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Estate of Catherine Murphy, deceased

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the last will and testament of Catherine Murphy, late of the county of Rock Island, State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Rock Island county, at the county court room in the city of Rock Island, at the May term on the first Monday in May next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 25th day of February, A. D., 1898.

PHILIP CRONIN, Executor.

Administrator's Notice

Estate of Marie Kleinmaier, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Marie Kleinmaier, late of the county of Rock Island, state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Rock Island county, at the office of the clerk of said court, in the city of Rock Island, at the May term, on the first Monday in May next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 9th day of March, A. D., 1898.

AUGUST GERDES, Administrator.

Administrator's Notice

Estate of Nels Johnson, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Nels Johnson, late of the county of Rock Island, state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Rock Island county, at the county court room in the city of Rock Island, at the May term, on the first Monday in May next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend, for the purpose of having the same adjusted.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 14th day of March A. D., 1898.

FRIDA M. JOHNSON, Administratrix.

Administrator's Sale Notice.

Sweeney & Walker, Attorneys.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, } ss

In the county court at the March term, A. D. 1898. Petition to sell real estate.

George H. Richmond, administrator of estate of Rebecca Ramsey, deceased, vs. Frank Edgin Williams, Jessie Elizabeth Williams, Hal Allen Williams, Hazel M. Williams, Lula Williams, George H. Richmond, guardian, etc.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a decree of sale made and entered in the above entitled cause, on the 9th day of March, A. D. 1898, at the March term of said court I, the undersigned administrator of said estate, will on Saturday, the 16th day of April, A. D. 1898, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and five o'clock p. m., town at the hour of one o'clock p. m. of said day at the east door of the court house, in the city of Rock Island, in said county and state, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder or bidders the following real estate, to-wit:

Lot number six (6) in block number one (1) in Wooster & Sears' first addition to the town of Moline and situated in the county of Rock Island and state of Illinois, free from dower and homestead rights of Oscar Ramsey.

Terms of sale cash at date of sale.

Dated March 10, A. D. 1898.

GEORGE H. RICHMOND, Administrator of the estate of Rebecca Ramsey, deceased.

SWEENEY & WALKER, Attorneys.

Administrator's Sale Notice.

Sweeney & Walker, Attorneys.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, } ss

In the county court at the March term, A. D. 1898. Petition to sell real estate to pay debts

Agnes Kelly, administratrix of the estate of James W. Kelly, deceased, vs. Aetna Life Insurance company, of Hartford, Conn., Rose E. Kelly, Frederick M. Kelly, Catharine M. Kelly and John W. Kelly.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a decree of sale made and entered in the above entitled cause, on the 10th day of March A. D. 1898, at the March term of said court, I, the undersigned administratrix of said estate, will on Saturday, the 16th day of April, A. D. 1898, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and five o'clock p. m., to-wit: at the hour of two o'clock p. m. of said day, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Rock Island, in said county and state, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder or bidders, the following real estate, subject, however to the dower and homestead rights of said Agnes Kelly, as the widow of James W. Kelly therein, to-wit:

The west one half of the southwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, all in section number twenty six (26) in township number seventeen (17) north of range number four (4) west of the 4th P. M. in the county of Rock Island in the state of Illinois.

Terms of sale cash.

Dated March 10, A. D. 1898.

AGNES KELLY, Administratrix of the estate of James W. Kelly, deceased.

SWEENEY & WALKER, Attorneys for Petitioner.

CUBAN OBSERVATIONS

Made by Senator Proctor, of Vermont, During a Trip to the Unfortunate Island.

TELLS THE SENATE WHAT HE SAW.

Did Not See Any Real War, But Very Genuine Want Was Everywhere—Story of the Reconcentrados and Their Sufferings—Two Hundred Thousand Starved to Death—Peace the Only Thing That Will Save Those Who Are Left.

Washington, March 18. — Senator Proctor, of Vermont, who returned last Sunday from an extended trip to and through the island of Cuba, yesterday afternoon made a statement to the senate of his observations on the island. From many view-points the statement was remarkable. It had evidently been most carefully prepared. Every element

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of sensationalism had been studiously eliminated from it, and it bore not the slightest evidence of an effort to arouse the public mind. The national quarantine bill was under discussion and Mallory of Florida was going to speak when Frye entered the chamber and interrupting Mallory requested him to yield to Proctor, who desired to make a statement concerning his observations in Cuba of interest to the senate and to the country.

Had No Official Connections.

Proctor read his speech from manuscript. He began by denying in toto the reports that he was in any sense an agent of the government. He went to Cuba to satisfy himself of the facts that could be seen and heard. In the course of his speech he said: "It has been stated that I said there was no doubt that the Maine was blown up from the outside. This is a mistake. I may have said that such was the general impression among Americans in Havana. In fact I have no opinion about it myself, and have carefully avoided forming one. I gave no attention to these outside surmises. I met the members of the court on their boat, but would as soon approach our supreme court in regard to a pending case as that board."

