

MADE THE PASSENGERS SMILE.

Absent-Minded Man Clings to Strap, Though Seats Were Vacant.

A lean passenger with a newspaper climbed aboard a car, looking as preoccupied as a man who is trying to think where he put the receipt for that bill that the man's dunning him for over again.

He hitched himself up to a strap, put his paper in front of his face and started to peruse the news of a busy and vexatious world without saying "nothin' to nobody." He did not even look around.

By and by he had skimmed through the tidings chronicled in the paper and he shoved the sheet into his overcoat pocket.

Then he made a discovery. The discovery was as follows, viz: There were only eight other passengers on the car. Of course there were plenty of seats and had been ever since he got on. He looked sort of foolish when he noticed that everybody was smiling quietly about something. You see it looked funny to see a man wearily holding on to a strap when there were seats to be had at the same price as S. R. O. space.

"Shows what habit'll do for a fellow," the lean preoccupied passenger muttered. "I'm used to getting on the car here along about six o'clock at night and I never look for seats."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ACTOR WAS BOWED WITH GRIEF.

But Not Altogether Because of the Death of His Wife.

A certain well-known actor was curiously enough—very much attached to his wife. She died, after a lingering illness, and the poor old Thespian was all broken up about it. One night a friend went to the actor's dressing room and found him in tears. He was making up, and having a hard time of it.

"Excuse me, old chap," he muttered, brokenly. "This is weakness, of course, but I was just thinking of my wife. I'll never get this make-up on right—the tears spoil it as fast as I put it on. You see, my wife was my pal—always at my side, always sympathetic. I can't get used to her absence."

"Why, when she knew she was dying, she said to me, 'I want you to put your photograph in the coffin with me. Promise!' I promised, of course. That's what I was thinking of when you came in. I had no photographs left, at the time, but I had some taken on purpose. Oh, dear, oh dear!—'They didn't do me justice!'"

Human Fireflies.

Purveyors of Chinese incense sticks may rejoice in the fad which has developed over on Riverside drive, says the New York Press. It is the fashion for the young people who throng along the park wall and saunter up and down from the Schwab mansion to Grant's tomb to carry a handful of burning joss sticks. These they wave gently back and forth, the glowing red tips rivaling the fairy lamps of the fireflies, which sparkle among the trees. Groups of merry girls thus illumine the night, and the soft summer air is perfumed with this rich oriental odor. The fad started, of course, out of a crusade against the mosquitoes, which at times frequent the park. But now the mosquito is not considered. The girls carry the joss sticks because the sparkling tapers add to the picturesqueness of the scene and because it has become a fad.

Dining Late and Long.

In Sir Algernon West's early days society often dined late and long, and the late Lord Clanwilliam once told him of one occasion when he dined at a friend's villa near Putney and the meal did not begin until eight o'clock.

"When they at last rose from the table and went to their rooms, Lord Clanwilliam flung open his window and saw the haymakers coming into the field. 'I wonder,' he thought, 'what hour they begin work,' and on consulting his watch he found it was 8:30. The haymakers were returning to work from their breakfast.—Tit-Bits.

Puzzle of Domicile.

W. E. Murchison of Jonesboro enjoys the unique distinction of having lived in four different counties and yet moved his residence only once.

That seems a puzzle, but it is quite simple. He was born and reared in Cumberland, and when Harnett was created out of Cumberland he found himself in Harnett. Afterward he moved to Moore county, and when the county of Lee was formed a few months ago he found that he was residing in Lee.—Payetteville Observer.

The Punishment Fits the Crime.

A new consignment of punsters and professional jokers had just been brought before His Satanic Majesty to receive sentence.

"And what shall their punishment be, sire?" asked the Hades executioner.

"To the caldron with them," laughed Satan. "Thus may it be put on record that to the very last they 'bubbled over with humor!'"—Lippincott's.

Easy Way Out.

"That house I have taken from you," said the dissatisfied tenant, "is horribly draughty. When I am sitting in the middle of the room my hair blows all over my head. Can't you do something to the windows?"

"Don't you think, sir," replied the house agent, suavely, "it would be easier and cheaper for you to get your hair cut?"

