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Legal.

Notice.

PHYSICIANS, Midwives, Clergymen and Sextons, will take notice that their reports required by the act providing for the registry of births and deaths, are due, for the quarter ending September 30th, 1868, and their attention respectfully invited to the 4th section of said act, which reads as follows:
Sec. 4. Every person who shall neglect or refuse to comply with or violate the provisions of this act, shall forfeit and pay for each office [offense] the sum of ten dollars, to be used for and recovered in the name of the State of Ohio, and the penalty, when recovered, shall be paid over, one-half thereof to the School Fund, and one-half to the party making complain thereof.
The necessary blanks will be furnished on application.
C. W. CARROLL, Probate Judge.
Oct. 22, 1868-3t

Notice.

R. M. BRIMMER, a non resident of the State of Ohio, will take notice that on the 28th of September, 1868, the First National Bank of Bridgeport, Ohio, filed a petition in the Court of Common Pleas of Belmont County, against said Brimmer, as indorser of a bill of Exchange drawn by Jacob Hayman, accepted by John Thomas, for $2,000, dated May 23d, 1868, which had been protested for non payment; and that an order of attachment has been issued out of said Court against said Brimmer as one of the defendants. The plaintiff asks judgment against the drawer and indorsers of said bill for the sum of $2002 28, with interest from 14th August, 1868; and the said Brimmer is notified that he is required to appear and answer said petition on or before the 21st day of November, 1868.
FIRST NAT. BANK OF BRIDGEPORT.
By PETER TALLMAN, Att'y for plff.
October 1, 1868.

Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate.

J. B. Smith, vs. The Empire Coal and Mining Co. } Bel. Co. Com. Pleas.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE IN the above case issued and to me directed, I will offer for sale at the front door of the Court House in St. Clairsville, in said County, on
HOLIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1868,
between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, the following described premises, situate in Belmont County, to wit:
The six foot vein of coal under the following described real estate, situate in the County of Belmont and State of Ohio, and bounded and described as follows: Being a part of the North-east quarter of Section 36, Township 2, Range 2, beginning for the same at Station 1, on the North side of the County road leading from Bellaire to St. Clairsville and on the East line of lands now owned by Robson Keyser; thence North 31° East 25.40 perches to a Sugar tree, to Station 2; thence North 12° East 39.40 perches to Station 3, at a post in the Jordan line on the North branch of the Run; thence South 48° East 44.40 perches to Station 4 at a post on the Section line; thence 81.06 perches to a post Station 5 at the County road; thence by said Road North 48° West 74.64 perches to the place of beginning. Excepting therefrom, one acre and three perches sold and conveyed by John S. Cratty and wife to the German Cemetry Association of Bellaire, by deed dated October 6th, 1862, and Recorded April 3, 1863, in the Record of Deeds, Volume 47, page 488, to which reference is had for full description, containing 20 acres, 1 rood, 44 perches.
Also—The six foot vein of coal under the following described premises, situate in the County of Belmont and State of Ohio, to wit: The same being in Section 36, Township 2, Range 2, and beginning at Station 1, corner of land lately owned by Joshua Keyser and B. Allton; thence North 14½° East 25.88 poles to the Run, Station 2; thence up the Run North 4½° West 25 poles Station 3; thence North 25° East 50 poles to Station 4 at the North side of the Road; thence North 30° East 25.40 poles to Station 5 to a Sugar tree; thence North 12° East 39.40 poles to the Jordan line Station 6; thence North 48° West 12.36 poles to the Section line Station 7; thence West 155.76 poles to the Gillis corner Station 8; thence South 130 poles to two beech trees Station 9; thence South 20½° East 51.48 poles to the South side of run near an Elm tree Station 10; thence North 18.75 poles to Station 11; thence East 101 poles to the place of beginning, containing 139 acres, three roods and 29 poles; Excepting, therefrom, 6 acres heretofore sold to Robison Keyser to one E. P. Rodes out of the South-east corner of said tract to which deed reference is hereby made.
Terms of sale cash on day of Sale.
Appraised 1st Tract at $950.
" 2d " " $5,330.
SAML. B. PIPER, Sheriff Bel. Co., O.
J. B. SMITH, Att'y for Plff.
Sheriff's office, St. Clairsville, O., Oct. 1, 1868.

SPECIAL MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Harrison Bute vs. Mary Welsh, } Belmont County Com. Pleas.

