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Castle Ridge.

It stands upon a summit steep, where sunlight softly falling,
Seems kissing flower, leaf and grass, till star to star is calling;
And when Aurora mounts along the burnished stairs of morning
The fingers of the dimpled dawn each turret seem adorning.

The voices of the sweet south wind breathe ever soft and lowly,
As if an angel, passing, paused, to view a [illegible]
So glorious by Luna's light when every star is smiling
Into the fine old eyes of night with loves divine beguiling.

And when the day, with shine or film, is passing to his setting,
A view is seen, to glad the heart, of which is no forgetting.
A crown of white amid the glow of hill and forest pleasant,
Or when the earth crochets the snow as for a winter present.

A hospitable southern home, a household rare and cheery,
With laugh and song of inmates bright and "children" blithe and merry,
And "Mammy" busy at her work, her dear old face far sweeter
Than any artist ever drew—at Castle Ridge you'll meet her.

And there at dear old Castle Ridge, where airs with bloom are laden,
Are sweetest eyes (beneath the skies) of Sophie, witching maiden,
She is so fair her very smile vies with the rose or lily,
And one she loves—my Achates, her handsome brother, Willie.

At Castle Ridge—it is a place to think of and remember,
When time has left its passing trace and joy's a dying ember;
Where every blossom speaks of peace and every bloom of sweetness,
Where love may never know surcease in all its rare completeness.

And there it is a place to go at Christmas and Thanksgiving,
It makes the little ones all glad, because they're simply living.
As round the Christmas board they sit, and feast on ham and turkey,
No matter how the weather is those days seem never murky.

The days go by—fair Sophie still the dear old home is gracing,
And, ah de mi! her brother, Will, at school is problems chasing.
But Christmas time will soon be here, and genial Will home-coming,
And then at Castle Ridge once more you'll hear the music thrumming.

—Will Ward Mitchell.

The Blind Chaplain Resigns.

Rev. W. H. Milburn, for half a century chaplain of congress has resigned owing to age and ill health.

Mr. Milburn is a native of Philadelphia and was born in 1822. He lost the sight of one eye when quite young and the other soon became practically useless. He mastered the blind alphabet, and at the age of twenty was ordained a minister.

"If I live to see the beginning of the next congress, it will be fifty years since my first election as chaplain," he said not long ago. "I was first elected chaplain in 1845," he continued, "at the age of 22 years, in the twenty-ninth Congress, the first of Mr. Polk's administration. My second election was in 1853, first of [illegible] administration. In those days [illegible] of Congress, elected under a joint resolution of the two houses, and officiated as much in one as in the other. I was absent three years—from 1855 to 1858; was re-elected in the latter year, served in the House of Representatives of Mr. Cleveland's two Congresses—the Forty-ninth and Fifty-first; in both Mr. Harrison's—the Fifty-first and Fifty-second—and at the end of the latter was elected in the Senate. Messrs. Webster, Calhoun and the men of that age were in the Senate when I was first here and I have seen three or four generations of our public men pass off the stage."

Dr. Milburn and his daughter live in lodgings, for their only means of support is the salary of $900 which the Senate pays annually to its chaplain. A series of misfortunes swept away all of Mr. Milburn's little wealth years ago.

MAN OF FINE PRESENCE.

The blind chaplain has a fine presence. He is good of height and broad of shoulder; and his well trimmed gray beard and bushy hair frame an impressive face. His voice is full, resonant, sonorous even in private conversation. From the pulpit, the lecture platform or the rostrum of a presiding officer it is strong, penetrating, musical. The enunciation is clear and distinct; the inflection perfect. Few men have a more admirable delivery.

"In the days of my first chaplaincy," said Mr. Milburn, "we had divine services in the Hall of Representatives every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The senators and members were regular in their attendence. John Quincy Adams would as soon have missed a session of Congress as missed the Sunday morning service. The senators and members gathered on the floor of the house and the galleries were thrown open to the public. It ought still to be so. Congressmen who go to the local churches are expected to contribute when perhaps they are already contributing to churches at home. The popular churches are crowded. And the result is that many congressmen do not go to church at all. They ought to have a chance attend divine service. It would do some of them good

NO ALUM.

Neither in Food Nor Drink. St. Louis Won't Have It's Water Contaminated by it.

The Board of Public Improvements of St. Louis has unanimously rejected the plan to use alum to clarify the city water supply. Physicians explained the nature and effects of alum upon the system when taken into the stomach, and public opinion was found opposed the to use of that substance or any other chemical in connection with the water

Alum introduced into the water will precipitate the mud or sediment, and make the water clear; but the practical result of the process, as found elsewhere, is that the water is liable to become more or less contaminated with the alum, and consequently unhealthful. If slight accident or lack of care should occur through which there was a failure to eliminate all traces of alum, there would result a poisoning of the water. Cases were cited where water thus clarified retained sufficient alum to destroy the life of fishes, and to affect the health of human consumers.

It is rather remarkable that with the known poisonous nature of alum in mind, and in face of this enlightened action of the St. Louis authorities and the sentiment of the public in opposition to the use of alum in either food or drink, there should be found any manufactures seeking, for their own profit, to repeal the statute which protects the public from alum in food products

The public were glad to be rid of alum in food. The action in St. Louis proves they do not want it introduced into their drink.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Lafayette. } ss.

In the Circuit Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, April Term, 1903. In Vacation, November 15, 1902.

