

THE JOKE AS A POWER.

It is rapidly becoming mightier than the pen.

Men who fear nothing else shrink from a joke upon themselves. Soldiers who do not flinch before opposing guns dread to be made ridiculous.

What is the meaning of its steady growth in power and what results may we predict from its humorous tyranny?

Trifles as Irritants. We are so constituted that what is occurring at the moment interests us often out of all proportion to its importance.

Most of us are so constituted that we will make almost any sacrifice for present peace. It would seem easier to have an arm or a leg amputated two years hence than to lose a finger today!

Locked In With a Maniac. The writer was once closeted with a patient whom he had no suspicion of being mad until the latter got out of bed, turned the key of the door and preferred a mild request to the writer to have his throat cut, handing him at the same time an open pocketknife, which he produced from underneath his pillow.

Harmony in the Leaves of a Tree. One of the remarkable characteristics of a tree is the process of leafage, and if we examine the bough upon which the leaves grow the admiration of the scientific agriculturist will become thoroughly aroused over the perfect consistency and artistic skill manifested in the arrangement of each spray and the exact number of leaves arranged with the most exquisite art and regularity.

A Famous Portrait Painter's Opinion. The famous artist Von Lenbach had one great dominant principle—that out of nature one should grasp and hold fast but one thing in portraiture, the head; that this exponent of the soul must stand out in undisturbed unity; that accessories of whatever kind, whether dress or form, must distract and weaken the impression that the head should produce; that a portrait must look out from a background of nothingness and must be shorn of every detail that interferes with this unity of purpose.—Cosmopolitan.

Literary Hand Me Out. "An' how did you fare at the house on the hill?" inquired Wandering Willie of Meandering Mike.

Sadie's Guess. Teacher—Can any little girl tell me who was Columbus? Sadie (frantically snapping her fingers)—I know.

Both Defective. She—You make love like a novice. He—Then we're both defective. I ought to make love like an expert, and you ought not to know the difference.

Boys Who Play Ball on Sunday. The bishop confessor of Lemayville, Alexander Mackay-Smith, was on the way one Sunday morning from the Bryn Mawr railroad station to the chapel of Bryn Mawr college, where he was to preach.

A Grave Woman Safflor. There are any number of instances on record of women sailing ships into port single handed when compelled thereto by some exceptional stress of circumstances. A typical case is that of the brigantine Meerburg, cholera stricken in the autumn of 1877 while on a voyage from China to Australia.

A Large Order. The proprietor of a certain restaurant had "leased" the reverse side of his bill of fare to a carriage manufacturer, who prints advertisements thereon.

The other day a customer in a great hurry ran into the restaurant, sat at a table and was handed a bill wrong side up by the flurried waiter.

The customer put on his pince-nez, curled his mustache with his left hand and shouted in a voice of thunder: "Bring me a fly, a landau, two victorias and a dogcart! Got any wheelbarrows?"

The waiter fled.—London Answers.

Special bargains in Sewing Machines at G. G. Thompson's bicycle shop, to make room for the bicycle business.

A Startling Test. To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That certain Mortgage executed and delivered by John Dimond and Eliza A. Dimond, his wife, Mortgagee, to Fargo Loan Agency, Mortgagee, dated 2nd day of January, A. D. 1902, and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of County of Pembina and State of North Dakota on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1902, at 9 a.m., and recorded in Book 56 of Mortgages, at page 28, will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such Mortgage and hereinafter described, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Pembina in the County of Pembina and State of North Dakota, at 2 o'clock p.m. on the 28th day of May, 1903, to satisfy the amount due upon said Mortgage on the day of sale.

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Mortgage Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That certain Mortgage executed and delivered by W. H. Otten, a single man, Mortgagee, to Fargo Loan Agency, Mortgagee, dated the 11th day of November, A. D. 1901, and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Pembina and State of North Dakota, on the 18th day of Nov. 1901, and recorded in Book 95 of Mortgages, at page 215, will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such Mortgage and hereinafter described, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Pembina, in the County of Pembina and State of North Dakota, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, the 16th day of May, 1903, to satisfy the amount due upon said Mortgage on the day of sale.