BY VIRTUE OF A THIRD ORDER of sale in the above case issued and to me directed, I will offer for sale at the front door of the Court House in St. Clairsville, in said County, on
MON AY, NOVEMBER 2, 1868,
between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, the following described premises situate in the County of Belmont, to wit:
The West half of Lot No. 12, of Block No. 1, in Bellaire City, Belmont Coun y, Ohio.
Terms of Sale cash on day of sale.
Appraised at $400.
SAML. B. PIPER, Sheriff, and Special Master Commissioner.
J. B. SMITH, Att'y for Plff.
Sheriff's office, St. Clairsville, O., Oct. 1, 1868.

Times of Holding Courts

In the Eighth Judicial District of Ohio for the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

IN PURSUANCE OF THE STATUTE in such case made and provided, the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas in the Eighth Judicial District of the State of Ohio, do hereby order that the District Courts and the Courts of Common Pleas in and for said District, for the year A. D. 1869, shall commence in the several Counties embraced in said District, as follows:

DISTRICT COURTS.

Muskingum County,	August 30.	
Morgan	"	September 6.
Noble	"	September 8.
Monroe	"	September 13.
Belmont	"	September 15.
Guernsey	"	September 20.
Tuscarawas	"	September 24.
Harrison	"	September 27.
Jefferson	"	September 29.

COMMON PLEAS COURTS.

Muskingum County—January 25, April 21, November 17.
Morgan County—March 9, June 1, November 2.
Noble County—April 6, July 20, October 19.
Guernsey County—January 25, April 26, October 11.
Monroe County—February 15, May 17, November 1.
Belmont County—March 1, May 31, November 15.
Harrison County—February 1, May 3, October 18.
Tuscarawas County—February 22, May 17, November 8.
Jefferson County—March 8, May 31, November 22.

And it is further ordered that this order be published four consecutive weeks in the several weekly newspapers published in said District, and that James M. Kennedy, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Tuscarawas County forward a certified copy of this order to the several Clerks of the Courts of Common Pleas in said District, and to the Secretary of State, of the State of Ohio, forthwith.
Done this 25th day of September, A. D. 1868.
GEORGE W. McILVAINE, } Judges of
MOSES M. GRANGER, } said Court
JOHN S. WAY,
THE STATE OF OHIO, } I, JAMES M. KENNEDY, Clerk of the
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, ss. } Court of Common Pleas within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above is truly copied from the original order of said Judges now on file in my office.
In testimony whereof, I hereunto set
[SEAL.] my name and affix the official seal of my office this Second day of October, A. D. 1868.
JAMES M. KENNEDY, Clerk.
THE STATE OF OHIO, } I, J. R. MITCHELL, Clerk of the Court of
BELMONT COUNTY, ss. } Common Pleas of said County, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the order of said Judges, as furnished me by James M. Kennedy, Clerk as aforesaid, and now on file in my office.
WITNESS my signature and the seal of the Court of Common Pleas of Belmont County, at St. Clairsville, this 8th day of October, A. D. 1868.
[SEAL.] J. R. MITCHELL, Clerk.
Oct. 15, 1868-4w

Administrator's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in the Probate Court of Belmont County, Ohio, the undersigned was appointed and qualified as Administrator of the estate of Joseph Hulse, dec'd, late of said County.
All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate are required to present them within one year from this date.
SAMUEL BERRY, Adm'r.
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Notice.

JEREMIAH T. HERRON, whose place of residence is unknown to the undersigned petitioner, is notified that Margaret Ellen Herron, did, on the 16th day of July, A. D. 1868, file her petition in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, within and for the County of Belmont and State of Ohio, charging the said Jeremiah T. Herron with being under the age of eighteen years at the time of marriage and that she never cohabited with him since he arrived at the age of eighteen years and also fraud, and asking that the marriage contract be declared null and void by a decree of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, and that she be restored to her maiden name, which was Margaret Ellen Reed.
Said petition will be for hearing at the next term of said Court.
MARGARET E. HERRON.
By M. D. KING & N. J. MANNING, Att'ys Pet.
September 24-6w

Across the Plains.

Correspondence of the Belmont Chronicle.

END OF THE TRACK,
850 MILES WEST OF OMAHA,
September 17th, 1868.

