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W. A. GREEN, Register.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIEN.

The west half of the southwest quarter of section 29 and the west half of the northwest quarter of section 29, in town 2 north, range 23, west of the 6th Principal Meridian, and The Cheshire Provident Institution, will take notice that on the 29th day of December, 1905, Edward B. Cowles, plaintiff, filed his petition in the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a tax lien upon the above described land for the taxes for the years 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902. That there is due to plaintiff at the time of filing said petition the sum of \$82.10 for the payment of which sum together with costs, accruing interest, and attorney's fee, plaintiff prays a decree of foreclosure and a sale of said land. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 5th day of February, 1906. 12-29-05.
EDWARD B. COWLES, Plaintiff.

Depredations of Tax Co.-otes.

Citizens of McCook and adjoining counties of Texas are in a state of terror because of the depredations of coyotes, which are killing scores of cattle. Worse than that, the slinking brutes are spreading hydrophobia among the stock. A man living in Tilden was bitten by an infected colt and died in a few days. Ways and means of getting rid of the pests are being considered.

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A Singular Story About a Chapter in "The Virginians."

Many American readers of Thackeray, have wondered how he was able to write so graphic and correct an account of George Warrington's escape from Fort Duquesne and his journey through the wilderness to the banks of the Potomac, as Thackeray had never seen the magnificent valley through which his gallant hero fled after his daring escape. It will be a surprise to many people to hear that Thackeray didn't write the chapter at all, but that the well known author, John P. Kennedy, did. This is the story as Colonel John H. B. Latrobe used to tell it:

Kennedy was at a dinner in London with Thackeray, Anthony Trollope, Wilkie Collins and other celebrities.

The dinner was over and the guests were settling down to the wine and cigars when Thackeray, always at his best upon a jovial occasion like the present, who was entertaining the company with his wit and satire, suddenly stopped and, looking at his watch, exclaimed: "Gentlemen, I must leave you. I have promised the printer a chapter of the 'Virginians' tomorrow morning, and I haven't written a line of it yet. I hate to go, but I must. The printer is inexorable. So, wishing you all another meeting when I can be longer with you, I bid you a good evening."

Thackeray had almost reached the door when Kennedy called him back and said:

"Perhaps I can write the chapter for you. What are you going to describe?"

The great novelist seemed a little astonished at this bold proposition, but as he was a perfect man of the world he was too polite to say what he thought.

"Kennedy, you are extremely kind, and gladly would I let you write the chapter for me, for I hate to leave a jolly party in the midst of the fun."

"Then don't," all the company cried. "Stay with us and let Mr. Kennedy write the proposed chapter."

"I am half a mind to let you do it just for the fun of the thing. It is a chapter chiefly of description, giving an account of George Warrington's escape from Fort Duquesne and his journey to the Potomac."

"If that's what you are writing about I can do it, for I know every foot of the ground."

"All right, then," said Thackeray, resuming his seat at the board. "Let me have it early tomorrow morning."

Mr. Kennedy withdrew and, going to his hotel, wrote the fourth chapter of the second volume of "The Virginians," and thus it happened that George Warrington's narrative of his flight was so accurate as to the topography of the country through which he passed.

England's First Direct Tax.

The first direct tax that was imposed in England was borne by the people in the reign of Ethelred the Unready, A. D. 991. It was called so that money could be raised wherewith to purchase peace from the Danes, who at that period were overrunning England, but this tax defeated its own object, inasmuch as it incited the Danes, who well knew that they would be bought off at any cost, to fresh depredations, which resulted in the receipt, as bribes, of 134,000 pounds of silver.

The levying of the tax was, moreover, open to great abuse, for, although no man was liable for more than one annual payment of twelvecpence per hide of land, wherever money was known to exist it was demanded by the king's officers, and ability to pay once was regarded as ability to pay again. Thus were many even of the richest landowners reduced to poverty.

This tax was abolished by Edward the Confessor, but revived by William I, and formed part of the revenue of the crown till suppressed by Stephen, A. D. 1136.

London's Lord Mayor.

