

SECRET WRITING.

How Letters May Be Made Safe From Prying Eyes.

Even with the most unromantic of us occasions sometimes arise when we should like to make some memorandum or write some letter which cannot be read except by those we wish to do so.

Soak a sheet of note paper in cold water and lay it perfectly flat upon a pane of glass. Place above it another sheet, dry this time, and on the upper sheet write your message with a fairly hard pencil.

Now destroy the dry paper and allow all the moisture to evaporate from the wet piece. Don't hold it to the fire, but let it dry naturally. If you then examine it closely you will see not the faintest trace of writing, but if you moisten the paper once more and hold it up to the light you can read quite plainly all you wrote.

It will show up like the watermark on a postage stamp. This method, by the way, is sometimes adopted by convicts. They use their gruel cans instead of glass and a sharp piece of wood for a pencil.

Another way is less dirty and even more effective. Lay several sheets of paper on a flat surface and write upon the top one. Then remove the bottom sheet, on which no impression appears.

If you hold this in the vapor of iodine, however, the writing will turn brown and be quite legible. The explanation is plain. The note paper contains starch, which on being pressed turns to hydramide, a substance which is acted on by iodine in the manner described.—Answers.

THE PURSER'S JOKE.

Why Religious Services Were Not Held on That Trip.

On most of the big ocean steamers a minister is usually found among the passengers, and invariably he is called upon on Sunday to conduct religious service in the main dining saloon.

She Said the Wrong Thing.

"I shall never forget the breakfast I gave to a pretty girl when I first knew her," the short man began. "It would make your mouth water to hear what it was—grape fruit to begin with, the most delicate of breakfast food with cream, a choice broiled chicken—it was a late breakfast—the finest of fruit, coffee. I can't remember the things I ordered for her at that breakfast, and what do you think she said when she finished? She said: "You needn't have gone to so much trouble. I don't care for anything but a couple of eggs for my breakfast and a piece of toast."

Sheathing a Ship. Sheathing a ship is covering the bottom with a sheath of copper. In all seas, but particularly in those of the tropics, the hulls of ships are liable to the attack of certain worms which penetrate the hardest wood and have been known in the course of a few months to damage the hull so as to render the vessel worthless.

Fortunate. "I thought," said the author as he took back the manuscript, "that the story would just about do for you."

Starting Him in Business. Bride's Father (to his prospective son-in-law, a young lawyer)—I am not going to give my daughter a cash dowry, but I have some doubtful claims for \$10,000 that I will make over to you, and you can sue on them.

She Was a Countess. Squaggs—Say, Squiggs, is there anything in the story that your nephew married a countess? Squiggs—Well, yes, I suppose there is. The young lady ran the adding machine in Bughouse & Bingle's office.—Toledo Blade.

Too Late to Die. Gerald—I would die for you. Geraldine—But pa says you are a dead one already.—New York Press.

Go astray and everybody knows it; reform, and nobody will believe it.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

County Commissioners' Proceedings.

McCook, Nebraska, October 1, 1907.

The board of county commissioners, met pursuant to adjournment, present C. B. Gray, F. S. Lofton and S. Premer, county commissioners; P. E. Reeder, attorney, and E. J. Wilcox, clerk.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Before the board of county commissioners of Red Willow county, Nebraska, in the matter of the vacation of a portion of Ashbury avenue in the village of Bartley, Neb., Whereas, an application has been presented by S. B. Rowe and others for the vacation of that part of Ashbury avenue, in the village of Bartley, Neb., described as follows, to-wit:

To vacate all that part of the west part of Ashbury avenue, fifteen feet in width, extending from the north line of Oak street, on the south to the north line of Central addition to said village of Bartley on the north; and also to vacate a strip of the east side of said Ashbury avenue fifteen feet in width, and extending from the north line of Oak street, on the south to the north line of Central addition to said village of Bartley on the north.

You are hereby notified that on the 6th day of August, 1907, you were duly appointed by the board of county commissioners of said county, examiners to examine Ashbury avenue in the village of Bartley, a portion of which is desired to be vacated by said petitioners, and at the next regular meeting of the board of county commissioners to report whether in your opinion any injustice or inconvenience will be worked by the vacation of that part of said street as prayed for by the petitioners in said application. You are therefore requested to make said examination, and your report thereof, in accordance with the order of said board.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 6th day of August, 1907.

E. J. WILCOX, County Clerk.

On motion of Premer, seconded by Lofton, the report of examiners on the matter of vacating the Ashbury avenue in the village of Bartley was approved.

UNDERTAKING FOR COSTS.

Whereas, S. B. Rowe and others, filed a petition with the board of county commissioners of Red Willow county, Nebraska, asking that the following portions of Ashbury avenue, in the village of Bartley, be vacated to-wit: To vacate all that part of the west side of Ashbury avenue, fifteen feet in width, extending from the north line of Oak street on the south to the north line of Central addition to said village of Bartley on the north; and also to vacate a strip of the east side of said Ashbury avenue fifteen feet in width and extending from the north line of Oak street on the north, to the north line of Central addition to said village of Bartley on the north.

Now therefore, we the undersigned, do hereby undertake to Red Willow county, Neb., that the applicants will pay all costs which may accrue in said proceedings.

F. G. STILGEBOWER, W. N. LYMAN.

The foregoing undertaking and sureties thereon, approved by order of the board of county commissioners, this 6th day of August, 1907.

