

Selma, California.

MR. A. C. HOSMER.—DEAR SIR:—In compliance with your request and for the benefit of inquiring friends, I write you relative to my trip and the country in this part of the heritage: I arrived here Sunday morning at 2 o'clock some of the worse for the trip, having been four days and five nights on the way. My family have been here four months. I will say to begin with that I never felt before that I had beat the rail road company but I think I got more than the worth of my money in what I saw on this second trip.

I went over the road from Denver to Leadville in the night. Here everything is four feet under snow and still snowing. Smallpox is on a rage in the place and times are dull on account of the low price of silver. Some mines have shut down and hundreds of men are idle. Here we begin to go down hill and one can readily see why these mountains are called the Rockies. We soon start down a canyon and follow a fine mountain stream that has cut its way through solid stone and at Red Cliff we are walled in by rocks hundreds of feet high and in some places they project and seem just ready to fall down on us, it looks as if a person could pull them down if they only had a string tied to them.

On these mountains is lumber of pine and cedar which is mostly small. There are many interesting things on the way to Ogden, but will not weary you.

We stayed at Ogden 12 hours and I must tell you how badly I was deceived. The mountains there reach above the clouds and the city lies between the mountains and the railroad. It seemed to me that the mountains could not be more than three blocks distance from the depot, but after I had travelled about two miles they were farther away than when I started and I gave it up as a bad job. On our way from here we go through a lovely valley with splendid mountains for a background.

Do you know, Hosmer, that I have always thought Brigham Young an old fool, but I am forced to change my opinion of him. Just think! a man being located in this valley with forty-nine goodlooking wives for company, but this is too immense to dwell upon. In the afternoon after leaving Ogden we have the lake in view until nearly dark and then for about a days ride we go through about the most desolate country I ever saw. I will pass this over and draw rein at Fort Reno. This is like a good, live Nebraska town. We soon get into California, and begin to climb the Sierra Nevadas. We follow along a mountain stream that comes tumbling over the rocks and makes a roar that can be heard above the roar of the train. We have eleven cars and pulled by two of those powerful mountain engines and you may believe they make the mountains tremble as they follow the meanderings of the stream. Along the stream we see fine timber, saw mills, ice houses, they say California gets its supply of ice from here, there are dozens of these ice houses each five times as large as my barn. Well I will make a big jump and get to the top of the mountains. Here we have snow two feet deep and everything has the appearance of dismal winter. A little farther down are the hydraulic gold mining regions. They are very rich. The mining is done by bringing the water in pipes 50 or 60 miles and turned loose onto the hills and it is said that great stones weighing tons are dashed ahead like mere pebbles. Here it seems as if the engineers who planned this road tried to see how close they could run the trains to these fearful chasms and not go over, I know those in our car drew a sigh of relief when we passed over safely. After this we pass through about 50 miles of snow sheds and tunnels from Leadville to here and fifteen tunnels before we reach Leadville, but in one hours ride you can't imagine the change; we come to green fields, fruit and berries in bloom. We are now just outside Edon. One hour before we sat humped up in our seat and felt like hitting the first man who spoke to us, now everybody was on their feet and having a regular camp meeting in a short time we are in the famous Sacramento valley barefoot boys John Chinaman and little girls selling flowers are familiar objects, but just as we get into the city of Sacramento cruel night draws its curtain and cheats me out of the nicest sights in

the state except one—a model wife and three of the finest children in the U. S., and these are mine. Excuse me Mr. Editor, but these are facts.

Well I'm in Selma at last and must say at first sight I am favorably impressed. We drove out white Sunday night and in my poor way will try to tell you what I saw. This country is nearly as level as a floor and looks much like the country east of Hastings, Neb., only five times as many houses and some fine ones too. This is the San Joaquin valley and is 60 miles wide with irrigating ditches all through it. First we drove through a lane all lined with 5 years old Lombardy poplar. These are twice as large as a stove pipe at the butt 60 ft. high and as straight as an arrow. The next thing that impressed me was the egggreen hedges, they are 3 1/2 feet high and 2 feet wide and so dense you cannot see through them, at the gate they are allowed to grow up 1 foot at each side and form an arch which looks like a framework, trees are set full of fruit and alfalfa will soon do to cut. As to the yards I am lost when I try to find language to describe them. I have seen some of the fine grounds in Lincoln, Nebraska, but they are very poor when compared with the common grounds here. But for fear of bringing you I will close after saying a few words for our town and people. Business does not seem to be overdone and the buildings don't seem very extravagant but think there is quite a lot of credit business done. The population is variously estimated. Ask a real estate man and he will say four or five thousand but ask a man that is sick of the place and is going east and he will say about two or three thousand and I guess that is about right. Jim Roberts from your country was showing me some of the matches they use here, he says California is noted for its little matches and big liars, I hate to admit that for there are lots of Nebraska people here.

The schools here are good having 8 grades and 8 teachers and a kindergarten with two teachers. Our daughter Mary is going to school here and learning fast. I have dictated this and she has written it so please excuse haste and poor spelling, the poor spelling is mine and the haste is hers. Respectfully,

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Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of sale issued from the office of C. B. Crone, clerk of the district court of the tenth judicial district within and for Webster county, Nebraska, upon a decree in an action pending therein, wherein the State of Nebraska and Trust company are plaintiffs and against Richard K. Stowe as administrator of the estate of Nels Poulson, deceased, Lino Peterson, Joel Poulson, Carrie Poulson, Nels Poulson, Mary Poulson, Mira Poulson, Martin Poulson, Christian Jasperson as guardian of said Joel Poulson, Carrie Poulson, Nels Poulson, Mary Poulson and Mira Poulson, defendants, I shall offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the east door of the courthouse at Red Cloud, in said Webster county, Nebraska, (that being the building wherein the last term of said court was holden) on the

3d Day of May, A. D. 1892, at 11 o'clock a. m. of said day, the following described property to-wit: The south-west quarter (1/4) of section twenty-nine (29) in township three (3), north of range eleven (11), west of the 6th P. M.
Given under my hand this 30th day of March, A. D. 1892.
36-30d GEO. E. COON, Sheriff.

