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The Falling Leaves Give Warning of Winter

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NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga county, in the Superior court. Spring term, 1899. Sarah Hockaday vs. Frank Hockaday. The defendant in the above entitled action, Frank Hockaday, will take notice that the plaintiff, Sarah Hockaday, has commenced an action in the Superior court as entitled above to obtain a divorce from said defendant, and whereas, it is made to appear to the satisfaction of the court that he is a non resident of the State of North Carolina. It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Watauga Democrat for six weeks commencing the said defendant to appear before the Judge of the Superior court on the fourth Monday day after the first Monday in August, 1899, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, or the said plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in her complaint. June 15, '99. JOHN H. BINGHAM, C. S. C. W. R. LOVILL, Atty. for Pl't.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

If the administration follows its present method of showing its confidence in General Otis, to a logical conclusion, there will be a new commander in the Philippines before the fighting campaign opens. It began to show its confidence in General Otis, who had continually declared that 30,000 men were all he needed, by issuing the necessary orders to make the full strength of the army in the Philippines 40,000 men; then it was decided to make it 50,000, and the orders under which the ten new regiments are being recruited will raise the number to 63,000 men. To be logical the next order ought to name a new commander for this large army. The proceedings in connection with the order to recruit these last ten regiments which, by the way, will almost bring the volunteer army up to the limit set by Congress, where an object lesson in the wily wabley policy which this administration has so often adopted. At first it was positively denied that the order would be issued at all; then it was said that the regiments would be raised, but would merely be held as a reserve, and at last, when it could no longer be hidden, it was acknowledged that arrangements had been made to land the last of them at Manila about the first of December, which means they will leave San Francisco early in October.

The sending of a big army to the Philippines is a big political play on the part of the administration. This is recognized by all close political observers. The opinion of Col. W. E. McLean, of Indiana, who was Deputy Commissioner of pensions under the Cleveland administration, and who is now in Washington on his way to the G. A. R. encampment, to which he is a delegate-at-large, is that of thousands, regardless of politics. He said: "One thing is certain; if the Philippine war is not ended before the presidential campaign comes on, it is good bye to President McKinley. The war over there is fast growing in unpopularity. The policy of expansion is opposed by a great many western republicans, and the democrats are nearly an unit against it." Speaking of politics in his own state, Col. McLean said: "The Indiana democrat who is not for Bryan and the Chicago platform, is a man with out a party, and his position is so lonesome that he almost feels as though he had no party." The Colonel knows, as he was that sort of a democrat himself in 1896.

There is a paragraph in an official report just received by Surgeon General Sternberg from Major John R. Hoff, chief surgeon of the military district of Porto Rico, which is not calculated to make new shouters for imperialism among the thoughtful. In considering this very serious matter, it should not be forgotten that Porto Rico is the healthiest of our new island possessions. The paragraph is almost too plain spoken to be quoted in a family paper. Suffice it to say that in it Major Hoff speaks of the alarming prevalence of private diseases among our soldiers over there and says the indications are that it will not be long before a large percentage of them will be as thoroughly infected as the native population. He also points out the danger of returning soldiers spreading the contamination at their homes, a danger that Great Britain has found to be of the gravest proportions in her experience with her tropical possessions. Something like this has been said before, but it was hooted down as the talk of an alarmist. It begins to look as though the man who said "the more you know about the tropics, the less desire you have to live there," was about right.

According to high republican authority, Alger never, never was a real candidate for the Senate and his announcement to that effect was made after a full understanding with Mr. McKinley, solely for the purpose of preparing a reason for his resignation from the cabinet. This may or may not be true, but the announcement some days ago by Mr. Alger that he was entirely out of politics seems to bear out the story. There has been so much republican trickiness in Washington that one is never surprised to discover something new in that line. The Hanna-McKinley crowd seem to prefer doing even the most simple things in a mysterious way. According to the above mentioned republican authority, "The real truth, is, probably, that the change finally in the War Department was compelled not so much by the bitter opposition of General Alger personally, as to the necessity confronting the administration of infusing new vigor into the war in the Philippines, which was languishing beyond the period set for its successful conclusion."

