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PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS.

To Harry R. Desmond, non-resident defendant: You are hereby notified that Viretta Desmond, plaintiff, has filed her petition in the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to obtain a divorce from you on the grounds of desertion for more than two years last past without just cause or provocation, and failure to support her.

Plaintiff also asks for the custody of her minor son, Harry Desmond.
You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, January 11, 1904.
Dated December 3rd, 1903.

VIRETTA DESMOND, plaintiff.
By J. E. KELLEY, her attorney. 12-44ts

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, under a decree in an action wherein the Bristol Savings Bank of Bristol, New Hampshire, is plaintiff and Antistia Holmes et al. are defendants, to me directed and delivered, I shall offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the court house in McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 25th day of December, 1903, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, to-wit: The northwest quarter of section 27, in township 2 north, in range 30 west of the 6th P. M., in Red Willow county, Nebraska. Dated this 27th day of November, 1903.

A. C. CRABTREE, Sheriff.
W. S. MORLAN, Attorney. 11-27-5ts

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale issued from the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, under a decree in an action wherein C. H. Boyle is plaintiff and Margaret H. Heale et al. are defendants, to me directed and delivered, I shall offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the east door of the court house in McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 28th day of December, 1903, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, to-wit: East half southeast quarter of section 23 and south half of the southwest quarter of section 24, in township 1, range 30, in Red Willow county, Nebraska.
Dated this 27th day of November, 1903.

A. C. CRABTREE, Sheriff.
C. H. BOYLE, Attorney. 11-27-5ts

NOTICE OF SALE.

In the district court of Frontier county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Ada G. Case, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of Hon. R. C. Orr, judge of the district court of Frontier county, Nebraska, made on the ninth day of September, A. D. 1903, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, with other lands, there will be sold at the front door of the court house in McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, A. D. 1904, at ten o'clock a. m., at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, to-wit: The undivided one-third interest in the northeast quarter of section 31, in township 2, north, range 28, west of the Sixth principal meridian, in Red Willow county, Nebraska. Said sale will remain open one hour.

Dated at Stockville, Nebraska, December 11th, 1903.
G. BERTON CASE,
Guardian of Carol B. Case, minor.
By Loyal M. Graham, his attorney.

Lincoln Letter.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 14, 1903.

The state board of equalization and assessment, created under the new revenue law, holds its initial session tomorrow for the purpose of selecting a secretary. George D. Bennett, book-keeper in the auditor's office, has been agreed upon for this position at a salary of \$1,500 per year, his place in the auditor's office being taken by Henry Seymour of York, now a clerk in the insurance department.

Several county treasurers who remitted too much school fund money to the state treasurer last year probably will experience a great deal of difficulty in getting the surplus cash returned. Last winter the legislature ordered the matter straightened by drawing warrants against the permanent fund, but Treasurer Mortensen has decided to refuse to comply with the order, asserting that the fund is inviolate, and cannot be drawn against under any circumstances whatever. His position is that no matter if thousands of dollars should be annexed to the fund through mistake, not a penny of it could be withdrawn. The well-known banker's sign, "No Mistakes Rectified" is conspicuously displayed over the treasurer's desk.

Insurance Deputy Pierce of the Auditor's office is seeking industriously for one J. Forrest Marston, who has been posing as a minister of the gospel in various sections of the state and is said to have swindled a number of persons by selling them accident and burglar insurance, receiving cash premiums and failing to deliver the policies as agreed.

The Union Casualty company of St. Louis complained to Mr. Pierce about Marston early last fall, stating that he was not authorized to solicit business for them. Later the accident department of the Aetna company made a similar complaint, and finally letters from Marston's dupes in Elmwood, Falls City and Silver Creek began to pour into the auditor's office.

It is said that Marston's patrons at Elmwood and Falls City received absolutely nothing in return for their money while at Silver Creek parties who paid for Aetna policies received certificates written by the American Fraternity company, of which the insurance department knows nothing.

Marston is said to have resided for several months at Table Rock, and was last heard from in Grand Island. Any one possessing information relative to his present abode will confer a favor by communicating with Deputy Pierce.

