said note said amount.

You are further notified that on the same day, the above named plaintiff, caused to be filed in said court an affidavit for an order of attachment against you and that on the same day there was issued out of said court a writ of attachment against you for the above amount, and you are further notified that on the 28th day of January, 1896, at 4 o'clock p. m., that the sheriff of Holt county, Nebraska, levied upon to satisfy said writ the following described real estate as your property under and by virtue of said writ of attachment so issued, to-wit: Southeast quarter of section twenty-six, township thirty-one, range thirteen, west 6th p. m., and being situated in Holt county, Nebraska.

You are further notified that the ground upon which said writ of attachment issued is that you are a non-resident of the state of Nebraska; you are also notified that on the 4th day of February, 1896, the plaintiff herein filed an affidavit for service by publication against you alleging that you are non-resident of the state of Nebraska.

You are further notified that the plaintiff demands judgment against you in the amount heretofore stated and will ask that the property attached be sold for the purpose of paying said judgment and costs.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 16th day of March, 1896. Dated February 4, 1896.

R. R. DICKSON, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS

(First publication in The Frontier Feb. 8, '96.)

In the district court of Holt county, Neb.

Nathaniel Knowles, plaintiff,

vs.

Delbert M. Benner et al., defendants.

To Delbert M. Benner, Lillie B. Benner, Charles D. Stevens, Pierce Wright & Co., MacLagan & Pierce, Marion Boles, Laura E. Boles, John Lee, tenant whose first name is to this plaintiff unknown, defendants in the above entitled cause:

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by the plaintiff in the above entitled cause in the district court of Holt county, Nebraska, and that on or before the 16th day of March, A. D. 1896, you must answer the petition of the plaintiff, now on file in the office of the clerk of said district court, in which the plaintiff asks that a judgment be rendered by the court for foreclosure of a mortgage given by the defendants Delbert M. Benner and Lillie B. Benner to the Lombar Investment Company and now owned by the plaintiff, upon the following described real property, situated in the county of Holt and state of Nebraska, to-wit: East half of the southwest quarter, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-two, township thirty, also the south half of the southwest quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-two, township thirty-one, all in range nine west, that the equity of redemption of each and all of the defendants named in the title of said cause is and to said mortgaged premises be forever barred and foreclosed; that any right, title, lien or interest owned or claimed by you, or either of you, in or to said premises, be adjudged to be junior and inferior to the plaintiff's mortgage lien thereon and that said lands be sold to pay the indebtedness secured by said mortgage.

You are hereby further notified that, if you fail to answer said petition on or before the day herebefore stated, the facts and allegations contained in said petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered as therein prayed for. D. M. VINSONHALER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA

C. I. Rawling, plaintiff,

vs.

Alfred Precourt, defendant.

Notice to Non-resident Defendant.
To Alfred Precourt: You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of December, 1895, the above named plaintiff, C. I. Rawling, filed in the office of the district court of the state of Nebraska, in and for Holt county, his petition against you, the object and prayer of which is to foreclose a certain mortgage executed and delivered by you to plaintiff on the 28th day of November, 1895, to secure the payment of \$400.00 and interest upon the following described premises to-wit: The northwest quarter of section number twenty-nine, in township number thirty-one, north of range number thirteen, west of the 6th p. m., in Holt county, Nebraska, and filed for record in the office of the county clerk of Holt county, Nebraska, on the 29th day of November, 1895, and recorded in book twenty of mortgages at page number 238. Plaintiff further alleges that there is now due and owing upon the notes that said mortgage was given to secure and for taxes paid to protect his security, the sum of \$1,000.00.

You are further notified that unless you answer said petition on or before the 10th day of February, 1896, the petition of plaintiff will be taken as true and judgment and decree entered accordingly.

Dated at O'Neill, Nebraska, this 31st day of December, 1895.

C. I. RAWLING, Plaintiff.

By B. W. Johnson and E. H. O'Neill, His Attorneys.

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