

ANNUAL TAXSALE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

COUNTY OF VAN BUREN.

The Circuit Court for the County of Van Buren—in Chancery: In the matter of the petition of Oramel B. Fuller, Auditor General of the State of Michigan, for and in behalf of said State, for the sale of certain lands for taxes assessed thereon.

On reading and filing the petition of the Auditor General of the State of Michigan, praying for a decree in favor of the State of Michigan, against each parcel of land therein described, for the amounts therein specified, claimed to be due for taxes, interest and charges on each such parcel of land, and that such lands be sold for the amounts so claimed by the State of Michigan.

It is ordered that said petition will be brought on for hearing and decree at the March term of this Court, to be held at Paw Paw, in the County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, on the 21st day of March, A. D. 1910, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that all persons interested in such lands or any part thereof, desiring to contest the lien claimed thereon by the State of Michigan, for such taxes, interest and charges, or any part thereof, shall appear in said Court, and file with the clerk thereof, acting as register in chancery, their objections thereto on or before the first day of the term of this Court above mentioned, and that in default thereof the same will be taken as confessed and a decree will be taken and entered as prayed for in said petition. And it is further ordered that in pursuance of said decree the lands described in said petition for which a decree of sale shall be made, will be sold for the several taxes, interest and charges thereon as determined by such decree, on the first Tuesday in May thereafter, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. on said day, or on the day or days subsequent thereto as may be necessary to complete the sale of said lands and of each and every parcel thereof, at the office of the County Treasurer, or at such convenient place as shall be selected by him at the county seat of the County of Van Buren, State of Michigan; and that the sale then and there made will be a public sale, and each parcel described in the decree shall be separately exposed for sale for the total taxes, interest and charges, and the sale shall be made to the person paying the full amount charged against such parcel, and accepting a conveyance of the smallest undivided fee simple interest therein; or, if no person will pay the taxes and charges and take a conveyance of less than the entire thereof, then the whole parcel shall be offered and sold. If any parcel of land cannot be sold for taxes, interest and charges, such parcel shall be passed over for the time being, and shall, on the succeeding day, or before the close of the sale, be reoffered, and if, on such second offer, or during such sale, the same cannot be sold for the amount aforesaid, the County Treasurer shall bid off the same in the name of the State.

Witness the Hon. L. Burget Des Voignes, Circuit Judge, and the seal of said Circuit Court of Van Buren County, this 26th day of January, A. D. 1910.

L. BURGET DES VOIGNES, Circuit Judge.

Countersigned: WM. C. MOSIER, Register.

State of Michigan.

To the Circuit Court for the County of Van Buren—in Chancery: The petition of Oramel B. Fuller, Auditor General of the State of Michigan, for and in behalf of said State, respectfully shows that the list of lands hereinafter set forth and marked "Schedule A," contains a description of all the lands in said County of Van Buren upon which taxes were assessed for the years mentioned therein, and which were returned as delinquent, for non-payment of taxes, and which taxes have not been paid; together with the total amount of such taxes, with interest computed thereon to the time fixed for sale, and collection fee and expenses, as provided by law, extended against each of said parcels of land.

Your petitioner further shows to the Court that said lands were returned to the Auditor General under the provisions of Act 296 of the Public Acts of 1895, as delinquent for non-payment of said taxes for said years respectively, and that said taxes remain unpaid; except that lands included in said "Schedule A" for taxes of 1890 or prior years were returned to the Auditor General as delinquent for said taxes under the provisions of the general tax laws in force prior to the passage of Act 296 of the Public Acts of 1891, and which taxes remain unpaid.

Your petitioner further shows that in all cases where lands are included in "Schedule A" as aforesaid for taxes of 1890 or of any prior year, said lands have not been sold for said taxes or have been heretofore sold for said delinquent taxes and the sale or sales so made have been set aside by a court of competent jurisdiction, or have been cancelled as provided by law.

Your petitioner further shows and avers that the taxes, interest, collection fee and expenses, as set forth in said "Schedule A," are a valid lien on the several parcels of lands described in said schedule.

Your petitioner further shows that the said taxes on said described lands have remained unpaid for more than one year after they were returned as delinquent; and the said taxes not having been paid, and the same being now due and remaining unpaid as above set forth, your petitioner prays a decree in favor of the State of Michigan against each parcel of land, for the payment of the several amounts of taxes, interest, collection fee and expenses, as computed and extended in said schedule against the several parcels of land contained therein, and in default of payment of the said several sums computed and extended against said lands, that each of said parcels of land may be sold for the amounts due thereon, as provided by law, to pay the lien aforesaid.

