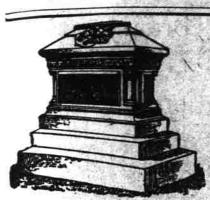
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at the Missing Word, is that each and every guess must be accompanied by a year's subscription to The Weekly Constitution. If send through the paper publishing this advertisement in acceptance of on clubbing offer, the guess at the missing word will be forwarded. The guess must be sent with the subscription. Should one person send more than one answer, he or she will be entitled to a share of the fund for each correct answer. There will be no capital prize—everyone will get a first prize. Persons may guess as many times as they send subscriptions.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale in a deed of trust executed to the undersigned, as trustee, by A. B. Sheppard and wife P. M. Sheppard and L. F. Sheppard and wife L. E. Sheppard, dated the 1st day of May 1896, and registered on the 3rd day of May 1896, on pages 20 et seq. of book No. 41 of mortgages and deeds of trust, in the office of the Register of deeds of Buncombe county, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the moneys secured by said deed in trust, as well as in other provisions contained in said deed of trust, upon the application of the persons entitled to the money secured to be paid by said deed in trust, the undersigned will sell for cash at public outery at the court house door in the City of Asheville, County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina, to the highest bidder. on Saturday the 12th day of February A. D. 1898, the property conveyed in said deed of trust, and which is described therein as follows: "All those certain pieces, parcels and tracts of land lying and being in the county aforesaid, in Fren h Broad Township, on the east side of the French Broad river, and being designated as lots No. eight (8), nine (9), and ten (10), on the east side of the river in the survey of the lands of the late A. M. Alexander, and in the record of a special proceeding now pending in the Superior court of said county entitled Nannie J. Alexander and others, ex parte.

LOT No. 8, beginning on a post oak, Coleman's corner, runs S. 40 degrees 30 min. W., 75 poles to a stake; thence S. 3 deg. 15 min. W. 13.72 po'es to a white oak near and on the north side of the old Salem road; thence S. 29 deg. 30 min. E. 14 poles to a stake, two black pine pointers; thence S. 30 deg. 30 min. E. 20 poles to a stake, white oak pointers; thence S. 31 deg. E. 18 poles to a stake in the north side of an old road on top of the ridge, black pine pointers; thence S. 31 deg. 45 pointers; thence S. 38 deg. E. 7.28 poles to the walnut corner; thence N. 38 deg. E. 7.60 poles to a stake, black pine pointer; thence N. 28 deg. E. 21 poles to a stake on bank of old road, black pine pointers; thence N. 11 deg. E. 10 poles to a stake on road, black oak pointer; thence N. 25 deg. E 8.88 poles to a black pine; thence N. 55 deg. 30 min. E. 12 poles to a black pine; thence N. 38 deg. 30 min. E. 14 poles to a black pine; thence N. 76 deg. E. 12.16 stake, corner white oak and small white pine pointers; thence N. 34 deg 30 min. W 76:36 poles to a stake, spanish oak and white pine pointers; thence N. 31 deg. 30 min. W. 12.80 poles to the beginning, containing by calculation 41.48 acres.

LOT No. 9, beginning on a walnut on an old road on top of the ridge, corner of poles to a stake, black pine pointers; of the lot conveyed T. F. Starnes, T. C. thence S. 3 deg. W. 45.68 poles to a stake, Starnes and Geo. H. Starnes to Geo. Henpointer; thence S. 1 deg. W. 15.40 poles to deeds in book of deeds No. 71, page 224. after a most pleasant visit. a stake, black pine pointer; thence S. 3 said corner being in the western margin of deg. W. 20.84 poles to a dogwood, Mingo Water street, and runs thence with Hen- CURED OF BLOOD POISON AFTER FIF Weaver's corner; thence west 24.68 poles derson's south line south fifty-four degrees to Weaver and Peter's hickory corner; thence N. 45 deg. W. 33.64 poles to a black oak; Sam Peter's corner; thence N. 60 deg. southwest corner in the line of a lot con-

