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Jefferson Davis and a Joke He Did Not Appreciate.

When Jefferson Davis was secretary of war he ordered all his generals to learn to ride horseback. No finer horseman than Jefferson Davis ever lived. He won the love and hand of Zach Taylor's daughter by his distinguished presence in the saddle, as well as by his intrepidity at the cannon's mouth. When secretary of war he noticed that only a few officers in the service were capable horsemen and issued an order something like this:

"A liberal reward will be paid to any officer or private in the army who will offer a satisfactory device for keeping our soldiers from falling out of their saddles. Communications to the secretary of war will be regarded as confidential."

Captain George Horatio Derby, one of the leading army engineers of his day, used to write humorous and witty stories over the pen name of John Phoenix. He received a copy of Secretary Davis' order while improving the harbor of San Diego, Cal., and immediately forwarded the most intricate and accurate designs of his plan for keeping officers and men in the saddle. To the seat of each officer's "pants" he attached a bull ring, and another bull ring was attached to the saddle. The two bull rings were to be lashed together when the officer mounted his steed. "If that doesn't hold, nothing will," wrote Phoenix to the secretary. Davis was furious when he got this proposition and immediately ordered that Captain Derby should be court martialed for "official levity."

The secretary felt that the army had been disgraced and wanted Derby severely punished. One of his intimates hastened to him. "Jeff," he whispered, "if you order a court martial for this little pleasantry of John Phoenix, one of the salt of the earth and immensely popular in the army, you will be made a laughingstock. The people will ridicule you out of office. Just laugh it off." Davis took his advice.—New York Press.

MR. AND MRS. DEAN.

The Surprise They Gave a Roomful of Blackguards.

In the early part of the nineteenth century Vauxhall was the resort of many respectable persons, especially of those who came up from the country to see London sights. During one season it was infested by a band of ruffians, who made it their occupation to insult and molest the most quiet, decent people, especially any whom they guessed to be country visitors. They became such a nuisance that several men about town, among whom were Lord Alvanley and Keppel Craven, laid a plot to get rid of them.

They hired Mendoza, the famous prize fighter, and dressed him up as a dean, with a shovel hat and apron. Another prize fighter, a short man, was dressed as a middle aged lady and passed as the dean's wife, and one evening they were seated at Vauxhall in a conspicuous position to watch the fireworks. It was not long before the old fashioned, countrified pair attracted the attention of the gang, who assailed them with every kind of coarse rallery and insult, all of which they bore very meekly.

At length one of the persecutors, growing bolder by impunity, stepped up to the dean and squirted an orange into his eye. On this the dean, rising, said in a meek, quiet tone, "Really, gentlemen, I have borne a great deal, but I must put a stop to this." With that his hat went one way and his coat another, and followed by his "wife," he sprang into the middle of the party, hitting out in all directions. Filled with astonishment and terror, some fled and some tried to show fight, but the handling they got from the prize fighters was too severe for the fracas to last long.

All the time Lord Alvanley and his friends, who were in the boxes, were calling out in delight: "Go it, Mr. Dean! Give it 'em, Mrs. Dean!" An effectual stop was thus put to the annoyance.—London Spectator.

Pearl Banks of Ceylon.

In a report from Colombo the United States consul says that of the world's great fisheries none can compare either in point of antiquity or in the continuity of their prosecution with the pearl fisheries of Ceylon, which he thus describes: "The pearl banks of Ceylon date back to the sixth century before Christ. It is recorded that Vijaya, the first Singhalese king of Ceylon, in the year 550 B. C. presented his father-in-law, the Pandyan king of Madura, a gift of pearls, thus indicating a settled fishery for pearls on the coast of his dominion prior to the historic date."

Lack of Confidence.
A party returning home in hired brougham, the driver of which is somewhat inebriated.
Paterfamilias (who at a hill climbs on to the box at the request of matrifamilias)—Give me the reins.
Coachman—"Ave you hever druv down this 'ere 'ill afore?"
Pater (taking the reins)—No, I have not.
Coachman—Then I'll walk. (Does so).—London Punch.