About one month ago my child, who is about fifteen months old, had an attack of diarrhoea accompanied by vomiting. I gave it such remedies as are usually given in such cases, but as nothing gave relief, we sent for a physician and was under his care for a week. At this time the child had been sick for about ten days and was having about twenty-five operations of the bowels every twelve hours, and we were convinced that unless it soon obtained relief it would not live. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended, and I decided to try it. I soon noticed a change for the better; by its continued use a complete cure was brought about and it is now perfectly healthy. C. L. Boggs Stumptown, W. Va. For sale by druggists.

It was wrong to demand absolute and unconditional surrender of the insurgent Filipinos. What we should have done was to offer them independence under our protection. War would have thus been averted.

Who Hath Wee.

Hillsboro News.

Man that is married to a woman during housecleaning time is of few days and full of carpet tacks.

A cloud of dust obscureth his vision and great gobs of dark brown gloom possesseth his soul.

He riseth up betimes and sniffeth the morning air with a heavy heart and an obstructed nose.

He snatcheth a raw pancake from the griddle and rusheth to his labors depressed in spirit, saturated with dyspepsia.

He returneth at noon and falleth over a mop.

The dull sickening thud of the betarruped carpet is heard in the land.

The queen of the household crowneth herself with a dirty towel and a fierce look.

She resembleth an evening angel.

Large quantities of real estate settleth among the dimples of her swan-like neck.

Her eyes glureth with the fury of great enterprise.

She maketh her spouse to eat dinner from the ironing board in the kitchen which resteth on two chairs.

He findeth a cake of soap beside his plate and a portion of the scalp of the scrubbing brush in the butter.

At night he returneth to his home with a timid, halting step.

He feareth the worst.

He drinketh a little cold tea and prepareth for bed.

A live carpet tack buryeth its fangs in his foot.

He yelleth in agony "Hell-in-aminial!" and bumpeth the plastering from the ceiling in vain and fertile attempt to jump through the roof.

He lieth down on his couch and wetteth his pillow with tears.

The family dog howleth beneath the window like the wail of a damned soul and Notre Dame soul in the house sleepeth.

The fetid fragrance of the redbug specific swelleth to heaven and the aroma of new laid moth falls sifted through the lid of the clothes chest.

Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath redness of eyes and stopped up nose? He who monkeyeth with housecleaning.

Who smasheth his thumb? Who poultch his lips with blasphemous? Who imperileth his immortal soul? He who tarrieth at home to tack down carpets.

The Rev. W. R. Costley, of Stockbridge, Ga., while attending to his pastoral duties at Ellenwood, that state was attacked by cholera morbus. He says: "By chance I happened to get hold of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and I think it was the means of saving my life. It relieved me at once." For sale by druggists.

Secretary Root has issued an appeal for help for the storm sufferers at Porto Rico.

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The Deal Closed:

Lincoln Journal.

The People's Own 'Gouger' has been sold and will soon go out of business as a 'Gouger' and begin work as a railroad.

There was a hitch in the trade, due to the fact that the purchasers were a day or two behind in paying the first installment of the purchase money and those who have been roosting in fat places on the road tried to break the trade. This hitch, however, has been gotten over and the deal consummated.

The syndicate which has been negotiating, and which has at last bought the road, secured \$176,000 of bonds at 85 cents 3,262 shares of the stock at an average of \$2.50 per share. The terms of the sale were 10 per cent. of the purchase money at the close of the deal and the remainder in installments—50 per cent. of the purchase price to be paid in not later than January 1st, next. When 50 per cent. of the purchase price shall have been paid in, the new owners of the road are to take control of the property.