W. 42.76 poles to the beginning, containing by calculation 40.41 acres. Lot No. 10: Beginning on a walnut, corner of lots 8 and 9, and runs N. 38 deg. W. 7.28 poles to a stake, white oak pointers; thence N. 31 deg. 45 min. W. 21 poles to a stake, black pine pointer; thence N. 31 deg. W. 18 poles to a stake, white oak pointer; thence N. 30 deg. 30 min. W. 20 poles to a stake, black pine pointer; thence N. 29 deg. 30 min. W. 14 poles to a white oak on the north side of the old Salem road; thence with the branch S. 47 deg. 30 min. W. 26 poles to a stake in the ford of the branch, small dogwood pointers: thence S. 23 deg. W. 20 poles to a stake in the branch; two walnuts marked as pointers, thence S. 49 deg. W. 18 poles to a stake, white oak pointers; thense S. 56 deg. W. 20 poles to a stake above a large ledge of rock, black pine and black oak pointers thence S. 54 deg. W. 17 poles to a stake on the river at the mouth of the branch. thence up the river S. 21 deg. E. 37 poles to an ironwood on bank of river; thence S. 9 deg. 30 min. E. 29 poles to a sycamore on the bank of the river; thence S. 2 deg. W. 48.28 poles to a bunch of white thorns, one rod south of the mouth of Reem's creek; thence up the creek on the south side S. 58 deg. 45 min. E. 67 poles to a spruce pine in the bend of the creek, thence N. 71 deg. 30 min. E. 18 po'es to a cucumber; thence N. 46 deg. E. 16.60 poles to a butternut or white walnut; thence N. 12 deg. E. 18 poles to an ash near the creek and opposite Sam Peter's spruce pine corner; thence crossing the said spruce pine corner; thence N. 44 poles to a stake in the old mill road; thence with said road and Peter's line N. 20 deg. 30 min. E. 6 poles to a stake, black pine and white pine corners; thence N. 11 deg. 15 min. W. 10.32 poles to a stake, black pine pointer; thence N. 43 deg. 30 min. W. 13 poles to a white oak on the bank of the road; thence N. 22 5 deg. 30 min. W. 5.36 poles to a stake; N. 3 deg. W. 16 poles to a black oak; thence N. 17 deg. E. 21.24 poles to the beginning. containing by calculation 98.15 acres."

This the 8th day of January, A. D.,

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE.

T. S. MORRISON.

Trustee.

Under and by virtue of a power of sale in a deed in trust, executed to the undersigned, as trustee, by T. C. Starnes and Sarah M. Starnes, his wife, dated the 31st day of August, 1892, and registered on the first day of September, 1892, on pages 538

in the terms and provisions contained in said deed in trust whereby the power of sale contained therein became operative, the undersigned will sell for cash, at pubic auction, at the court house door in the city of Asheville, county of Buncombe, and state of North Carolina, to the highest oidder, on Saturday, the 19th day of February, A. D. 1898, the property conveyed in said deed in trust and which is described herein as follows, viz: "The following described piece and parcel of land, situate ying and being in the county of Buncombe. state of North Carolina, and in the city of sheville, on the south side of Starnes avnue, it being lot number 7 on a plat of he land of George H. Starnes and T. F. Tarnes, which said plat is registered in he office of the register of deeds in book of leeds of trust No. 70, page, 494, Beginning at a stake in the south margin of Starnes ivenue, Dave Robertson's northeast corner, and runs south thirty-four degrees and twenty-four minutes east (S. 34 deg. '4 min. E.) one hundred and twenty feet to 1 stake in lot No. 9 on said plat, said Robrtson's southeast corner; thence north fify-seven degrees east (N. 57 deg. E.) sixty eet to a stake in the western margin of ot No. 5 on said plat; thence north thirtycur degrees west (N. 34 deg. W.) one hunired and twenty (120) feet to a stake in he southern margin of Starnes avenue; thence with the southern margin of said Starnes ave. south fifty-seven degrees west (S. 57 deg. W.) sixty feet to the beginning. it being one of the lots of land conveyed to the said T. C. Starnes by T. F. Starnes and Annie L. Starnes, his wife, and Geo. H. Starnes by deed dated May 26th, A. D. 890, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Buncombe county in book of deeds No. 70, page 520, et seq, reference to which is hereby expressly and specifically made for a more full and perfect description of the land herein conveyed."