The premises described in said Mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same, are those certain premises situated in the County of Pembina and State of North Dakota, and described as follows, to-wit:

The North-West Quarter, [NW-1/4] of Section Thirty-Three (33) Township One Hundred and Sixty-One (161) Range Fifty-Four (54) containing One Hundred and Sixty (160) acres more or less, according to the Government survey thereof.

There will be due on such Mortgage at the date of sale the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-Five and 84-100 Dollars (\$125.84). Dated at Fargo, April 6th, 1903.

FARGO LOAN AGENCY, JNO. D. FARLAND, Attorney for Mortgagee, Fargo, N. D.

IN COUNTY COURT.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, County of Pembina. In County Court, before the Hon. J. D. Wallace, Judge.

In the matter of the estate of Patrice Barthelette, deceased. Marie V. Barthelette, (widow), Petitioner.

vs. Joseph Barthelette, a minor, Moses Barthelette, a minor, Albert A. Barthelette, a minor, James Barthelette, a minor, Norman Barthelette, a minor, Mary A. Barthelette, a minor, Martin Barthelette, a minor, Elionide Barthelette, a minor, and Delia Barthelette, a minor, and Charles Roussin, administrator of the estate of Patrice Barthelette, deceased, and Antoine Barthelette, special guardian for said minors. Respondents.

Citation notice of hearing petition for Appointment of Administrator of the said respondents.

You, the said respondents, and all other persons interested in said estate, are hereby notified that the petition of Marie V. Barthelette, widow, to be appointed administratrix of the estate of Patrice Barthelette, late of the township of Avon, in the County of Pembina and State of North Dakota, deceased, has been presented and filed in this Court, praying that the said petition be duly appointed as administratrix, and that Saturday, the 16th day of June, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the Court Rooms of this Court, in the County Court House in the City of Pembina, County of Pembina, and State of North Dakota, has been duly appointed by the Court for the hearing of said petition for the appointment of said administratrix, and at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions in writing to said petition or any part thereof and contest the same.

And you, the above named respondents, and each of you, are hereby cited to be and appear before this Court at such time and place and answer said petition, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

Dated April 29th, 1903. By the Court, J. D. WALLACE, Judge of the County Court. W. A. HART, they for Clerk.

IN COUNTY COURT.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, County of Pembina. In County Court, before Hon. J. D. Wallace County Judge.

In the matter of the estate of Patrice Barthelette, deceased; Charles Roussin, Administrator, Petitioner.

vs. Marie V. Barthelette, (widow), Barthelette, a minor, Moses Barthelette, a minor, Albert A. Barthelette, a minor, James Barthelette, a minor, Norman Barthelette, a minor, Mary A. Barthelette, a minor, Martin Barthelette, a minor, Elionide Barthelette, a minor, and Delia Barthelette, a minor, and Antoine Barthelette, special guardian for said minors. Respondents.

Citation notice of hearing report and accounting and petition for discharge of Administrator.

The State of North Dakota to the above named respondents.

You, the said respondents, and each of you, and all other persons interested in said estate, are hereby notified that the report and final account of Charles Roussin, administrator of the estate of Patrice Barthelette, late of the township of Avon, in the County of Pembina and State of North Dakota, deceased, has been presented and filed in this Court, together with his petition praying that said report and account be allowed and he be discharged from his said trust, and that Friday, the 15th day of June, A. D. 1903, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the Court Rooms of this Court, in the Court House in the City of Pembina, County of Pembina and State of North Dakota, has been appointed by this Court for the settlement thereof, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his exceptions in writing to said report and account and contest the same.

And you, the above named respondents, and each of you, are hereby cited and required to be and appear before this Court at such time and place and show cause, if any you have, why said account shall not be allowed, and said administrator discharged from his said trust, and account, and accounting and contest the same.

Dated the 26th day of April, A. D. 1903. By the Court, J. D. WALLACE, Judge.

FRANCIS A. HART, Attorney for Estate.

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