Hard to Dodge.
Englishman (on Atlantic liner)—Well, old chap, we'll soon be engaged with those blasted Yankee custom inspectors. American—You bet! And remember, old man, that the United States expects every man to pay his duty!—Puck.

Most people aren't so proud of being honest as ashamed of being poor.—New York Press.

(First Publication Dec. 21.)
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior, Land Office at O'Neill, Nebraska, November 18, 1907. "Not Coal Lands."

Notice is hereby given that John Gaughenbaugh, of Emmett, Nebraska, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 17191, made October 1, 1901, for the northeast quarter section 24, township 28 north, range 13 west 6th P. M., and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver, at O'Neill, Nebraska, on December 28, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: A. Maring, of Emmett, Nebr., L. I. Pucket, of Emmett, Nebr., Andrew Clark Jr., of O'Neill, Nebr., J. B. Maring, of Emmett, Nebr., 226 B. E. STURDEVANT, Register.

(First Publication Dec. 12.)
NOTICE.
In the court of Holt county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Nora Marren, deceased.

To all persons interested in said estate. You are hereby notified that on the 6th day of December, 1907, William T. Hayes, executor of the estate of Nora Marren, deceased, filed in said court his final account as said executor and a petition for final settlement and distribution of the residue of said estate; that the said final account and petition for final settlement and distribution will be heard on the 30th day of December, 1907, at 11 o'clock a. m. at the county court room in O'Neill in said county, at which time and place any persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause, if such exists, why said final account should not be approved and a decree of distribution made of the residue of said estate in the possession of said executor.

It is ordered that a copy of this notice be published for three successive weeks in The Frontier, a newspaper, printed and published in said county.

Dated this 6th day of December, 1907.
[Seal] C. J. MALONE, County Judge.

(First Publication Dec. 26.)
NOTICE.
In the court of Holt county, Nebraska. In the matter of the estate of John H. Addison, deceased.

To all persons interested in said estate. You are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of December, 1907, Sophia Addison administratrix of the estate of John H. Addison, deceased, filed in said court her final account as said administratrix and a petition for final settlement and distribution of the residue of said estate; that the said final account and petition for final settlement and distribution will be heard on the 11th day of January, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. at the county court room in O'Neill, in said county, at which time and place any persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause, if such exists, why said final account should not be approved and a decree of distribution made of the residue of said estate in the possession of said administratrix.

It is ordered that a copy of this notice be published for three successive weeks in The Frontier, a newspaper, printed and published in said county.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1907.
[Seal] C. J. MALONE, County Judge.

(First Publication Dec. 5.)
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior, Land Office at O'Neill, Nebraska, November 29, 1907. "Not Coal Lands."

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver, at O'Neill, Nebraska, on January 15, 1908, viz: George Lawrence one of the heirs and for the heirs of Guy C. Lawrence, deceased, H. E. 17680, August 1, 1902, for the N¹/₂ SW¹/₄ section 14, township 28, north range 13, west 6th P. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Morton E. Hiatt, of Emmet, Nebr., Leslie I. Pucket, of Emmet, Nebr., Alexander Maring, of Emmet, Nebr., Thomas E. Maring, of Emmet, Nebr., 24-6 B. E. STURDEVANT, Register.

(First Publication Dec. 19.)
NOTICE.
The state of Nebraska, Holt county, s. s. In county court: Notice is hereby given that petition having been filed in the county court of Holt county, Nebraska, for the appointment of an administratrix of the estate of Edward G. Johnson, deceased, late of said county. The same is set for hearing at 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1908, at the office of the county judge, in O'Neill, in said county, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may appear and be heard concerning said appointment.

Given under my hand and official seal this 18th day of December, 1907.
[Seal] C. J. MALONE, County Judge.

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