

**Notice in Probate.**  
STATE OF IOWA  
Crawford County  
In the matter of the estate of Dutha W. Shaw late of Crawford County, deceased.  
Notice of appointment of Administrator.  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of December 1903, the undersigned was duly appointed Administrator of the above entitled estate, and all creditors of said estate are notified to file their claims in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, in and for Crawford County, Iowa, within one year from the date of this notice, according to law, and have the same allowed and ordered paid by the said court, or stand forever barred therefrom.  
Dated Dec. 1st 1903.  
ETTA L. SHAW, Administrator.

**Notice in Probate.**  
STATE OF IOWA  
Crawford County  
In the matter of the estate of Johann C. Berndt, late of Crawford County, deceased.  
Notice of Appointment of Executor.  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
You are hereby notified that on the 9th day of December, 1903, the undersigned was duly appointed executor of the above entitled estate, and all creditors of said estate are notified to file their claims in the office of the Clerk of the District Court, in and for Crawford County, Iowa, within one year from the date of this notice, according to law, and have the same allowed and ordered paid by the said court, or stand forever barred therefrom.  
Dated December, 15, 1903.  
WILHELM C. BERNDT, Executor.  
P. J. KLINKER, Attorney for Executor. 70-31

**Notice to Clergymen.**  
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CHAPTER I

"I tell you its no use to grumble Jackson, you won't get a day off!"

"Why not?"

"Because the old man has never done such a thing in his life. Let his clerk off on Christmas day, why he sooner think of cutting his right hand."

"Well," said Jackson, airily, "I'll get a holiday Dec. 25 or know the reason why."

"Then my dear Jackson" smiled Grimes, the head clerk, "you'll probably know the reason why?"

"As he went home to supper," returned Jackson as he went home to supper.

The above conversation took place in one of the largest banking houses in Wall Street, Mr. Skinfint, or Old Skinfint, as he was disrespectfully called by his clerks, was the owner of the establishment. At this moment Mr. Skinfint was sitting in his office thinking, "O, he chuckled, I am getting rich and next year I'll be a millionaire and then ah, who can tell, nobody will know that once a poor country boy without a name ever to make a success in the world," and Mr. Skinfint rubbed his hands together and chuckled.

CHAPTER II

Next morning Jackson came to Mr. Skinfint and requested a holiday Dec. 25.

"Wha-a-t!" roared Old Skinfint after a prolonged stare, "a holiday! no my man."

"But I'm no slave," protested Jackson, "why should I work on the Lord's day?"

"No, but you can't afford to lose your days wages."

"Do you mean to say," inquired Jackson, "that you'll cut my wages for that?"

"Exactly," returned Skinfint.

"Well I must say you are a," began Jackson.

"Careful young man," said Skinfint, "careful, remember! have power to discharge you" and Jackson left the office without a word.

"Ah, ha, ha," chuckled Skinfint "that fixed him, he can't afford to lose his days wages. He will be sullen for a day or two, they all do that. But he will get over that, he will find that he can't get rich by taking holidays."

Meanwhile Jackson slowly went to his work. The other clerks smiled and Gimes said: "Got a holiday Jackson?"

"No," Skinfint threatens to cut my salary if I don't come, I've got a wife and a sweet little girl at home and I can't afford to lose my wages. I don't see how you fellows stand it."

"Have to, a dear boy," said Grimes, "you're new but you'll get use to it." Sullenly, as Skinfint predicted, Jackson went to his work and as Skinfint said he soon got over it and in fact seemed reconciled to the fact that he must work on Christmas day. The clerks gazed him unmercifully (that is when Skinfint wasn't present) about his wonderful courage in hearding the lions den. But he bore it patiently and said, "if you fellows can bear it I guess I can."

fell off of their chair when Skinfint announced that he would raise their salaries.

His clerks never knew what changed him. On certain days a lady with a pretty child came in to see him, and when asked by one of the clerks why she liked Skinfint so well, she said, "Why, he found me when I was lost."

