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TO ST AND THE STRANGE The new Brd of inferent called monagetr or is the suburtle [of Gantonia] as it unsay places over the country. Aut the authorities in this series of index to bell us what it is and new agent the word.—DR. S. E. BOYCE in the last West Twentytes.

We are not an authority at all, saving soon but one handful of the al in all our life, but the inquiry of our scholarly and ever studious friend, Dr. Boyce, has caused us to review the scant literature we happen to have on the sabject, and the results are cheerfully given for what they are

The correct spelling, according to Weisster's International dictionary, is monascis Greek monascis to be selitary, referring to its isolated mystale. It is defined as "a mineral erring usually to small isolated erystale, - a phosphate of the cerium stal." There is just a little condict of authorities on the reason for applying this name. A writer in the Non York Sen doesn't hold to the idea of the "isolated crystals," but says the name of monasite or "lonely" or "solitary" mineral was applied because it was a nondescript, unclassidable minseal unlike any other under the sun.

In composition it contains a number of "rare earthe" or "imperishable dusts" ending in -jum, known to chemists as the must "refrectory" mhetances yes discovered. Says the writer already referred to: "Chemista wall things refractory when they can molther melt nor burn them back any further-toward the point of elementary wigie, and these curths wouldn't go back at all. No matter how great the boot, they just became invandencent, and glored with a brightness that was fame was turned off they were just rers earths, undestroyed "jums" as oce," Just at this time an illumitesting company in Germany was leaking for just such a substance, beard of it in America, corresponded. obtained some of it, tested it, and,

To Mr. J. D. Huffram, Jr., of Shelby, a student at Wake Forest College, who sted to the Biblical Recorder of seral, we are indetted for the Howing puragraph;

Remaite is a crystalline substance priorities is a crystalline system. It is a color varies from greenish vellow to dark brown. It is very heavy; an endinary water bucket full weights from sixty to seventy pounds. It is a shruphate of three metals; cerium antisantum and didymine. Thorium is greened merely as mechanically admined therite. But the percentage of thereast present determines the commercial value of monaste, for the more thorium there is, the more valuation than ammartie. The percentage varies from 1 to 7. The metal thorium was first discovered in 1838 by Mermitian, and named for the Scandinavian was god, Thor. It is outstand by heating the chlorides with testing the chloride with the standard of dark gray justee. When heated is the sir, it burns with intental of the sir, it burns with intental of the sir, it burns with intental prilitatery. It is used in the manufacture of the Welstach gas-betteer.

And with a paragraph from the Mesorder's editorial comment Mr. Mafham's interesting paper,

we Mr. Matham's interesting paper, we must clove:

The Weisbach burner, in the making of which the monantite is used, is a date invention. And it is a very wooderful one. Although it leavers was it feed uses light as brillens as an insection one (electric) lighe, and norter and Mondier that may we have every med. Mondier that may we have every med. Mondier that may be have every med. Mondier that may be have every med. Mondier that may be have surners and the decimal is increasing faster than the supply.

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PARTEY UNCONSTRUCTIONAL. The Supreme Court of the United States announced last Monday its de-

letus in the inonue tax execu. The taxation of tunomes derived from State and municipal bonds was declared unconstitutional ty a unanimous vote.

On the inxation of rents, the court B'ood two to air against the law

On the constitutionality of the entire set the court is divided four to

four—so the law recapes by a tir vote, But two very important features of the income tax law—the taxation of rentals and of incomes from State and municipal bonds—go do./u, thus leavng the law emusculated. It is estima ted that the income derived from it as new construct will amount to alant half of what would have accrued to the government under the law as

The three main points of law or which the adverse decisions are based

we give below. It was held-1. That taxes on resi estate belong to the class of direct taxes and that taxes on the rent or income of real state, which is the incident of its ownership, belong to the name class. The set, therefore, impuses a direct tax in respect of the real retate, resta, issues and profits as well as of the income and profits as well as of the income and profits of personal property and not being autoritized, in two and not being apportioned, in in vio-lation of section two of article one of the ownstitution.

