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**NOTICE.**  
Having qualified as Administratrix of L. L. Greene, deceased, late of Watauga county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned within twelve months from the date of this notice or it will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. Dec. 15, 98.  
MATTIE J. GREENE, Adm'x.

**NOTICE.**  
Having qualified as administrator of Pinky Underwood deceased, all persons having claims against his estate are notified to present the same duly authenticated within 12 months from the date of this notice, or it will be plead in bar of their recovery. This Jan. 2, 1899.  
C. J. COTRELL, Adm'r

**UNCLE SAM TALKS.**  
The Clarksville (Tex.) Times is responsible for the following speech delivered by Uncle Sam on the 4th day of July, 1898:  
"Ladies and gentlemen," said Uncle Sam, clearing his throat, "I trust that on this most glorious fourth of July you will pardon any seeming boasting on my part. I do not expect to make a speech to-day, but as I have some few facts and figures at hand I shall endeavor to give you a few pointers that will I trust if not entertain, at least interest you.

"When—ahem—the fourth of July was first invented I was in very delicate health and many of my friends feared that I would not live until the next one. In addition to my wretched health my poverty was most appalling. My real estate consisted of a fringe of territory along the Atlantic coast, and even that was in litigation. As for money I had none. I gave my note for whatever supplies I couldn't do without and notes soon became more plentiful than precious.

"For seven years I litigated with one John Bull and at length acquired a clean title to 13 colonies, which I immediately combined and called the United States of America. It was quite a big name for a small property, but by careful management I soon began to expand my possessions. In fact, I grew very rapidly and was doing splendidly when, in 1812, I was forced into litigation with that same fellow Bull. It didn't last long, however, and we compromised in my favor.

"For forty-five years I grew like Jonah's gourd. In 1860 I got into a very costly dispute with some relatives of mine who were about to—ahem—divide my property whether I consented or not. They came in an ace of making off with my garden spot, but I argued with them four years, and, though their arguments were the warmest I have ever had to meet, I finally prevailed upon them to withdraw their claims. From that time until 1898 I had no trouble. But in the year mentioned I was insulted by Spain, a peninsular kingdom across the ocean. I promptly ducked Spain in the deep, damp sea, and retained such of her possessions as I liked as pay for my trouble. In fact, I added Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippine islands and some other smaller change to my map and since then have been improving the property.

"At this moment I am champion land monopolist of the universe, and my share of the gulf stream would irrigate a planet. While my sunburned boys are harvesting bananas at Porto Rico their fur-clothed brothers of Point Barrow are harpooning icebergs. While my nimble fingered maidens at Manila are weaving straw braids into headgear my study men of Maine are ripping saw logs into lumber. From the Arctic ocean to the Antilles and

from Penobscot to the Philippines I am the whole thing. My coat-tails flutter over ten million square miles and the four winds of heaven have their headquarters in my whiskers. I'm the moon-hawk of the mountains and the star-sprangled terror of the seas. In short, I'm the coupling pin of the continent and a red hot huckleberry from the headwaters of the Lemisphere."

And the band played "Dixie."

**A Preacher's Confession.**  
Richmond Times.  
In his letter of resignation, Rev. Thomas Dixon said that he had met with disappointment in trying to organize the "People's Church" in New York; that he had not been able to raise sufficient money to meet expenses, and that he had been "disillusionized."

The Religious Herald is glad that Mr. Dixon has been "disillusionized," and intimates that there is hope for him.  
The trouble with Mr. Dixon, as we said yesterday, is that he contracted the reform habit, and departed from the old time preaching which he did not approve. He thought that preachers ought to discuss all sorts of secular questions from their pulpits and tell people how to vote. Accordingly he preached about all the questions of the day, from a bicycle race at Madison Square Garden to a gubernatorial election. Whatever the news papers talked about Mr. Dixon preached about in his People's Church, and his hearers got all the news of the week from Mr. Dixon's pulpit, served up in the most attractive style and punctuated with sensation invective. Mr. Dixon is a man of learning, and a gifted orator. He is also a man of great magnetism, and those who hear him are usually fascinated with his style. Yet his "reform" preaching don't succeed with the public, and Mr. Dixon is "disillusionized," which, being interpreted, means that he has failed.

Mr. Dixon has a brother who is no orator as Thomas is, but a devout man, and a fervent preacher, who has stuck to the old time religion and the old time style of preaching the Gospel, pure and simple, without the flower of secularity and sensationism. He has sometimes gone into the streets and preached on the corner to such a crowd as he could assemble, but he has always preached, in church and out of church, the religion of the Bible. His lot, too, was cast in New York, and his ministry has been eminently successful. The last time that we heard from him he was still walking in the good old way, teaching repentance and salvation, and if he is "disillusionized," he has not made the fact public. The old way is good enough for him.

But Rev. Thomas Dixon has not made a complete failure. He has had a negative success. He has succeeded in showing preachers how not to preach. He is a living and an eloquent warning to the ministry.

**A Letter From the State Normal and Industrial School.**

**Editor Democrat.**  
Thinking perhaps some of the Watauga people might be interested in a short letter from the Normal and Industrial College, I thought that I would try to entertain them a while by telling them something of the work and surroundings of the College.

There are two large brick buildings one of which is the school building, and the other a dormitory. Besides these there are two wood dormitories and another brick building used as an infirmary. There are about 300 students boarding in the dormitories, besides quite a number of day students, and boarders in private families. Nearly all of the counties in the State are represented. Our Watauga girls, the Misses Baird, Burket and Mast are sustaining the reputation of the mountain girls for having such bright minds and are doing efficient work. All of our neighboring counties have students here. Wilkesboro sent three of her brightest young ladies as representatives.