Said sale will be made for the benefit of the person entitled to the money secured by said deed in trust, default having been made in the terms and conditions contained in said deed in trust. THOMAS A. JONES,

This January 21st, 1898,

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Under and by virtue of a power of sale in a deed in trust, executed to the undersigned, as trustee, by T. C. Starnes and Sarah M. Starnes, his wife, dated the 31s' day of August, 1892, and registered on the poles to a black pine, when the line leaves first day of September, 1892, on pages 541, the road; thence N. 81 deg. E. 7 poles to a et seq, of book 30 of the record of mortgages and deeds of trust in the office of the register of deeds of Buncombe county, North Carolina, and by virtue of said deed in trust, default having been made in the terms and provisions contained in in trust whereby the power of sale contained therein became operative, the undersigned will sell lots 8 and 10 and runs N. 38 deg. E. 60 for cash, at public, auction, at the poles to a stake, black pine pointers, court house door in the city of Asheville, thence N. 28 deg. E. 21 poles to a stake county of Buncombe and state of North on bank of road, black pine pointers; Carolina, to the highest bidder, on Saturthence N. 11 deg. E. 10 poles to a stake, day, the 19th day of February, A. D. 1898. black oak pointer; thence N. 23 deg. E. the property conveyed in said deed in trust 8.88 poles to a black pine; thence N. 55 and which is described therein as follows. deg. 30 min. E. 12 poles to a black pine; viz: "all their interest, said interest being thence N. 38 deg. 30 min. E. 14 poles to a an one undivided one-third (1-3) in and to black pine; thence N. 76 deg. E. 12.16 poles the following described piece or parcel of to a black pine, when the line feaves the land, lying and being in the city of Asheold road; thence N. 81 deg. E. 7 poles to a ville, county of Buncombe and state of stake, white oak and small white pine point North Carolina, on the west side of Water J. H. Anderson, New York. ters; thence S. 38 deg. E. 14.80 poles to a street, and more particularly described as stake. Coleman's corner; thence E. 22.56 follows: Beginning at the southeast corner

forty-five minutes west one hundred and five feet to a stake at said Henderson's veyed by Geo. H. Starnes to S. Hammerlast named lot (viz: Hammershlag's lot) one hundred and fifty-six and one-third 'eet to the margin of Hiawasse street, or east one hundred and fifty feet to a stake in the margin of said Hiawasse street; thence with the margin of said street eastwardly fifty feet to a stake at the intersection of said Hiawasse street with water street; thence with the western margin of Water street northerly two hundred and ninety-four feet to the beginning, the said lot hereby conveyed being that lot of land Henderson, on the east by Water street, on the south by Hiawasse street and on the west by Hiawasse street and the S. Hammershlag lot and also being a portion of the lot of land conveyed to T. C., T. F. and Geo. H. Starnes by A. S. Merrimon

deeds No. 58, page 329, et seq." Said sale will be made for the benefit of the person entitled to the money secured in said deed in trust.

THOMAS A. JONES, This January 21st, 1898.

OLD PAPERS FOR SALE.

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10C. PER HUNDRED.

Maj. H. C. Hunt who has been in New Fork and Washington, has returned to the

Knoxville Sentinel: Mrs. Emma Sanford and her little daughter left for Asheville the first of the week and will remain there for some time.

S. Segel who has been visiting his brother B. Segel, returned to his home at Spantanburg yesterday.

Mrs. Jacob Steinbach who with her son has been stopping at the Bon Air, left yesterday for Long Branch. Mr. Steinbach will remain throughout the winter. .

