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Louisville Courier Journal:
The man who can avoid it and yet works, either mentally or physically, such weather as this, strikingly illustrates the wisdom of nature in proceeding upon the theory that it would be entirely superfluous to appoint an official fool killer.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent
"End the war in the Philippines speedily or the result will be disastrous to you and to the republican party." This is the sum and substance of what is being daily dinned in to the ears of Mr. McKinley, not by his opponents, but by leading republicans, who know how unpopular that war is becoming all over the country. Mr. McKinley is gradually becoming convinced that the reaction in public sentiment concerning his Philippine policy, predicted more than a year ago by Col. Bryan, is at hand, and once fully convinced, there is no telling what he may do, for this country has never had a President who feared the public sentiment of the country as much as Mr. McKinley does, or who tried so hard to make his official acts meet its approval, regardless of his own opinion.

The most striking thing connected with the hearing on trusts by the Industrial Commission, was a daring and somewhat scandalous attack upon Vice Chairman Phillips of the Commission, who is connected with an independent oil company in Pennsylvania, by officials of the Standard Oil Trust. Mr. Phillips denied the charge that he had been mixed up in an offer to dicker with the Standard Oil Trust, but the charge left a bad taste in everybody's mouth, and is not calculated to add anything to the prestige of the Commission, which isn't any too great at best.

Senator Stewart is a fine specimen of stalwart radicalism in all his views. He never trims on any question and conservatism is unknown to his mind. He has got it in for France for several reasons, the latest of which is the second conviction of Dreyfus, and says that country really has no government at all, and that we should break off diplomatic relations until France gets a government. The Senator threatens to offer a joint resolution to that effect when Congress meets; also a bill repealing all official recognition of the exposition at Paris next year.

The administration appears to be still determined to leave Gen. Otis in supreme command in the Philippines, although Secretary Root is understood to have recommended a change, and to favor sending Gen. Miles over there. There is politics in this determination, and it is not the sort of politics that reflects any credit upon Mr. McKinley. The Hanna crowd are afraid of Miles now, and if he should go to the Philippines and do what Otis has so signally failed to do, they would fear him still more. They know that Otis is not likely, under any circumstances, to develop popularity enough to make him a political rival of Mr. McKinley. That is why they wish to keep General Otis in command, notwithstanding the overwhelming evidence from all sources, of his unsuitability, not to call it

by a harsher term. The agent of the nonpartisan Associated Press, in a long letter from Manila, just published, after going into details, showing the failure of Otis, sums up by saying: "The secret of the whole trouble here is that the government has left a small man to deal with a most delicate problem, requiring broad statesmanship. Everyone agrees that Otis is honest, and that accounts for much in a position affording such chances for dishonesty, but everybody agrees also with the most remarkable unanimity that he has bungled affairs from the beginning."

It is evident that to the most casual observer of those political currents which are to be found by those who know how, just below the surface of party waters, that the republican leaders are carefully paving the way to drop Mr. Hobart if they shall consider it expedient to do so. The state of Mr. Hobart's health is made the basis of all these preparatory stories. If it doesn't improve, "his family will have to veto the idea of his remaining in politics," etc. This is all Tommyrot. Mr. Hobart has shown upon several occasions during the last three months notably by his getting Alger to resign, that his health is good enough to do what other men, not on the sick list, failed to do. His 'health' is likely to remain in a precarious condition, until boss Hanna has tully made up his mind whether it will be best to have him run again with Mr. McKinley, and he isn't likely to fully decide until the National Convention meets. Then Mr. Hobart's health will take a good or bad turn, in accordance with Hanna's decision.

After wobbling around the question for about two weeks, the War Department, under political pressure, issued the order for the enlistment of two negro regiments for the Philippines. They will bring the volunteer army up to the limit set by Congress, which it has been clear from the first that the administration intended to do.

Col. W. J. Bryan was unanimously elected a member of the Council of Administration, of the Spanish War Veterans Association, which has just closed its first encampment, at Washington, although he did not attend the encampment. Ex-Gov. Oates, of Alabama, was also elected a member of the Council, as was H. H. Blount, a Louisiana negro, who was a Lieutenant in the 9th Immunes. Gen. J. W. Keifer, of Ohio, was elected Commander-in-Chief of the new organization, which hopes ultimately to embrace all the state organizations of Spanish War Veterans, which have been formed.

Kodol Dyspepsia cure is a scientific compound having the endorsement of eminent physicians and the medical press. It digests what you eat and positively cures dyspepsia. M. A. Ketron, Bloomington, Tenn. says it cured him of indigestion of ten years standing. Coffey Bros., Phillips & Son, L. C. Reeves.

An Old Ledger.

News and Observer.
Treasurer Worth has unearthed an old ledger in the Treasury Department. It shows how accounts were kept and settled in Revolutionary days. Principal among the items which one notices in glancing through are salt pork and corn which appears to have been not only "money current with the merchant," but with the State as well, since the treasurers of the district settled with the State Treasurer in vouchers standing not for dollars and pounds sterling, but for barrels of pork and bushels of corn.

One of these officials appears to have made a bad mistake in his accounts according to this order which is fastened to a leaf of the ledger with an old time hand-made pin.