Situation on the Island of Cuba.

After stating that the only sign of war at Havana was the soldiers he continued: "Outside Havana all is changed. It is not peace, nor is it war. It is desolation and distress, misery and starvation. Every town and village is surrounded by a trocha [trench], a sort of rifle-pit, but constructed on a plan new to me. * * * From all the surrounding country the people have been driven into these fortified towns and held there to subsist as they can. They are virtually prison yards. Every railroad station is within one of these trochas and has an armed guard. Every train has an armored freight car, loopholed for musketry, and filled with soldiers, and a pilot engine in advance.

Country Is Swept of Inhabitants.

"With this exception there is no human life or habitation between these fortified towns and villages, and throughout the whole of the four western provinces—except to a very limited extent among the hills where the Spaniards have not been able to go and drive the people to the towns and burn their dwellings. I saw no house or hut in the 400 miles of railroad rides from Pinar del Rio province in the west across the full width of Havana and Matanzas provinces, and to Sagua la Grande on the north shore and to Cienfuegos on the south shore of Santa Clara, except within the Spanish trochas. There are no domestic animals or crops on the rich fields and pastures except such as are under guard in the immediately vicinity of the towns. In other words, the Spaniards hold in these four western provinces just what their army sits on. This is the 'pacified' condition of the four western provinces."

CONDITION OF RECONCENTRADOS.

Says That 200,000 People Have Died as a Result of Weyler's Order.

The senator explained how the people living in the country were ordered into these towns by General Weyler and then left living in a sanitary condition that is "unmentionable." He said: "Deaths in the streets have not been uncommon. I was told by one of our consuls that they have been found dead about the markets in the morning where they had crawled, hoping to get some stray bits of food from the early hucksters, and that there had been cases where they had dropped dead inside the market surrounded by food. These people were independent and self-supporting before Weyler's order. They are not beggars even now. * * * Before starting I received through the mail a leaflet published by The Christian Herald, with cuts of some of the sick and starving reconcentrados and took it with me, thinking these were rare specimens got up to make the worst possible showing.

"I saw plenty as bad and worse; many that should not be photographed and shown. I could not believe that out of a population of 1,650,000, 200,000 had died within these Spanish forts—practically prison walls—within a few months past from actual starvation and diseases caused by insufficient and improper food. My inquiries were entirely outside of sensational sources. They were made of our medical officers, of our consuls, of city alcaldes [mayors], of relief committees, of leading merchants and bankers, physicians and lawyers. Several of my informants were Spanish-born, but every time the answer was that the case had not been overstated. What I saw I cannot tell so that others can see it."

After paying a high compliment to the work of the Red Cross under Miss Barton the senator closed as follows: "If our people could see a small fraction of the need they would pour more 'freely from their liberal store' than ever before for any cause. When will the need for his help end? Not until peace comes and the reconcentrados can go back to their country, rebuild their homes, reclaim their tillage plots—which quickly run up to brush in that wonderful soil and clime—and until they can be free from danger of molestation in so doing. Until then the American people must in the main care for them. It is true that the alcaldes, other local authorities, and relief committees are now trying to do something and desire, I believe, to do the best they can. But the problem is beyond their means and capacity and the work is one to which they are not accustomed."

"I have endeavored to state in not intemperate mood what I saw and heard and to make no argument thereon, but leave every one to draw his own conclusion. To me the strongest appeal is not the barbarity practiced by Weyler nor the loss of the Maine—if our worst fears should prove true—terrible as are both of these incidents; but the spectacle of a million and a half of people, the entire native population of Cuba, struggling for freedom and deliverance from the worst misgovernment of which I ever had knowledge. But whether our action ought not to be influenced by any one or all these things, and if so, how far, is another question. I am not in favor of annexation—not because I would apprehend any particular trouble from it, but because it is not wise policy to take in any people of foreign tongue and training and without any strong guiding American element. The fear that if free the people of Cuba would be revolutionary is not so well founded as has been supposed, and the conditions for good self-government are far more favorable. The large number of educated and patriotic men, the great sacrifices they have endured, the peaceful temperment of the people—whites and blacks—the wonderful prosperity that would surely come with peace and good home rule, the large influx of Americans and English immigration and money, would all be strong factors for stable institutions. But it is not my purpose at this time, nor do I consider it my province to suggest any plan. I merely speak of the symptoms as I saw them, but do not undertake to prescribe. Such remedial steps as may be required may safely be left to an American president and the American people."

REPORT IS NOT YET READY.

Admiral Sicard Says the Story That It Is Was Based on Pure Inference.

