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LEGAL NOTICES.

Notice to Creditors.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA In the County of **CHERRY** Court.
 In the matter of the estate of Christopher C. Branban, deceased.
 To the creditors of said estate:
 I, the undersigned, being the executor of the will of said deceased, do hereby notify that I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine in said county, on the 14th day of January, 1905 at 10 o'clock a. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is the 14th day of January, A. D. 1905 and the time allowed for payment of debts is one year from said 14th day of January, 1905.
 Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 21st day of December, 1904.
 W. R. TOWNE,
 County Judge.

Order to Show Cause Why License Should Not Be Granted to Sell Real Property.

In the District Court of Cherry County, Nebraska.
 In the matter of the petition of Gardner H. Polson, administrator of the estate of Charlotte Polson, for license to sell real estate.
 NOW, on this 15th day of December, 1904, the cause came on for hearing upon the petition under oath of Gardner H. Polson, administrator of the estate of Charlotte Polson, deceased, praying for license to sell the following described real estate of said Charlotte Polson, to-wit: 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 4, Tp. 21, R. 27, for the payment of debts allowed against said estate and allowances and cost of said administration for the reason that there is not a sufficient amount of personal property in the possession of the said Gardner H. Polson, administrator, belonging to said estate to pay said debts, allowances and costs and for the further reason that it will be for the best interests of said estate to convert said real estate to cash.
 It is therefore ordered that all persons interested in said estate appear before me at chambers in the city of Valentine in the 18th Judicial District on the 20th day of January 1905 at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. and show cause why they should not be granted to said Gardner H. Polson, administrator, to sell the above described real estate of said deceased to pay said debts and expenses of which are to be foreclosed a certain mortgage executed by Stephen L. James and Virginia James upon the Four and one-half quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section Nineteen and lot One and the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Thirty, all in Township Twenty-five, north, of Range Thirty-two west of the 6th P. M. in Cherry County, Nebraska, which mortgage was given to secure the payment of a certain promissory note dated November first, 1880 for the sum of \$500, and due and payable to Louis Muller on or before the 1st day of January, 1885, which note and mortgage was duly assigned by the said Louis Muller to Ward & Cobb and by them assigned and transferred to Priscilla Brown and hereafter by her transferred to the plaintiff herein, who is now the sole owner of said indebtedness and the mortgage securing same. That in order to protect the rights of the plaintiff herein the owner of said note and mortgage did pay the taxes levied and assessed on said premises for the years 1890, 1901, 1902 and 1904, and that by virtue of said sale of said note and mortgage the said plaintiff became the owner of all rights obtained by the payment of said taxes and same are also secured by said mortgage. It is now due upon said note and mortgage the sum of \$1000 and interest thereon and the sum of \$1000 and interest thereon, for a month in great from December 15th, 1904, and the plaintiff prays for a decree that the same be required to pay the same; that the interest or lien of each and all of said defendants be found to be junior and inferior to that of the plaintiff; that the proceeds of the sale of the said Stella S. Bullard claims title to said premises be declared to be void in so far as the same may affect the rights of said plaintiff; and that if the interest or lien of said Stella S. Bullard be found to be superior to that of plaintiff, that this plaintiff be permitted to redeem the same, and in case the amount found to be due the plaintiff with interest and costs is not paid at a time to be fixed by the court that said premises be sold to satisfy the amount found to be due.
 You, and each of you, are required to answer said petition on or before the 20th day of January, 1905.
 Dated December 15th, 1904.
 ADDELL S. CURTIS,
 Plaintiff,
 By W. W. YOUNG,
 Her Attorney.

