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Citation Hearing Petition for Appointment of Administrator.

State of North Dakota, County of Griggs. In County Court, before Hon. Will H. Carleton, Judge. In the matter of the estate of Syver Johnson deceased.

Alfred Johnson, Petitioner.

Karl Johnson, Citation Hearing Petition for Appointment of Administrator.

Simon Johnson, Respondents.

John Johnson, Respondents.

Lena Johnson, Respondents.

The State of North Dakota to the above named Respondents and all persons interested in the estate of Syver Johnson, deceased:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Alfred Johnson, the petitioner herein, has filed in this Court his petition, praying that letters of administration upon the estate of Syver Johnson, late of the Town of Pilot Mound in the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, be granted to S. J. Rustin and that the said petition will be heard and duly considered by this Court on Monday the 20th day of July 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 Town of Cooperstown, County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, and you, and each of you, are hereby cited to appear before this Court at said time and place, to answer said petition, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

By the court, WILL H. CARLETON, Judge of the County Court, 6-11-03 Dated at Cooperstown, North Dakota, this 8th day of June, 1903.

Notice of Mortgage Sale by Advertisement.

Notice is hereby given, That certain mortgage, executed and delivered by Theodore G. Thompson and Adolph Thompson, both single men, mortgagors, to the American Freehold Land Mortgage Co., of London, Limited. Mortgage dated the first day of February A. D. nineteen hundred and one and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, on the 8th day of February A. D. 1901, at 2:30 p. m., and pages 204-5 will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises in such Mortgage and hereinafter described, to the American Freehold Land Mortgage Co., in the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, at the hour of 10 o'clock P. M. on Monday the first day of August 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 Griggs and State of North Dakota, and described as follows, to-wit: The west half (W 1/2) of section fifteen (15), township one hundred forty-eight (148), range 89 (89), containing three hundred and twenty (320) acres of land, more or less, according to the government survey thereof.

There will be due on such mortgage at the date of sale the sum of sixteen hundred eighteen and 00/100 (\$16,180.00) dollars.

Dated at Fargo, North Dakota, this 22nd day of June, 1903.

The American Freehold Land Mortgage Co., of London, Limited. Mortgagee.

Jno. D. Farrand, Attorney for Mortgagee, Fargo, North Dakota. 6-25

Notice of Chattel Mortgage Sale.

Notice is hereby given that default has been made in the conditions of that certain mortgage made by Richard Curren of Cooperstown County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, Mortgagor, to Hammer & Conly of Cooperstown County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, Mortgagees, dated the 24th day of November 1902, to secure the following indebtedness to-wit: One hundred eighty-eight dollars and which mortgage was duly filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of Griggs County, State of North Dakota, on the 11th day of Nov. 1902, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., and which default is of the following nature, to-wit:

By abandoning property and leaving the country, and that there is claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice the sum of two hundred three and 65/100 dollars for principal and interest.

And that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the personal property in such mortgage and hereinafter described, at public auction, according to the statutes in such case made and provided, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday the 1st day of July 1903. That personal property which will be sold to satisfy said mortgage is described as follows, to-wit:

One gray horse about 7 years old weight about 1500 lbs., name Mark, one dark bay horse 3 years old weight 1000 lbs., name Cap, one bay horse 7 years old weight about 1400 lbs., name Ted has a white feet and white face, one bay horse 11 years old weight about 1500 lbs., name Ned 2 white hind feet, white face, one 3/4 skein 3 inch tire Winona wagon complete with water tank. One lumber cook car with truck wagon under it together with stove and all cooking utensils therein. One 14 inch Bemets gang plow, one 14 inch X-ray Bradley gang plow. One gray mare 6 years old weight about 1400 lbs., name Kate, one gray mare about 7 years old weight about 1400 lbs.

S. O. HAGEN, Agent. July 13th 1903, Cooperstown, North Dakota.

Treasurer's Report.

For Bartley School District No. 12, County of Griggs State of North Dakota, for the year 1902-1903.

Receipts.

Cash on hand at beginning of school year, July 1, 1902	600 38
Total amount received during the year from the appointment of the State Tuition Fund	88 10
Total amount received during the year from the appointment of the County Tuition Fund	50 58
Amount collected during the year from taxes levied by the District School Board including outstanding warrants redeemed or endorsed in the collection of Taxes	1042 96
Amount received during the year from other sources	4 90
Total receipts for the year	\$1786 92
Cash on hand July 1, 1902	\$1786 92

Expenditures.

Amount paid during the year for school houses, sites and furniture	\$ 411 40
Amount paid during the year for Appraisals, Statutes, etc.	55 36
Amount paid during the year for teachers' wages	862 50
Amount paid during the year for salaries and expenses of school officers	59 00
Amount paid during the year for interest on warrants	57 77
Amount paid during the year for incidental expenses	79 66
Total expenditures for the year	1825 69
Cash on hand June 30, 1903	201 23
Grand total, expenditures and cash on hand, to balance above total receipts	\$1786 92

NICOLAI SWENSON, Treasurer of Bartley School District No. 12, Approved this 8th day of July A. D. 1903. By order of the District School Board: ISAAC ISAACSON, President.