2. That the law, if not imposing a Z. That the law, if not imposing a direct tax, is nevertheless unconstitutional in that its provisions, not being uniform throughout the United State, are in violation of the constitutional requirement (Art I. Sec. 8) that such taxes shall be laid with uniformity. Under this head come the exceptions in favor of the exceptions in favor of the same taxes. ty. Under this head come the excep-tions in favor of those persons who were not in possession of an income of \$4.000, mutual insurance companies, savings banks and partnerships, all or-gamined for and doug the same pusi-ness as that of corporations author-ized by the States. These exceptions, it was held, were arbitrary and capri-cious, and not maked upon season and

dicus, and my committee in investments.

8. That incomes from investments municipal bands are not municipal bands are not commer of us, and not based upon sound pub 3. That incomes from investments in State and municipal bands are not proper subjects for the laxing power of

congress. As a manional corporation is the representative of the state and one of the instrum statitus of the state government, the property and revenues of municipal corporations are not the subject of federal taxation nor is the income derived from state, county and municipal accurities, since taxation on the interest therefrom operates on the power to borrow be-fore it is exercised, and has a sensible is fluence on the contract and therefore such a tax is a tax on the power of the states and their instrumentalities to borrow money and consequently re-

## IT IS COMING HILL'S WAY.

Senator Hill is greatly pleased with the Supreme Court's decision on the constitutionality of the hicome tax. He it was who fought the bill with such alert relentienmoss and perti rarity wien it was in Congress. His antagonism to the income tax arac, last, and all the time, put him in had standing with many of his Democratic collesgues and called down volumi nous meledictions on his head from sundry quarters. Now that things are coming around his way, it is but n itund that he should be feeling tolerably well, thank you.

Here is something he is quoted as paring seld on the sal jest Monday: I am naturally gratified at the de cision of the court on two important questions involved in the set. They are both questions I had expendity considered and vigorously present in the Seaste among other objections to the law. For myrelf, I have never had any doubt that the tax imposed by the income law is a direct tax in all its features, and hence, an unconstitution

al tax.
There never was any gool return from the emelment of the looms bew. It was pressed upon Congress by a lot of Populists, Seculists, crasks and April 3, a valuable succinct history of disturbers, and their views were un wisely ad-pied. It was class legisla-tion of the worst kind. From a politi-cal point of riew it was the height of fully to adopt legislation of that char-acter. It had never been laid down as a Democratic principle, nor adopted in any platform. It was foliated in the party in an effort to get votes from a class of people who did not vote the ticket is consequence of our sales into of the law, and never will. It autagon ized the business community, delayed the adoption of a tariff reform bill and has injured the Democratic party ever since. The effect of the decision will, is my judgment, be excellent for the

We have received a little book of sperches by Pruf. W. E. Abernethy, of Rutherford College, compiled by his brother, Prof. A. T. Abernethy. The other of the publication is to assist in raising means to relieve the embarransment of the college. A book of 120 odd pages, it contains sixteen interesting and elequent addresses, many of which either whotly or in extracte could be happily utilized in schools for dechemistions. The little book may be had for 25 cents from Prut. A. T. Abernethy at hutherford College. Of this school, the late Senster Vance once said that it had "done more, with less means, for the education of poor young men and women than any other selwol in Marth Carolina."

The Statesville Lindmirk, we believe, in to be credited with the elegently turned editorial paragraph almot the old adminition; "Do not het new faces enuse you to forget old friends." The Charlotte Ness in erediting it to the GAZETTE does us too much honor.

It is distressing. The courtly Band rising young lawyer, "will do the nom, just making his debut in Mexican d. He is a good Demograt and a society, san't west a odlar nor pull an of Congressmen Linery who down his cuffs. It's brits one on the Cor best wishes go, with the best of life seck, the other on his

THE ASSIGNMENT LAW.

The murigage and assignment law which has stirred up such a muss all Excite over the State but been ornstrued by the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

It is construed liberally by the court, which holds its fubibition applies only to the execution of "assignmenta, mortgages and deeds in trust, or mak ing of conditional sales to secure preexacing d-bis and obligations."

Thus it appears, as the News and Observer auguests, that farmers who ows Lalances on last year's accounts cannot include those balances in a note given for current advancements. This in many cases is likely to prove an eminerassment to both farmer and As for ordinary every day mortgage

transictions, the court holds that the not in question does not apply. Mortgages," we are told, "of the nature of the one before the court. growing out of the transaction itself and executed for a present consideration, do not come within the operation of the act. The act was not intended to embrace transactions when the deta grows out of the transaction itself. and is not a present corsideration."