Notice to Non-Resident Defendants.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, CHERRY COUNTY.
 Stella S. Bullard, S. A. Ramplin, Mrs. S. A. Ramplin and S. J. Gaynor (first and last names unknown) non-resident defendants.
 You, and each of you, are notified that on the 19th day of December, 1904, Adell S. Curtis, plaintiff herein, filed her petition in the district court of Cherry County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by Stephen L. James and Virginia James upon the Four and one-half quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section Nineteen and lot One and the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section Thirty, all in Township Twenty-five, north, of Range Thirty-two west of the 6th P. M. in Cherry County, Nebraska, which mortgage was given to secure the payment of a certain promissory note dated November first, 1880 for the sum of \$500, and due and payable to Louis Muller on or before the 1st day of January, 1885, which note and mortgage was duly assigned by the said Louis Muller to Ward & Cobb and by them assigned and transferred to Priscilla Brown and hereafter by her transferred to the plaintiff herein, who is now the sole owner of said indebtedness and the mortgage securing same. That in order to protect the rights of the plaintiff herein the owner of said note and mortgage did pay the taxes levied and assessed on said premises for the years 1890, 1901, 1902 and 1904, and that by virtue of said sale of said note and mortgage the said plaintiff became the owner of all rights obtained by the payment of said taxes and same are also secured by said mortgage. It is now due upon said note and mortgage the sum of \$1000 and interest thereon and the sum of \$1000 and interest thereon, for a month in great from December 15th, 1904, and the plaintiff prays for a decree that the same be required to pay the same; that the interest or lien of each and all of said defendants be found to be junior and inferior to that of the plaintiff; that the proceeds of the sale of the said Stella S. Bullard claims title to said premises be declared to be void in so far as the same may affect the rights of said plaintiff; and that if the interest or lien of said Stella S. Bullard be found to be superior to that of plaintiff, that this plaintiff be permitted to redeem the same, and in case the amount found to be due the plaintiff with interest and costs is not paid at a time to be fixed by the court that said premises be sold to satisfy the amount found to be due.
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 UNION STOCK YARDS, SO. OMAHA, NEB.
 TO SHIPPERS: We will be pleased to send you our estimates on our market reports or the Journal-Stockman to all parties who contemplate shipping stock this season. Write to us and we will be glad to keep you posted on the market. By good sales and courteous treatment our customers have become our best solicitors. Shipment to be received most careful attention. Give us trial and you will be convinced.
 Signed: RALSTON & Fouda,
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Estray Notice.
 Taken up by the undersigned at my place on the Niobrara River, about nine miles southwest of Valentine, Nebraska, one dark red steer, four years old past brand on right side, blooded. Dated at Valentine this 22nd day of December, 1904.
 JOHN RED ACKER.

R-I-P-A-N-S Tablets
 Doctors find
 A good prescription
 For mankind
 The 5-cent package is enough for usual cases. The family bottle (60 cents) contains a supply for a year. All druggists sell them.

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 Via the North-western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold on Dec. 26, 27 and 28, limited to return until Jan. 2, 1905, inclusive. Apply to agents Chicago & North-western R'y. 482

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
Weather Bureau
 The following data, covering a period of 15 years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Valentine, Nebr. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed, during the month in question for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast for the weather conditions for the coming month.

DECEMBER TEMPERATURE.
 Mean or normal temperature 27°
 The warmest month was that of 1889 with an average of 33°
 The coldest month was that of 1902 with an average of 17°
 The highest temperature was 83° on the 18, 1890.
 The lowest temperature was 24° on the 6, 1901.
 The earliest date on which first killing frost occurred in autumn, Sept. 12
 Average date on which first killing frost occurred in autumn, Sep 18
 Average date on which last killing frost occurred in spring, May 9
 The latest date on which last killing frost occurred in spring, June 21.

PRECIPITATION (rain or melted snow)
 Average for the month 0.62 inches
 Average number of days with 0.1 of an inch or more, 6
 The greatest monthly precipitation was 1.28 inches in 1902.
 The least monthly precipitation was 0.05 inches in 1894.
 The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 0.76 inches on the 28, 29, 1889.
 The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-85 only) was 46 inches on the 10, 1901.

CLOUDS AND WEATHER
 Average number of clear days, 12; partly cloudy, 10; cloudy, 9.
WIND.
 The prevailing winds have been from the W.
 The average hourly velocity of the wind is 10 miles
 The highest velocity of the wind was 52 miles from the NW on the 26, 1890.

J. J. McLEAN,
 Official in charge Weather Bureau.

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