The directors of the road held a meeting in Newton on Tuesday and decided to accept \$2.50 per share for the 700 shares of 'treasury stock' and 85 cents for the "treasury bonds."

From a reliable rail road source we learn that the New York syndicate, which has made the purchase, is an ally to the Seaboard Air Line System, which system is in reality, the new owner of the Carolina & North Western. So that the news given out by The Journal from time to time about the deal is thus fully and officially confirmed.

That the 50 per cent. of the purchase money will be paid promptly and probably before maturity, may be confidently expected. And when the road passes into the hands of its new owners the work of completing it thro' to Tennessee will be quickly begun.

It is estimated that two thousand people lost their lives in the recent flood at Porto Rico.

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NOTICE.
North Carolina, Watauga county, superior court spring term, 1899. Charles H. Hardin and wife, Della Hardin; vs. Victoria Reece and J. R. Reese. Notice of summons by publication.

The defendant, Victoria Reece, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been begun in the superior court of Watauga county N. C., against her and J. R. Reese touching her guardianship of the estate of Della Lewis [now Hardin] and the said defendant will farther take notice that she is required to appear at the next term of the superior court to be held for said county on the 4th Monday after the first Monday in August, 1899 at the court house in Boone, N. C. then and there to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff which will be filed within the first three days of said term, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, May 2, '99.

JOHN H. BINGHAM, C. S. C.
LOVILL & FLETCHER Att'ys.

As To Expansion.

"Expansion, why, why my dear boy, we have already expanded, and it is not a question whether or not we are in favor of it. What is to be our future course in the Philippines? That's the question. These fellows who dub themselves anti-expansionists, don't know. They say give the islands a protectorate, but what they mean by this they will not state, and I don't know. It makes no difference whether the U. S. had a right to buy these islands or whether Spain had a title which she could dispose of. The fact remains that we did buy them and are there now for the purpose of giving the natives an opportunity to govern themselves. It may be that our arguments are rather strong, but it is apparent the only way to treat with these people. If the United States proposes to hold the islands, and only future developments can settle that, we must at any rate interfere in the local government if we hope to treat with foreign powers. Some theorists try to advance the proposition that we sell the islands. This would be contrary to all our traditions in the first place, and again, who could we sell them to? As far as I have heard it would have to be to some monarchy, and the people of the United States would stamp with unanimous disapproval the sale of a country and its people."—Senator Stewart.

Nashville American: All the tools are not dead yet. Congressman Hawley, of Texas, bears witness to this fact. He has discovered and so announces that the death-dealing hurricane which swept over Porto Rico was a manifestation of the wrath of God against the Porto Ricans because the United States defeated Spain and acquired the island. That the Porto Ricans played no part in the affair, does not seem to have occurred to the distinguished law-maker. If a "dispensation" of wrath was due it should have been against the Americans and not against the Porto Ricans.

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NOTICE.
Sallie McBride vs. Landen Eatop. Pursuant to orders and decrees made at spring term, 1899, of the Superior Court of Watauga county in the above entitled action, I will on Monday, the 4th day of Sept., '99, it being Monday of the Superior Court, at the court house door in Boone N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described tract of land situated in Watauga county, Laurel Creek township, on the waters of Beech creek, containing 100 acres more or less known as the Dead Oak tract and more particularly described in a deed registered in book 'E', page 380, Register's office of Watauga county, beginning on a hickory and runs S. 35° E. 100 poles to a white oak, E. 160 poles N. 35° W. 100 poles to a stake w. 25 poles to a stake in Harman's corner. S. with said line 33 poles to chestnut, Harman's corner. N. 35 w 30 p. to chestnut, Harman's corner on top of a ridge, same course 13 p. to stake in said line w. to beginning to satisfy a judgment for \$480.92 principal, \$74.95 int., and interest on prin. till paid and for costs of sale and action. This July 31st, 1899.
L. D. LOWE, Commissioner.