From an Item elsewhere printed it will be seen that Attentey General Oshirne lina taken steps to determine whether the courts haven't the power to nullify this clearly fraudulent act.

MAY NOT BE LAW AFTER ALL

Parr and Osborne Will Carry the Corrupt Assignment Law Before the or, Charlotte Ubserver, Bth.

RALEIGE, April 8.—To day Attorney General and Mr. F. H. Busken, who is associate orders: I, drew up the complaint and the summen for relief in the case of Blus Carr, citizen of North Carelina, against Octavius Coke, Sec-retary of State, in the matter of the mortgage law. The complaint sets forth the fact that the bill was never read three times in either baneon of the Legislature, was never read at all in Legislature, was sever read at all in the Secate, and was tabled in the Secate, and was tabled in the House. It, therefore, asks, in view of the fact that the act is so clearly fraudient, that the Secretary of State do not permit it to be printed among the haws. The summons for relief is returnable before Judge Startnek during the next term of Wake Superior Court. Meanwhile, Secretary Coke is estooped from delivering a copy of the estopped from delivering a copy of the act to the public printer.

One of the wisest admonitions ever given—so wise an one that men have adopted it and used it an occasion for generations—is embodied in the terms sentence: "Do not let new faces cause you to forget sid friends." The peryou to forget old friends." The peo-ple of North Carolina may by this time see its windom. They turned away, hast fall, from their old friends, their tried and proven friends, and the new and attractive faces have led them into big, up to their necks. If the results of the last Legislature do not cause them to turn again to the party which they trusted for so many years, and never in vain, then there is no truth in the old proverb that men learn by

STYBAL GEA FORKAS

Their Fuctions Getting Together in Mechlenburg.

Charlotte News, 9th.

A rather tough fight occurred yes teriay at the rock quarry on the Law-yer's road, between Mr. Dave Moure and Mr. N. S. Alexander. The News' informant says that both men were blendy and that Moore bit Alexander' Rauson, Morre was the Banson man. The light was about Jarvis and They quarreled last election and had thee been in love with

Two Acts of the Esteemed Legislature Raleigh Correspondence of the Charlotte Ob-

One of the geer note of the Legisla ture is entitled: "An act to prevent hawlessees at or near Jones' Grove church, Loveldy township, Burke county," and makes it a misdemeanor to dre a gun or other explosive or use profate language in one half mile-thereof." Another sets forth that "eny entire nale cattle running at of a misdemeanor." This was the pet bill of your unels Alfred Self, of blessed memory, and is his life-work.

A Walled City in North Carolina. Pulluckaville, Jones county, will bereafter be known as the "walled city of North Carolina," Pollockaville, it rems, find a hog law; that is, they im pounded stray porkers that wandered about the city's streets. This made the respir outside the town wrath. They didn't propose to have the freemanner whatevers. Thereupon they bed the Douglass Legislature to pass an set requiring a fence to be built around the town of Polloeksville.

ROTHERS BELIEF or and Childbirth En

A companion and triess of motovhood during prograting and confinement that dangeroes and paintul order through which all padents, rescring the mother to health, form and happiness, and promoting the vigorus developinest of the chill, hiddey dragging the bottle, for 3 better the rigorus developinest of the chill, hiddey dragging the hottle, or \$1.50 for 3 better the program of the process developinest of the chill, hiddey dragging the hottle, or \$1.50 for 3 better the process of the process of the child conditions of the process of the proce

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ment over Young Enher's Murder-Building and Hoving in the Town-Crop Stems Correspondence of The Gamette.

CHERRYVILLE, April 9 -Our town wer thrown into a state of increme ex-Barer, son of Mr. Peter Eikes, a farthe train yesterday evening and then it was learned that he had been about brough the heart by one thettys at a through the heart by one Gertys as a Mr. Jones' distliery on Broad River. No particulars of the difficulty could be learned. The murderer escaped. Dr. A. W. Howell is outling a now even risin outage on the same lot on

which he is now hiving.