General Colby indignantly denies that he has a dollar in his pocket which belongs to the state or nation, but promises that in case a careful investigation of his accounts develops a shortage the amount will immediately be made good. So far as the question of armory rent is concerned, General Colby seems to be in the right.

It appears that there was a small difference of opinion between the Adjutant General and Captain Murdock, commander of the Wyoming battery, and that General Colby, when retiring from office, retained the battery allowance for armory rent for the purpose of forcing the captain to make some disposition of a lot of obsolete accoutrements then in his charge. General Colby made no attempt to conceal the fact that the armory rental was in his pocket; to the contrary he notified Captain Murdock that the money would be with-held pending a settlement of the dispute, and also reported the facts in the case to his successor in office, General Culver. The money eventually was paid

to the battery commander and the controversy adjusted.

With regard to the charge of selling blankets to the state and mis-appropriating the proceeds, General Colby maintains his innocence, but has made no detailed explanation. The state is in no wise involved in the matter which is one entirely between General Colby and the government.

W. F. Thompson, secretary of the Nebraska food commission, has notified the officers of the Retail Grocers' association that in future he will hold merchants directly responsible for the wares they have in stock. This does not mean that when articles bearing a deceptive label or containing injurious substances are found in a merchant's store he will be carted off to jail, but it signifies that retailers must break themselves of the habit of repeatedly purchasing bogus vinegars, ciders, etc., and then pleading ignorance of the fact that the stuff is not all that the labels indicate.

Heretofore the practice has been to prosecute the wholesaler only, but as the foreign jobbers were chief offenders and were beyond the reach of the Nebraska law they continued to ship inferior goods into the state, knowing that the worst that could happen would be for the food commission to order the goods returned. Nebraska merchants to a considerable number continued to purchase brands which they knew to be fraudulent, selling the same in direct competition with the wares of Nebraska wholesalers and manufacturers who were forced to do an honest business under penalty of the law. The natural result was almost to destroy the trade of the Nebraska houses, especially makers of vinegars and ciders.

Under the new plan, should a merchant persist in offering for sale goods which he must know to be inferior, or even continue to patronize houses which he has been warned are doing an illicit business, Secretary Thompson will apply the state law to his case and endeavor to impress him with the fact that the statute means all that it says.

BANKSVILLE.

John Henry Wesch was hauling cane today.

Fred Wesch says he is done picking corn for 1903.

The Hartman school has finally commenced its course.

Harve Rowland hauled a load of grain to Cedar Bluffs today.

It is reported that the Elliott, Kelly & Peters school will soon start up.

Benjamin brothers had the fun of pulling their pump on account of its failure to supply stock water.

Snow on Monday measured about 1 1/2 inches and the cold wave hits us at 4 degrees above zero for a few mornings.

The old Nasby of Banksville will soon end his career as postmaster at the cross roads and B. W. Benjamin will act Nasby.

BOX ELDER.

George Harrison is threshing, this week.

J. K. Gordon had a cow drowned last week.

Rev. Crago is having a tussle with the grippe.

Bert Hockman is shucking corn for Yost Johnson.

There was quite a skiff of snow fell, Sunday night.

Will Johnson is hauling corn to James Doyle's.

Walter Hickling shelled corn for Wm. Johnson, first of week.

Will Stone took a trip to the

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north pole, last Saturday night.

Mrs. A. T. Wilson spent Wednesday with her father A. W. Campbell.

Edward and Virgil Shepherd and their wives have gone to McPherson county to live on their claims.

J. H. Huntwork is preparing to move to his farm near Bartley. Tom Elms will occupy the farm he leaves.

Nellie and Indro Campbell spent Sunday with their grandfather and uncle A. W. and T. M. Campbell.

He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 313 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbine. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too. 50c at A. McMillen's. 5c will now buy a 10c Bachelor cigar

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horebound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1 at A. McMillen's.

The Lone Star State

down in Texas at Youakum, is a big dry goods firm of which Mr. J. M. Haller is the head. Mr. Haller, on one of his trips east to buy goods, said to a friend who was with him in the palace car, "Here, take one of these Little Early Risers upon retiring and you will be up early in the morning feeling good." For the "dark brown" taste, headache and that logy feeling DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pill to use. Sold by L. W. McConnell.

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