Four regular courses leading to graduation are offered by the college. The Normal, Domestic course, Commercial, and fourth course, which last provides for two modern languages. There are 40 members of the graduating class this year, and we new girls wonder if we will ever reach the distinction which the seniors have attained. We are all dreading the ordeal of mid-term examinations, which begins on Friday Jan. 27th and we are working as hard as we can so that we may pass them successfully. Many thanks for the weekly visits of the DEMOCRAT. I hail its coming with delight.

MINNIE FARTHING.

Chicago News: "And now," said the professor, as the regular class exercises were finished, "is there any question any of the young ladies would like to ask?"

"How is it, sir," inquired the auburn-haired girl at the pedal extremity of the class, "that Father Time is always represented as being bald-headed?"

"That is easily accounted for," replied the professor. "So many people during their school days grasped Time by the forelock in trying to get away from the foot of the class that his hair has all been pulled out. See?"

The girl at the foot answered never a word.

The great men of the world have been workers. This is true without exception. The world always finds a place for an earnest worker. Edison says that he works twenty hours a day. No wonder he has astonished the world with his inventions. Moses and Paul, and Luther, and Wesley, the world's great reformers, all died with the harness on. What a young man wants to learn, more than anything else, is to work. There is no room for idlers.

**New York World.**  
**The Democratic Attitude.**

The Democrats in both the Senate and the House are practically unanimously opposed to the annexation and permanent government of the Philippines by the United States.

They stand by our Declaration of Independence. They abide by the Constitution. They respect the traditional policy of the Republic. They are satisfied that the control of this continent and the domination of this hemisphere are enough to keep us occupied and to satisfy any reasonable ambition for glory. They believe, contrary to Mr. McKinley, that we have unsolved home problems of sufficient gravity to tax our wisdom for years to come. They do not believe in the "assimilation" of 8,000,000 mongrels and savages 10,000 miles away. They do not favor a permanent annual expenditure of \$200,000,000 to support a graft of imperialism upon the Republic.

This position, shared in common by Cleveland and Bryan and by nearly all the Democrats in Congress, is creditable to their good sense and their patriotism. If only party interest were considered the Democratic leaders would permit the President's absurd abominable imperial colonial policy to be adopted with simply a protest. This would give them an issue for 1900 that would put all differences on other questions out of sight and sweep the Republicans from power with the force of a whirlwind.

But the Democrats in Congress are right in standing firmly against this wild scheme of imperialism now, so that the nation shall not be committed to it. "Our country first" is a good motto.

Some days ago Senator Foraker, of Ohio, asserted in a speech in the Senate that it was the purpose of the government to hold the Philippines only until the people are capable of governing themselves. This remark attracted attention, it being assumed that Foraker spoke for the administration. Friday Senator Foraker denied this, stating that he spoke only for himself, and his remark that the Filipinos would be given their independence when they exhibited a capacity for self-government appears to have been based on pure assumption.—Landmark.

Landmark: In Wake Superior court last week a convict named Moore was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged March 30th. Moore is a white man. He was serving a sentence in the penitentiary for stealing a mule and killed a guard while attempting to escape.

A correspondent of the Salisbury Sun says the boiler of Prestwood & Co's saw mill, near Conover, exploded Friday and pieces of the castings were thrown a distance of 400 yards. Six men were standing near when the explosion occurred, but fortunately none of them were hurt.

**An Eloquent Closing.**

In closing one of his addresses Bob Ingersoll pronounced the following beautiful eulogium upon Shakespeare:

"Shakespeare was an intellectual ocean whose waves touched all the shores of thought; within whose bosom were all the tides and waves of destiny and will over which swept all the storms of fate, ambition and revenge, upon which fell the gloom and darkness of despair and death and all the sunlight of a continent of love; an intellectual ocean towards which all rivers run and from which now the isles and continents of thought receive their dew and rain."

Few people seem to realize that it is but seventy years since the first railway in the world was finished, and at present there are 400,000 miles of constructed railway. No other fact shows how fast and far the world has moved within the period of a single human life. The railroads have been the measure of the advance of man in the mechanical skill, in invention in knowledge of the forces of nature, and in ability to command the resources of the earth. The great and controlling nations of the earth are the nations with the best systems of railway.—Ex.

Private Earl Agnew, a Minnesota boy at Manila, says in a letter to his parents: "The inhabitants here are not very modest. Some of them wear simply a smile, while the more bashful of them wear a garter string." This observing young man also notes that "during the dry season it only rains six days in the week, but during the rainy season it rains only once, and that is all the time."

Lawrence Pulliam, defaulting cashier of the first National Bank of Asheville, who disappeared in December, 1893, has surrendered himself to the sheriff at Stockton, Cal., and will be brought back to Asheville to stand trial. Pulliam's defalcation was not discovered until some time after he left Asheville. He was short in his accounts about \$7,000.

There is perhaps not a parallel in the history of the United States for the Gattis Kilgo incident, reported in the last issue of this paper—the case of one minister of the Gospel suing another for libel, says the Statesville Landmark.

Tennessee Tomahawk: The former editor of this paper, who has been spending a few days in Carthage, the home of Governor McMillin, says that the people over there have great faith in Benton, and believe that he will make one of the best Governors the State has ever known.

Gus M. Donnelly has been appointed post master at Sutherland, Ashe county.

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