

The National Period of American Literature

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This period was just closing when John P. Kennedy did for Poe what Willis had done for Bayard Taylor in bringing a writer of promise before the public. The young aspirant had met with both good and ill fortune from the start. He was born in Boston Jan. 19, 1809, but of parents who staid there only long enough to complete a theatrical engagement, wandering off on a southern circuit and both dying within two years, leaving three children to the compassion of such friends as they might happen to find.

Edgar was fortunate in being taken up by the wife of a well to do tradesman of Richmond, himself generous in his treatment of the precocious lad, who soon became the petted showpiece of the family. This was his second misfortune. Five years at an English school were followed by six more of preparation for the University of Virginia in a school at home. In both he was active in athletics, a good boxer and swimmer, with one rival in scholarship, prominent in debates and a versifier of repute, yet without intimate friends and inclined as a spoiled boy to be imperious, capricious and self-willed. At the university the pursuit of knowledge in those days was relieved by punch and card playing for money. His good fortune he managed to turn into evil by contracting gambling debts to the amount of about \$2,500, which Mr. Allan, his foster father, declined to pay, and, taking the wayward youth home at the end of the year, he placed him in his own counting room, from which Poe broke loose and went to Boston. He took with him as capital with which to begin life once more in that city at the age of 18 a bundle of short poems, which he persuaded another young man to print in a thin volume of 40 pages, entitled "Tamerlane and Other Poems, by a Bostonian." During two years in the army and six months at West Point the other poems, including a revision of "Tamerlane," were composed, to be published in 1831 in New York. Among these were "Helen," "The Doomed City," "The Sleeper," "Lenore" and "The Valley of Unrest," not all of them as they now appear, but a long stride ahead of his Boston book. The forthcoming power of his weird imagination and the enchantment of his unique diction begin to show themselves. He might truly say:

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NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that the charter of the Clayton Cotton Mills has been amended so that 1st. That the corporation can borrow money and secure the same by mortgage or otherwise, as the stockholders may direct. 2nd. Capital stock increased to \$120,000. 3rd. The word "seal" in a scroll to be written after the signature of each corporation. W. S. STEVENS, C. S. C.

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On account of the Christmas and New Year Holidays the Southern Railway has arranged to sell round trip tickets upon a basis of one and one-third first-class limited fares to all points south of the Ohio and Potomac and East of the Mississippi rivers; tickets to be placed on sale December 23rd, 24th and 25th at 4 a.m. on December 30th, 31st and January 1st and final return limit January 3rd, 1902. Tickets for students of schools and colleges can be purchased on December 18th, to 22nd, inclusive limited to January 8th, 1902, upon certificate from Principal, President or person in charge of the school. For further information please call on any Agent of the Southern Railway or write, R. L. VERNON, T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

J. M. CULP, T. M. W. A. TURK, A. P. T. M. S. H. HARDWICK, G. P. A., Washington, D. C.

NOTICE!

By virtue of authority contained in a mortgage deed executed by W. E. Lee and wife, Martha Lee, to Ben Hudson February 16, 1901, which mortgage deed has been duly transferred to Charles F. Neighbors and registered in Book U, No. 7, page 510 in the Register's office in Smithfield, I shall sell at auction for cash at the court house door in Smithfield, N. C., on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1902, the following real property: One town lot in Benson, N. C., beginning at a stake in street at a ditch and runs N 3 E 153 feet to a stake in M. C. Benson's line thence S 70 W 76 feet to a stake at street in M. C. Benson's line at a ditch; thence as said ditch N 53 W 114 feet to the beginning, containing a fractional part of an acre. Second Tract—Being part of the tract or parcel of land conveyed to J. J. Jernigan, deceased, by his father, Jesse I. Jernigan, by deed dated October 4th, 1882, and duly recorded in the Registry of Johnston County, in Book B, No. 8, page 529, and thereafter conveyed by the said Jesse Jernigan to Cornelia A. Jernigan and J. J. Jernigan, her husband, by deed dated January 5th, 1893, and registered in Book M, No. 4, page 264, Register's office of Johnston County, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the Benson road, runs S 2 W 230 chains to a stake; thence N 850 chains to a stake; thence N 950 chains to a stake; thence N 34 W 100 chains to a stake; thence N 84 W 36 chains to the beginning, containing ninety-seven (97) acres, be the same more or less, and known as the home place of the said Cornelia A. Jernigan. December 2nd, 1901. F. H. BROOKS, Commissioner.

