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**CONGRESS AND THE PHILIPPINES.**

A few days ago we were afforded the unusual spectacle of the Senate, the most dignified legislative body in the world, almost on the verge of personal combat. To use the words of an exchange, "they acted just like other folks."

All this was the result of a discussion concerning what shall be done with that white elephant of the administration, the Philippines.

Our advent into these, of late, well known Islands, was an incident in the war against Spain. Cuba was liberated in the Orient. Strange that the subjugation of one people should be the vicarious atonement for the freedom of another; still more inexplicable that this great Republic should proclaim the sacrifice and herself execute the bloody decree. The state of affairs which in Cuba had aroused the indignation sympathy of the American people was, nevertheless, according to all testimony, much more tolerable than that which obtained in the Philippine Islands.

There the same despotic monarchy had inflicted an even greater oppression for more than three hundred years. The burdens of taxation borne by the Filipinos, the extortions practiced upon them, the awful punishments they suffered, the wanton and bloody cruelty of which they were the constant victims; these things had scarcely been paralleled in history, and had sufficed to stain to permanent disrepute and intermittent revolution a people of kindly disposition and of naturally peaceful habits. Yet these experiences had not been without their discipline. A certain selfreliance was generated, and a common suffering stimulated the latent feeling of nationality that grew into the hope, and finally into the determination for independence.

When we ratified the treaty of Paris, by which we took a nominal title to the Philippine Islands, it was well understood in Congress at that time that we were acting more in the nature of a trustee of an express trust than in the nature of proprietor of these so called new possessions. It was well understood at that time that the Philippine Islands would be permitted to set up a government of their own, exactly as we had promised Cuba that she should set up a government of her own, and that no attempt whatever would be made, upon the part of this government to reduce those islands to colonies of the United States, or hold them in subjection any further or any longer than was necessary to enable them to set up a government of their own and get well underway with that government.

The whole policy of the Administration, it seems, has changed since then. Why it has changed we do not know; and now we have been engaged since the close of the Spanish-American war, in fighting those feeble people, who are struggling simply for their liberty and for the privilege of erecting and conducting a government such as we ourselves enjoy.

It is not easy to fix with accuracy the time when the design was formed to take possession of the Philippine Islands nor to ascertain the mind in whose "gloomy recesses" this enterprise of sacrilege and violence first gathered form and pressure. There has indeed been evidenced a disposition by its most illustrious sponsors, as if their prophetic souls already trembled at the inquisition of after ages, to impute the dubious responsibility to Providence itself. We know not which to admire the more, the modesty which disclaims credit for the policy, or the colossal presumption which challenges and betrays the vaunted confidence of the Almighty. This alleged partisanship of Heaven in schemes not susceptible of

mercenary justification is as old as human artifice and selfishness. No despotism but has used it; no outworn tyranny but has not hidden its shriveled ugliness behind it; Attilla called himself the "Scourge of God." George III posed as the special providence of the American colonies. For centuries the divine right of kings barred the pathway of human progress.

This excuse or reason, is inexcusable in the white light of modern common sense. Men are free moral agents. While Providence desires the right, it is at our own peril that we must find what is the right and do it. Duty is, of course, a universal obligation. But what is duty? This is a matter of decision by human faculties; and any decision is subject to review, to investigation, perhaps to reversal. No man, no party, no nation, can escape accountability for actions by attributing their origin to any other source than human judgment. The policy of the Administration toward the Filipinos must be justified, if ever justified at all, in the forum of the reason and conscience of mankind.

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 Constipation means dullness, depression, headache, generally disordered health. Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers stimulate the liver, opens the bowels and relieves this condition. Safe, speedy and thorough. They never gripe. Favorite pills Hood & Grantham.

**GROUND HOG DAY.**  
 To-day, Feb. 2nd, is put down by all weather prophets as an eventful day.

It is "Ground Hog" day, February 2nd being so called because of an old Dutch prophecy that says his groundhogship on this day emerges from his retreat and takes a look at the sky above.