Mr. Chas. McNamee has gone to New

Mrs. W. B. Troy and Miss Thomas ar ived yesterday from Balfour. Mrs. J. M. Lance of Marshall who has been visiting Mrs. J. M. Gudger, returned

to her home yesterday. Marion Wells of Waynesville was in town yesterday on his way to enter school

at Weaverville. W. A. Elliott has returned from a trip

to Burnsville. T. J. Rickman of Hendersonville was

here yesterday. Eleven members of the Dazzler company

are at the Asheville. Fred Bragonier of Baltimore leaves to-

morrow for his home.

Miss Bessie and Miss Bonnie Reeves expect to leave Thursday for an extended visit to friends in Florida and Virginia.

Mrs. Locke Craig and son have gone to Old Fort to visit for a few days. Mrs. R. D. Gilmer and Mrs. Geo. H.

Smathers of Waynesville are in the city. William Hamline, representing the um-

brella house of Gans Brothers, is in town. Mrs. J. F. Kimberly and son, Dr. Hugh Kimberly of Owensboro, Ky., are visiting Dr. J. S. Felix.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Pack left yesterday for a few weeks' visit to New York.

J. H. Woody and A. L. Wiley went to Marion yesterday. Frank R. Darby was called to Savannah

by the illness of his sister. Hon. Kope Elias arrived from Franklin

J. S. Calvert of Richmond is visiting

Maj. T. C. Westall has returned from a trip to Morganton.

terday for St. Augustine, Fla., where they will remain for several weeks. J. M. Jarvis of Mars Hill was in the city

Judge C. A. Moore and family left yes

J. Will Jones of Fairview was in the city yesterday.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

SWANNANOA HOTEL-R. J. Passons Marble, N. C.; Richard C. Wight, Richmond; K. Elias, Franklin, N. C.; W. N. Cooper, Murphy; H. L. Lenoir, Philadelphia, Tenn.; Jno. McKissick, Charleston: C. P. Harden, Dazzler Company; B. Barnestine, Washington; P. Smith, Knoxville; J. L. Calvert, Richmond.

HOTEL BERKELEY-E. L. Shuford Hickory; A. M. Sinclair, Dazzler company; W. R. Jones, Atlanta. E. R. Kirk, Atlanta; Thos. J. Rickman, Hendersonville: J. G. Warlick, Charlotte; C. D. Warlick; Baltimore; W. M. Hamlin, Philadelphia:

Mrs. J. H. Hyams and two sons, Miss Sallie and Miss Minnie Rorison, daughters of Col. J. L. Rorison, all of Bakersville, black pine pointers; thence S. 6 deg. 15 derson, by deed dated June 7th, 1890, and who have been visiting Dr. H. B. Weaver min. W. 16.56 poles to a stake, black pine recorded in the office of the register of of this city, left yesterday for their home

TY-TWO DOCTORS FAILED.

Blood Balm Co., Atlanta Ga. Gentlemen:-In 1872 a small pimple broke out on my leg. It began eating and shlag; thence with the eastern line of said in four months I was treated by a physician of Talladega county, Ala., where I lived eighteen years. He relived it for a short while. In six weeks it broke out Hiawasse Place; thence with the margin of again in both legs, also on my shoulder. Hiawasse street south forty-four degrees Two small bones were taken out. It continued until 1876. In this time I had twelve different physicians. They told me the only remedy was amputation; that it could never be cured. For six months I could not walk a step. I went to Mineral Wells. Texas spent \$300.00; came home; went to Hot Springs, Ayk., stayed nine monthsall failed to cure me. In 1887 I came back to Birmingham, Ala. I was advised to bounded on the north by the lot of George write you, which I did. You wrote me that B. B. B. would cure me, and I could get the medicine from Nabors & Morrow, druggists, of our city. I bought ten bottles and before I had finished my fifth bot tle my legs began to heal, and in less than two months I was sound and well. That and wife by deed dated April 7th, 1887, and has been nearly two years ago and no sign recorded in the office of the register of of its return yet. I have spent in cash over deeds of Buncombe county, in book of \$400.00, and B. B. done the work that all the rest failed to do. You have my permission to publish this. I have traveled so much trying to get well that my cure by said deed in trust, default having been is well known. Fifty-two doctors have made in the terms and conditions contained treated me in the last seventeen years. All they did was to take what money I had. and done me no good. I am now a well man.-PROF . C. H. RANGER.