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Notice of Tax Sale.
To the legal heirs of Elias Garber, deceased, et al.
You will take due notice that on the 5th day of November, 1908, Henry Dietrich purchased at public tax sale from the county treasurer of Webster county, Nebraska, lots 20 and 21, block 1, in Kaley and Jackson's addition to the City of Red Cloud, Nebraska, that said lots were assessed in the name of Elias Garber and that the legal title to said lots is in the name of Elias Garber, that said lots were sold for taxes assessed in the years 1900 to 19-5 inclusive. All persons interested will take due notice that on November 6th, 1908, I shall apply for a Treasurer's deed for said property. HENRY DIETRICH.
By Fred Maurer, his attorney.
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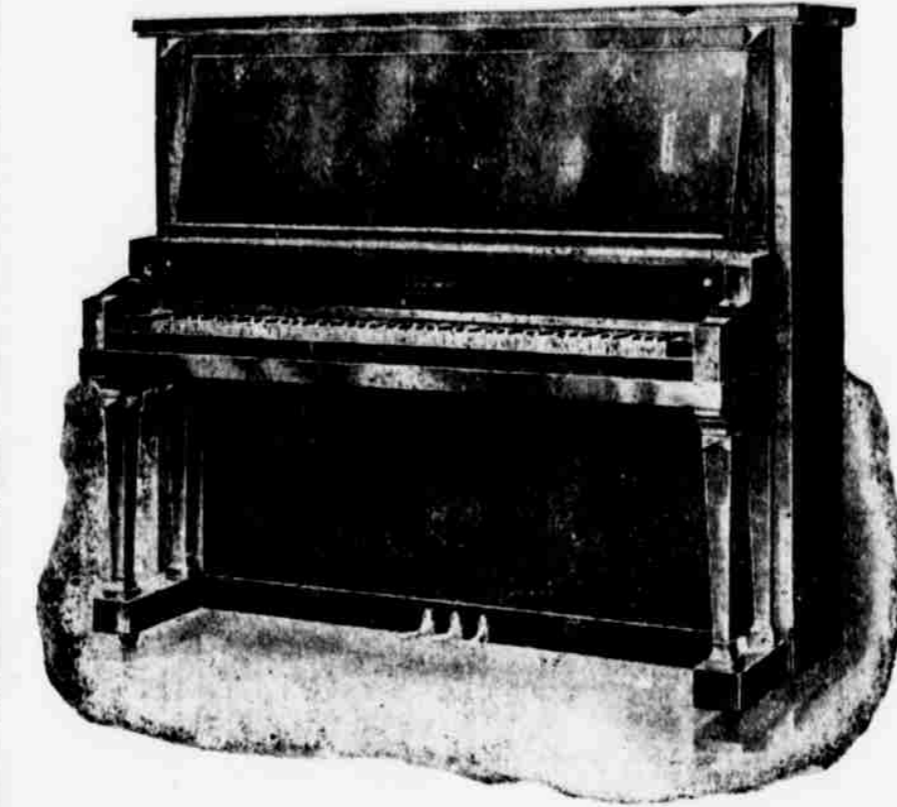
Notice to Creditors.
STATE OF NEBRASKA.
Webster county.
In the County Court.
In the matter of the estate of Susan L. Baxter, deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against Susan L. Baxter, late of Webster county, deceased, that the time fixed for filing claims against said estate is six months from the 14th day of August, 1908.
All such persons are required to present their claims, with the vouchers, to the County Judge of said county, at his office therein, on or before the 14th day of February, 1909, and all claims so filed will be heard before the said judge on the 15th day of February, 1909 at 10 o'clock a. m.; and that the administrator is allowed one year from the 29th day of June, 1909, in which to pay the debts allowed against said estate and settle the same.
I. W. EDSON,
County Judge.
1st Pub. July 21-4 wk.

