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Merlatti, an Italian Painter, Undertaker & Fifty Days' Fast. On Oct. 27 last, Merlatti, a young Italian painter, began a fast of fifty days. It will end on Dec. 17. It is a more test of individual endurance, on a par with our bridge jumping, but Merlatti is the sensation of Paris, and his effort is closely watched by the scientific men of Europe. A Paris paper thus describes him: "Seated, or rather stretched, upon a long chair of red rep, with heavy fringes, he spends much of the day reading with the greatest interest the newspapers, in which every morning the public is kept informed of the slightest incidents of his daily life. He is a man of about 23 years, of slight figure, dark skin and beardless, very nervous, and who talks with volubility and exuberant gesticulations. Not far from him is a sofa transformed into a sort of judicial bench, where the watchers sit, relieving each other every six hours. Many visitors are introduced from time to time, and engage in conversation with the faster. He is very willing to talk, and replies to all the questions that are put to him. His fast is simply the result of a bet. Merlatti formerly lived for some time in London. While there he and some of his friends once got into a discussion as to the length of time a man could survive without nourishment. Some of them wagered that they could go without food for four, five or six days; others for an entire week. Merlatti offered to bet that he could fast thirty-six days. He was his bet, he says, without suffering in the slightest degree. His present undertaking does not frighten him at all. He has a good stomach and unlimited courage, and he is certain of winning. The only nourishment that he takes is pure water, a decanter filled with which is always standing on his mantel piece. When he began his fast he occupied a modest little apartment in the Rue Tranchet. Now, however, he is lodged in more spacious quarters in the Grand hotel, where he occupies handsomely furnished apartments on the first floor. It is here Merlatti receives those who come to see him—physicians, scientists and journalists of all nationalities.



WILLIAM A. WHEELER. The Thirtieth Vice-President of the United States. William A. Wheeler, who is now reported quite ill at his home in Malone, Franklin county, N. Y., was the thirtieth vice-president of the United States, being declared elected on the same ticket as Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876. He was born in Malone, N. Y., sixty-six years ago, and choosing the law for his profession, studied, was admitted and for a number of years practiced law in his native village. Somewhat early in life he turned his attention to public affairs, and was elected a member of the state assembly in 1850, serving two years. In 1857 and 1858 he was a member of the upper house of the state legislature, and in 1859 was sent to congress. He filled no other public position until 1870. In the meantime he entered the banking business in his native place, and for some time was president of the Ogdensburg and Rouse's Point Railroad company. The circumstances attendant and following the election of 1876, by which, through the electoral commission, Mr. Wheeler was made vice-president, are too well remembered to need recitation here. Since his retirement from the high position he was then elevated to Mr. Wheeler has lived very quietly at Malone.



Clerks Who Speculate. I think that young man makes twenty cents every time he buys stamps here. I know the firm he works for, and it is unlikely they would send him for ninety stamps every time. He always gives me \$2 and pockets the change. There is another young clerk whom I have got my eye on. He has brought here from time to time stamped envelopes with the name of the firm for which he works branded upon them. These he had exchanged for postage stamps. If the envelopes were spoiled in directing or mutilated in any way there would be no suspicion, but they are whole and without a scratch upon them. These fly young men need watching. -Postal Clerk in Albany Journal.

Maj. Gen. Pope who is now on the retired list, has located in St. Louis. Fred. Douglass in England. Frederick Douglass, who has been traveling on the continent, wrote a letter to a citizen of Jefferson, Tex., in which he says: "I am again on the soil of dear old England. The contrast between my present visit and that of 1845 is striking. Then I came as a slave, now I come as a freeman; then as an alien, now as a citizen; then I was young, now I am comparatively old; then to plead the cause of my brethren in bonds, now to tell of their freedom and progress." -Exchange.

A country glares over the list of contributors to Longman's Magazine discloses eight American writers, namely: John Burroughs, Mr. Matthew Eggar, Brewster, Charles G. Leland, Mrs. Harv. W. Henderson, Mr. Howells and Henry James. Three others—Gret Allen, W. Clark Russell and John Sargent—might almost be designated as American writers. -New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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Notice to Creditors. Territory of Dakota, County of Griggs, ss. In Probate Court. In the matter of the estate of Platt S. Buell, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Platt S. Buell, deceased, and has been duly qualified in such capacity. All persons having claims against the estate of said Platt S. Buell, are hereby notified and required to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, at the office of the judge of probate of the county of Griggs, aforesaid, within four months from the first publication of this notice. Which is made on the 2nd day of Oct. 1887. WALLACE P. BUELL, Sole Executor.

Mortgage Sale. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage executed and delivered by Allen Pinkerton, mortgagor, to D. Stuart Banks, mortgagee, dated the 20th day of August, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and recorded as a mortgage in the office of the register of deeds, of the county of Griggs, in the territory of Dakota, on the 20th day of August, A. D. 1883, at 7:10 o'clock p. m., in book "E" of mortgages, on page 153, on which the claim do by due, at the date of this notice, the sum of six hundred and eighty-two (682) dollars, and no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. By reason of such default, and the non-institution of action, the power to sell the property described in said mortgage has become and is operative, and under the power of sale in said mortgage contained, the said mortgagee elects to declare and maintain that the whole sum secured by said mortgage and now unpaid is due and payable.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and of the statute in such cases made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises there-in described, which sale will be made at the front door of the court house, in the city of Cooperstown, in the county of Griggs and territory of Dakota, at public auction, by the sheriff of said county, or by his deputy duly appointed on Friday, the 18th day of March, A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to satisfy the amount which shall then be due on said mortgage, with the interest thereon, and costs and expenses of sale, the sum paid by said mortgagee for taxes and interest thereon, and fifty dollars attorney's fees, stipulated in said mortgage in case of foreclosure. The premises described in said mortgage, and so to be sold, are the lot, piece or parcel of land situated in the county of Griggs and territory of Dakota, and known and described as follows, to-wit: The northwest quarter (nw 1/4) section six (6), in township one hundred and forty-six (146), north of range No. fifty-eight (58), containing 160 acres of land, more or less according to the government survey thereof. Dated at Fargo, Dakota Territory, this 9th day of January, 1887. D. STUART BANKS, Mortgagee. A. C. Labree, Attorney for Mortgagee. Grand Forks, Dakota Territory. 3-8

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