John W. Middleton, Alfred F. Middleton and Thomas P. Middleton, Plaintiffs,
vs.
Charles S. Middleton, Frederick K. Middleton, Mary A. Owsley and George W. Owsley, her husband, Susan M. Gruber and George W. Gruber, her husband, Elizabeth J. Middleton, Louisa M. Middleton, Frank L. Middleton, Marion B. Middleton, a minor, and Rosa E. Middleton, a minor, Defendants.

Now at this day come the plaintiffs herein, by their attorneys, John S. Blackwell & Son, and file their petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendants Susan M. Gruber and George W. Gruber, her husband, are not residents of the state of Missouri; Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk in vacation that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiffs have commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree and judgment for partition to the following described real estate, situate and being in the county of Lafayette and state of Missouri, to-wit: The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the south half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and the south half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section three [3] and thirty-seven [37] acres more or less on the north side of the northeast quarter of section ten [10] and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the south half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter and the south half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section fifteen [15], all in township forty-eight [48], range twenty-nine [29]; and that unless the said non-resident defendants Susan M Gruber and George W. Gruber, her husband, be and appear at this court, at the next April 1903 term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house, in the City of Lexington, in said county, on the 6th day of April, 1903, next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long continue, and if not, then on or before the last day of said term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in The Weekly Intelligencer, a newspaper published in said county of Lafayette for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the first insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of said next April 1903, term of this court.

A true copy. Attest—
[SEAL] J. H. CAMPBELL, Circuit Clerk.
By J. W. SYDNOR, Deputy. 12 815

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration on the estate of James A Rankin, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 31st day of October, 1902, by the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator within one year after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of said letters they will be forever barred.

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WEST-BOUND TRAINS.

	No. 11.	No. 13.
Leave St. Louis	7:35 am	10:10 pm
Arrive Sedalia	3:20 pm	5:30 am
" Concordia	4:40 pm	6:24 am
" Aullville	4:57 pm	6:48 am
" Higginsville	5:08 pm	7:00 am
" Page City	5:17 pm	7:10 am
" **Lexington**	**5:35 pm**	**7:30 am**
" Myrick	5:45 pm	7:40 am
" Wellington	5:54 pm	7:54 am
" Waterloo	6:05 pm	7:59 am
" Napoleon	6:09 pm	8:03 am
" Independence	7:00 pm	8:55 am
" Kansas City	7:30 pm	9:25 am
" St. Joseph		1:14 pm

DAILY.

EAST BOUND TRAINS.

	No. 14.	No. 12.
Leave St. Joe	2:55 pm	
" Kansas City	5:35 pm	6:05 am
" Independence	6:07 pm	6:33 am
" Napoleon	7:01 pm	7:17 am
" Waterloo	7:06 pm	7:21 am
" Wellington	7:12 pm	7:28 am
" Myrick	7:24 pm	7:40 am
" **Lexington**	**7:31 pm**	**7:45 am**
" Page City	7:50 pm	8:02 am
" Higginsville	8:00 pm	8:11 am
" Aullville	8:10 pm	8:21 am
" Concordia	8:27 pm	8:36 am
" Sedalia	9:45 pm	9:50 am
" St Louis	7:10 am	5:50 pm

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FREIGHTS.

East		West
8:50 am	Leaves Lexington	3:35 am
9:45 am	" Page City	2:50 pm
10:05 am	" Higginsville	2:25 pm
10:30 am	" Aullville	1:40 pm
11:00 am	" Concordia	1:10 pm
2:15 pm	" Sedalia	10:40 am

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No. 16. Leave.		No. 15. Arrive.
7:10 am	Lexington	6:05 pm
7:40 am	Myrick	5:45 pm
7:57 am	Northrup	5:26 pm
8:04 am	Dover	5:20 pm
8:13 am	Hodge	5:10 pm
8:24 am	Waverly	4:59 pm
9:12 am	Marshall	4:09 pm
10:20 am	Boonville	3:00 pm
Read down.		Read up.

SANTA FE ROUTE.

Trains arrive at North Lexington.
No. 28 (daily) ... 8:25 a m
Trains leave North Lexington:
No. 25, Express (daily) ... 8:30 a. m
Main line trains pass Lexington Junction

The river 'Bus leaves Lexington 7:40 a m daily to connect with train at north Lexington. Leaves Lexington daily except Sunday at 9:30 a m and 2 o'clock p m and goes through to connect with trains at Lexington Junction.

GOING EAST.

No. 2. (daily) ... 7:15 p m
" 4, " ... 3:47 a m
" 6, " ... 8:35 p m
" 8, " ... 9:22 a m
" 20, " ... 8:50 a m

GOING WEST.

No. 1, " (daily) ... 8:50 a m
" 3, " ... 7:02 a m
" 5, " ... 6:30 a m
" 7, " ... 12:52 p m
" 19, " ... 4:57 p m

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EAST BOUND.

No. 14, Missouri State Express ... 9:50 am
No. 60, Slater Accommodation ... 7:02 pm
No. 10, Calif. and Colo. Limited ... 7:38 pm
No. 72, Slater Accom. (Sunday only). 9:00 pm
No. 12, St. Louis Vest. Limited ... 10:40 pm
No. 116, Way Freight ... 11:35 am

WEST BOUND.

No. 7, Calif. and Colo. Limited ... 6:11 am
No. 61, Slater Accommodation ... 8:38 am
No. 11, K. C. Vestibuled Express ... 12:25 pm
No. 15, Missouri State Express ... 4:24 pm
No. 117, Way Freight ... 9:20 am

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PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

By virtue of an order of the probate court of Lafayette county, Missouri, made on the 28th day of July, 1902, the undersigned public administrator for said county has taken charge of the estate of Thomas J. Marsh, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year after the date of said order or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of said order they will be forever barred.

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