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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 Ledbury, H. E. No. 6050, for the southeast quarter of Sec. 6, township 143, n. r. 58, w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Thomas Curtis, Edward Keyes, Charles E. Bennett and Charles Curtis, all of P. O. Astorbina, Barnes county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Judge of District Court, 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. BATTLE, Register, H. Winter City, 7-12

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF--Land Office at Fargo D. T., March 4th, 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:

John E. Warner, H. E. No. 8029, for the NW 1/4 of sec. 22, tp. 144 n, r. 58 w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: William Saar, Edward Ledbury, Fred Ledbury, Charley Schultz, all of Dazy P. O., Barnes county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before Peter E. Nelson, judge of the probate court for Griggs county, at Cooperstown, D. T., on Tuesday the 26th day of April, A. D., 1897, at his office.

MICHAEL F. BATTLE, Register, Glass & McLaren, Atty., 9-14

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF--Land Office at Fargo, D. T., March 9th, 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: Asmund Pederson, D. S. No. 16341 for the NW 1/4 of section 4, Tp. 148 n, r. 53 w., and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Sigwart Tande, Ole Aelskold, Toller R. Tolison and Fingard Larson, all of Lee P. O., Nelson county, D. T.

The testimony of claimant and witnesses to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, Clerk of the district court at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on Wednesday, the 27th day of April, A. D. 1897, at his office.

MICHAEL F. BATTLE, Register, J. Oie, Atty., 9-14

**Notice to Creditors.**

In the matter of the estate of Frank Hunter, deceased. All persons having claims against said Frank Hunter, deceased, are hereby notified and required to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned administrator of said estate, at his office in Cooperstown, in the county of Griggs, territory of Dakota, and that four months have been limited as the time for creditors to present their claims against said estate. Dated the 29th day of March, 1897.

WILLIAM GLASS, Administrator.

**RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL.**

--Russia, with a population of about 100,000,000, has 85 Bishops, 100,058 clergymen, 27,000 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 toiling 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 Freedman'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 Fall Hill Gazette having stated that Mr. Ruskin resigned his fine-art profession at Oxford on account of his years, he innocently that journal that he severed his relations with the university solely on account of the vote of the convocation on "sanctifying vivisection in the physiological laboratory."

--An eminent and aged divine accosted a young preacher as follows: "My dear friend I have long noticed that clergymen deal much in compliments with a private address to their parishioners. Do not 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 Kate 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 shops, and is now preparing to become a thorough draughtsman and scientific mechanic, with the intention of taking charge of the designing and draughting department of her father's business.--Hudson River Express.

--The Boston Advertiser compares the school register of 1881 with that of 1890, and shows that of 315 towns in Massachusetts, 181 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.--Josh Billings.

--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. "You 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 ought 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 Blimber, when the dealer tried to sell him a lamp. "I don't know nothing about the darned Dutch gabberish. I shouldn't lean to read by it in a thousand years."--N. Y. Post.

--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.  
 Then do not walk the floor in woe  
 Because a note is overdue.  
 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 pusson wunt 'fuses ter ent er dove 'case dat bird wunt 'de lan' fur Noah. Er dove ain't no better satisfied den when, jes' behin' de partridges, he is er heppin' to pull up de young co'n. Ef I had de dove wunt 'foan' de lan' I wouldn't eat him, but all 'de under ones nuns' look out fur me.--Arkansas Traveler.

--It is, of all things, not essential that a school-boy or girl shall know the various marks by which to distinguish the "A" in fat, far, fall or fame, and over which golden time is sure to be wasted.--Philadelphia Public Ledger.

**OVER THE RIO GRANDE.**

The Old Adobe Town of Paso Del Norte, Scenes Along the Railroad.

Crossing the iron bridge over the Rio Grande the first place is Paso Del Norte, a Mexican town of about 6,000 inhabitants. It is an old adobe town, embowered in trees and vines. As we passed rapidly through its dusty streets and gilded by its gay houses surrounded by high adobe walls, beautiful gardens, rich with flowers and trees of magnificent foliage, were to be seen on either side. Here and there a picturesque group of natives, clad in cotton shirts and pants, their heads shaded by straw sombreros of huge dimensions, were at work in the fields or idling beneath the shade of magnificent trees. Again they were to be seen tramping behind the patient burro, or riding that useful animal through the dusty streets. It is a comical sight to see a little, dusky, long eared animal carrying a native whose feet are hanging within a foot or so of mother earth; or packing a load of wood or hay so large that one can only see a head decorated with a pair of long ears, four feet in rapid motion and a tail wagging as if it expressed naught but pleasure and contentment.

