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ORDER NISI.

WARFIELD ET AL. vs. WARFIELD ET AL. } In the Circuit Court for Howard county. In Equity, No. 1527.

Ordered, this 19th day of November, 1898, that the sales made and reported by David S. Briscoe trustee for the sale of the real estate in this cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown, on or before the 19th day of December, A. D., 1898; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published at Ellicott City, in Howard county, once in each of three successive weeks, before the 19th day of December next.

The report states the said sales to be for the first parcel at ten dollars per acre, and the second parcel at eleven dollars per acre.

J. H. OWINGS, Clerk.

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ORDER NISI.

JNO. G. ROGERS, Assignee, vs. WM. H. FISHER AND WIFE. } In the Circuit Court for Howard county. In Equity.

Ordered, by the Circuit Court for Howard county, that the sale made and reported by Jno. G. Rogers, assignee, for the sale of the real estate of Wm. H. Fisher and wife, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown, on or before the 26th day of December, 1898; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some paper printed at Ellicott City, Howard county, once in each of three successive weeks, before the 26th day of December, 1898.

The report states the amount of sales to be $350.

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ORDER NISI.

In the matter of a Tax Sale of the property assessed to GEO. W. THOMPSON, made by A. HOWARD EARP, Collector. } In the Circuit Court for Howard county. In Equity.

Ordered, by the Circuit Court for Howard county, in equity, this 23d day of November, A. D., 1898, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by A. Howard Earp, collector of State and county taxes, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown, on or before the 23d day of December next; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Howard county, once each of three successive weeks, before the 23d day of December next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $101.

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ORDER NISI.

ELIZABETH WEBER et al. vs. BARBARA PFAFF et al. } In the Circuit Court for Howard county In Equity.

Ordered, by the Circuit Court for Howard county, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Edward T. Jones and John G. Rogers, trustees, appointed by a decree of this court to make said sale, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown, on or before the 17th day of December next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Howard county, once in each of three successive weeks, before the 17th day of December next.

The report states the amount of the sale to be $1,250.

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ORDER NISI.

JNO. G. ROGERS, Att'y., vs. EMMA MILLER AND HUSBAND. } In the Circuit Court for Howard county. In Equity.

Ordered, that the sale made and reported by John G. Rogers, attorney, of the real estate of Emma Miller and husband, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown, on or before the 17th day of December next; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some paper published in Howard county, once in each of three successive weeks, before the 17th day of December next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $760.

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Notice is hereby given, that the subscriber of Howard county, has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Howard county, in Maryland, Letters of Administration on the personal estate of

CHARLES HENSON,

late of Howard county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 20th day of May next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand this 15th day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

ELIZA (X) HENSON.
her
mark.
Administratrix.

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ISAAC SCAGGS,
Register of Wills for Howard County.

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Given under my hand this 1st day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

GEO. W. LINTHICUM,
Administrator.

True Copy—Test:
ISAAC SCAGGS,
Register of Wills for Howard county.

EXAMINERS' NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undesigned having been duly commissioned by the County Commissioners of Howard county, to examine, and if in their judgment the public convenience requires, open and lay out a new road leading from the Frederick turnpike to the Jonestown road, said road to begin at or near the intersection of the lands of Carlton Sykes, John Gross and John G. Rogers on the north side of said turnpike, and running thence in a northerly direction through the lands of John G. Rogers to intersect the Jonestown road at or near the entrance to the Stanford farm through the lands of James H. Gaither a distance of ½ of a mile, will meet at the Howard House, Ellicott City, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1898, at 9 o'clock A. M., to execute the duties of their commission. Should it rain on that day the examiners will meet on the next clear day at the same hour and place.

JNO. H. HERBERT,
JNO. W. STREAKER,
JOHN MAYFIELD,
Examiners

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned, having been duly commissioned by the County Commissioners of Howard county, to examine, and if in their judgment the public convenience requires, open and widen what is known as the New Cut Road, from the depot yard in Ellicott City to a point opposite the gate of Alfred Thomas, in the Second election district of Howard county, will meet on the premises on Wednesday, December 28, 1898, at 9 A. M., to execute the duties of their commission. Should it rain on that day the examiners will meet on the next clear day at the same hour and place.

THOS. M. JOHNSON,
CHAS. A. HERRMANN,
BENJ. COOMBS,
Commissioners.