"Yes," said Skinfint, "I not only saved you, but you have saved me also."

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No. 22 Co. Bluffs & Ft. Dodge Way Freight, (Daily except Sunday) 10.35 A. M.  
No. 22 Co. Bluffs & Ft. Dodge Local (Daily except Sunday) 10.52 P. M.  
No. 2 Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Chicago Limited (Daily) 9.38 P. M.

**—West Bound—**

No. 1 Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis Limited, (Daily) 6.18 A. M.  
No. 31 Ft. Dodge & Co. Bluffs Local, (Daily except Sunday) 8.32 A. M.  
No. 91 Local Way Freight, (Daily except Sunday) 1.00 P. M.  
No. 3 Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Omaha Express, (Daily) 8.33 P. M.  
Nos. 1 and 2 stop only at Rockwell City, Wall Lake, Denison and Logan.  
No. 3 stops at Arion, Dow City, Dunlap, Woodbine and Logan.  
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W. HANSON, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.  
J. W. MERRY, A. G. A., Dubuque, Iowa.

CHAPTER III

A few days before Christmas as Mr. Skinfint was sitting in his private office, had one of his clerks looked into the office, he would have thought the world had come to an end. There sat old Skinfint at his desk and wonder of wonders he was not working, instead he held in his hand a locket with a picture in it at which he was gazing with great wonder.

"How could I have forgotten her," he murmured. "Forgotten, forgotten, forgotten," went through his brain, "forgotten, forgotten, forgotten," ticked the clock on the wall. He angrily closed his desk, grasped his hat and went into the open air, "forgotten" smiled the sun, "Forgotten" wailed the wind, while the street car that changed past shrieked "forgotten, forgotten" in his unwilling ear.

"How could I have forgotten her," he whispered.

"I meant to go back to her," he said to his conscience. Ten years ago, he was only 30 and now he was 40. Forty, why that wasn't so bad. He wondered if his hair was gray and if his face was wrinkled. He thought maybe he would go back and marry her. Poor man he never thought he would find her. He had never looked in the looking glass, he thought it a humbug and besides he would not let his clerks see him looking in a glass. He wondered where people bought mirrors, then he would see. He turned into a hardware store. "Do you keep looking glasses here?" "No, I guess not," smiled the clerk. Skinfint tried to gather up enough courage to ask where he could procure one, but the scorn and sneering smile on the clerk's face unnerved him. "Oh ah well excuse me," he stammered and walked out, when he was in the open air he drew a breath of relief. "I'd like to punch that fellow's head," he muttered. He heard the city clock strike 1. "I must get back to the office," he said, "it won't do to be loitering here, what if Grimes or Jackson should see me."

Quick as thought he had turned and was speeding to his office.

"Bet there ain't anybody there," he soliloquized, "if there ain't I'll."

But his sentence stopped short for there not three feet from him was a little girl starting to cross the street. Carefully she stepped on the pavement and began to wend her way to the other side.

"Where's the policeman I wonder thought Skinfint, "that child will get run over. Bah, what do I care, its none of my business she's none of my relation." But nevertheless he stood still and watched her. When she was almost across the street the child slipped and fell right off a car rail. She must have been stunned because she did not get up.

"Where's the policeman I wonder thought Skinfint, "why don't that child get up. What if a car should come. Great heavens there comes one now. He stood still for a moment, no one seemed to notice the fallen child. Without knowing what he was doing Skinfint rushed across the street and picked up the child just in time. He laid her on the pavement and the crowd gathered around "What's the matter?" "Is she hurt?" "Poor little thing."

CHAPTER IV

"Christmas is coming, ain't you glad?" prattled the little child. "I am, and I hope Santa Claus will bring me something nice. But my papa says he don't like this Christmas, 'cause he has to work. Do you work on Christmas?"

"I—that is—I don't know," stammered Skinfint.

"Yes! yes! and I am going to tell my mamma what a nice man you are. Will I ever find my mamma?"