Non-Resident Notice
Cornelia A. Woods vs John Woods.

In District Court.
The defendant, John Woods, will take notice that on the 16th day of April, 1892, the plaintiff, Cornelia A. Woods, filed her petition in the office of the clerk of the district court of Webster county, Nebraska, against him, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from him, and the custody of their minor children. Said defendant is required to answer or plead to said petition on or before May 30, 1892, or the allegations of said petition will be taken as confessed and decree rendered accordingly.
CORNELIA A. WOODS, By GEO. R. CHAFFIN, her attorney.

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In the district court of Webster county Nebraska.
Leopold Baum, plaintiff, vs Spencer Alexander, Marion Alexander, Milton Randall, W. T. Vankirk, Defendants.
The plaintiff in the above entitled action notifies the defendants in said cause, that on the 8th day of April 1892, that he the said plaintiff filed his petition in the district court of Webster county, Nebraska, against you of which are to foreclose a tax lien owned and held by the plaintiff, on and against lot number (43) block ten (10) in the village of Blue Hill in Webster county, a state of Nebraska for the sum of forty dollars, (\$40) and accumulating interest, and that said lot be sold according to law to pay said amount and costs of this action, and that any claim or interest you may have in said premises may be declared junior and inferior to plaintiffs tax lien. For further particulars you are referred to plaintiffs petition now on file in the Clerk's office of the District court of Webster county, Nebraska. You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday the 16th day of May, A. D. 1892.
LEOPOLD BAUM, By O. C. CASE, His Attorney. 37-44

Non-Resident Notice.
William Marshall, plaintiff, vs Jacob H. Shugart et al defendants.
AFFIDAVIT ON FILE.
The defendants O. B. Johnson, Frank E. Crout, Orlin W. Robertson and Jesse Foster, will take notice that on the 25th day of April 1892, the plaintiff herein filed his petition in the district court of Webster county, Nebr., the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by defendants J. H. Shugart, and Helen M. Shugart, since deceased to Edwin D. Orme, who assigned said mortgage to plaintiffs assignee L. M. Dove, now Lizzie M. Leslie; that said mortgage is on lot seven (7) in block three (3) in Talbot's addition to the town of Guide Rock, Webster county, Nebraska, and was duly recorded in the records of said county, that default has been made in the payment of the amount decreed by said mortgage. You are therefore required to answer said petition on or before the 10th day of May 1892, or said petition will be taken as confessed by you and default rendered foreclosing said mortgage as prayed for in said petition.
37-44 WILLIAM MARSHALL, By JOHN L. CHAFFIN, His Attorney.

Sheriff's Sale.
Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of sale issued from the office of C. B. Crone, clerk of the district court of the tenth judicial district within and for Webster county, Nebraska, upon a decree in an action pending therein, wherein Mrs. C. H. Barnes and Edna Barnes are plaintiffs, and against John H. Ferguson, Agnes J. Ferguson and James H. Ferguson, defendants, I shall offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the east door of the courthouse at Red Cloud, in said Webster county, Nebraska, (that being the building wherein the last term of said court was holden) on the

3d Day of May, A. D. 1892, at 11 o'clock a. m. of said day, the following described property to-wit: The north-west quarter (1/4) of section thirty-four (34) and the north-east quarter (1/4) and the east half (1/2) of the north-west quarter (1/4) of section thirty-three (33), township four (4) north, range ten (10), west of the 6th P. M.
Given under my hand this 28th day of March, A. D. 1892.
36-30d GEO. E. COON, Sheriff. TIBBETS, MOREY & FERRIS, Att'ys

Sheriff's Sale.
Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of sale issued from the office of C. B. Crone, clerk of the district court of the tenth judicial district, within and for Webster county, Nebraska, upon a decree in an action pending therein, wherein the First National Bank of Red Cloud, Nebraska, is plaintiff, and John Kincher Jr., Kirkendall, Jones & Co. and Winifred Winger are defendants, I shall offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the east door of the courthouse at Red Cloud, in said Webster county, Nebraska, (that being the building wherein the last term of said court was holden) on the

24th Day of May, A. D. 1892, at one o'clock p. m. of said day the following described property to-wit: The north half of the south-west quarter, 1/2, of section twenty in township three, north of range ten, west of the 6th P. M., in Webster county, Nebraska.
Given under my hand this 14th day of April, A. D. 1892.
36-30d GEO. E. COON, Sheriff. JAB. MCNEVY, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Sheriff's Sale.
Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of sale issued from the office of C. B. Crone, clerk of the district court of the tenth judicial district within and for Webster county, Nebraska upon a decree in an action pending therein, wherein Sarah L. Green is plaintiff, and against Aurelian A. Post and — Post, his wife, defendants, I shall offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, at the east door of the court house at Red Cloud in said Webster county, Nebraska, that being the building wherein the last term of said court was holden) on the

24th Day of May, A. D. 1892, at one o'clock p. m. of said day the following described property to-wit: The east half, 1/2, of the north-east quarter, 1/4, and the north-west quarter, 1/4, of the north-east quarter, 1/4, of section seventeen, 17, in township three, 3, north of range ten, 10, west of the 6th P. M.
Given under my hand this 14th day of April, A. D. 1892.
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