NOTICE.

The COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will meet every week on Tuesday for the transaction of business.

By order of the Commissioners.
W. J. ROBINSON, Clerk.

NOTICE.

The ORPHANS' COURT will meet on the First and Third Tuesday of every month for the transaction of business.

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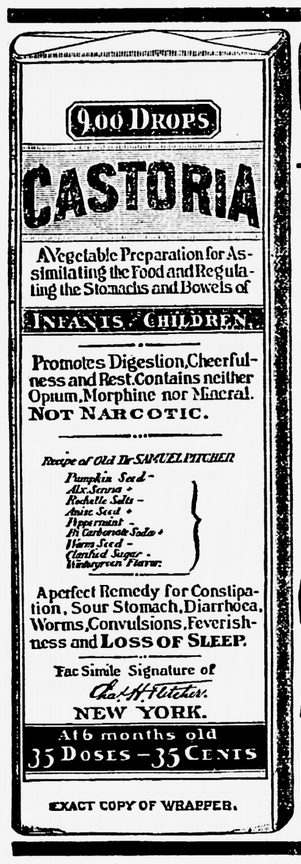

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TOOK BREAKFAST AT PONCE.

How Five Newspaper Men Found Something to Eat.

There were five of us, all newspaper men and all very dirty, very brown, very disreputable looking and more than very hungry. We were packed into a carriage drawn by a couple of Porto Rico frames for horses and were en route from Puerto Ponce to the city itself, the hour 10 a. m. and the date July 27, on which day the principal city in the island fell into the hands of the avuncular Samuel. There was a good bit of excitement in the four miles of drive over the well kept road fringed with canefields, cocoanut palms, sugar mills, blue and white houses and flourishing shrubs. Native Porto Ricans were either wild with delight at being rid of the Spanish soldiers or simulated joy to a marvel. They ran (not fast, as it wasn't necessary with that team) beside the carriage, shouting "Vivan Americanos!" and now and again some particularly dirty specimen would gain a perilous foothold on the crazy step of the ramshackle vehicle and insist on shaking hands all around. He would have kissed us, Spanish fashion, if we had shown any willingness that way. Some of the women did, but that's another story.

We were in search of breakfast. It is not necessary to grow prolix over what that would mean to us. Suffice it, we would rather have found a good meal than a big nugget. Inquiry elicited the fact that Ponce had two cafes of note—that of the Hotel Inglaterra and that of the Hotel Francois. The latter was the nearest and, for that reason, chosen.

The city had been in the possession of American troops less than half an hour, so we were the first of the army of occupation to grace the quiet precincts of the Cafe Francois. How cool it was, with its fountains and marbles, how bright with its ponciana tree in bloom, its huge flowery shrubs and its bright plumage parrakeets, how comical its frescoes of Daphnes, Chloes, Phyllises and Strephons, yet how dainty withal, for the table napery was spotless, the glass, china and (alleged) silver shining with cleanliness and the carafes glistening with (ye gods, could it be possible!) real ice!

Madam, the mistress, a veritable polyglot, backed by three buxom maids jabbered away at us as we threw aside revolvers and fieldglasses and seated ourselves at a round table near the fountain, in a Franco-Hispano-Anglo dialect out of which we gathered that if we would not kill the women and burn the hotel the resources of the cafe were at our disposal.

We promised that death and destruction should follow only in case the breakfast did not appear speedily and bountifully. It did. What a breakfast! Its memory will abide while those five palates preserve their functions and recollection holds its seat. Cold bouillon, fresh fish, a Spanish omelet (huge in proportions, exquisite in accessories), fruit of the freshest and most succulent, coffee like amber and cigars that had been made in Havana before the declaration of war.

Instead of harming that hostess or any of her household, after eating that breakfast we would have attacked with gusto any one who failed to treat her as the queen of providers and dispensers.

We called for the bill, and then came chaos.

"What! You will pay?" almost screamed madam. As evidence of honest intention each man produced his canvas sack and emptied its store of American half eagles and English sovereigns on the table in front of her.

"Henri, Henri!" yelled the excited woman. "Come here, my heart. Come quickly and behold these men, these angels. They will pay. They do not complain. They compliment me on my cooking. Sancta Maria, it is too much!" and the good woman threw herself into the arms of her fat and hitherto invisible husband as he appeared in the doorway, while down her red cheeks streamed tears of veritable delight.