Key West, Fla., March 18.—Late last night the correspondent of the Associated Press ascertained from Rear Admiral Sicard the status of the investigation. Admiral Sicard said: "It is impossible at this stage to say how soon the court will be ready to make its report. The members are continuing their labors. When they are ready to re-examine the officers of the Maine, whom I have detained here, they will either do so in the federal building or summon them to the Iowa. The court's report has not yet been made. The no-

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tion that it would be in Washington by Saturday probably was based purely on inference." There is good authority for the assertion that the court probably will return to Havana before reaching its conclusions.

Boston, March 18.—A special to The Globe from Key West says: "It is learned tonight that a special report of the work of the court of inquiry has been sent to Washington. This is not the report and findings of the court, which have not yet been agreed upon, but it is in the nature of a communication for the use of the president, which he may or may not make public, as he sees fit. In any event it will prepare the president for what the board will report and enable him to take measures accordingly, as the court will find that the Maine was blown up from the outside."

IRISHMEN HONOR THE OLD SOD.

St. Patrick's Day Celebrated at Chicago with a Great Parade.

Chicago, March 18.—St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in this city in the usual style by the Irishmen resident here. There were speeches denouncing Great Britain for her treatment of Ireland, declaring devotion to Erin and urging that every opportunity be taken to bring about revolution in Ireland against the British. The feature of the day was the parade, which was the most extensive held for many years.

There were various entertainments last night. The day was generally and enthusiastically kept all over the United States—its significance politically being greatly enhanced by the fact that this year is the centenary of the revolution of 1898, the memories of which are being stirred by the leaders of the Irish here and in the old country.

Local Markets.

Corn—25@26c.
Oats—18@20c.
Hay—Timothy, $8@8.50; wild, $6@7.
Straw—$4@4.50.
Potatoes—55c.
Butter—Fair to choice, 12c; fresh creamery 18c.
Eggs—10c.
Chickens—5@6c.
Turkeys—10c.
Ducks—Alive, 7c; dressed, 10c.
Coal—Soft, 10c.
Cattle—Butchers pay for corn fed steers 4@4½c; cows and heifers, 3@3½c; calves, 4½@5½c.
Hogs—$3@3.75.
Sheep—3½@4c.

THE FIRE HORROR AT CHICAGO.

Firemen Begin the Work of Recovering the Bodies of the Lost.

Chicago, March 18.—The best news of the fire that caused such destruction of life Wednesday is that Miss Carney, whose coolness saved a number of the girls in the building at the time of fire, did not lose her own life, as was first reported, as a result of her heroism. Other than that the outlook is one of horror. At the beginning of work by the firemen yesterday morning there were seventeen missing. At 1 p. m. a body so badly burned as to be unrecognizable was recovered, but it was later recognized as that of W. J. Wilcox, treasurer of the Olmsted company. The remains of a woman were also found and identified as those of Mrs. M. E. Harris, who had been but a short time in the city, coming from Cedar Rapids, Ia. Her 13-year-old boy identified his mother's corpse.

Four of those who were reported as missing have appeared, uninjured, and they are: J. L. Thorborn; Solomon Grollman, Sr., and his son, Solomon Grollman, Jr., and Frank W. Teeple. By strange coincidence the fate of H. L. Nelson, chemist for the W. A. Olmsted company, was foretold two weeks ago. Nelson was the son-in-law of George A. Fair, manager of the Schiller theater. Some time ago a gypsy fortune teller came to the Nelson home at 354 Erie street, and Mrs. Nelson, in jest, had her fortune told. "You will be a widow inside of a year," were the ominous words of the stranger. Mrs. Nelson and her husband joked about the dire prediction. Wednesday it became a reality.

Three burned and mangled bodies in all were taken from the ruins yesterday fire. This brings the number of known dead to six, while twenty persons are now reported missing. The bodies recovered have been identified as Charles A. Price, Henry R. Nelson and Mrs. M. E. Harris, all employed by the W. A. Olmsted company.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

The Ohio house defeated a 2-cent per mile railway fare bill by a vote of 48 to 54.

A movement has been started at Eau Claire, Wis., to nominate W. K. Coffin for mayor on the Republican ticket.

John S. Fear, city auditor of Burlington, Ia., has disappeared, leaving a statement that he is $2,900 short in his accounts.

Three of our eight monitors — the Canonicus, Mahopac and Lehigh — are useless and cannot be put in condition for service.

Senator Thurston has arrived at Washington with the body of Mrs. Thurston, who died at Sagua la Grande, Cuba, on Monday last.

Chili having a little misunderstanding on hand with Peru will sell the battleship O'Higgins to neither the United States nor Spain.

Admiral Bermejo, the Spanish minister of marine, has wired the commander of the torpedo flotilla at the Canaries not to proceed to Havana.