Your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Dated January 24th, 1910. ORAMEL B. FULLER, Auditor General of the State of Michigan, for and in behalf of said State.

Schedule A.

Taxes of 1907.

TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH OF RANGE 13 WEST.

Table with columns: Section, Acres, Amount of Taxes, Interest, Collection Fee, Charges, Total. Lists various land parcels with their respective tax details.

TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH OF RANGE 14 WEST.

Table with columns: Section, Acres, Amount of Taxes, Interest, Collection Fee, Charges, Total. Lists various land parcels with their respective tax details.

TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH OF RANGE 17 WEST, Cont.

Table with columns: Section, Acres, Amount of Taxes, Interest, Collection Fee, Charges, Total. Lists various land parcels with their respective tax details.

JEP MOORE'S COURTSHIP By W. J. Lampton

Jep Moore was in love with the girl. That was as plain as the nose on his face, which was about the plainest that ever a man stuck into a handkerchief. But he was not to the manner born, and, although he feared no man, he had been mortally afraid of women as far back as he could remember.

That was the reason he had been courting Mollie Stewart for nearly two years and had arrived nowhere much. But a girl, and a pretty one at that, won't stand for everlasting procrastination, whatever she may think of the man, and Jep began to observe that Mollie was having more gentlemen company than he liked to see around so often. He didn't dare say anything, but he proposed to do something, and that immediately.

Which was why he hitched his horse at her gate that evening and pounded up the walk to the porch where she sat all alone waiting for him. He had informed her by telephone that he was due to arrive at that hour, and there he was, prompt. It was the first time he had ever been so definite, and Mollie was feeling hopeful. She admired Jep, not because he was beautiful, but because he was good. Some girls don't think that way about men, but Mollie Stewart had sense.

She welcomed Jep cheerfully and told him to come in and take a chair. Jep had his courage screwed up till he was feeling frisky, and he delighted the chair. An empty hammock swung across the porch-end and he thought he would try that. He had seen pictures of summer girls and young men and hammocks, but he had never tried one. This seemed to be the very time, so into it he went.

Mollie didn't laugh when he tumbled out of it backward. She helped him to his feet and Jep's courage all oozed away. He sat down in a chair as meek as Moses. Mollie changed the subject.

Jep spoke of the weather. Mollie was just as much interested in the weather as she was in telephones. But Jep was uneasy.

The hour was purple twilight, and twilight and two are a powerful combination when the man knows how to work it. The silver moon was rising over the hills, and it caught Jep's eye.

"Say, Mollie," he said with sudden energy, "what would you do if you was the moon and I was the sun?"

It was not quite the flattering way to put it, but Jep was awkward and all he thought of was the moon was mighty pretty just then, and so was Mollie.

"Really, I don't know, Jep," she replied, perplexed by the unexpected inquiry.

"Can't you guess?"

"Of course I can't. I couldn't be the moon, could I?"

"You could be the moon as easy as I could be the sun, couldn't you?"

"I suppose so."

"Well, just let's s'pose we was them; then what?"

Mollie studied a moment and the feminine in her asserted itself.

"Well, I suppose, Jep," she said, laughing lightly, "if I was the moon and you were the sun I'd go away when you come."

Jep hadn't thought where the conversation would lead, and he was wholly upset by her answer. He sat speechless.

"But I'm not the moon, Jep," she added quickly, "because you see I didn't go away when you come."

Jep gulped and pulled himself together. He got up and came over to her side.

"Dern the sun and the moon, Mollie," he said, hitching his peck up through his collar so he could get more air; "I didn't come over here to talk astronomy. What I come for was to know why the dickens you don't marry me!"

Mollie was not agitated. It was not her first proposal, though it was different. She looked up at him and smiled. Jep began to feel wobbly in the knees.

"Well, Jep," she replied, "if I can give you one good reason will you forgive me?"

This sounded like Sunday school talk, and Jep felt the seriousness of it.

"Of course, I will, Mollie, but"—he hesitated.

"The reason is, Jep," she interrupted, "that you never asked me."

After that it was so plain that even Jep could grasp the situation, which he did, including Mollie.—Home Life.

Game of Graft.

When a foreign-born domestic maid was recently engaged by Mrs. Smith of Lexington avenue, the servant explained that her former mistress had frequently paid her premium money for holding her peace in the matter of reporting to the matron's hubby certain goings on in the home during his absence.