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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., Feb. 23d, 1897.
 Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz:
 Edwin Ludbury, H. E. No. 6350, for the southeast quarter of Sec. 6, township 143, n., r. 88, w., and names the following as his witnesses: Thomas Curtis, Edward Keyes, Charles E. Bennett and Charles Curtis, all of P. O. Asthabula, Barnes county, D. T.
 The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Judge of district court, or in his absence before Alex. McConnell, clerk of the district court at Valley City, Barnes county, D. T., on Thursday, the 14th day of April, A. D. 1897, at his office.
 MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register
 H. Winterer atty.
NOTICE—U. S. Land Office, Fargo, D. T., Dec. 15, 1896. Complaint having been entered at this office by Edward A. Thoregaard against John L. Benson for abandoning his homestead entry No. 12843 dated April 24, 1883, upon the northwest 1/4 of sec. 22, township 145 n., range 61 w. in Griggs county, D. T., with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on Wednesday the 30th day of January, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.
 E. C. GEAREY, Receiver.
 A. B. GUTHRIE, Plaintiff's Atty., Fargo, Dak.

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 as such.
 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. 1896.
 WALLACE P. BUELL Sole Executor.

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo, D. T., January 21st, 1897. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before John N. Jorgensen, clerk sixth judicial district court at Cooperstown, D. T., on Saturday March 12th, 1897, viz: Lavilla M. Howard, D. S. No. 12464, for the n. w. 1/4 of sec. 4 and 1/2 of n. w. 1/4 of sec. 22, tp. 146, r. 60. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Sylvester Flick, Ernest W. Kern, Arthur Knapp, Seth Wyland, of Willow, Griggs county, D. T.
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RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.

—Russia, with a population of about 100,000,000, has 55 bishops, 100,000 clergymen, 37,000 monks and nuns, and 41,000 churches.
 —Prof. Dwight told the graduates of the Columbia Law School that lawyers were divided into four classes—the jurist, the advocate, the tolling lawyer and the shyster.—N. Y. Tribune.

—The Sabbath-schools of Morris County, N. J., have erected a monument to the memory of Congressman John Hill, a famous Sunday-school man, well known throughout New Jersey as "Honest John Hill."

—Clark University, at Atlanta, under the auspices of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is in a flourishing condition, and now has a complete industrial department, including carpentry, carriage-making, printing and housekeeping.—Christian Union.

—A young minister of Oglethorpe County, Ga., in order to raise funds for his Sunday-school, requests the scholars in his school to bring an egg every Sunday, for which he pays them, and by re-selling the eggs secures the needed money to pay the expenses of the school.—St. Louis Globe.

—The St. Paul Mail Gazette having stated that Mr. Ruskin resigned his fine-art professorship at Oxford on account of his years, he informs that journal that he severed his relations with the university solely on account of the vote of the convocation same being vivisection in the physiological laboratory.

—An eminent and aged divine accented a young preacher as follows: "My dear friend I have long noticed that clergymen deal much in compliments when privately addressing their parishioners. Don't do so; it lowers their estimation of you, and is bad for them. Adults may like molasses, but they prefer to feed themselves."—N. Y. Times.

—Miss Katy Gleason, of Rochester, N. Y., is studying practical mechanics in Cornell University, and is the only lady student in that department. She has already had one year's experience in the office of her father's extensive machine shop, and is now preparing to become a thorough draughtsman and scientific mechanist, with the intention of taking charge of the designing and draughting department of her father's business.—Rochester Times.

—The Boston Advertiser compares the school registers of 1881 with that of 1891, and shows that of 345 towns in Massachusetts, 140 are losing in population; and it gives a list of twenty-four school districts in the central part of the State whose school population has fallen off one-third to one-half. A correspondent of the Advertiser writes that they have just closed the school-house of his boyhood, because there were only six pupils, and two of these were from outside the district, where in his childhood was a school of fifty or sixty children.

WIT AND WISDOM.

—Prosperity and prudence are spelled differently, but they mean the same thing.
 —Every man has his follies, and oftentimes they are the most interesting things he has got.—Cash Bill in J. S.

—When you hear a man say "I will risk my honor that this is true," you can generally make up your mind that his honor is not paying a very heavy dividend.—Boston Post.

—"Is land high in Vermont?" asked a speculator of a Green Mountain farmer. "On just bet it is!" was the reply. "If the trees wasn't so stunted the clouds couldn't get by at all."—Troy Times.

—We cough when something wrong gets into the throat. What a tumult there would be if some men had to cough every time something wrong came out of their throats.—Baltimore American.

—"What do I want a German student lamp for?" asked old Blumber, when the dealer tried to sell him a lamp. "I don't know nothing about the darned Dutch tberish. I shouldn't lean to read by it in a thousand years."—N. Y. Times.

—A French lady, on her arrival in this country, was careful to eat only such dishes as she was acquainted with; and, being pressed to partake of a dish new to her, she politely replied: "No, I thank you; I eat only my own acquaintances."—Oil City Derrick.