There isn't any moral to this morning glimpse of Ponce at the surrender unless it be found in the comment madam's surprise created upon the probable methods and manners of the Spanish officers who had hitherto been her principal patrons.—Minneapolis Times.

OFFICER OF THE DECK.

The Position Carries Many Important and Responsible Duties.

Immediately upon stepping on board of a man-of-war a visitor sees an officer with a sword belt on walking up and down the quarter deck. Officers and sailors come up to this man so sprucely rigged out in his neat, handsome uniform, touch their caps to him, ask him questions, give him information and receive orders from him, and then they go away from him, and he paces his lonely beat, for he is the man who is on watch, who, while holding this position, has the charge of the ship. He is the "officer of the deck."

His position is one of extreme responsibility. He is held accountable for the safety of the ship and everything and everybody on board her. Every officer or other person in the ship, whatever may be his rank, who is subject to the orders of the captain, except the executive officer, the officer who ranks second to the captain, is subordinate to the officer of the deck.

This officer of the deck cannot leave his charge until he is regularly relieved by some other officer, whose turn it is to assume the responsibility, and he is strictly prohibited by the rules and regulations from engaging in any occupation which may distract his attention from his duty; hence his apparent dislike to engage in conversation, to crack a joke, to smile or to laugh.

A part of his duty is to be polite, though not necessarily agreeable, the law governing this phase of his conduct reading as follows: "He shall see that all persons coming alongside or visiting the ship are courteously treated." Of course he cannot personally attend, except casually, to the reception of the hundreds of people who visit the ship. He delegates this sort of duty to the men, only seeing that they behave themselves decorously and decently.

The officer of the deck is the one man in the ship for the time being on whom devolves the responsibility of properly conducting the affairs pertaining to the welfare of the small world living within the vessel. For four hours this position of dignity and importance is his. Then he goes off, and some other man succeeds to the hardships of the office.—New York Herald.

The Biggest Silver Mine.

The biggest silver producer in the world at present is the Broken Hill Proprietary company, in New South Wales. The output of that company's mines for the fiscal year ending on May 31, 1898, was 6,122,270 fine ounces of silver. The Anaconda Copper Mining company, in Montana, came second, with a production of 5,074,036 ounces of silver. It is worth noting that in both of these mines the silver is produced in connection with other metals—at Broken Hill with lead and at Anaconda with copper. The latter is principally a copper mine, since the metal forms the greater part of the value of its ores.

The Compania Huanchaca de Bolivia has had the operation of its mines seriously interfered with for the last two years by water and other mishaps. Its production in 1897 was 151,095 kilograms, or 4,886,078 ounces, of silver. This is not much more than one-half of the maximum output, which was reached in 1893 and was 281,007 kilograms, or 9,034,885 ounces.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

TRIBE OF ISSACHAR.

DR. TALMAGE SAYS THEY UNDERSTOOD THE TIMES.

That Is Where They Differed From the Incompetents of Today—We Should Prepare For Stirring Events. Spread of the Gospel.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—This sermon of Dr. Talmage is an anticipation of things near at hand and urges preparation for stirring events; text, I Chronicles xii, 32, "The children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do."

Great tribe, that tribe of Issachar. When Joab took the census, there were 145,600 of them. Before the almanac was born, through astrological study, they knew from stellar conjunctions all about the seasons of the year. Before agriculture became an art they were skilled in the raising of crops. Before politics became a science they knew the temper of nations, and whenever they marched, either for pleasure or war, they marched under a three colored flag—topaz, sardine and carbuncle. But the chief characteristic of that tribe of Issachar was that they understood the times. They were not like the political and moral incompetents of our day, who are trying to guide 1898 by the theories of 1828. They looked at the divine indications in their own particular century. So we ought to understand the times, not the times when America was 13 colonies huddled together along the Atlantic coast, but the times when the nation dips one hand in the ocean on one side the continent and the other hand in the ocean on the other side the continent; times which put New York Narrows and the Golden Horn of the Pacific within one flash of electric telegraphy; times when God is as directly, as positively, as solemnly, as tremendously addressing us through the daily newspaper and the quick revolution of events as he ever addressed the ancients or addresses us through the Holy Scriptures. The voice of God in Providence is as important as the voice of God in typology. So in our own day we have had our Sinais with thunders of the Almighty, and Calvaries of sacrifice, and Gethsemanes that sweat great drops of blood, and Olivets of ascension, and Mount Pisgahs of farreaching vision. The Lord who rounded this world 6,000 years ago and sent his Son to redeem it near 1,900 years ago has yet much to do with this radiant but agonized planet. May God make us like the children of Issachar, "which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do."

