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Order of Publication.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss,
County of Bates,
In the probate court for the county of Bates,
November term, 1888. Charles F. Pharis, administrator, John Irvin, deceased.

Order of Publication.
Charles F. Pharis, administrator of John Irvin deceased presents to the court his petition, praying for an order for the sale of so much of the real estate of said deceased as will pay and satisfy the remaining debts due by said estate, and yet unpaid for want of sufficient assets accompanied by the accounts, lists and inventories required by law in such case; and an examination whereof it is ordered that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, be notified that application as aforesaid has been made, and unless the contrary be shown on or before the first day of the next term of this court to be held on the second Monday of February next, an order will be made for the sale of the whole, or so much of the real estate of said deceased as will be sufficient for the payment of said debts; and it is further ordered, that this notice be published in some newspaper in this state for four weeks before the next term of this court.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss,
County of Bates,
I, J. S. FRANCISCO, Judge of the probate court, held in and for said county, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original order of publication therein referred to, as the same appears of record in my office.
Witness my hand and seal of said court, Done at office in Butler, Mo., this 13th day of December, 1888.
J. S. FRANCISCO, Judge of Probate.

Order of Publication.

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County of Bates,
In the probate court for the county of Bates,
November term, 1888. J. W. Ennis, administrator, Ezra H. Hennis, deceased.

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Witness my hand and seal of said court, Done at office in Butler, Missouri, 20th day of December, A. D. 1888.
J. S. FRANCISCO, Judge of Probate.

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that letters testamentary on the estate of Joel S. Wright deceased were granted to the undersigned, on the 25th day of January, 1889, by the probate court of Bates county, Missouri.
All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the executor within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they shall be forever barred. This 5th day of January, 1889.
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THE OBI RAILROAD.

An Enterprise of Great Commercial and Geographical Importance.

The question of opening the interior of Siberia becomes more and more important. While hitherto the canals between the large rivers, and projects of navigating the dangerous Kara Sea, were foremost among the plans that seemed likely to be realized, the project of a railroad from the lower Obi to the coast west of Nova Zembla has at present assumed definite shape. The Russian newspapers give the following reports of the project: The Obi railroad, the most northern road ever planned, will be of the greatest economic importance to Siberia. It deserves special attention, as the projectors do not demand any subsidy or Government guaranties. The river Malaja-Obi, near Obdorsk, is the starting point of the projected line, which will take a direction towards the foothills of the Ural Mountains. The latter will be crossed in one of the transversal valleys, which are not over one hundred feet above sea level. It will cross the river Ussa near its source and reach the ocean through the tundra of Bolcheyemsk. Its terminus will be in the Bay of Shainoudir, near Belcoff Nosse. The total length of the line will be two hundred and sixty miles. The price of construction, including rolling stock, is estimated at forty thousand dollars, or ten million dollars the whole line. The establishment of a port on the Arctic Ocean in the locality mentioned above, with all modern improvements for loading and unloading vessels, is estimated at one and half million dollars. To this must be added the cost of establishing a line of river boats on the Obi and Irish, which is estimated at two and a half million dollars. Thus the whole plan requires the expenditure of fifteen million dollars in works of construction.

It is believed that the line can be worked for six months of the year. The products of the remotest parts of the Obi basin will be carried to the shipping port on the ocean in twelve days, while twelve days more will be sufficient to carry them to London. The price per hundred weight is estimated at \$1.30; while on the present route, via Barnaul, Perm, St. Petersburg, London, it is \$2.25, the time necessary to accomplish this distance being 130 days.

The railroad, which has been projected by Mr. Golovachoff, is intended as a means for making the transactions of a Siberian commercial company, which has been founded recently, profitable. According to the concession granted by the Russian Government, this road will not be open to the public, but will only be used by the grantee, who proposes to export the grain and stock from Southern Siberia, and hopes to be able to furnish the London market with North Siberian fish. On the other hand, the company will import principally machinery, which so far has hardly found its way to Siberia, and other articles which are at present imported by Moscow merchants.—*Science.*

GRADES IN CHINAWARE.

A Drummer Gives Away Some of the Secrets of the Business.
Few people are aware of what are known as firsts, seconds and thirds in chinaware, so that when they purchase goods they believe that they are of the same quality, and only look for beauty. Hence, when they have bought a piece or set of chinaware and observe something wrong or peculiar about it and yet can not understand why it is different from other chinaware, they have received a second. A first in chinaware is something that is perfect and without flaw. This class of goods commands the best prices, and is not often reduced at sales. When the goods just fall short of being perfect, that is, defective in workmanship, not noticeable to the casual observer, they are seconds and sell lower than the firsts. A little crack in the glazing, a scratch or an indentation makes a second. So, also, you will find the plate warped or the bottom of a saucer uneven. This was caused by some accident in firing. It makes the goods seconds. Some dealers sell firsts and seconds at the same price, making no distinction to the customer, and even deliver a second where a first was chosen, thinking only the pattern will be noticed, and most people would not notice the difference at once. The best houses make the distinction by setting a different price on the goods, so that a purchaser wonders why apparently the same sets of china-ware are of unequal charge. The dealer simply says one is more perfect than the other. Sometimes the dealers mix the two grades and sell them as firsts. This is as bad as making no distinctions between firsts and seconds. The thirds are goods that are defective. In every firing of china some pieces are imperfect, and yet not so bad as to be thrown away. They are assorted into a third grade and sold cheap. Hotels, restaurants and places where the china-ware is apt to be broken purchase thirds.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

—On looking over the most successful farmers in any community are they the most intelligent or the most ignorant? Are they the men who keep their brains bright and well supplied with sound thoughts drawn from good agricultural reading, or are they the men who never take an agricultural paper, who read and think as little as possible?—*Hoard's Dairymen.*

CORN CULTIVATION.