Night before last, just as the shades of evening fell over the landscape, our little party left Benton for the end of the track. Our numbers were augmented at Laramie by the adddition of a geologist and an artist, both of whom were sent out by the government at the instance of the railway officials. One of them is searching the mountains over for fossilized specimens of fish and shell, and the other is transferring to canvass the most interesting bits of scenery along the line of the road. He of geological antecedents has been this far quite successful. He has found on the very summit of the loftiest peaks and crags the petrified remains of fishes, and shells and reptiles of the sea, left there, when, through some terrible convultion of nature ages and ages ago, the ocean waves rolled back and left the heads of these rocky heights miles above the level of the tide. A hundred different specimens of the finny tribe have been discovered in the Rocky Mountains, and so many yet remain to reward the patient search of some future devotee to science. The learned Professor says that he would not be astonished at finding the petrified remains of a whale on one of the highest pinnacles, for there is nothing to dispute the theory that they there exist. What a commotion there must have been among the inhabitants of that vasty deep when that great upheaval left them high and dry a thousand miles from their native element! Their sensations were not so agreeable as those of Jonah when he was thrown up on dry land. This morning, in a ramble over the bluffs we found an oyster bed in an excellent state of preservation. The bivalves are indigestible of course, but in their palmy days they rivaled in size and appearance, at least, Maltby's best. One of our crowd facetiously ordered a dozen raw, but afterwards concluded to forego the sumptuous repast. What a snapping for salt water there was for twenty hourse after this great bed of oysters was transported bodily to the middle of a continent!

Everything in the mountain district goes to prove that the ocean once rolled resistly over the mighty chain that now range from the Polar sea to the Rio Grande. The alkali deposits, the character of the soil and surface, the shape and appearance of the rocks themselves, to say nothing of the fossilized remains scattered broadcast over the surface, show conclusively that what is now the highest plateau on the continent was once the bottom of the boundless sea.—The gigantic peaks that now rear their heads above the clouds, the crests that are covered with eternal snow, were once the sunken reefs of a broad ocean, whose bosom was ploughed by unknown ships under the guidance of an extinct race of ancient mariners. Who knows what wrecks may have strewn the waters boiling and surging around these sunken crags! Can you not picture the despair of the drowning crews struggling like madmen with the seething flood? And yet last night we crossed the high lands that divide the waters of a hemisphere! Forty three miles West of Benton there stands a little station house, from the dripping eaves of which the waters flow into either ocean. Look to the east, and your eye follows a little streamlet that joins the Mississippi's rolling flood; to the west and it follows the brook that grows into a river, as it meanders on to join its current with the restless tide of the great Pacific! This interesting spot, the highest over which the iron trainway crosses, has been appropriately marked by a station called Creston.

Yesterday we reached the track layers, at a place called Point of Rocky, 845 miles from Omaha; and I now propose to briefly describe the *modus operandi* of railroad building in the far off region,—first premising the grade to have been completed and the graders out of sight.

The contract for laying the track is held by two brothes—Ohio men—named Casement. They are men of wonderful energy, as their every-day work attests. The material is brought up by regular trains to the side track last put in, where it is turned over to the contractors.—Three engines are on hand which hook on fifty cars of ties, spikes and iron, and proceed with them to the very end of the track. The cars are partially unloaded, and then moved back out of the way. A truck car is placed on the track, loaded with iron and pulled to the end of the last rail. A dozen pairs of stout hands seize a rail and put it in its proper place. The ties have been hauled ahead by a hundred pairs of mules, and are already laid down on the road-bed far in advance of the iron. One gang of men lay the rails, and the gaugers and spikers follow. Another gang with picks, shovels and crowbars level up the ties, and fill in between the ties and rails with ballast from the roadside. The bridges, which are very numerous, are all framed at Omaha, and are brought up with the other material, as needed. The engineers, from the profiles in their offices, know the dimensions and location of every bridge and culvert. A squad of bridge-carpenters accompany the track layers, and in an hour or two will throw a stout structure across an ordinary mountain stream. The bridges are nearly all temporary affairs, however, and are to be replaced with better ones as soon as the road is opened through.—As the rails are laid the train is again pushed up, and the same process of unloading and pulling back is gone through with. The load of one locomotive consists of shops and boarding cars,—verily, a town on wheels. Two platform cars,—one with a temporary shed on the end—are devoted to the use of the blacksmiths, and on another the carpenters ply their trade. All the picks and crowbars are sharpened, and all the broken wagons mended here. Two more cars, of tremendous length, are fitted up as sleeping cars for the laborers; another long car serves as a dining room, another is devoted to culinary purposes and still another to the officers and foremen. A box car serves as a sutler's store, and a flat car coupled on to that is used by the laundresses. An "old lumber" car follows, and Casements' private car brings up the rear. Thus a regular moving town keeps pace with the end of the track. The food furnished to the men is of excellent quality. A drove of cattle follows the train, and two are slaughtered daily, so that the five hundred track layers have a regular supply of fresh beef. Canned vegetables are furnished with unsparing hand, and tea and coffee of excellent quality are served with every meal. The men are charged but $20 per month for their food, while they earn from three to three and a half per day. The telegraph line has been constructed through, and an operator accompanies the corps of builders. His head quarters, like Gen. Pope's, are in the saddle, and he moves his office three or four times daily; cutting the wire and affixing his pocket instrument at every halting place. Every night the intelligence is flashed to the board of managers in New York City, "—— miles laid to-day." Three miles is the usual day's work, though five have been laid. There is no limit to the speed of the track layers, if the material is brought up as fast as needed.