In the doors and windows now and then we caught a glimpse of a senorita, who favored us with a glance from a pair of sparkling eyes. Little bare legged urchins seemed to be plentiful, and as they ran out in the dust to view the train or stood clinging timidly to their mother's skirts we could not help wondering what their ideas of the iron horse were and what changes American capital and energy would make in their land ere they passed the line that divides childhood and manhood. Paso Del Norte lies in a beautiful valley and the surrounding mountains standing with the shadows of the setting sun upon them, enhanced the scene by their picturesqueness. In a few moments we arrived at the Mexican Central station, a fine adobe structure with an open court, in the center of which were magnificent tropical plants and flowers. There are ample verandas on all sides, on which open-offices, waiting rooms and a restaurant. After partaking of a good supper we attended to our baggage. The custom officers examined it and placed a card on every article, which permitted it to enter the republic. They were very courteous and by no means prying in their examination.

Leaving Paso Del Norte we pass through the country south, along valleys surrounded by low mountain ranges and through the rich pastures of San Juan, Encinas and Sauz. Each little station pours forth its crowd of dusky inhabitants, and although we hear the click of the telegraph and see the well known sign of Wells-Fargo, we look in vain for the enterprising American. Vendors of fruit, candies, milk, chocolate and bread cry their goods upon each side of us wherever we make a stoppage. The country is a pastoral one on an enormous scale. Many thousands of cattle are grazing near the track and their trails run in all directions. As there are no fences we often hear the sharp toot of the whistle, and as we crane our necks out of the window we see cattle and other animals scampering away from the train. Night approaching we withdrew from the windows, and after willing away a few hours card playing, singing, etc., we retired to our comfortable berths.--Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

**The Lord Mayor's Mistake.**

The lord mayor, a few years ago, was trying a case at the mansion house. Not satisfied with the testimony of a witness, he cautioned him to be careful, saying: "You must be very careful in your statements, for I could have sworn that when I arose this morning I put my watch into my pocket, and I have only just missed it; and now recollect that I left it on my dressing table." On his return home, the lady mayoress asked what had caused him to send so many messengers in such quick succession for his watch and chain, as but one could take it to him. His lordship then saw his indiscretion. Several professional thieves had started immediately for that watch, and the first one had obtained it.--Youth's Companion.

**Salvationists in Ceylon.**

Miss Anna Ballard, well known among journalists in New York city as the only female member of the Press club, writes from Colombo, Ceylon, that the Salvation Army has attacked the island, but that the soldiers are regarded there with little favor. The natives haven't the least idea what they are up to, and think that their peculiar antics and goings on are only amusing illustrations of the peculiarities of the English people.--The Argonaut.

**Gen. Zachary Taylor.**

Wait Whitman remembers meeting Gen. Taylor in New Orleans about forty years ago, and found him, in civilian's clothes, "a jovial, old, round stout, plain man, with a wrinkled and dark, yellow face, and in ways and manner the least of conventional ceremony or etiquette I ever saw; he laughed unreservedly at everything I said. He had a great personal resemblance to Fenimore Cooper, the novelist."--Exchange.

**How Hazing Began at West Point.**

"I think that hazing began at West Point in 1827, my plebe year, and the same in which my old friend, Jefferson Davis, graduated. That year a young fellow--you would probably call him a dude in these days--entered the academy from one of the New England states, I forgot which one now. At any rate, the boys made him the first victim of the persecution since known as hazing. The treatment was very mild, and consisted of puns and satires upon his appearance, mimicry of his airs and graces, and, lastly, a seemingly accidental fall into a horse trough."--Gen. William Emory in Washington Post.

**Gen. N. P. Banks and Daughter.**

Miss Maud Banks, who is at present in Philadelphia, asserts that her going upon the stage received the cordial approval of her parents. Her father attends all her performances when she is playing anywhere near Boston, although before her debut he took no interest in theatrical matters. "He is now, she said the other day, "71 years old, and his hair is white as silver; but when I am at home he forgets 50 years of his age. We live on a farm of sixty acres just outside of Boston, and father manages to spend all the surplus revenue from his office as United States marshal in agricultural experiments. But the farm doesn't interfere with his official duties, as he is in his office daily."--New York Tribune.

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