"Your mamma will come soon, pet, don't cry," then he caught his breath. What had he said? He looked around nervously to see if any one had heard him.

"Papa says all the clerks hate him. Do you?"

"I don't work for him."

"Don't you? Ain't you glad? Is your man mean?"

By this time the stationhouse was reached, and I was telling the sergeant her story.

"Well, well," said the sergeant, "if she is lost, we will easily find her folks." Hardly had he stopped speaking, when a policeman and a lady entered. The policeman began to tell about the lady who lost her child.

"Why," cried the girl, "that's my mamma."

"How did you know I was here?"

"I thought you were lost," said her mother.

"Why, I was, and this man found me," and she took hold of Skinfint's hand and drew him around.

"Nellie," he cried.

"Why Edward," she said, "I never thought of finding you here."

"Nor I you either," he returned.

"So," he said with a bitter smile, "you are married."

"Well, what could you expect?" reported she. "When I promised to wait for you, I didn't know I was expected to wear my life out. In five years I did not hear from you. How long did you expect a girl to wait for you? The village people began to talk, and said you would never come back, and so I married."

"I—I forgot all about you," cried Skinfint, "I was so busy getting rich."

"Well I forgive you," said Nellie, "I guess we are both better off now," and she turned to go.

"Stay!" he cried, what is your husband's name?"

"William Jackson," she replied.

"Who does he work for?"

"A man named—why your name's Skinfint."

"Yes," he answered.

"I didn't know you had grown so hardened that you could not afford to give your clerks a day's vacation."

"No," he answered, "I am not."

"Here," to the wondering child, "give this to your mother," and wrote on a slip of paper:

W. Jackson—  
Need not work Dec. 25.  
E. W. Skinfint.

"Thank you," said Nellie.

"Goodbye," he said, "goodbye."

"Goodbye, Mr. Man," called the little girl, "I'm awful glad I found you and I'll ask Santa Claus to bring you something nice."

Next morning was Christmas morning, and as Grimes came to work, he saw this unnatural sign on the office door.

"OFFICE CLOSED FOR TODAY."

"That's just a joke," said Grimes, as he unlocked the door. Inside he found Skinfint sitting at a paper.

"Did you see that sign on the door?" thundered he.

"Yes, sir, but I thought it was a joke."

"Did you ever know me to joke?"

"No, I guess not."

"Well then get out" and Grimes went out, not daring to ask any more questions. From that day Skinfint was changed. He never stormed if one of the clerks was half a minute late, and when pay day came, the clerks nearly

**C & N W R R Time Table**

**East Bound.**

No. 4 ..... 10.10 a. m.  
No. 16 ..... 2.45 p. m.  
No. 16 ..... 7.50 p. m.  
No. 10 ..... 12.40 p. m.  
No. 46, Way freight, ..... 12.00 m.

**West Bound.**

No. 25 ..... 5.12 a. m.  
No. 1 ..... 7.04 a. m.  
No. 3 ..... 12.00 p. m.  
No. 11 ..... 1.10 p. m.  
No. 11 ..... 2.15 p. m.  
No. 9, Fast mail, ..... 2.40 p. m.  
No. 15, Fast mail, ..... 3.44 p. m.  
No. 47, Way freight, ..... 11.00 a. m.

**Boyer Valley**

No. 48 Leave ..... 6:05 a. m.  
No. 42 Arrive ..... 2:50 p. m.  
No. 41 Arrive ..... 2:50 p. m.  
No. 45 Arrive ..... 5:50 p. m.

**C. M. & St. Paul R. R. At Arion.**

**West Bound**

No. 1 Passenger ..... 6.22 A. M.  
No. 3 Passenger ..... 1.52 P. M.  
No. 91 Freight ..... 8.15 A. M.

**East Bound**

No. 4 Passenger ..... 9.21 A. M.  
No. 6 Passenger ..... 7.25 P. M.  
No. 94 Freight ..... 4.07 P. M.  
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