Notice to Creditors.
STATE OF NEBRASKA. In the County Court: WEBSTER COUNTY.
In the matter of the estate of Harriet Nelson, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against Harriet Nelson, late of Webster county, deceased, that the time fixed for filing claims against said estate is six months from the 31st day of August, 1908.
All such persons are required to present their claims, with the vouchers, to the County Judge of said county, at his office therein, on or before the 21st day of February, 1909, and all claims so filed will be heard before the said judge on the 22nd day of February, 1909, at one o'clock p. m.; and that the administrator is allowed one year from the 29th day of July, 1909, in which to pay the debts allowed against said estate and settle the same.
I. W. EDSON,
County Judge.
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HERE IS RELIEF FOR WOMEN.
Mother Gray, a nurse in New York, discovered an aromatic, pleasant herb cure for women's ills, called AUSTRALIAN LEAF. It is the only certain regulator. Cures female weaknesses and backache, kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. At all druggists or by mail 50 cents. Sample FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

\$550.00 To Be Given Away In Prizes

We want to add 500 to 1,000 new subscribers to our list, and in order to do this in as short a time as possible we want to enlist your services and give you a chance to share in the profits with us. In our POPULAR LADY CONTEST we are going to give three prizes valued at \$550.00, besides a number of smaller prizes which will be announced from time to time.



FIRST PRIZE
A Chickering Brothers No. 10, \$500.00 Upright Piano, furnished by The Chief and given to the lady receiving the largest number of votes in this contest. There is no better piano made than the Chickering Brothers. The instrument to be given away is on exhibition at Argabright's Studios and may be examined by any one calling there. The piano is a new one, just received from the factory especially for this contest.

The second prize will be a Ladies' Gold Watch valued at \$30.
The case is 14 k. gold filled, hunting style, guaranteed for 25 years. Has raised, colored gold ornamentation. The works are of the best; seventeen ruby jewels in gold settings, compensating balance, automatically adjusting itself to the changes in temperature, and has gold train wheels. Both the case and movement are fully guaranteed as to durability and time-keeping qualities.



The Watch is on display at Newhouse Brothers.
The third prize will be a five-piece Silver Tea Service. This service is of a very handsome design, quadruple plate of the very best material, and is valued at \$22.50. The set will be on exhibition in the store window of the Mitchell Jewelry Co.

RULES GOVERNING THE CONTEST

- 1—Announcement—This Piano and Popular Lady voting contest will be conducted on strictly honest business principles, with perfect justice and fairness to all concerned.
- 2—Prizes—The first prize shall be a Chickering Bros. upright piano valued at \$500. The second prize will be a Ladies' fine gold watch valued at \$30. The third prize will be a handsome silver tea service valued at \$22.50. Besides these, other special prizes will be offered from time to time.
- 3—Candidates—Any lady, married or single, in this and adjoining counties is eligible to a place in the contest. The most popular lady is the one who shall receive the most votes, and to her shall be given this high grade piano. Other candidates will receive prizes in order, according to their standing of votes.
- 4—Tie in Votes—In case of a tie, the value of the prizes will be equally divided or a like prize granted to those tying.
- 5—Classes of Votes—These are issued in coupons as following:
New subscriptions, 300 votes for \$1.00
Renewals, 300 votes for \$1.00
Back subscriptions, 300 votes for \$1.00
- 6—General Instructions—Names of contestants will be printed in order according to standing and the amount of their votes published regular after the first count is made.
Votes will not be allowed on subscriptions at less than regular price of the paper.
Votes once deposited in the ballot box cannot be transferred to another.
Agents' commissions are to be suspended during contest.
No contestant will be allowed to compete for more than one of the additional special prizes.
The publisher will not tell whom anyone votes for, except in case of alleged error or irregularity.
Each contestant is requested to send us a cabinet size photograph for publication as soon as convenient.
Make up your mind who you want to vote for before coming to the office as the editor will positively not decide the matter for you.
Contestants should keep a record of their votes turned in each week, and see that our figures verify it.

All coupons must have the amount of subscription paid, number of votes cast, name of contestant voted for and name of person voting written legibly thereon.
An awarding committee of three reliable business men will be appointed to make the final count and distribution of prizes.
Contest to run not less than ninety days; date of closing to be announced about thirty days in advance.
The contest shall close at 4 o'clock p. m. on the date to be announced later. Two weeks prior to the date of closing, the Judges are to take the ballot box, carefully locked and sealed, to the bank announced, where it will be kept on a table in the front window during business hours, and in the vault at night until the close of the contest, when the Awarding Committee will take charge and make final count.
Subscription blanks and voting coupons will be furnished upon application at this office.
All votes must be accompanied by subscription money.

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