The lord mayor of London is a very important personage. In his own province he takes precedence of all the royal family; he has the right of access to the king whenever he chooses, the coveted entree at levees and drawing rooms and the privilege of driving direct into the ambassadors' court at St. James'. He has the badges of royalty—the scepter, the sword of justice and mercy and the mace—attached to his office, is a privy councillor of the king, receives the Tower passport signed by the sovereign, is custodian of the city gates, a very honorary office in these days, and has the uncontrolled conservancy of the Thames from Rochester to Oxford. He controls the city purse, has many valuable appointments in his gift and is, of course, chief magistrate of the city. These are but a few of the lord mayor's dignities and privileges, but they will give some idea of his importance.

An Offer of Marriage.

The leading paper in a provincial town recently published the following matrimonial advertisement:

"A young lady of enormous wealth, who is prepared to pay off all the debts of her intended husband, desires to form the acquaintance of a respectable young gentleman with a view to matrimony. Each reply to be accompanied by a photo of the sender and addressed to J. P., at the office of this paper."

The delicate hand which drew up the above lines and thereby secured a very large number of offers brought to no less a personage than Herr Irzig Schlauchel, who had lately opened a clothing establishment in the town. By means of the photos sent in he was enabled to ascertain which of his would be customers were in the habit of leaving their debts unpaid.—From the German.

MISS MABELLE GILMAN.

A Comic Opera Star and Her Ardent Admirers.

The marital troubles of William E. Corey, president of the steel trust, have been attributed in part to his friendship for the beautiful comic opera star, Mabelle Gilman, but Mr. Corey denies with emphasis that his acquaintance with the young lady furnishes any ground for the separation which his wife is said to be seeking from him. Miss Gilman is considered one of the most beautiful and fascinating women of the stage, and, though her career is a brief one, she has won much popularity both in America and Europe. It was while playing in London about four years ago that her charms made



MISS MABELLE GILMAN.

a deep impression upon the young and susceptible crown prince of Siam, Maha Vajiravudh. There followed a correspondence between the two. Some time afterward the letters of the prince found their way into the columns of the newspapers. He usually addressed her as "Teherno Okaya," "Sparkling Eyes." In one poem he declared:

Ah, love, if only thou wert born princess, Or else myself were only something less Than that which I am now—of rank so high! Oh, then we two might know such happiness!

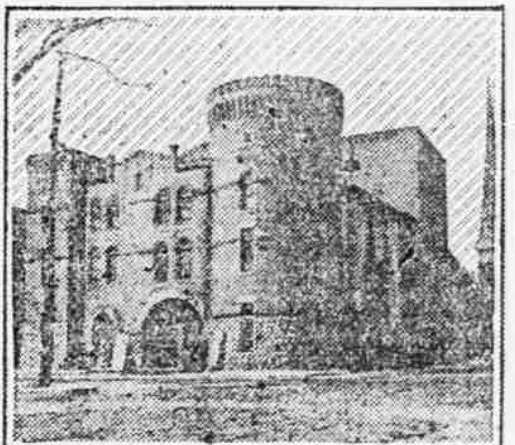
If thou, sweetheart, wert not just what thou art And I not what I am, we'd never part. But fate, alas, has placed a gulf 'twixt us, Yet we know well each has the other's heart.

Had this affair of hearts ended in Miss Gilman becoming the spouse of the crown prince she might in time have become queen of Siam, and in that event her adventures might easily have outrivaled those through which she has passed in comic opera roles.

A MUSKRAT FEAST.

Unique Institution of the City of Monroe and Its Popularity.

A novel feast is to be served on the evening of Dec. 28 in the state armory in the city of Monroe, Mich. It is the third annual muskrat feast held under the auspices of the Monroe Yacht club. Many residents of this part of Michi-



THE ARMORY AT MONROE AND EN-COMMODORE W. C. STERLING.

gan are descendants of French Canadians and the muskrat was regarded by the ancestors of these citizens as a great dainty. Muskrats are found in plenty in the marshes at the head of Lake Erie, and the question of eating them has thus been handed down. William C. Sterling, first commodore of the Monroe Yacht club, suggested the idea of an annual muskrat banquet. The fame of the feast has now gone abroad, and this year Monroe's "rat feast," as it has been styled, will attract diners from hundreds of miles away. Five thousand muskrats will be caught, slaughtered and deliciously cooked to assuage the appetites of those who yearn to taste the flesh of this habitant of the swamp.

JACQUES BONHOMME.

His Remarkable Experience With Satan and His Imps.

