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LEGAL NOTICES.

ORDER NISI.

JAMES P. AKERS, vs. EDWIN AKERS, et al. } In the Circuit Court for Howard County, In Equity.

Ordered, this 29th day of April, A. D., 1898, that the sales made and reported by Martin F. Burke and James P. Akers, trustees for the sale of the real estate of the late Caroline V. Akers, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown, on or before the 28th day of May, A. D. 1898; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Howard county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 28th day of May next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $6,048.00.

J. H. OWINGS, Clerk.
True copy—Test: J. H. OWINGS, Clerk.

ORDER NISI.

LOUIS T CLARK, Assignee, vs. WM. WELLING IGLEHART and SAMUEL IGLEHART. } In the Circuit Court for Howard County. In Equity.

Ordered this 26th day of April, 1898, that the sale made and reported by Louis T. Clark, Assignee of the mortgaged real estate of Wm. Welling and Samuel Iglehart, be ratified, and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 26th day of May next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Howard county once in each of three successive weeks before the said 26th day of May next.

The report states the amount of sale to be $1,600.

J. H. OWINGS, Clerk.
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ORDER NISI.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON et al., vs. MARY F. EASTER et al. } In the Circuit Court for Howard County, In Equity.

Ordered this 26th day of April, 1898, that the sales made and reported by Jno. G. Rogers and Louis T Clark Trustees, for the sale of the lands of George E. and Charles I. Richardson, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown, on or before the 26th day of May, 1898; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Howard county once in each of three successive weeks before the 26th day of May next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $5,850.00.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given, that the subscriber of Howard county, has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Howard county, in Maryland, Letters Testamentary on the personal estate of

HENRY UMBACH,

late of Howard county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber on or before the 23rd day of October next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand this 19th day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

CATHARINE UMBACH, Executrix.
True copy—Test: ISAAC SCAGGS, Register of Wills for Howard county.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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JAMES T. HARDING,

late of Howard county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 8th day of July next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

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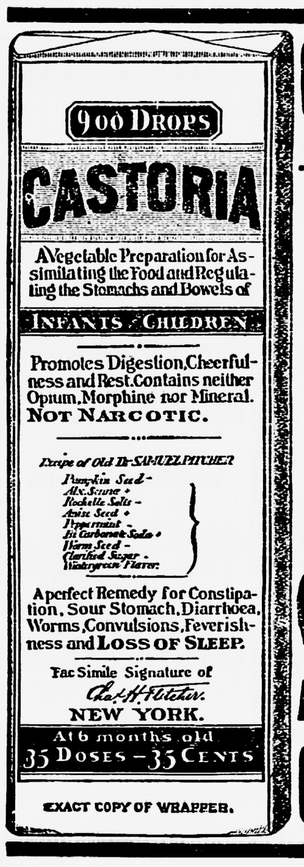

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Many of Them Are Encountered on the Way—Waiting For the Yukon to Break Up—Conflicting Stories of the Outlook For Gold—Sunday Forgotten.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

LAKE BENNETT, Alaska, March 29.

Since we started inland we have had several meals that might aptly be termed frugal, but perhaps the most unpretentious, as it were, of all was taken the morning after our arrival at Lake Bennett. We came ahead with part of our goods loaded upon a hand sled—they call it a sleigh in this country. We took a tent, a stove, blankets, sleeping bags and enough pilot bread and block chocolate to answer the requirements of a meal in case of need, supposing that the balance of our goods would follow by dog team before night. A blizzard was raging, but as it blew upon our backs it was not seriously uncomfortable save that the snow filled up and blotted out the trail in some places. It was almost nightfall when we reached our place of encampment. The site chosen was a somewhat isolated one and not quite according to our liking, but as it was the one previously agreed upon we did not feel like changing it, lest the party who was to bring the balance of our outfit should be unable to find us. Until about 8 o'clock in the evening we had hopes that our goods would soon arrive, but we then concluded the weather was so bad that the man did not dare to start from our old encampment.

Twenty Degrees Below Zero.

So we had to make the best of it. After we had got the tent up we were weary enough to retire without making a fire, but we first finished up the pilot bread and nearly all of the chocolate. This answered very well, for our midday meal, taken at a bunkhouse some five miles back and costing $1.50 each, had been a substantial one. The next morning "gaunt hunger," as the novel writer expresses it, stared us in the face with impunity. But that was not the worst of it. Our Peary kerosene stove—by the way, if you would a camping out go, don't take one—was back with the rest of our outfit and there was no wood of any consequence less than two miles away. I had nothing but a hunting hatchet with which to cut it either. So, although we had arisen early, it was nearly 11 o'clock before I had enough to last the day. Then it had to be hauled back on the hand sled to the tent. It was the coldest morning we have seen since we came here, the mercury registering 20 degrees below zero at the tent door at 6:30 o'clock. I have been more uncomfortable from cold, however, with the mercury 40 above.