How the Disadvantages of a Dry Season Can Be Best Overcome.

At the close of each growing season there are some lessons of the year that should be gathered up and rehearsed in order to fix them permanently in mind, and also to add to the stock of general information, which all should be glad to increase to its utmost extent. If the changes for each month for the entire season came in routine order—recurring at stated times in exact periods of duration—the science of agriculture would long since have reached beyond the domain of conjecture and entered the list of exact sciences. The effectual processes that bring success in this year's operations would be the pattern for next season's practice in every line of farming. But in proportion as the changes of the season differ, so the application of different practices becomes necessary. While we are striving to determine what system of tactics to employ in a wet or cold season, we forget what manipulation of the soil becomes necessary for a dry one.

In discussing this phase of farming with a few gathered farmers at a neighbor's fireside lately, the special subject of growing corn in a dry season came up, and it was generally conceded that our knowledge of cause and effect in the growth of this crop was very limited. The heroic treatment of continued cultivation has proved fatal in every instance, especially where any thing more than surface cultivation was attempted. Many fields, under a system that would be considered slack, when gauged by the usual effective methods, have produced all that could have been expected in average years, while constant and thorough cultivation damaged and dwindled the crop down to a meager half.

There is a limit beyond which cultivation ceases to do good, and is frequently, especially in a dry season, a serious damage. When the soil is free from weeds, and is well pulverized, no further manipulation can increase its power of appropriating its essential food and moisture. Every attempt to increase this power disturbs the operations of the root system and checks the growth of the plant. Apple trees are frequently pruned so severely that they die of their wounds. Every nurseryman knows that it takes from seven to ten days for young trees to recover, and begin to grow after each pruning of the top. In a wet season, when the earth has a full supply of moisture, corn grows in spite of vigorous cultivation, and indeed the fact that the season is wet, often prevents excessive stirring of the soil. The rule that is here now commonly accepted, is to stir the surface of the ground after each heavy rain that is liable to crust the top soil; but while the earth is becoming drier and drier, keep out of the corn and sit in the shade rather than work it then.

We know so little of what is going on beneath the first two inches of earth that it is not surprising that we allow custom instead of knowledge to guide our acts. The effectiveness of improved machinery makes it comparatively easy to stir the soil to any reasonable depth. With this power to do comes the desire and fashion, with no consideration for the evil that may be done to the growing crop. Harrowing wheat in the spring with the view of improving the growth is a twin fallacy that ought to go to that crowded limbo of rejected theories where such nonsense naturally belongs.—*Cor. Country Gentleman.*

HOW WOOD IS BENT.

How the Latest Machines Devised for This Purpose Do Their Work.

Recent construction employs bent wood much more largely than formerly; replacing thereby sawed forms of irregular shape or built-up members with mortised and tenoned joints. Bent wood is now largely used in wagons, carriages and car building, chair making and the like; and it has even been seriously proposed for ship-building to replace by bent members all knees and other timber of curved outline. The steam-bow makes the wood pliable, and when cold it retains the form into which it was bent while hot. Recent machines bend small articles around hollow steam-heated rollers, thus doing away with the necessity of opening a steam-box and maintaining tight joints therein.

In bending shafts the formers and beds are arranged in sections each to hold ten shafts, one section of ten being made right and the other left handed. All twenty of the shafts get their vertical curvature around a drum as in plow-handle bending, and the lateral bend is accomplished after the shafts have been brought down to the horizontal plane and the bed for the vertical bend thus formed. Both the form for the horizontal and the bed for the horizontal are hollow and heated by steam.

In a recent plow-handle bender, the formers are cast in one piece, making a cylinder to admit steam. Upon the periphery of this there are fifteen grooves of proper depth to suit the inside shape and circle of the handle, and at the terminus of the grooves there are lugs cast to attach long handles to. Each handle is placed in a socket and bent by a lever, over a former; being allowed to remain two and one-half hours in place. After this the handle will remain in shape in any climate.—*Cor. Mechanical News.*

(LEXINGTON & SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

Commencing Sunday, May 13th, and until further notice, trains will leave Butler as follows:

GOING NORTH.	
Kansas City Express.....	4:45 A. M.
Kansas City Express.....	4:50 P. M.
Local Freight.....	10:30 A. M.
GOING SOUTH.	
Texas Express.....	12:33 P. M.
Texas Express.....	9:40 P. M.
Local Freight.....	2:32 P. M.
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GOING WEST.	
Passenger.....	12:40 P. M.
Freight.....	8:00 A. M.
GOING EAST.	
Passenger.....	4:25 P. M.
Freight.....	4:00 P. M.

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