Mr. M. M. Burke is also clearing around for a new residence. Lumber is being sawn for the erection of a Haprist church in the eastern part of town. No notwithstanding the hard times we are still moving. town. So notwithstanding the hard times we are still moving. Postmuster Houser has moved the postodice from Leonhardt's old stand to

postoffice from Leochardt's old stand to a room adjoining the store of S. S. Monoey, and is opening up a line of taunty groceries in the same building. Farmers are very busy now prepar-ing for planting—so busy that our streets present a rather deserted ap-pearance. So far, very little or no planting has been done in talls com-

The peacl crop will be light to this section. Most of them were killed in the bad, and a part of those left were killed on lost Wednesday ought.

CORNESSTORE TO BE LAID.

Great Church Celebration in Q Next Saturday-Pasters Invited to to be Present-Band Heate and Grand Entertainment.

To the Editor of The Gasette: We the members of the Saint Poul We the members of the Saint Poul Baptist church of Gastonia herring erected a house of wurstip have at ranged to lay the cornerature of the same on Saturday, next April 13th, at 3 o'clock p. in. Before laying the corneratone short addresses will be delivered by prominent speakers. All of the pasters of Gastonia, write and colored are respectable invited.

of the parties of Gastonia, white and colored, are respectfully invited. In connection with the corresponsing there will be one of the grandest entertainments ever known in Gastonia gives in interest of the church. The King's Mountain cornet band will furnish music for the occasion.

J. H. CARRY, Pastor. Gastonia, N. C. April 9.

Mo(e) re To-Morrow About This. Pineville Cor. Charlotte Observer.

Rumor has it that Pineville is schem ing to rob Gastonia of one of her fairest

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ITEMS OF NEWS.

W. Jennings Denorest, the well known prohibitionst died in New York Tu-sday after a week's illness

The President is naturally disapof the income tax act, but he has already said he didn't see any necessity for another extra seasion of Congress.

It was calculated that the hierape tax law would add \$30,000,000 to the revenues of the government. The Supreme Court's decision curs this halt in two and not more than \$15. 000.000 will prountly be realized from List source.

J M. Odell & Co., are having their water P surveyed by a civil engineer. He will make a complete map and drawing of the survey. The water power is estimated to be sufficient to run 30,-000 spindles or more.

Mr. A. S. Lee. a druggist of Lincoluten. died -undenly Thurs lay more ind. He was 63 years of age said in his usual good health. Just before noon he picked up an axe and began to ort wood. After a streke or two be

Governor James P. Clark, of Ardivernor James F. Cisik, of Ar-knisss, had a difficulty with a member of the Legislature. He went to the member to talk it over and got in-suited. The Governor trem spat in the man's face and pulled his pistol ont. In a justice's outsit the Governor plead quality as account. plead guilty to semiult.

Rev. D. P. Tate, head-master of Belrood Institute. Cleveland county tenlered his resignation, to take effect at the close of the present session. May 16. The Shelly Star says his duties mve been very ardunus. It is supposed that he will accept work at the Conference.

The Charlotte News learns from Washington that the mter-state commerce commission granted on Tuesday the request of the Southern realway that it is allowed to charge less for a long than for a short loud, in order to meet the car in rates by the Scabourd Air Line, Naw for war.

The Eikin Times says the smallest The Eikin Times says the smallest once tried at the term of Marry court just ended was between two farmers over 15 couls worth of cluff. One claimed that he had purchased the charge. It required one day to hear the case and the verdict was against the man who claimed to have goods the countries. have made the purchase.

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Notice of Dissolution.

The law firm of Bason & Mason has been by shutual consent discolved. Mr. Beson will meet parties destring in consult him, at Belment, Lawell, Gustonia, King's Mountain, Dallas, or Mt. Helly

The Gazetre office for next job printing.

MYTHICAL FORTUNES.

Improbable Stories of Great English Legacies.

ous Scheme Employed by Sharks in This Country for Duping Ored-ulous Americans.

Some recent romantic tales about immense English estates which belong to American hoirs suggest republication of an opinion written by Judah P. Bonjamin twenty-six years ago, says the Chicago Hurald. Following is the great

lawyer's lotter:
"Lamb Building, Temple, London,
Feb. S. 1869.—Editor New Orleans Times: Will you permit me through your columns to send a word of warm to the public against a scheme of swindling which is now extensively practiced in the United States?