Three Courses of Pudding.

But the breakfast? Well, my wife had some cornmeal, some butter and some sugar, a shallow baking dish, brought along by mistake, and a drinking cup. After we had started the fire we melted some snow, and, I judge, it takes about a bushel of snow to make a quart of water, and my wife made the cornmeal into an old fashioned hasty pudding, rich, yellow, and altogether tempting. Then we whittled out some sticks, making one answer for knife, fork and spoon, and sat down to breakfast. Our first course was just the plain pudding without any frills. It was naturally rather light, as the first course should always be. The second was pudding with butter and for the third we had pudding with butter and sugar. This last was the piece de resistance of the banquet, and I can assure you it tasted mighty good. We likewise had just a bit of chocolate left over from the night before which served to put the finishing touch on this unique meal.

But, asks the reader, why are you at Lake Bennett? Why not hasten down the Yukon as soon as possible? We are here simply because there is not the slightest gain in proceeding more rapidly. Caribou Crossing, at the foot of this lake where the current is extremely swift, is already breaking up and Thirty Mile river beyond is open for ten miles down. Several people have already capsized in trying to get through, and it is safe to say that no one with a full outfit will reach Dawson City this year before the Yukon river breaks up. A few have come out over the ice, but it is one thing to travel with a load of 100 pounds and quite another to take along 1,200 pounds. Major Walsh, who is now at Lake Bennett, says there is every indication that the ice will break up this year in the streams a month earlier than usual. However this may be, spring has not come here yet by a long shot, although the days are increasing in length about six minutes every 24 hours.

Hundreds Magnified to Thousands.

Just at this point on the lake we meet an occasional miner who is returning from the diggings. So far none has appeared with any gold dust. Yesterday a poor fellow came in with both feet frozen. He spent the winter on the Little Salmon and says he has had enough of Alaska. On his return he had, of course, to pass the Big Salmon, where rich strikes have been reported and which is the proposed Mecca of many a gold seeker now going in. He says he saw nothing of any gold there, and strongly doubts that any will be found. But of this I shall be able to give you more accurate information later. As to testimony, I could fill a volume with it. It seems to be fairly well divided pro and con, although the balance of evidence is rather unfavorable on the whole. I saw a man back at Crater lake the other day who has lived in and around Dawson City for the past five years. He criticises the newspapers severely for what he terms their sensational reports of great gold discoveries. In almost every case, he says, where hundreds of dollars have been taken out they have been magnified to thousands. Yet he is on his way back, though not as an argonaut. He takes in a large amount of provisions, which he hopes to sell at a good profit.

Another man who is just returning from Dawson City tells me that 2,000 men were out of work there all winter. On the other hand, I have equally reliable authority to the effect that the richness of the gold diggings is simply marvelous. It is my duty to get facts, so I shall only mention these reports incidentally in passing. The truth may lie midway between the two extremes or it may be far upon one side or the other. Whether the country is all that it is represented to be or the reverse, the struggles and privations that many are making to reach it are astonishing and in some cases extremely melancholy. Yesterday I was sent for to call upon a sick man who was alone in a tent not far away. When my wife and I went in, our eyes fell upon about as cheerless and pitiful a place as you could imagine. There was no fire, the snow had blown in until quite a pile had accumulated, the man's outfit was thrown in one corner in confusion, and the poor fellow himself lay stretched between blankets, the picture of desolation and despair. In packing his goods he had in some way strained his back, but he seemed to suffer as much from mental as physical ills. The way was twice as long and weary as he had expected. His partner had deserted him the day before and he was just about ready to turn back for his old home in Chicago.

My wife made him some tea, and I put a mustard plaster on his back. A fire was also kindled in his stove, and others attended to his wants later in the day. This morning I saw him moving down the trail. The chances are, however, that he will never reach Dawson City or even the Yukon river. Not far from our tent a young man lies critically ill of typhoid fever. He is more fortunate than many, however, for he has comparatively good care, and his father, who is a physician in Tacoma, has arrived to attend him. Doubtless the disease was contracted farther back on the trail, where in some localities water is unfit to drink until after it has been boiled. This being the case now, who can prophesy what the condition of the trail will be later on when the thaw comes and the melted snow exposes the carcasses of innumerable dead horses and dogs as well as the other plagues of a total indifference to sanitary laws.

Sunday the Same as Other Days.