—"Thought you said this train stopped here twenty minutes for refreshments?" growled the cross passenger. "So 't does," said the brakeman, "but they ain't no refreshments and never's been any. Don't blame the train; it stops all right. Blaze her out at the refreshments."—N. Y. Herald.

—Philosophy.—
 Our fondest hopes are oft destroyed,
 But why in tears bewail our plight?
 The trouble that one can't avoid
 A world of grieving won't set right.
 Thou do not walk the floor in woe
 Because a noise is abroad;
 But let the man walk whom you owe—
 He'll do enough of it for two.
 —Boston Courier.

—Dar's er good deal o' hippercritness 'bout de pesson wint 'fuses ter eat er dove 'case dat bird foun' de lan' fur Noah. Er dove ain't no better satisfied den when, jes' behin' de partridge, he is er heppin' to pull up de young co'n. Ef I had de dove wint foun' de lan' I wouldn't eat him, but all de under ones mus' look out fur me.—Arkansas Traveler.

—The school savings banks of France have been wonderfully successful. In 1879, five years after their foundation, there were 10,440 schools provided with such banks, and 224,200 depositors. The numbers have now risen to 21,494 schools and 442,021 depositors.

Strategy of a White Cat

Quizzing is not altogether confined to the blacks of the falling tribe, as believers in which lore assert. A south-end one, as plump and fluffy as a full-burst cotton-ball and as white as the snow-bank beside which she crouched, showed remarkable shrewdness at Springfield, Mass., in earning her dinner. Apparently reasoning, if cats reason, that a flock of sparrows, taking a picked up meal in the road near by, would not distinguish her from the surrounding whiteness, she patiently waited, now lifting one paw and then the other to keep the blood circulating, till a luckless bird strayed within reach, when she pounced on her twittering prey and scampered off with it down a neighboring alley. The rest of the sparrow seemed astonished for a moment at such audacity, and then they winked at each other as much as to say, "That gives more grub for the rest of us," and went on with their gleanings.

Silence in the Back Yard.

Mr. A. Wanks occupies a rear room in the third story of a Forty-fifth street boarding-house. At early morn, when the milkman was abroad in Forty-fifth street, Wanks' repose was undisturbed. The uproar from rag-pickers, drays and fruit-vendors was a lullaby to Wanks. But his calm of mind, unbroken by the concentrated noises of New York, gave way before the efforts of three cats in the yard below, and he would lean far out of his window into the soft air of a June night and hurl what property of a portable nature he possessed at the olivine's below.

On Sunday, having spent some time in removing to his room various articles which had found lodgment in the yard, Mr. Wanks bethought him of an experiment. On Monday evening he returned to his apartment with three large dynamite torpedoes, and standing them on the window-sill, retired to rest. At three a. m. he was aroused by the usual notes under his window. He arose, and grasping a torpedo in each hand, looked out. Two of the cats were billing and cooing in the yard beneath. Mr. Wanks poised an explosive so that it would strike just at their side and dropped it. There was a terrible report that rattled all the neighboring kitchen windows and startled the occupants of rear rooms. One cat gave a wild leap and lit on the fence twenty feet away, but the other was nowhere to be seen. Subsequently two tufts of hair were found by the fence, and in the next yard a tail, and now through the entire night the silence in that back yard is like the silence of the tomb, but on Wanks' window-sill there still repose two dynamite torpedoes.—N. Y. Tribune.

—During the past eighteen years, according to the Irish World, the Irish Roman Catholics have contributed for various church purposes—houses of worship, convents, colleges, schools, etc.—about \$50,000,000. This includes \$2,500,000 paid to the Pope. The Irish are a poor people, and have given this large sum out of their poverty.

—It is safe to say that not more than one-half the school population in the South received an education covering the school age. But, in addition to the children, there are 1,304,074 males twenty-one years of age and upward who are illiterate. Adding these to the children who attended no school, we have a grand total of 4,040,690 in the South who at present have no adequate educational advantages.—N. Y. Herald.

Notice of Final Proof—Land office at Fargo, D. T., January 27, 1897. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereof, viz: Thomas Tronison, H. E. No. 12866, for the south west quarter of sec. 10, tp. 145, n. r. 88, w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Christ Balkan, Arne Luckason, John Pates and George Gullikson, all of Cooperstown, P. O., Griggs county, D. T.
 The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Peter B. Nelson, Judge and ex-officio clerk of probate court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Thursday, 17th day of March, A. D. 1897, at his office.
 J. O. OIE, Atty. MICHAEL F. BATTELLE, Register.

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 of Dakota, at public auction, by the sheriff of Griggs, in the territory of Dakota, on the 20th day of August, A. D. 1893, at 7:10 o'clock p. m., in book "E" of mortgages, on page 153, on which there is claimed to be 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 sale of the mortgaged premises therein 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 sums 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, w., containing 160 acres of land, more or less according to the government survey thereof.
 Dated at Fargo, Dakota Territory, this 23rd day of January, 1897.
 D. STUART BANKS, Mortgagee.
 A. C. LEBER, Attorney for Mortgagee, Grand Forks, Dakota Territory.

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