

We would walk down the street a little farther and another friend (generally of the family) would stop us.

"So you're goin' to the mountains?" "I think so." "Got a job out there?" "Nothing in particular." "Just goin' for fun?" "Yes."

"Gracious, how can you afford it these times? Pears to me you'd be stayin' home helpin your father in the store, 'stead of traspin' out there."

Will and Jim stood it until Thursday and then in desperation left me to suffer alone. Will went to Lincoln and Jim to Crete. Where they said they would visit until I came along. I had to remain at home for the pears.

Saturday came, and Sunday and Monday, and still no pears. Then I wrote to my railroad friend about it.

I was still harassed by friendly questioners. But now it was a different talk I had to manufacture.

"Why, Mart, you here?" they would say. "Thought you were in Denver. Haven't seen Jim and Will around. Ain't you goin'?"

"Oh, yes," I would reply, convincingly, "only, you see, I've got some collections to make and this little trip gives me a chance to gather them in. Will's at Lincoln and Jim's at Crete. They're waiting for me to come along and then we'll make time."

It was not exactly a lie and it satisfied their curiosity for a time.

In a day or two I received letters from the fellows asking what was detaining me. I told them to keep cool as I would be along in a day or two. And then I began to stay around home more. I was not anxious to meet my friends.

I couldn't avoid them all, however, especially the old ladies of the neighborhood, who always did take a lively interest in me and my affairs.

"Seems to me you'll never take that trip," they would say. "Are the boys still waiting for you?"

"No," I would reply, smoothly, "they've gone on ahead. You see, I'm detained by some business. So I told them to go on and I'd join them in Denver."

That was a little bigger and wrung my conscience somewhat. But I was getting as hardened as a tax collector.

All this time I kept my younger brother on the run to the postoffice. He happened to know what was the matter and thought it his brotherly duty to clear things up for an inquisitive public. It took what little money I had collected to keep him suppressed.

On Saturday, just a week later than we had intended to start, the suspense ended. My brother brought me three letters. Will wrote from Lincoln that if I didn't "get a curve on me" he'd have to come home dead broke. Jim said he was getting tired of waiting and if I did not show up by Sunday noon he would set out alone.

The third letter was the paralyzer. It was from my friend in the employ of the railroad company. He wrote that the pears could not be procured—that "three brothers of his" was too big a dodge to work on the unsuspecting corporation.

That night after dark I slipped over to the telegraph office and wired the boys as follow:

"Pears N. G. Take late train home. Another plan."

Then I went back to the house, worked like a trooper and met the boys at the train with a covered wagon and outfit.

No, we did not make the trip overland. We simply went ten miles up the Platte and forded to an island. There we camped two weeks, fishing and swimming and studying up on Colorado.

At the end of the time we drove the team home at night. Then we walked

to a little town a few miles up the railroad and came in on the train early the next morning.

And no tourists ever told bigger stories of the mountains or had more experiences to relate than we three, even if we didn't have a single specimen to show for the trip.

HARRY GRAVES SHEDD.

(First publication Feb. 6.) SHERIFF SALE.

Notice is hereby given, That by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein John Bugbee is plaintiff, and Marie B. Thomas et al., defendants, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 9th day of March, A. D. 1897, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, to-wit:

That the principal place of transacting business is Lincoln, Nebraska. The nature and character of the business to be transacted is the whole-sale drug business; the buying and selling of drugs of all kinds and such other and different merchandise, such as paints, oils, wines, liquors, cigars, paper, toilet articles, glass, and any and all kinds of goods, wares and merchandise whatsoever, as usually accompany the conduct of a whole-sale drug business.

All of lots numbered seven (7) and eight (8), in block one (1), in Kinney's "O" street addition to Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 4th day of February, A. D. 1897.

JOHN J. TROMPEN, Sheriff.

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Lot ten (10), of block four (4), of McMurry's addition to the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 27th day of January, A. D., 1897.

JOHN J. TROMPEN, Sheriff.

(First publication February 13.) NOTICE.

In the district court, Lancaster county Nebraska. George Brown, Plaintiff,

vs. Fred Pauley, Lena Pauley, Alexis Halter, Mary J. Halter, The Clark & Leonard Investment company and James P. Walton, Defendants.

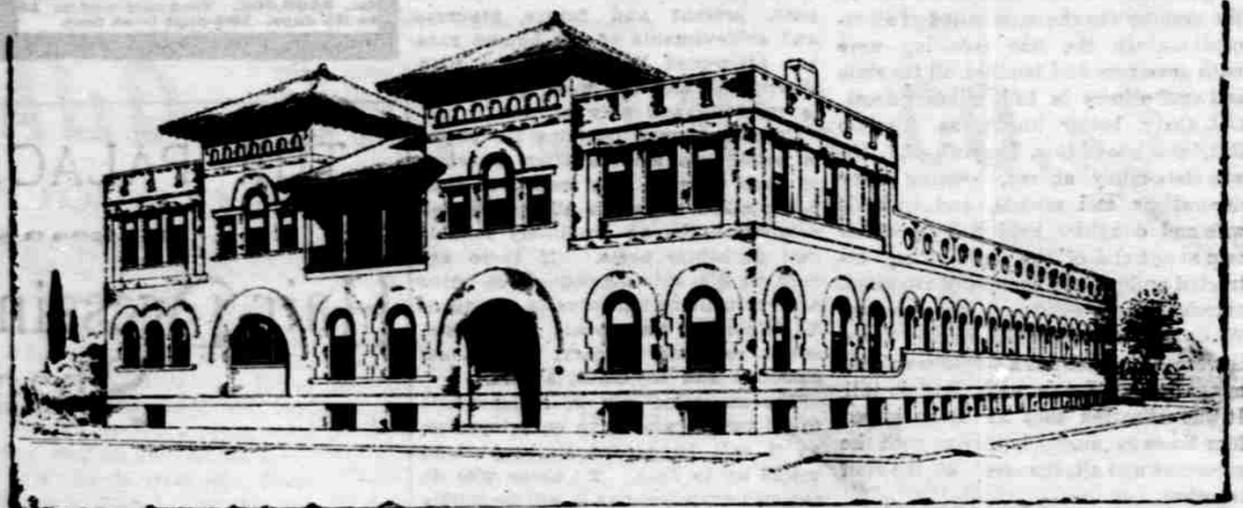
To Fred Pauley, Lena Pauley, Alexis Halter and Mary J. Halter:

You and each of you will take notice that on the 19th day of January, 1897, George Brown, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the defendants, Alexis Halter and Mary J. Halter, to the Clark & Leonard Investment company, and assigned to plaintiff and now owned by him. Said mortgage is upon lots seven (7) and eight (8) in block three (3) in University addition to Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, and was given to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in the sum of six hundred dollars, dated January 8th, 1892, and due January 1st 1897, now due and payable. Plaintiff prays for a foreclosure of said mortgage, and for a deficiency judgment, should a deficiency remain after applying the proceeds of the sale of said mortgaged premises to the payment of said debt, against the defendants Fred Pauley, Lena Pauley, Alexis Halter, Mary J. Halter and the Clark & Leonard Investment company.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 29th day of March, 1897. GEORGE BROWN, Plaintiff, By Abbott, Selleck & Lane, Att'ys.

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