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MORTGAGE SALE OF LAND.

Under the power of sale given to us by D. A. Fields and wife Jerusha Fields, by mortgage deed executed on March 15th, 1891, and recorded in Register of Deeds office of Johnston County, N. C., in Book U, No. 1, page 144, to secure the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) and interest from March 15th, 1891, and due December 1st, 1901, default of payment having been made, we will sell for cash at the Court House door in Smithfield, Johnston County, N. C., to the highest bidder, on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1902, the lands therein conveyed and described as follows: First Tract—In the town of Jerome, N. C., and comprises all of the town lots conveyed by the East Carolina Land and Improvement Company to Jerusha Fields by deed, dated December 1st, 1890, and recorded in Book X, No. 7, pages 322, etc., which description in said deed is made a part of this conveyance from the operation of this mortgage is executed one town lot located to Martha E. Ward on the 29th day of April, 1890, recorded in Book X, No. 7, page 329, and the Register of Deeds of Johnston County, N. C., size of said lot is 86 1/2 feet by 150 feet. Also one other lot located to N. F. Barden on the 29th day of December, 1890, recorded in Book Y, No. 7, page 133. This is a part of Book U, No. 7, and is 86 1/2 feet by 150 feet. Both lots are on Main Street. Second Tract—One town lot which was located to Jerusha Fields on the 22nd day of May, 1890, by Charles Blackman. Said deed recorded in Book U, No. 1, page 144, and comprises all of the lot No. 1 in Block D, in said town. Terms of sale cash. Time 12 o'clock. December 3rd, 1901. H. WEIL & BROS.

SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of four executions in my hands, I shall sell at auction at the court house door in the town of Smithfield on Monday, January 6th, 1902, at 12 o'clock M., to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy costs incurred in the division of the lands of Ben Dixon deceased, the following real estate lying in Pleasant Grove township to wit: Lot No. 2 in said division cont 1/2 ing 32 1/2 acres, which was assigned to Edgar Dixon. Lot No. 3 in said division containing 40 2 1/2 acres, assigned to John Dixon. Lot No. 4 in said division containing 32 3 1/2 acres, assigned to Patrick Dixon. Forty five acres assigned to Betsy Dixon, widow of Ben Dixon, deceased as dower. This Dec. 6th, 1901. J. T. ELLINGTON, Sheriff.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

Having qualified as administrator on the estate of B. R. Blackman, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment and settlement, and all persons having claims against said estate will present them for payment within the time prescribed by law or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. This 14th day of November, 1901. O. B. BLACKMAN, Administrator. JAMES D. PARKER, Attorney.

NOTICE!

By virtue of the authority contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to Mrs. Sarah J. Whitley on the 15th day of January, 1894, by the late Mrs. Laura Creech, and by Mrs. Sarah J. Whitley sold and transferred to J. T. Pool, said mortgage duly recorded in the Register's office of Johnston County in Book H, No. 6, page 481, I shall sell at auction for cash at the court house door in the town of Smithfield, N. C., on the 21st day of December, 1901, the following real property: 1st tract, Beginning at a point in the west side of Adams street where the old corporation line crosses said street, thence with Adams street 280 feet to J. C. Jernigan's corner, thence with Jernigan's line back 150 feet, thence to the old corporation line to the beginning. 2nd tract, Beginning at J. H. Johnson's corner on Railroad street and runs with his line back to the nearly west end of the old Railroad street 30 feet, thence in a line parallel with J. H. Johnson's line 110 feet to Railroad street, thence along said street to the corner of the house on said lot, the all of which is in the town of Four Oaks, N. C., all of which is fully described in said mortgage. This 20th day of Nov., 1901. J. T. POOL, Assignee of Mortgage. WELLS & MORGAN, Attorneys.