If the conditions are such that he can see his shadow, so the prophecy runs, he will take fright and dash back into his winter quarters, leaving us with the prospect of six more weeks of cold weather.

But if he does not see his shadow, and there is no probability that he will in this section to-day, then the back of winter is broken and the brighter days of spring are getting closer.—News and Observer.

**COMMISSIONER'S SALE.**  
 On the 30th day of March 1902, being good day, the undersigned as Commissioner appointed by Harnett Superior Court in the action in said Court depending entitled J. W. Pipkin, Administrator of Lewis Pipkin against H. C. McNeill, H. H. McNeill and others, orders at law of H. C. McNeill, will sell at public auction the following described lands lying and being in Harnett county, North Carolina, to-wit:

All the following tracts of land belonging to the heirs at law of A. S. McNeill, deceased, lying on and near the fork of Cape Fear and Upper Little Rivers. The lot first known as the Smith tract beginning at the mouth of Upper Little River and is bounded on the North by the lands belonging to the heirs of Lewis Pipkin, deceased, on the East by Cape Fear River, on the South by the lands of J. L. Smith and on the West by the lands of J. L. Smith and the land belonging to the heirs of Lewis Pipkin, deceased. Also another tract of 36 acres, more or less, including Big or Bear Islands known as the "Evaos tract."

Hour of sale 2 o'clock p. m. Terms of sale one half cash and balance in 12 months. The received full payment of purchase price. This February 3rd, 1902.

J. C. CLIFFORD,  
 W. E. MURKINSON,  
 Commissioners.

**Triumph For Mr. Thomas.**  
 The North Carolina Representative Crosses Swords With "Joe" Cannon.

Although he seldom addresses the House when he gets up to speak, Representative Charles Randolph Thomas, of the Third North Carolina district, not only "says things," but talks to some purpose. This was demonstrated when the Urgent Deficiency Bill was under consideration. His colleague, Mr. Small, had offered an amendment appropriating \$12,500 to complete the marine biological station at Beaufort, N. C., and Mr. Cannon, in charge of the bill, was opposed to the amendment.

"Uncle Joe" made a rather sharp fight against the appropriation, and at one time it looked very much as though the \$12,500 would be knocked out. And it was at this point that Mr. Thomas "got in his fine work." He had in the meantime, however, put in a personal plea with his Democratic colleagues for the young fishes to be hatched at Beaufort, and when he addressed the House in support of the amendment he received the closest attention. He frankly told the members that he was not only interested in the amendment in behalf of the cause of science, but personally interested because the county in which the fish hatchery is located will become a part of his district after the next general election, and this was refreshing. The Government had, he said, appropriated money for a fish hatchery at Tupelo, Miss., the home of "Private" John Allen, and a lobster hatchery on the coast of Maine, and why not complete the one already authorized at Beaufort.

His plea for fish struck the hearts of all true anglers, with the result that the amendment was carried by a margin of four votes. It was Mr. Thomas' short talk that saved the day, and the fish in the Beaufort laboratory will sing his praises.—Washington Times.

**Important Notice.**  
 The readers of this paper have doubtless noticed that since the first of the year it has appeared under new management. I hold all subscription accounts due up to first 1902, and would thank my friends to call and settle the same. I will be at Lillington Monday and Tuesday of Feb. court, and will expect many to settle up. The accounts represent our profit and we believe many of our friends will be prompt to settle up. Yours truly,  
 J. P. FITTMAN,  
 Dunn, N. C.

**LAND SALE.**  
 By authority of a mortgage deed from K. J. Jordan and wife, Mamie M. Jordan, recorded in Book No. 2, page 157, Register of Deeds office for Harnett county, I will on Friday the 7th day of March, 1902, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House in Dunn, N. C., Harnett county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, one house and lot in South Dunn, Harnett county, beginning at a stake in the West side of Magnolia street, W. C. Williams, and running N. 40° E. 207 feet to a stake in the East side of Magnolia street, 207 feet to the beginning, containing 0.233 square feet, more or less. P. F. MASSENGILL, Mortgagee.