A verdict for $75,000 damages for libel has been awarded the American Book company against the Kingdom Publishing company, of Minneapolis.

Rev. Samuel G. Bettes, the cowboy preacher, is going to the Klondike. He will do evangelical work along the way and will depend upon his collections for subsistence.

The 5-year-old son of John H. Falter, of Janesville, Wis., swallowed a capsule containing bi-chloride of mercury and was only saved by vigorous medical treatment.

Senator Stewart has given notice of an amendment he will offer to the naval appropriation bill providing for the construction of eighteen coast defense monitors.

Lydia Matteson McGinnis, aged 62, wife of John McGinnis, Jr., of New York, is dead at Paris. She was a daughter of the late Governor Joel A. Matteson, of Illinois.

In the United States court at Galveston, Tex., five Chinamen were adjudged to be in the United States contrary to the provisions of the Gray act. They were ordered deported.

Tomas Estrada Palma, head of the Cuban rebellion in the United States, has issued a proclamation again declaring that the rebels will never accept anything except Cuban independence.

The people's Savings bank at Mount Pleasant, Mich., which suspended last October, and is now in the hands of receivers, was robbed Monday night. The thieves secured $5,000 in bonds and $700 in cash.

Governor Scofield, of Wisconsin, has issued a proclamation fixing June 7 as the day, and Madison as the place for the official observance of the semi-centennial of the taking of the oath of office by the first state officers.

THE TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC RAILway—Tickets can be purchased or baggage checked at R I & P Twentieth street depot, or C R I & P depot, corner Fifth avenue and Thirty first street, Frank H Plummer, Agent.

TRAINS.	East.	West.
Denver Limited & Omaha	† 3:05 am	† 2:55 am
Ft Worth Denver & K C	† 5:05 am	†10:10 pm
Minneapolis	* 6:05 am	* 9:25 pm
Omaha and Des Moines	† 7: 5 am	* 3:20 pm
†Omaha & Minneapolis	†12:15 am	* 4:30 am
Omaha & Des Moines Ex	* 7:40 am	†10:35 pm
†Omaha & Minneapolis Ex	*12:05 am	† 4:35 am
Denver, Lincoln & Omaha	* 3:00 am	* 3:00 am
St Paul & Minneapolis	* 6:00 am	* 9:30 pm
Denver, Ft Worth & K C	* 4:35 am	†10:40 pm
‡Kansas City & St Joseph	*10:10 pm	* 6:35 am
‡Rock Island & Washington	10:00 am	* 8:30 pm
Chicago & Des Moines	† 1:30 pm	† 7:16 pm
Rock Island & Mount Accom	* 6:20 pm	* 7:20 am
Rock Island & Brooklyn Ac	* 5:35 pm	* 7:40 am
‡Muscatine via Wilton	* 5:25 pm	† 5:45 pm

*Arrival. †Departure. ‡Daily, exc pt Sunday. All others daily. Telephone 1063

Sunday evening a Pullman sleeper will be at the depot after 11:00, which will leave for Chicago at 3 a. m. Monday.

BURLINGTON ROUTE—C B & Q RAILway—Depot First avenue and Sixteenth street, M J Young, Agent.

TRAINS.	LEAVE	ARRIVE
St L, Springfield, Peoria & Bur Quincy via Monmouth	* 7:00 am	* 7:20 pm
Chicago, Sterling, Clinton & Dubuque	† 7:40 am	† 8:40 pm
Peoria, Readstown, Burlington & West	† 2.45 pm	†11:20 am
St. Paul & Minneapolis	* 7.50 pm	* 8:10 am
Sterling, Clinton & Dubuque	7.50 pm	† 8:40 pm
St. L., Kansas City, Denver & Pac Coast via Galesburg	* 7:25 pm	* 8:85 am

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST PAUL Railway—Racine & Southwestern Division—Depot Twentieth street, between First and second avenues. L H Greer, Agent.

TRAINS	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Mail and Express	7:30 am	9:30 pm
St Paul Express	4:00 pm	11:20 am
Freight and Accommodation	8:00 am	9 30 am

Daily except Sunday.

ROCK ISLAND & PEORIA RAILWAY—Depot First Avenue and Twentieth street, R Blackhouse, Gen'l Tk't Agent.

TRAINS.	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Springfield, Cincinnati, Peoria, etc		*10:31 pm
Peoria & St Louis Mail Ex	*8.05 am	6.40 pm
Accomodation Fast Freight	10:30 am	
Express	1.45 pm	11:15 am
Peoria Accom Freight	7:10 pm	1:25 am
Cable & Sherrard accom	6:20 am	8:30 pm
Cable Accomodation	8:40 am	3:20 pm
Cable and Sherrard Accom	3:35 pm	7:55 am

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