NOTICE!

By virtue of an execution in my hands in favor of J. M. Baddeley and against J. H. Glover and others, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door in Smithfield, on Monday, January 6th, 1902, at 12 o'clock M., the following real property: 1st. A tract of land lying in O'Neal's Township, adjoining the lands of Charles and others, described as follows: Beginning at a black gum on Little River in R. Creech's corner, runs as his line S 8 E 9 1/2 chains to a stake, thence N E 30 1/2 chains to a stake, thence S 1/2 E 30 1/2 chains to a stake, thence S 1/2 E 30 1/2 chains to the beginning, containing 30 acres. This being excess over homestead laid off to J. H. Glover, November 15th, 1901. This December 3rd, 1901. J. T. ELLINGTON, Sheriff.

NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of W. D. Brown, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me daily verified on or before the 25th day of November, 1901, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 10th day of November, 1901. MRS. MOLLIE O. BROWN, Administratrix. John A. Naron, Att'y.

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

Allen K. Smith, Plaintiff, vs. Cornelia A. Jernigan, Edgar Jernigan, Estella Jernigan and husband, J. C. Jernigan, Cora Belle Jernigan, Mamie Gertrude Jernigan, Lida Herman Jernigan, Eugene Carl Jernigan, Jesse I. Jernigan and wife, Ernest Jernigan, Defendants. By virtue of authority contained in a decree of the Superior Court, rendered at the December term of 1898, in the above entitled action, for sale of public lands, for cash at the Court House door in the town of Smithfield, N. C., on Monday, December 30th, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., the following described land, to-wit: First Tract—That tract or parcel of land situated in Farmer Township, Johnston County, N. C., and comprising sixty-two (62) acres more or less; known as that tract whereon Seany Jernigan formerly resided, lying about one mile north of the town of Union and being the tract conveyed to said Seany Jernigan by his father, Jesse I. Jernigan, by deed dated October 4th, 1882, and duly recorded in the Registry of Johnston County, in Book B, No. 8, page 529, and thereafter conveyed by the said Seany Jernigan to Cornelia A. Jernigan and J. J. Jernigan, her husband, by deed dated January 5th, 1893, and registered in Book M, No. 4, page 264, Register's office of Johnston County, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a stake on the Benson road, runs S 2 W 230 chains to a stake; thence N 850 chains to a stake; thence N 950 chains to a stake; thence N 34 W 100 chains to a stake; thence N 84 W 36 chains to the beginning, containing ninety-seven (97) acres, be the same more or less, and known as the home place of the said Cornelia A. Jernigan. December 2nd, 1901. F. H. BROOKS, Commissioner.

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NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as Executor on the estate of John M. Wilson, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to us daily verified on or before the 15th day of November, 1902, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 24th day of November, 1901. JNO. A. WILSON, W. G. WILSON, Executors.

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The undersigned having qualified as Executor on the estate of Matthew Casey, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me daily verified on or before the 15th day of November, 1902, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 14th day of November, 1901. BENJAMIN CASEY, Executor. N. 15-E-X

NOTICE!

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Johnston County, made in this cause, on the 16th day of November, 1901, I will sell for cash at the court house door in Smithfield at 12 o'clock on Saturday, the 21st day of December, 1901, the following described tract of land: That tract of land lying and being in Beulah Township, in said county and State of North Carolina, and being the same as that sold to the Great Branch, where Little River road crosses the same, thence with said road S 9 1/2 E 82 poles to a stake, corner lot No. 1 in the division of the lands of Solomon Watson's corner, thence with the line N 30 E 18 poles to the canal on the Great Branch, thence with said canal and run of said branch to the corner of the said branch, except 30 acres heretofore conveyed by deed. This the 16th day of November, 1901. ED S. ABELL, Attorney. W. F. GIBALD, Commissioner.