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**LAND SALE.**  
 By authority of a mortgage deed from A. H. Johnson and wife, Maggie P. Johnson, recorded in Book V, No. page 100, Register of deeds office for Harnett county, we will on Monday Feb. 10, 1902, at 1 o'clock p. m. at the Court House door of Harnett county, Lillington, N. C., sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash, a tract of land in Neill's Creek township, Harnett county, beginning at a stake in the line between John Wilder and A. J. Blalock formerly Johnson & Vester, running thence S. 60° W. 46 chs. and 25 links to a pine at the River road, thence 60° E. 32 chs. and 29 links to a stake and pointers near said road thence S. 45° E. 11 chs. and 50 links to a poplar in Mill Creek, thence up said creek N. 44° W. 10 chs. and 44 links to a black gum, thence 1 ch. and 67 links to a pine stump, thence N. 46° E. 25 chs. to a stake thence N. 57° W. 26 chs. to the beginning, containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less. This the 6th day of Jan. 1902.

A. J. BLALOCK,  
 Mortgagee.

**CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.**  
 Mother's Worm Syrup never fails to destroy and remove worms in children. It is cruel not to administer it to them whenever they need it.

**DISSOLUTION NOTICE.**  
 By mutual agreement the firm of McPhail & Tart, doing business in the town of Dunn, have this day dissolved. P. G. A. Tart & Son having bought the entire interest. The debts of McPhail & Tart will be assumed by P. G. A. Tart & Son and all accounts due the firm will be collected by the same.

J. R. McPHAIL,  
 P. G. A. TART.

The business will be continued under the name of P. G. A. Tart & Son at same store.

**MOVED!**  
 I desire to inform the public that I have moved my BEEF MARKET to the building formerly occupied by the Dunn Grocery Co., next door to Gainey & Jordan, where I shall be glad to serve one and all in need of anything in my line. All orders filled promptly.

"Come on good people" one and all,  
 And buy your meats from my stall.  
 To save you money I'll do my best:  
 Come get your's first—then tell the rest.

Since first I opened up my stall,  
 My aim has been to please you all.  
 My knives are sharp, my counters clean,  
 I keep all kinds both fat and lean."

Yours to serve,  
**R. M. PEARSALL.**

**A CURE FOR LUMBAGO.**  
 W. C. Williamson, of Amherst, Va., says "For more than a year I suffered from lumbago. I finally tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it gave me entire relief, which all other remedies had failed to do." Sold by Hood & Grantham.

**NOTICE OF LAND SALE.**  
 By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed executed to me by J. Ashley Stewart on the 30th day of January 1893, which deed is recorded in Book J, No. 2, page 740 of the records of Harnett county; and by virtue of a like power contained in a mortgage deed executed to me by the said J. Ashley Stewart and wife, Mary I. Stewart on the 24th day of Feb. 1898, which is registered in Book G, No. 2, page 479 of the records of said county, I will on Monday the 2nd day of March 1902, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House door in Lillington, Harnett county, N. C., expose to sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land situated in Avonboro township, Harnett county, N. C., to-wit: Beginning at a black gum in the Harjo Branch in Neighbors' line, and runs north 106 poles to a stake in a pond thence north 67 east, 70 poles to a stake in a branch thence up the branch to the beam, thence to the beginning, containing thirty acres more or less. This the 28th day of January 1902.

J. J. WALKER, Mortgagee.

**P. G. A. TART & SON, DUNN, N. C.**

We have just bought the entire stock of McPhail & Tart and we are now ready to serve the people. We have a nice line of **GENERAL MERCHANDISE** and will always treat you right. We will have a new lot of **DRESSES & GOODS** in a few days.

Bring your Country Produce. Will pay the top of the market.

Yours for business.  
**P. G. A. TART & SON.**

**BAUCOM & CO., DUNN, N. C.**

When you come to town be sure that you see our line of **Millinery & Fancy Goods.**

The interest of our customer is what we intend to look after this year and give them all the advantages of low prices.