"Charge John Ashe, late treasurer of the Southern district with £6,385 currency, being balance of his account settled with committee of accounts in November, 1777, and omitted to be credited in either of his accounts settled since viz: October, 1779 and April 1780, in both which he has credited the public as follows by balance in my hands on settlement with the committee of accounts November 1777, and not carried out any sum but left it blank and cast up the other credits exclusive of that—from the appearance of the accounts that balance is totally omitted and never been accounted for John Ashe."

This was a considerable mistake as 6,385 pounds would be approximately \$31,000, and money was then at a big premium.

The leaves of the old ledger are of the hand-made paper and are perfectly preserved. The book was beautifully kept.

Times Democrat: A very peculiar case of hydrophobia is reported by the Albermarle Enterprise. About two years ago a dog, seemingly in play with Charles Little, a young man who lived in Stanley county, dropped some foam on Little's hand. Sores broke out on his hand. The dog proved to be mad. Some time ago Little started to Albermarle, but after going a few miles, refused to continue further. Later he became unwell and was carried to the hospital at Morganton for treatment. The hospital physicians diagnosed his disease as a very plain case of hydrophobia and the young man died in terrible agony last Friday.

Good Enough to Take

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Queer Things About Frogs

A remarkable thing about these creatures is that the large part of the breathing is done through the skin, in fact, it is said that this supply of air is a necessary addition to that taken in by ordinary breathing, as the latter does not supply sufficient air to support life of a frog. Another peculiar thing about the skin of the frog is its powerful absorption of water. This, of course, is due to the numberless minute pores with which their skin is provided. It has been proved that a frog can thus soak up half its weight of water in an hour. The skin of the stomach is most active in this way, and at the same time, most often in contact with moisture, such as mud, dewy grass wet ground and leaves affords. As the skin perspires quite as freely as it absorbs, it is easily seen that why contact with moisture is so necessary. Besides the loss from evaporation, there is the stopping of the skin breathing also, because the skin has to be kept moist and soft to absorb fresh air and give off used air from the system. The soaking of water is what gives the frog's skin such a cold, clammy, and uncanny feeling, when handled, and it explains a strange thing. Though a bullfrog were poked with a red hot iron, it would not feel it enough to move out of its tracks, for the moisture of the skin forms a kind of film or vapor between it and the iron, which it takes time to heat through; and so the frog would not feel pain from the heat. Yes, if hot water is dropped upon him, he will instantly jump from pain, as this heat at once strikes into the skin.

The frog has another safeguard against drying up that is, a kind of interior sack for storing water. Like the camel it thus keeps a supply that carries it over many a dry place, when, when otherwise it would lose its moisture and die. The water is as pure and tasteless as that of any spring. In Australia it is said one species of frog prepares for a drought in a wonderful way. Some times the traveler suffering from thirst will come to a bush, and digging into the ground a foot or two will find a clay ball. He cracks it open, and out jumps a frog. Stranger still, inside the ball is found a good drink of pure water, and with this the man quenches his thirst.—St. Nicholas.

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The new beef combine is probably playing for high stakes, remarks the Kansas City Star.

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For Cruelty to Convicts.

The last legislature appointed a committee to investigate the State prison farms. The committee has lately been at work and has unearthed a terrible story of wrong and cruelty inflicted on convicts for trifling offenses by one Summerell, who was appointed by the fusion administration as supervisor of the Northampton farm. The committee has been in session at Halifax.

The most important witness was D. S. Russell, who was Summerell's steward in 1898, for a period of eight months Russell is a half brother of Governor Daniel L. Russell, and a full brother of former Warden Russell, at the penitentiary at Raleigh. From Russell's sworn statement it appears:

1. One man was beaten to death on Summerell's farm.
 2. One man was beaten so he could not get out of bed for two weeks, was left without food for two days, and was denied medical attention.
 3. Numerous others were beaten in the most brutal manner and were, some of them, disabled for days.
- The employes stood in mortal fear of Summerell and dared not make complaint against him. Other witnesses testified to the character, truthfulness and lack of prejudice of Mr. Russell.

Governor Russell has ordered Summerell removed, and he will doubtless be prosecuted to the full extent of the law for his outrageous conduct. The Governor has also written to Solicitor Daniel and offered to employ counsel to help him prosecute Jim Sears, the guard who aided Summerell in beating to death the convict Lowe. Monroe Journal.

The Green county election cases have at last been settled. Consent judgment recognizing the fusion board of county commissioners and the four commissioners appointed by the last Legislature was entered before Judge Bryan at Snow Hill yesterday. The democrats are to keep all the county offices except the three members of the board of commissioners elected by the people. The board of county commissioners now have seven members, three elected by the people and four appointed by the Legislature. The democrats have which were caused by this election a majority of the board. All suits muddle have been stopped and peace again reigns in Greene county.—Kinston Free Press.

In its reiteration of oldism and issues that Ohio democratic platform smells strongly of the bargain counter in a country store.—Syracuse Standard.

Chester H. Brown, of Kalamazoo, Mich., says: "Kodol Dyspepsia cure cured me of a severe case of indigestion; can strongly recommend it to all dyspeptics." Digests what you eat without aid from the stomach and cures dyspepsia. Coffey Bros., Phillips & son, L. C. Reeves.