Another noticeable feature of life here is the utter unconcern for Sunday. So far as I can observe, one day is about the same as another, and those who have always regarded Sunday as a day of rest in the east seem to lose sight of the day's observance utterly when they are on the trail. In some cases there may be an excuse for this. It is not often that a day dawns that is in every way suitable for travel toward the Yukon. One day may be bright and pleasant enough, but the storm of the preceding one may have obliterated all traces of the trail. Another may be all that could be desired save for the wind which blows from ahead instead of from the rear. Again, it may be so cold that none but the most hardy venture out. Thus when the wind and the trail and the temperature are right the average argonaut feels that he must take advantage of such conditions, even though it be the usual day of rest.

Tomorrow I expect to go ptarmigan shooting and to have my first experience with snowshoes. I will give you the outcome in a subsequent letter, as I will also my career as a boatbuilder, for every one who goes down the Yukon must either buy a boat or build one. Just at present a suitable craft of this kind costs from $300 to $400 each. With a little assistance and instruction I think I can earn the price of a boat and yet not be accused of leaving the field of economy and wandering over into that of parsimony.

A. A. HILL.

PICTURESQUE GIBRALTAR.

Streets Filled With Soldiery and English Girls and Spanish Beauty.

It would seem that the object of those who control Gibraltar is not to let any one forget that the place is a military post and the English are the stars of the piece. There is a constant display of military splendor on the streets, and squads of soldiers are marched back and forth, as if a siege was to be declared that afternoon. Officers on horseback ride up and down through the town, returning with monotonous regularity the salutes of the soldiers who stride briskly along the walks. Young English officers in riding suits, others in pink hunting coats and others cantering in from the polo grounds give a social tone to the conglomerate throng of the street, and young English girls on slender and spirited looking horses or in dogcarts add a really festive air to the spectacle. You can tell one of the English girls a mile off. They are blond and homely, with the inevitable mass of hair called the "bun" jutting far out under the lee of a little straw hat and with the fresh glow of health in their faces that comes from lots of outdoor exercise. They walk with a swinging stride, and their shoes are as heavy as a man's. They all seemed to be wearing a bluish gray sort of dress, which must be the proper thing now with young English ladies, a little straw hat and, as a general thing, they were accompanied, when walking, by fox terriers. One girl, who looked like the kind of young lady Du Maurier used to draw in the back of Harper's Magazine, carried a stick, and nobody seemed to show any alarming amount of wonder at it.

Old officers, gorgeous in lace, in white helmets or else in simple tunic with flapping ribbons across their breasts and pillbox caps, ride briskly through the town, jostling the little donkeys and rubbing against the yellow one horse hacks that rattle over the clean cobblestones. Moors in flowing and voluminous garb and in various conditions of cleanliness and respectability straggle along in barelegged dignity, causing wonder among the tourists fresh from the west. Sailors from the different men-of-war in the harbor, having a day's liberty on shore, lurch along with the approved swing of a sad seadog, in their best blue clothes and with the names of strange ships worked in their caps. Pretty Spanish girls look down from under the green shutters that swing out from the windows, and these damsels generally are so attractive that one is in great danger of running into somebody or else being run over by a donkey cart or a yellow hack.

Tourists with norfolk jackets and guidebooks and fieldglasses hung over their shoulders huddle around the tourist agency reading letters from home or waiting for other members of their party who at that moment are buying photographs at a bazaar up the street or watching soldiers drilling down on the parade grounds.—Gibraltar Letter in Chicago Record.

Without Reason.

Amateur Scientist—Can you explain to me the reason why so many people become insane?

Guyer—The answer ought to suggest itself. They have no reason.—Philadelphia Call.

Quiet In Taste, But—

Mrs. A.—I think your husband is a very quiet dresser.

Mrs. B.—H'm! You might change your opinion if you heard him looking for his clothes some mornings.—Brooklyn Life.

THE OSTRICH.

Humors of the Bird Whose Legs Are Long and Brittle.

The ostrich is not a bird that can be easily brought up in the way that it should go. It has no powers of discrimination. "Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding," as runs the description of the ostrich in the book of Job. It cannot discriminate between a wire fence and the open camp, between friends and foes, or between what is helpful and what is hurtful to its digestion. It was owing to its want of understanding in this last respect, and to an equal want of discrimination on the part of the British public, that it has been found impossible to keep ostriches alive in the zoological gardens in London. A public accustomed to slip pennies into automatic machines could not refrain from the temptation offered by the omnivorous throat of an ostrich and filled them up with poisonous copper, as if they were so many missionary boxes.

In its African life, however, the chief danger that besets it is not the recklessness of its appetite, but its reckless disregard of its own limbs. It will take fright at a shadow and hurl itself blindly into the nearest fence, from which it will be extricated with a broken leg, or fight savagely with a brother ostrich and break its leg, or fall into a hole or gully and break its leg, or dance, waltzing with most swift and graceful precision, affording a most beautiful sight to the spectator and the greatest satisfaction to itself, until giddiness comes upon it and brings it to the ground, again with a broken leg. It is true that its dangerously powerful legs are also very brittle, but it must be confessed that it does not use them well.