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North Carolina, and by virtue of the said deed in trust, default having been made

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BEGAN AS RODSMAN.

The Career of Horace G. Burt, New President of the Union Pacific.

Horace G. Burt, the newly elected president of the Union Pacific railroad, is conceded to be one of the most efficient operating experts in the country. He began his career with the Vandalia lines in 1867 in the humble position of rodsman, and for weeks he carried the rod and target as the engineer force trampeu across the country laying out new lines. He re-mained with the Vandalia for two years, when he went to Kansas as locating and constructing engineer for a road which was being built by James F. Joy. In 1871 he concluded that his education needed rounding out, so he entered Ann Arbor university, and for two years studied hard.

In 1873 Mr. Burt went back to rail oading, taking a subordinate position in the engineering department of the Chicago and Northwestern. In time he gained the confidence of the officials, and in 1881 he was given the responsible position of su-perintendent of the Iowa division of the Northwestern, which had just been built, Two years later he was promoted to general superintendent of the same division. In 1887 the Northwestern was in need of a chief engineer, and the president naturally turned to Mr. Burt, who had given such satisfactory service in that depart-



ment. So the division superintendent was called in off the prairies and installed in the headquarters at Chicago, assuming general supervision of all the engineering work of the big system. A year later the Northwestern secured control of some new to become general manager of the newly created division.

In July, 1896, Mr. Burt left the Chicago and Northwestern to go on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul as general manager. He had been there but a short time when the election of W. H. Newman as second vice president left vacant the office of third vice president in the Northwestern, and Mr. Burt was induced to return and accept this place, taking charge of the traffic department of the road. He has shown so much ability in his new field that the Union Pacific management, which is always on the lookout for the best men, decided to secure his services. He will make his headquarters in Omaha.

A WANDERING PRELATE.

Bishop Joyce, Who Has Been In Heathen Lands, Is Headed Toward Home.

After spending nearly two years in pagan lands Bishop Isaac W. Joyce is preparing to make his way back to civilization and take up his residence in Minneapolis, where he is to succeed Bishon Fowler. He was assigned to make the interesting trip which he has almost concluded by the last general conference of the Methodist church. Since he sailed from America he has traveled more than 20,000 miles and has made a thorough examination of the missionary work which is being done by the Methodist church in China, Japan and Korea. Bishop Joyce is accompanied by his wife, and although the worthy couple are somewhat advanced in age they seem to have stood the fatigues and inconveniences of travel most admirably. They are now at Shanghai, but are soon to start for home, returning through the Holy Land and Egypt.

Few prelates of any church have ever made such a comprehensive investigation of missionary work in such an extended territory as has Bishop Joyce. Of the 719 regular active Methodist missionary workers in the three countries he personally met the greater number, although to do it he had to undertake some journeys from which many a younger and less enthusiastic man would have shrunk. One of his longest and most interesting trips was up the Yang-tse-Kiang, one of the great rivers of China. For 1,500 miles he went by steamer and then came 500 miles on that popular, but unclean institution, the Chinese houseboat. When he left the waterway, it was to get into a sedan chair, which perspiring coolies carried for several hundreds of miles. In this way he penetrated to the very heart of western China. In Japan



BISHOP ISAAC W. JOYCE.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try and Korea the good bishop also had many interesting experiences, and his homecoming is awaited with much pleasant antici-

Bishop Joyce thinks that the condition of missionary work is more promising in western China, northern Japan and Korea than in any of the other sections visited. He speaks enthusiastically of the educational work which is being done and seems but little discouraged by the undeniably small spiritual advances which have been the result of missionary work