"Since my call to the English bar hundreds of letters have reached me from Louisiana and other parts of the union, written by persons, many of whom are educated and intelligent, making inquiries relative to estates represented as existing in this country unclaimed and awaiting the appearance of heirs residing in America. In every instance that has come to my knowledge the statements are fair and evidently made for the purpose of defrauding parties out of sums, large or small, under pretext of paying the eosts of records, copies, etc., and to be necessary for the assertion of the pre-tended claim.

"One claim may be selected as an example. A banker by the name of James Wood died in Gloucester in the year 1836, leaving a fortune of about \$800,000. His will was the subject of much litigation, but finally decided to be valid, and the estate was ordered to be valid, and the cenare was ordered so be divided among the legateus under a decision of the house of lords in 1847. Anyone desirous of having particulars of the litigation can trace it through the different charts, as follows: L. In the prerogative court of Canterbury (Canterbury) (Canterbury) reported in 3 Curteiss, p. 83. 8. On appeal to the privy council in 3 'Moore's Privy Council Cases,' at p. 835; and 3. In the house of lords, in the case entitled 'The Corporation of Gloucester vs. Osborno, 1 'House of Lords Cases, p. 272. Although his esdistributed for more than twenty years, I do not at all emggerate in stating that not a mouth passes without my re-ceiving one or more letters from persons who are approached by some pro-tended agent of some imaginary great firm of London solicitors engaged in seeking heirs of the great intestate banker, James Wood, whose fortune, amounting to £10,000,000, is lying in the Bank of England awaiting a claimant. "The usual mode of proceeding adopted is to propose to undertuke the busi-

ness free of expense, the proposer to receiver only a share of what may be recovered. This seems so reasonable that in most cases the dupe readily svallows the bair. A short time after-ward he is informed that all inquiries and researches have resulted favorably. and that nothing is wanted to insure and that nothing is wanted to insure auccess except the cost of a few copies of records and other papers, and that the proposer, having already incurred great expense is conducting the necessary inquiries and researches, is left without resources at the very moment when a few pounds would suffee to secure the fruits of his labors and expenditure. Many are the victims from sums varying from \$20 to £400 have been thus extracted, and the number of persons engaged in this system must be very great, and the sums received by them very considerable, if at all in proportion to the number of letters re-ocived here on the subject. Many thousands of pounds are known to have een expended by those who could ill afford to bear the less in the pursuit of the great Jennings estate; and some of those who have spent money in this way have actually been deluded into writing to me their convictions that they were entitled to dislodge the present duke of Marlborough Rienheim castle, by virtue of their decent from the famous Ducheas Sarah Jonnings. Most of the persons who are duped are ignorant on two points, which, in nearly every instance, would satisfy them at once of the utter folly of the hopes they indulge. The first is that an allen cannot be an heir in Eng-tand when there is no will and that he cannot take real estate even if left to him by will. The second is that in Dogland estates devolve upon the eldest son alone, and on his cidest son in recession. and are not divided in shares among all children as in Louislans and other states. Yet nothing is more common than for persons to assert heirable to the supposed shares of younger brothers and sisters, or to claim as na-tives of the United States heirable to Englishmen who had left no wills.

"In the hope that this exposure will be of some use to my fellow citizens, in whose welfare I rotain the deepest interest, and may protect them to some extent from the sharpers who are plunlering them, I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

"Ј. Р. Вимамим."

An Old Japanese Bauk. Japan has a banking house that has been in business without a break for over three hundred years. It began with Yeehigo No Kami, an impoverished feudal noble of the province of Iso, who broke away from the traditions of his caste and went into the ligance. his caste and went into the liquor trade, manufacturing saki from rice. One of his some established a bank, which two centurio, ago was removed to Tokio, the present capital, and from the name of the principal at the time took the name by which it is now known. of the Mitsul bank. Lifes the Roth childs, the whole family is engaged in the business, a marked feature of which is that the capital belongs to all in common, while no one member can elaim a soparate share. The most competent individual is chosen president. The bank has now over thirty brunches, and is the largest private ank in James Beatieres Caused be Cared

Beafisms Caused be Cured by Ical application, at they cannot reach the discased profilm of the ser. There is only one way to cure Deafises, and that is by constitutions present on Deafises is caused by an Indianal condition of the muscous integral of the Sussessian Table. When the rube gets indianally not haven a rumbling sound or imperfed hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafisms is the really, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this to refer in inflammation can be taken out and this to the real read to in prevail evidence, while the motions will be desired; and unless will be desired; and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this to a prevail evidelion, bearing will be desired; and the prevail evidelion to the mid-rise will be desired; and the prevail evidence of the muscus surfaces.

