

A FICKLE RIVER TALE.

How the Missouri's Shifting Currents Changed a Man's Politics as Well as His Home.

His Farm Drifted From Nebraska to Iowa and Back Again, and He Lived

First in One State and Then in the Other, as the Coquetish Currents Dictated.

Legal Complications as to the Proprietorship of the Farm That Loved to Travel.

Whatever soil is washed up on a shore of the old Missouri river belongs by law to the owner of the shore.

Maj. Dugro Buckhinge was born on a little farm not far below Omaha, and the pretty white farm-house in which he first saw light was not over 500 feet from the river.

When he was at home he complained that the Missouri was the crookedest, and the dirtiest and the angriest stream in creation, but when he paid a visit to New York he knocked a man down and jumped on his chest for denying that it was the most gorgeous and the most beautiful in the world.

It was two years ago that the river began to wash away the farm and cast up the soil on the opposite shore, which was high and dry, and it undermined the soil, sometimes ten feet would cave in and disappear.

The major knew nothing about law, but he had a very long head. One day he fastened ropes around his horse, hired all the horses in the neighborhood and led the house hauled out into the stream.

In an hour the little house grounded on a point which had been newly made by the river. The major ordered his household to forage, while he bustled around for horses.

"I am," said the major, "Well, I learned that you have squatted upon some land owned by one of my clients."

"Oh, you have, have you?" The major became freezingly polite. A little party of church friends who were with him drew away.

"Yes, I have; and what's more, I now hand you a notice to quit." The major crumpled up the bit of white paper, which was handed to him and stamped on it.

"In a man of peace, and I have deep religious feelings," he said, "but darn my eyes if I don't you are certain to have my fill you so full of land that it'll take two horses to draw you home."

Then they parted. The major went home and cleaned his rifle. After the family prayers his wife sat up until midnight mending quilts, while the major sharpened the old axe on the grindstone.

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The family to take care of the house until he came back. When he started away to search for a living the major cried for the first time in his life. He earned a little money here and there at odd jobs, and sent all he could to his wife and children.



The major went as he embraced his little wife, and then he knelt down and offered up a thankful prayer. On the next day he became a Democrat, and now lives a life of contentment and true happiness.

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PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACT WORK. Grading Sixth Street.

COAL! OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., JULY 23, 1888.

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CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT FOR GRADING ST. ANTHONY AVENUE AND OTHER STREETS. OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., JULY 23, 1888.

Confirmation of Assessment for Grading St. Anthony Avenue and Other Streets.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY OF ST. PAUL, MINN., JULY 23, 1888.

The assessment of benefits, costs and expenses arising from the grading of St. Anthony Avenue, from Rice street to a point 1,000 feet west of Lexington Avenue, Martin street, from Arundel street to Kent street; Mackubin street, from Rondo street to Fuller street, in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, having been completed by the Board of Public Works in and for said city, said Board will meet at their office in said city at 2 p. m. on the 31st day of August, A. D. 1888, to hear objections (if any) to said assessment, at which time and place, unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, said assessment will be confirmed by said Board.

The following is a list of the supposed owners' names, a description of the property benefited and the amounts assessed against the same, to-wit: A. G. Fuller's Addition to St. Paul.

Supposed owner and description. Lot. Block. Benefits. John A. Fuller (except St. Anthony Avenue) north 10 ft and St. Anthony Avenue)..... 2 1 \$27 00

Supposed owner and description. Lot. Block. Benefits. Wm Schwantes..... 10 \$32 25

Supposed owner and description. Lot. Block. Benefits. Richard J. Cheney..... 8 23 11 25

Supposed owner and description. Lot. Block. Benefits. J. W. Pence..... 15, 16, 17 1 \$54 50

Supposed owner and description. Lot. Block. Benefits. John J. Pearson (except St. Anthony Avenue)..... 1 8 \$28 50

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Buell & Mackubin's Out Lots, St. Paul.

Supposed owner and description. Lot. Block. Benefits. Henry Varner..... 1 \$101 50

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