The Casements are a hospitable pair of brothers, but I think they are sometimes over-burthened with visitors. Not a week passes but a Senatorial party, or a *Press-gang*, or a lot of big-bellied Aldermen, put in their appearance at the "end of the track," and then they have to be fed and feted, wined and dined, by the poor hosts—whose kindness is not always voluntary. But what matters that to the sight seers. Senator Conkling and party were here yesterday, and the Common Council of St. Louis is expected to-morrow. Colfax and Blair were here in company, not long since, and the two rival candidates for the Vice Presidency hob-nobbed together in social intercourse. The railroad company very kindly meets every demand of these excursionists, so far as passes, and even special trains are concerned, but all the while growl deeply at the imposition.—Make haste all ye excursionists! for when the iron bands are welded next July, there will be a general decapitation of dead-heads. When once the capacity of the road is taxed with through tariff, good-by to special trains, with their burthens of gay and thoughtless pleasure-seekers!

G. E. F.

List of Premiums Awarded at the Eighth Annual Fair of the Belmont Independent, held at Belmont, Ohio, sept. 15th, 16th and 17th, 1868.

Class A

Best Stallion any age or breed, Jno W Hill, $8; second J T Updegraff, $6.

Committee—Caldwell Dunn, Samuel Mallonee, Jno Davis, and Joseph Woodmansee.

MINORITY REPORT.—I beg leave to differ with above committee, and herewith submit my report:

First premium J T Updegraff; second Jno W Hill. J H CLOSE.

Class B—Horses of all Work

Stallions 5 years old and upwards, W G Kinny, $8; second, J T Updegraff, $6
Stallion 4 years old, E H Gregg, $6; 2nd, John Beckett, $5.
Stallion 3 years old, H Mallonee, $5.
Stallion 1 year old, Henry Sipe, $3.
Gelding 5 years old and upwards, H Mallonee, $4; 2nd, J and J H Close, $3.
Gelding 4 years old, J T Updegraff, $3; 2nd, Thos Medley, $2.
Gelding 3 years old, A C Danford, $3; 2nd, J T Updegraff, $2.
Gelding 2 years old, Jno Kemp, $3; 2d, Henry Kinney, $2.
Springhorse colt, Mortimer Palmer, $3; Filly 5 years old and upward, A C Danford, $3; 2nd, Josiah Kinney, $2.
Filly 4 years old, J and J H Close, $3; 2nd, J T Updegraff, $2.
Filly 3 years old, James Read, $3.
Filly 2 years old, Jno Beckett, $3.
Spring mare colt, D G Perry, $3.
Pair Horses or Mares, Jno Rodgers, $5; 2nd, Thos Medley, $3.

Committee—Wm Mann, Henry Brown W G Kinney, C Martin, Jacob Mays.

Committe on Fillys 5 years old and upwards:—John Davis, J B Hollingsworth, Jno Harris, S Mallonee, Z P Boon

Class C—Saddle and Light Harness.

Stallion 5 years old and upward, J T Updegraff, $5; 2nd A C Danford, $6.
Stallion 4 years old, E H Gregg, $6; 2nd, John Beckett, $5.
Stallion 3 years old, H Mallonee, $5.
Stallion 1 year old, H Sipe, $3; 2nd, A C Danford, $2.
Gelding 5 years old and upward, J A Bethell, $4; 2nd, F M Talbott, $3.
Gelding 4 years old, John Ambrose, $3; 2nd, J T Updegraff, $2.
Gelding 3 years old, G W Coffland, $3.
Filly 4 years old and upward, J and J H Close, $3.
Filly 3 years old, Jesse Jarvis, $3; 2nd, James Read, $2.
Filly 2 years old, James Read, $3.
Filly 1 year old, Geo Berry, $3.
Best single Horse or Mare, H Mallonee, $4; 2nd, Thomas McCall, $3.