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WINTER IN THE SIERRAS.

Twenty Fort of Snow-Drifts Higher Than the Heure. Julian Ralph, writing in Harper's Our Dress Goods Yeekly, thus recounts some of his recent experiences in the mow regions of

"Tired of the cars, which were then

tied up at Emigrant Gap. I left them under a great snowshed, and plunged down a steep hillside into the village below, which was but faintly indicated by a few chimneys that here and there broke through the beautiful radulating blanket that lay high and thick upon the mountains, the knolls and vaileys all around me. The trees, cumbered with deep white snow upon every prolection, rested their middle branches spon the soft bedding of snow, so that they looked dwarfed and misshapen In places great granite bowlders sut in bollow wells scooped out by the wind, and on the tops of such stones rested nighteaps of anow that were taller than the rocks themselves. Orifts rose in cork-screw shapes that ended in fantustic curls upon their tops. The way to some of the houses was by tunnels, but looking straight down from above them there could only be seen a little white-walled shaft opposite the door, as if a hole had been dug there to let in breath to the people indoors. The snow had banked against the bounes up to the roof-line, and then had mounted upon itself and grown in weight and depth until there was danger that the roofs would be crushed in. That was why I saw men on Norwegian snow-shoes walking over their own roofs and sternish them. roofs and stopping there to shovel snow into battlemented walls beside them. Thus they walled their houses in cuch day, only to find them submerged on

My short walk to the nearest tavers was a chain of lively adventures. Safe inside the tavern door, I mw a row o Norwegian enowshoes dripping against the wall. I found that upon them the villagers travel in the winter, and that without them they would be jailed in their homes. Canadian net-work shoes would not serve. The snow is too fine and dry. Therefore the shoe in use is a board four inches wide and from nine to a dozen feet long. The women go doctors aravel twenty-five miles at a time upon them on their rounds. The girls coast upon the roofs and smaller knolls upon them. The venturesome young men actually race down the mountain sides upon them at twenty miles an hour, and even jump ravines and leap over cabins and houses with these shoes in the course of their wagers

the morrow, as the snow conti

and their dangerous fun.
That and nightly donces in the snowbound villages are all the fun the peo-ple got. There is too much winter in the Sierras for carnival frolles such as are had in Canada. Winter on these California terraces is too severe to be trifled with or turned into the basis of a long roll of sports. In the larger towns the people dig tunnels from house to house and house to store, and at one station I went into supper by way of a tunnel from the cars to the depot restanrant. I saw no horses or sleighs, but I was told that when the snow depths cease to deepen and the trails are ed hard down, horses are often used. When they step aside from the trails and sink all but out of sight, their owners find that they tire of struggling and desire to resign themselves to death. Then the plan is to choke them with a slip-noose around their necks when they fight so frantically for broath that they can be led back to the trall. It cometimes happens that a horse that sinks beside the trall slips down through the snow upon the roof of a buried house. Then there is great danger that he will continue downward through the shingles and into some one's parter or bedroom

In all the United States there is no other winter and no other snowfall like this. Five years ago it lay twenty-three feet on the level in these moun-

NOT DEGENERATING

Mankind in No Danger of Room. Rars of Dwarfs. It appears from the rosults of scien-

tife measurements recently made in France that the average stature of man is neither increasing nor decreasing. The skeletons of the men who inhabited France at a period when Europe was the home of lions, elephants, rhinoceroses, hyenns and reindeer are of very nearly the same size as those of

the French people of to-day.
Yet, says Youth's Companion, the surroundings amid which these early men lived were remarkably different from those enjoyed by their suc-cessors. Their best abodes were caves, and to hold possession of them they had to wage warfare upon such fieres beasts as the saber-toothed tiger and

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5. J. Dumsam, plaintiff.

Execution Sale.

By virtue of an execution bened from the superior Court of Geston county upon a judgment residered in the case of Man E. A. Henderson vs. The Jonant Holly Business Exchange of the Farmers alliance and other defendant, i will sail for each to the highest addition at public unterly at the courthouse door in the town of the day. Quallon country, N. C., on Mandaw the dish have of Man, 1896. Honday the 6th Day of May, 1805,

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