NOTICE!

By virtue of the authority contained in a mortgage deed executed to me on the 24th day of December, 1894, by S. D. Lee and wife, and duly registered in the Register's office of Johnston County in Book P, No. 6, page 12, I shall sell at auction, for cash at the Court House door in the town of Smithfield, N. C., on the 10th day of December, 1901, the following real property to-wit: Beginning at the corner of Lot No. 2 in the division of the lands of Jno. A. Smith, deceased, also Henry Smith's corner, runs thence South 1/2 mile north 86 W 89 poles to a stake, thence S 83 poles to a stake, thence E 123 poles to a stake, thence N 53 poles to a stake in the line of Lot No. 2, thence with line N 86 W 30 poles to the beginning, containing 42 acres more or less, and known as Lot No. 1 in the division of the lands of Jno. A. Smith, deceased, and deeded to G. I. Smith by the other heirs of said Jno. A. Smith and adjoining the lands of Henry Smith heirs J. G. Smith and others. And fully described in said mortgage. This 28th day of November, 1901. ALLEN K. SMITH, Mortgagee.

NOTICE!

By virtue of the authority contained in a mortgage deed executed to me on the 18th day of May, 1891, by H. Thornton and wife, and duly registered in the Register's office of Johnston County in Book G, No. 7, page 174, I shall sell at auction, for cash at the Court House door in the town of Smithfield, N. C., on the 30th day of December, 1901, the following tract or parcel of land lying and being in Johnston County, State aforesaid, in Meadow township, described and defined as follows: That tract on which said H. Thornton and wife now live, adjoining the lands of D. G. Joffe and John Bessey et als, and containing 25 acres. Said sale will be made subject to a mortgage executed to A. K. Smith bearing date of Dec. 15, 1898, and payable Dec. 15th, 1902, amount of mortgage principal and interest to Dec. 15th, 1902, being \$192.30, and fully described in said mortgage. This 26th day of November, 1901. J. K. BEASLEY, Mortgagee. SAM T. HONEYCUTT, Att'y.

NOTICE!

By virtue of the authority contained in a mortgage deed executed to Ashley Horne on the 28th day of March, 1898, by L. W. Johnson and wife, E. E. Johnson, which mortgage deed has been duly transferred to the Clayton Iron and Steel Company and duly registered in the Register's office of Johnston County in Book U, No. 4, pages 556, 557, etc., I shall sell at auction, for cash at the court house door in the town of Smithfield, N. C., on the 6th day of January, 1902, the following real property: Lying and being in Johnston County, State aforesaid, in Clayton township and described and defined as follows: In town of Clayton, commencing on Fayetteville street running south east to 70 yards, thence north 35 yards to B. H. Veltung's corner; thence north west 70 yards to Fayetteville street; thence with street 35 yards to beginning, containing one-half an acre, being one town lot in said town and known as my homestead near the Academy. And fully described in said mortgage. This 6th day of December, 1901. CLAYTON INVESTMENT COMPANY, C. W. Horne, President. SAM T. HONEYCUTT, Attorney.

NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as administrator on the estate of Stephen P. Holland, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me daily verified on or before the 22nd day of November, 1902, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 16th day of Nov., 1901. JNO. A. NARON, Administrator. N22-6X

NOTICE!

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator on the estate of Isaac W. Jones, dec'd, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me daily verified on or before the 15th day of November, 1902, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 9th day of December, 1901. ISAAC W. JONES, Jr., Administrator. F. H. BROOKS, Commissioner.

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.

Mrs. Mary A. McCullers, Plaintiff, vs. Mary Anna Jones, P. F. Jones, Della Jones, Perrin A. Jones, Mary P. Jones and Alonzo Jones, Defendants. By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Johnston County rendered at the December term of 1891, in the above entitled action, I will sell for cash at the Court House door in the town of Smithfield, Johnston County, N. C., on Monday, December 30th, 1901, at 12 o'clock M., the following described tract