One of the most curious and unaccountable of the medieval French legends is that of Jacques Bonhomme and his remarkable experience with Satan and his imps. According to the story, Bonhomme was the only poor man in the community where he lived, and in order to put himself on a financial footing which would give him a social standing among his neighbors he sold himself to the devil. Before the devil came to close the bargain and take poor Jacques to the realm of fire and brimstone Jesus and Peter wandered that way in disguise. Jacques entertained the visitors in royal style, seating Jesus in his best chair and plucking all the ripe cherries on his single tree to help make out a frugal dinner for the wayfarers. Peter continually urged Jacques to seek salvation, entreaties to which the hardened Frenchman paid but little attention.

When the strangers were ready to pursue their journey Jesus frankly told his host that he had no money to pay for the dinner, but that he would grant three "wishes." Jacques, who had for some days been heartily sick of his bargain with Satan, asked that whoever should afterward sit in the chair where Jesus had sat might not be able to arise therefrom until he (Jacques) should so will. The second wish was to the effect that whoever might climb his single cherry tree might remain there until requested to come down. The third wish was that whosoever or whatsoever should enter his purse might not leave against the will of the owner.

When Satan came to claim Jacques he was given the chair in which Jesus had sat and was, of course, held as fast by the "spell" as though he had been caught in a mammoth steel trap. When the imps came they were enticed to climb the cherry tree, and immediately they, too, were prisoners of the wily Jacques. Finally Lucifer Beelzebub and all the minor officers of hell came to look after their chief and the imps. Jacques, with purse in hand, met them at the door and persuaded one after another to dive into its cavernous depths in search of gold. He then closed the purse and in full view of the helpless Satan and the tree imprisoned imps pounded it flat on the stone threshold. Finally when the second officers of the infernal regions were flattened out of all semblance to imperial imps of darkness Satan called from the chair entreating Jacques to desist and promising a quittance from his obligations. Upon this assurance Jacques released the whole infernal tribe, and since that time they have all been ashamed to appear to men as they formerly did so frequently.

Executing Political Rivals.

In the reign of Charles II. the names of "Whig" and "Tory" were used for the two parties which we now call "Liberal" and "Conservative."

So strong was the hostility between the parties that when the king summoned his third parliament (1681) he was afraid for it to meet in London, which was very Whiggish, and he convened it at Oxford, where Toryism was strong. The Whig members, alarmed at this, rode into Oxford armed with pistols.

In the reaction which followed this display of force prominent Whigs were prosecuted on the evidence of perjured informers, and many of them suffered death. The Earl of Shaftesbury, the Whig leader, was accused of high treason, but was acquitted. In fact, no Tory jurist would convict a Tory, and where the Whigs predominated no jury would convict a Whig. At last things reached such a climax that leading Whigs, in despair, formed a plan to compel the king to summon a free parliament, but they were accused of high treason, and some of their leaders were executed.—London Saturday Review.

Temperature of the Human Body.

It is remarkable what slight variation there is in the temperature of the healthy human body. The normal temperature is 98.6, and it is a fraction less than this one or two hours after midnight, while the maximum temperature occurs from one to two hours after the noon hour. The ingestion of food, fasting, exercise, all are factors in slightly varying the temperature. The great peculiarity about the temperature of man is its evenness under all conditions. Heat or cold causes but slight variation, and in man less than in any other animal. In extremes that would be fatal to many animals man can endure and enjoy good health under those circumstances. We read of arctic voyagers enduring a temperature ranging from 80 degrees to 90 degrees and even 102 degrees below zero, while, on the other hand, in the tropics, during the greater part of the year, the temperature ranges from 106 degrees to 110 degrees above, and yet men enjoy health in such varying temperatures.

Ancient Salt Currency.

In various countries anciently and in some eastern ones down to the present time salt has been recognized as a medium of exchange. Cosmas speaks of a salt currency as being in use in the heart of Africa in the sixth century. Marco Polo in his work "Concerning the Kingdoms and Marvels of the East," written in the thirteenth century, tells us the Tibetans had none of the great khan's paper money, but used salt instead. Their small change was made thus: They had salt, which they boiled and set in a mold flat below and round above, and every piece from the mold weighed half a pound. On these molds the prince's mark was set, and none but the royal officers specially appointed was permitted to make it. Eighty of these molds were reckoned to be equal to a "saggio of fine gold."

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