Committee—Wm G Kinney, H Brown, Wm Mann, Jacob Mays.

Class D—Heavy Draught.

Stallion 5 years old and upward, J W Hill, $8; 2nd, Jesse Wilkison, $6.
Stallion 4 years old, J C Killgore, $6.
Stallion 3 years old, H Mallonee, $5.
Gelding 5 years old and upward, W G Kinney, $4; 2nd, Joseph Thompson, $3.
Gelding 4 years old, Thomas Medley, $3; 2nd, John McFadden, $2.
Gelding 3 years old, J T Updegraff, $3.
Gelding 2 years old, Henry Kinney, $3.
Pair Horses or Mares, E Harris, $5; 2nd, Henry Kinney, $3.
Single Horse or Mare, C B Wright, $4.

Committee—T A Mitchell, Sampson Green, J Dunfee, T Neal, E Harris.

Class E—Matched Horses or Mares.

First premium, John Rodgers, $8; 2nd E H Gregg, $6.
Family Horse or Mare driven single, J and J H Close, $5; 2nd, H Mallonee, $4.
Saddle Horse or Mare, J H Acton, $7; 2nd, Joseph Thompson, $5.
Roadster, Horse or Mare, A P Miller, $5; 2nd, C B Wright, $4.

Committee—James S Bethel, Matthew Barber, Wm Danford, Robert Gatchell, J B Hollingsworth.

Class F—Sweepstakes.

Trotting, T A Mitchell, $20; 2nd, J A Bethell, $15.
Pacing, C Lucas, $15; 2nd, J Hultz, $10.
Racking, John Roby, $12; 2nd, G W Vancuran, $8.
Walking, Wm G Kinney, $5.
Pain of quick driving, J and J H Close, $10; 2nd Hezekiah Mallonee, $7.

Committee—S D Talbott, W H Heays, A Richards, E Harris.

Class FF.

Best Five Geldings or Mares from any one Township, Wm G Kinney, $20.

Committee—Samuel Mallonee, Lee Evans, Joseph Woodmansee, J Davis.

Class G—Jennetts and Mules.

Pair of Mules 3 years old and upward, John Rodgers, $4.
Pair of Mules 2 years old, Eli Davis, $4; 2nd, J Wilkison, $4.
Single Mule, Jno Rodgers, $4; 2nd, T E Lewis, $2.
Best walking Mule, Eli Davis, $3; 2nd Jno Rodgers, $2.

Committee—Thos McCall, J H Thornberry, Geo Berry, Daniel Nichols, J T Caldwell.

Class H—Bulls.

Bull 3 years old and upward, Thos McCall, $8.
Bull 1 year old, Wm H Porterfield, $2.

Committee—Reece Lewis, John Sidebottom, T N Hollingsworth, M Danford, Jenk Wright.

Class I—Cows and Heifers.

Cow 3 years old and upward, Seldon George, $8; 2nd, W H Porterfield, $5.
Cow or Heifer 2 years old, S George, $4.
Heifer 1 year old, Seldon George, $4; 2nd, Wm H Porterfield, 2 dol.
Spring Heifer Calf, S George, 3 dols.

Committee—Reece Lewis, T N Hollingsworth, M Danford, J Sidebottom.

Class J—Oxen

Best trained Oxen, Mark Kirk, $5; 2nd, Thos McCall, 3 dol.
York Fancy Oxen, Mark Kirk, $5; 2nd, Thos McCall, 3 dol.
Yoke Oxen 2 years old, H Gregg, $4.

Committee—Same as above.

Class K—Fine Wooled Bucks.

Buck and 15 of his Spring Lambs, L Lodge, 20 dols.
Buck 2 years old, J and J H Close, $10; 2nd, Samuel Stonebreaker, 8 dols.
Buck 1 year old, J and J H Close, $7; 2nd S Stonebraker, $5.
Buck lamb, J and J H Close, $5; 2nd, Mortimer Palmer, 3 dols.

Committee—J Thompson, A Loper, Matthew Barber, Benj M Loper.

Class L—Fine Wooled Ewes.

Five Ewes 2 years old and upward, J and J H Close, $15; 2nd, Fred & Palmer, 10