Of the danger that the owner sometimes runs from those powerful limbs Mrs. Martin tells some very amusing stories. A sturdy newcomer, some 6 feet in height, laughed at the warnings that were given him when he set out for a walk and disdainfully refused the protection of a tackey—a thorny branch, the dexterous use of which will keep the ostrich at bay—averring that he "was not afraid of a dicky bird!" He was missed and discovered some hours afterward by a search party most uncomfortably perched on the top of an ironstone bowlder and slowly grilling under the African sun, while the dicky bird did sentry up and down, watching him with an evil eye. "Another gentleman had a theory that any creature, however savage, could be subdued—'quelled,' as he said, by the human eye. One day he tried to quell one of his own ostriches, with the result that he was presently found in a very pitiable predicament, lying flat on the ground, while the subject of his experiment jumped up and down on him, occasionally varying the treatment by sitting upon him." Doubtless it was safer to lie down than to stand up to be kicked, but to be sat upon as if one were an egg must have been indeed humiliating. Curious, too, is the account that the author gives of the camps or little kingdoms that the ostriches mark out for themselves, with invisible but never to be encroached upon boundaries. Inside that camp it will bear no intrusion, but outside it, in the domain of its neighbor, it is profoundly indifferent to the stranger's wanderings. Nor is it safe for the farmer to presume upon his former acquaintance with any bird, for the ostrich has not wits enough to distinguish an old friend from a new intruder, nor sufficient respect for his owner to except him from his suspicious hostilities, though it would appear that, as a rule, he will manifest a stronger aversion to the Kaffir or Hottentot than to a white man.—London Spectator.

The Australian Honey Guide.

The variegated honey guide is greenish olive as to its upper coloring. That these little birds do of their own design and intention lead man to the nests of the wild bees is a fact quite undoubted. This habit is well known to the natives, and in following a honey guide a soft, pleasant whistling is usually practiced by the black human partner by way of encouragement to his feathered friend. The little indicator, having secured the attention of a native by cries and restless flitting to and fro, flutters on in front, occasionally lighting on a branch or bush to see that his chosen ally is following. It is, however, a mistake to suppose that the honey guide seeks the bees' nest for the honey. His particular share of the plunder consists of the larvæ found in the combs.

It is usual for a native, having rifled the nest, to break off a piece of comb and put it aside for his bird friend. No doubt in process of enjoying its feast the honey guide does taste some portion of the honey, but its real object is the luscious grubs found within portions of the comb. This habit is surely one of the most singular and extraordinary in the annals of natural history. How these little feathered creatures originally developed this most interesting trait, upon what wild race of mankind they first exercised their persuasive arts; whether, before the advent of man in Africa, they practiced upon some honey loving animal, such as the honey badger (ratel) or other mammal—these are secrets which have lain hidden during long cons of the past deep within the breast of nature and are now never likely to be revealed to mankind.—Saturday Review.

Bourke Cockran's Memory.

W. Bourke Cockran, the Democratic orator, is said to have a marvelous memory. James D. Hughes relates in the Philadelphia Record that several years ago he sat in the third row in the balcony in a hall in Cleveland when Mr. Cockran delivered an address there. Two years later he was presented to Mr. Cockran. He said, "I do not remember having met you, but your face is familiar to me." Mr. Hughes replied that Mr. Cockran had never seen him before, but that he had seen Mr. Cockran in the west. "Ah, yes," he cried quickly, "at Cleveland, two years ago, you sat in the balcony!" Mr. Cockran afterward explained that the faces of his auditors are strongly stamped upon his mind whenever he speaks in public and remain upon his memory for years afterward.

Very Curious.

The Yale Record reports that "an unknown friend" has lately presented some choice specimens to the Peabody museum. A few of them are as follows:

A wag from the "Tale of Two Cities," some water from "all's well," the rollers from the "shades of evening," a drink from a "sand bar," a rocker from the "cradle of the deep," a free lunch from the Sandwich Islands.

The Wrong Guess.

She—Is my hat on straight?

He—Perfectly.

She—Oh, the horrid thing! Excuse me just a moment and I'll get it tilted over that right ear if I have to use a spike instead of a hatpin.—Detroit Free Press.

Halls and churches can be ventilated without danger of drafts by a new method, in which an air shaft runs from under the floor to a horizontal duct under each seat, the latter having constricted openings at intervals for the passage of air into the room.

The Italian parliament costs the country about £86,000 per annum.

It is said that in the German army the soldiers commit suicide at the rate of 65 per annum in each 100,000 men.

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