E. J. WILCOX, County Clerk.

By S. B. McLean, Deputy.

On motion of Premer, seconded by Lofton the petition on the matter of vacating Ashbury avenue in the village of Bartley was granted.

Moved by Lofton and seconded by Premer that the county defray the expenses of the county superintendent to meeting of County Superintendent and Principals Assn. at Lincoln, October 24, 25, 26, 1907. Carried.

I. R. Pilefinger, election board, Alliance precinct, \$ 3.00

John T. Pifer, same, 3.00

J. L. McCafferty, same, 3.00

W. A. Steward, same, 3.00

J. H. Huntwork, same, 3.00

School district No. 20, rental, 2.00

M. M. Young, election board, Beaver precinct, 4.00

L. Cann, same, 4.00

S. W. Stilgubower, same, 4.00

C. S. Messner, same, 4.00

H. E. Woods, same, 5.00

City hall, Danbury, 5.00

John Ball, election board, Bondville precinct, 6.25

Charles Benjamin, same, 3.00

William Karp, same, 3.00

Gus Shultz, same, 3.00

Herman Reiners, same, 3.00

John Gordon, election board, Box Elder precinct, 3.00

L. M. Campbell, same, 3.00

Geo. H. Harrison, same, 3.00

W. R. Sexson, same, 3.00

W. M. Kamp, same, 3.00

D. B. Doyle, rental and supplies, 5.20

Jake Betz, election board, Coleman precinct, 3.00

John M. Hunter, same, 3.00

J. N. Smith, same, 3.00

R. E. Derine, same, 3.00

W. M. Rozell, same, 3.00

School district No. 58, rental, 3.00

T. F. Gockley, election board, Danbury precinct, 6.80

Q. R. Mills, same, 3.00

James Dorf, same, 3.00

Otto Puelz, same, 3.00

Earnest Galleska, same, 3.00

I. H. Wasson, election board, Driftwood precinct, 5.00

Schneider, same, 3.00

Austin Dutcher, same, 3.00

Perry Cathart, same, 3.00

M. A. Wasson, same, 3.00

School dist. No. 16, 7.80

J. W. Hoppe, election board, East Valley, 14.00

Earl R. Mallery, same, 4.00

S. W. Clark, same, 4.00

G. A. Richard, same, 4.00

I. A. Lyman, same, 4.00

Joseph McKiver, election board, Fritsch precinct, 6.80

Charles Hartman, same, 3.00

Paul Hume, same, 3.00

George Ridgley, same, 3.00

James P. Jensen, same, 3.00

Samuel Ellis, election board, Gerver precinct, 3.00

Joshua Gerver, same, 3.00

M. Austin, same, 3.00

Chas. Lofton, same, 3.00

Don L. Thompson, same, 6.20

School house, rental, 3.00

A. M. Benjamin, election board, Grant precinct, 3.00

Fred Wesch, same, 6.40

Andrew Anderson, same, 3.00

John H. Wesch, same, 3.00

Albert Weeks, same, 3.00

School dist. No. 51, rental, 7.50

Charles Hoag, election board, Indianola, 4.00

John R. Neel, same, 4.00

E. S. Hill, same, 4.00

John Dutcher, same, 4.00

Leonard Smith, same, 9.00

M. C. Stephens, election board, Lebanon, 4.00

D. E. Hupp, same, 4.00

J. B. Cummings, same, 4.00

E. E. Devoe, same, 4.00

Wm. Booth, same, 4.00

J. W. Deveny, election board, Mo. Ridge precinct, 3.00

S. M. Gray, same, 3.00

John R. Brown, same, 3.00

Elmer Erwin, same, 3.00

S. O. Gray, same, 3.00

W. E. McMillan, election board, North Valley precinct, 3.00

James Madison, same, 3.00

Edd Eglehoff, same, 3.00

Geo. Hardsy, same, 3.00

Table listing names and amounts, including Jesse Doyle, E. Gochall, Charles Kennedy, Glad Spaulding, J. J. Ghering, Thos Chamberlain, Draper & Son, J. W. Proctor, P. N. Fough, Frank Korb, G. B. Cooper, William S. Boyd, C. B. Gray, E. J. Wilcox, McCook, Nebraska, October 5, 1907. The board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present C. B. Gray, F. S. Lofton and S. Premer, county commissioners; P. E. Reeder, attorney, and E. J. Wilcox, clerk. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Moved by Premer, seconded by Lofton that S. M. Gray be refunded the sum of \$21.00 the amount of tax sale paid in 1907, by reason of double payment.

Table listing names and amounts, including John M. Gilchrist, Myra C. Cratty, John M. Gilchrist, examining books, C. B. Gray, service, F. S. Lofton, same, S. Premer, same, McCook Business College, L. W. Stayner.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the interior, land office at Lincoln, Nebraska, October 14, 1907. Notice is hereby given that Calvin A. Scott of McCook, Neb., has filed notice of his intention to make a five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 1712 made Sept. 25, 1892, for the east half of sw. section 22, township 2, north, range 30, west and that said proof will be made before the county judge, at McCook, Neb., on November 23, 1907. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land viz: J. M. Summerville, F. C. Bush, J. W. Little, C. L. Markward, all of McCook, Neb. 10-18-07 CHAS. F. SHIED, Register.

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