Yours for business,  
**Baucom & Co.**

**NOTICE!**

**CLOSING OUT SALE**

The following figures will interest you if you are looking for the best bargains in general merchandise you have ever had offered in Dunn before. We desire to close out our general stock of merchandise and to do so we have put on sale, goods first class in every respect at the sacrificed prices as shown below.

**Shoes! Shoes!**

Baby shoes, the best made, former price 85c to \$1 price now 50 to 75c. Misses and little boys only a limited number left, sizes 12 to 2, former price \$1 to \$2, price today 75c to \$1.25. Ladies \$1.50 Dongola now \$1, ladies \$1 Chrome Kid now 75c. Few pair old ladies very fine shoes in EEE class, former price \$2.25 now \$1.50. Ladies fine shoes the College Kid and Southern Girl Kid, former price \$2.50 and \$3 now \$1.60 and \$2.20. Gents Craddock shoes, none better, former price 3.25, 3.50 4.00 & \$5.00 now at 2.35, 2.60, 3.10 & \$3.55. We have a few of the \$1.50 kind left that will go at \$1.00.

We Have a Large Stock of Ladies and Gents, Misses and Children's Rubbers.

Men's storm rubbers the 75c kind now 41c. Ladies' storm rubbers the 50c kind now 25c. Misses rubbers 35c kind at 22c. Children's rubbers 25c kind at 18 1/2c.

**OUR HAT DEPARTMENT** embraces some nice styles and good qualities and our pointer brand everybody knows it, former price, 2 to \$2.50 now \$1.50. Our monumental brand, former price, 1.50 to \$2.00 now \$1. Our lot of 50, 75 and \$1 values at 39, 50 and 75c. Knitting cotton at 15c, ball thread, black, at 16 1/2c, pearlina at 3 1/2c, gold-dust at 3 1/2c, salt 5c sacks at 4c, 5c washing soap at 3 1/2c, soda A & H 1 and 1 1/2 lbs pkgs at 6c per lb.

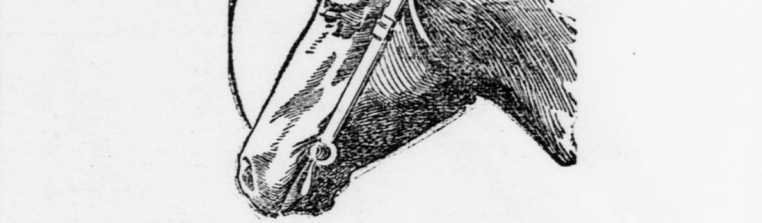
Gentlemen's and ladies umbrellas the 50c kind now 39c, the 1 to \$2 kind 75c to \$1.50. Gent's neckwear, 25c tie for 19c, 50c tie for 39c. Men's overalls 50c kind for 39c, 25c kind for 19c. Gent's shirts, \$1 kind for 75c, 50 and 75c kind at 40c. Boys shirts, 50c kind at 35c. Riverside plaids extra heavy at 4 & 5c. Gent's 10c linen collars 2 for 15c. We have a few table covers and lace curtains left that will go as cheap as dirt.

Will also sell the entire stock of millinery at the same reduction. \$1 walking hats now 50c. 75c walking hat now 38c. 50c walking hat now 25c. We have just a few trimmed hats at your own price. The \$1 grade of velvet or silks 50c. \$1.25 grade of velvet 65c. 75c grade of velvet 43c. 50c grade of velvet 25c to 37c.

These prices are stunners and the like has never been seen before in Dunn. Come and see for yourself and you will not go away wiser but a happier person for these prices are bound to make you smile. Call early before the choicest bargains are gone. Our prices and terms are the same to all, no deviation. No goods exchanged, no goods charged and no tickets. No goods taken out on approval. You see for yourself and take in the bargains as long as they last. My millinery business will still go on and my trimmers will leave for the northern markets in a few days in order to secure the latest styles of millinery and novelties. Will go early to catch them as they arrive direct from Paris. Thanking my friends for their very liberal patronage and soliciting the same for 1902 at SHELL'S MILLINERY BAZARR, I am,

Yours very truly,  
**O. P. Shell, Manager,**  
 DUNN CASH RACKET STORE.

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