The Dying Century.

The grave of this century will soon be dug. The cradle of another century will soon be rocked. There is something moving this way out of the eternities, something that thrills me, blanches me, appalls me, exhilarates me, enraptures me. It will wreathe the orange blossoms for millions of weddings. It will beat the dirge for millions of obsequies. It will carry the gilded banners of brightest mornings and the black flags of darkest midnights. The world will play the grand march of its heroes and sound the rogues' march of its cowards. Other processions may halt or break down or fall back, but the procession led by that leader moves steadily on and will soon be here. It will preside over coronations and dethronements. I hail it! I bless it! I welcome it! The twentieth century of the Christian era.

What may we expect of it and how shall we prepare for it are the momentous questions I propose now to discuss. As in families human nativity is anticipated by all sanctity and kindliness and solemnity and care and hopefulness, so ought we prayerfully, hopefully, industriously, confidently prepare for the advent of a new century. The nineteenth century must not treat the twentieth on its arrival as the eighteenth century treated the nineteenth. Our century inherited the wreck of revolutions and the superstitions of age. Around its cradle stood the armed assassin of old world tyrannies; the "reign of terror," bequeathing its horrors; Robespierre, plotting his diabolism; the Jacobin club, with its wholesale massacre; the guillotine, chopping its beheadments. The ground quaking with the great guns of Marengo, Wagram and Badajos. All Europe in convulsion. Asia in comparative quiet, but the quietness of death. Africa in the clutches of the slave trade. American savages in full cry, their scalping knives lifted. The exhausted and poverty struck people of America sweating under the debt of $300,000,000, which the Revolutionary war had left them. Washington just gone into the long sleep at Mount Vernon, and the nation in bereavement, Aaron Burr, the champion libertine, becoming soon after the vice president. The government of the United States only an experiment, most of the philosophers and statesmen and governments of the earth prophesying it would be a disgraceful failure. No poor foundling laid at night on the cold steps of a mansion, to be picked up in the morning, was poorer off than this century at its nativity. The United States government had taken only 13 steps on its journey, its constitution having been formed in 1789, and most of the nations of the earth laughed at our government in its first attempts to walk alone.

New Map of the World.

The birthday of our nineteenth century occurred in the time of war. Our small United States navy, under Captain Truxton, commanding the frigate Constitution, was in collision with the French frigates La Vengeance and L'Insurgente, and the first infant cries of this century were drowned in the roar of naval battle. And political strife on this continent was the hottest, the parties rending each other with pantherine rage. The birthday present of this nineteenth century was vituperation, public unrest, threat of national demolition and horrors national and international. I adjure you, let not the twentieth century be met in that awful way, but with all brightness of temporal and religious prospects.

First, let us put upon the cradle of the new century a new map of the world. The old map was black with too many barbarisms and red with too many slaughters and pale with too many sufferings. Let us see to it that on that map, so far as possible, our country from ocean to ocean is a Christianized continent—schools, colleges, churches and good homes in long line from ocean beach to ocean beach. On that map Cuba must be free. Porto Rico must be free. The archipelago of the Philippines must be free. If cruel Spain expects by procrastination and intrigue to get back what she has surrendered, then the warships Iowa and Indiana and Brooklyn and Texas and Vesuvius and Oregon must be sent back to southern waters or across to the coast of Spain to silence the insolence, as decidedly as last summer they silenced the Cristobal Colon and Oquendo and Maria Teresa and Vizcaya. When we get those islands thoroughly under our protectorate, for the first time our missionaries in China will be safe. The atrocities imposed on those good men and women in the so called Flowery Kingdom will never be resumed, for our guns will be too near Hongkong to allow the massacre of missionary settlements.

On that map must be put the Isthmian canal, begun if not completed. No long voyages around Cape Horn for the world's merchandise, but short and cheap communication by water instead of expensive

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