Attest: JOHN B. ARMSTRONG, District Clerk.

Clerk's Statement of Indebtedness of District.

Where amount of warrants outstanding

June 30, 1902	\$ 46 05
Total indebtedness of District June 30, 1902	\$ 46 05
Approved this 8th day of July A. D. 1903. By order of the District School Board: JOHN B. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.	

Notice and Citation, Hearing of Final Account and Distribution.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, County of Griggs. In County Court, before Hon. W. H. Carleton, Judge. In the matter of the guardianship of Josephine J. Stromme and Julia J. Stromme, Minors. Nels Henningson, Guardian.

Josephine J. Stromme, and Julia J. Stromme, Respondents.

Notice and Citation, Hearing of Final Account and Distribution of Estate.

The State of North Dakota to the above named Respondents:

You, the said Josephine J. Stromme and Julia J. Stromme are hereby notified that the final account of Nels Henningson guardian of Josephine J. Stromme and Julia J. Stromme of the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, minors, has been returned to this Court, therein showing that the estate of said minors is ready for final settlement and distribution, and petitioning that his account be allowed, the residue of said estate be distributed to the persons thereunto entitled, his guardianship be closed and he be discharged; that Monday, the seventh day of September A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the court room of this Court, in the County Court House, in the Town of Cooperstown, County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, has been duly 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 account and petition and contest the same.

And you, the above named respondents, and each of you, are hereby cited and required that you do appear and appear before this Court and show cause, if any you have, why said account shall not be allowed, the residue of said estate distributed, the guardianship of said estate closed and said guardian discharged.

By the court, WILL H. CARLETON, Judge of the county court. Dated the 20th day of July A. D. 1903. 7-30

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the estate of Nels C. Rukke deceased:

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Wm. C. Rukke administrator of the estate of Nels C. Rukke, late of the Town of Pilot Mound, in the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to said administrator at his office, in the town of Aneta, in Nelson County, North Dakota.

Dated July 24th, A. D. 1903. Wm. C. Rukke, Administrator. 7-30

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the estate of Sever Johnson deceased:

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned John K. Olson administrator of the estate of Sever Johnson, late of the Town of Pilot Mound, in the County of Griggs and State of North Dakota, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to said administrator at his home, in the Town of Pilot Mound, in Nelson County, North Dakota.

Dated July 22nd, A. D. 1903. JOHN K. OLSON, Administrator. 7-23

MUSINGS.

Wit that wounds is the cruel surgery of speech. Heaven help the man whose friends are all enemies. If you must refuse a favor, learn the art of being polite about it. The money that makes one mare go often makes the other mare stop. You have not lost your fortune as long as you have not lost your life. Make chums of your wife and children and know the whole charm of home. There is no such thing as ease within the belief of men and women whose hearts are unselfish. Men of small minds are slow to see in any man more than they are capable of seeing in themselves. You can bet your boots, my boy, your boss knows what you are about. You don't fool him; you fool yourself. To be important is one thing; to look important is another thing, but to feel important, there you have the fellow who really enjoys his own society.—Schoolmaster.

Finland Grammar.

Finland grammar is of a difficulty absolutely repulsive. None of the other languages of the same group is half so hard. Hungarian—nay, even Turkish, despite the vexatious initial impediment of the Arabic alphabet—is easy in comparison. The syntax is at once provokingly elaborate and perplexingly obscure. It possesses fifteen distinct cases and four and twenty differentiated infinitive forms; but, on the other hand, there is no real distinction between nouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, infinitives and participles, so that the student must not be startled by finding infinitives regularly declined like nouns, and nouns taking upon them degrees of comparison like adjectives.

A Rare Old Book.

The second book printed in the English language was "The Game and Playe of the Chess," which the title page says was "Fynnyshid the last day of Marche, the yer of our lord god a thousande foure hundred and LXXIIJ." Only twelve copies of the work are now known to exist. In 1813 an Englishman of the name of Alchorne sold his copy for a sum equal to \$270 in United States currency. Fifty-six years later, in 1809, the same volume (an imperfect copy) was sold for \$2,150. The British museum has refused an offer of \$10,000 for its copy, which is imperfect to the extent of having seven leaves missing.

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Lewis	De 12:58 p. m.	Ar 2:36 p. m.
Hanford	De 12:57 p. m.	Ar 2:55 p. m.
Leslie	De 12:15 p. m.	Ar 3:13 p. m.
Lovell	De 11:50 a. m.	Ar 3:30 p. m.
Cooperstown	Ar 11:00 a. m.	Ar 4:00 p. m.
Shepard	De 10:42 a. m.	Ar 4:18 p. m.
Hanford	De 10:18 a. m.	Ar 4:42 p. m.
Dacey	De 9:45 a. m.	Ar 5:16 p. m.
Royers	De 9:12 a. m.	Ar 5:50 p. m.
Sanborn	De 8:35 a. m.	Ar 6:30 p. m.

Sanborn EAST BOUND. No. 8, Passenger. 6:52 p. m. No. 2, Passenger. 4:38 a. m. WEST BOUND. No. 3, Passenger. 7:18 a. m. No. 1, Passenger. 7:53 p. m.

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