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Mortgagee's Sale.

Under and by virtue of a deed of Mortgage executed to me by R. E. McQuay and V. B. McQuay, and registered in Book 53 page 172, etc. in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, I will sell at Public Auction at the County Court House Door in the city of Charlotte, North Carolina on Monday the 10th day of August, A. D. 1896, at 12 o'clock M., the following described tracts or parcels of land in said County and State, to-wit:

Known and designed as Joseph McQuay's land bought of H. C. Severs, Administrator of Joseph McQuay. Beginning at a stone on the bank of the Branch, runs due South 89 poles to a stone; thence South 57 E 55 1/2 poles to a stone in the field near a house; thence North 35 E, 25 1/2 poles to a Hickory stump in the field; thence N 41 W, 78 poles to a cedar; thence S 44 W, 18 poles to the beginning; also one undivided half interest in the Harriet McQuay land: Beginning at a Cedar, Joseph McQuay's corner and runs with six of the lines 8 1/2 E, 78 poles to a hickory; thence S 61 E 43 poles to a stake on Young's line; thence with his line N 44 E, 12 1/2 poles to a stake; thence N 48 W, 119 poles to a pine; thence S 43 1/2 W, 14 poles to the beginning—containing Thirteen (13) acres. Terms, Cash.

S. B. Alexander, Trustee.

Charlotte, N. C., July 10 1896.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed by Jack Street and wife to me to secure the payment of a debt owing to Dr. John H. McAdams, which deed of trust is dated November 23d 1894 and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County in book 99 page 780, I will sell at public auction at the County Court House door in Charlotte, N. C. at the highest bidder for cash, on Monday the 17th day of August 1896, the lot corner and runs with six of the lines 8 1/2 E, 78 poles to a hickory; thence S 61 E 43 poles to a stake on Young's line; thence with his line N 44 E, 12 1/2 poles to a stake; thence N 48 W, 119 poles to a pine; thence S 43 1/2 W, 14 poles to the beginning—containing Thirteen (13) acres. Terms, Cash.

S. B. Alexander, Trustee.

Charlotte, N. C., July 10 1896.

Excutor's Notice.

Having qualified as Excutors of the will of the late Mrs. J. B. Davidson we hereby notify all persons having claims against his estate to present the same before the 20th day of July 1896 or this notice will be placed in the hands of the court and all persons indebted to the estate will be required to make prompt settlement on July 10 1896.

E. L. BAXTER DAVIDSON, J. NOE OATES, Executors.

July 16 1896

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as Administrator of Dock McKinney, deceased, late of Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of July, A. D. 1897, or this notice will be placed in the hands of the court and all persons indebted to said estate will be required to make prompt settlement on July 31 1896.

GEORGE J. ETHERIDGE, Administrator.

July 3rd 1896.

Administrator's Notice.

All persons having claims against the estate of Mrs. Jane Black deceased, are hereby notified to present them to me, properly attested, on or before the 18th day of July 1897. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make payment to me, without delay.

H. N. PHARR, Adm'r of Mrs. Jane Black deceased.

This 7th day of July, 1896.

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Jan. 6, 1895.

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Keeps a well assorted stock of all articles usually kept in a Drug Store.

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The Poor prescribed for free.

April, 8, 1895.

BOYS AND GIRLS DEPARTMENT.

A GHOST EIGHT FEET TALL.

IT HUNTS AN INDIAN TOWNSHIP AND WILL NOT DOWN.

Carries an Awful Club and Taps with a Roar Like a Summer Thunder Storm in a Forest—Heads Neither Backshot Nor Rifle Bullets—Brave Men terrified Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BENTON, Ind., July 26.—Wearing a long white beard and robe and carrying a huge club, a real ghost, eight feet high, is abroad in Benton township, Elkhart county. Night after night it has been seen by the last week, and night after night search parties of farmers have fired at the fearful object with shot guns. But that it is a real ghost is proved by the fact that the shot whistled harmlessly through the ghost and it disappeared only to reappear in a different place, wavin' its long white arms and shaking its club at pursuers.

It has been seen by hundreds, it has been fired at by terrified searching parties, and it has each time vanished and then flashed its fearsome presence in another place.

Last Tuesday night it made its first appearance. On that evening John W. French and his good wife made a call at a neighbor's some miles away from their farm. The evening was spent in story telling and jollity, and it was well along toward midnight when Farmer French slipped his wife into his big farm wagon and climbed up beside her to start home. A few miles along the lonely country road over which they had to travel is an old church, moss grown and weather beaten, and besides it is graveyard well filled with the bones of those who once filled the soil in this locality. Ten years ago an aged man who lived alone not far from the old church and visited the graveyard almost daily to watch over the resting place of some relative, was foully murdered by a ghostly figure who he was supposed to have hidden about his hermit abode. The robbers and murderer escaped justice and the luckless graveyard was buried in the graveyard where he spent so much time.

And just as the lumbering wagon of Farmer French drew within sight of the white head stones in the church yard, the horses reared back on their hocks and snorted in terror. French was alarmed and suspecting highway men had been scented by the horses, he reached for a shot gun which lay in the bottom of the wagon for just such an emergency. But before his hand touched it he was startled by a scream from his wife. Clutching his hand to his head he started and gasped: "Look John, look!"

Far down the road, just behind the glimmering movements of the old grave yard he saw an apparition. It was that of a man with a long white beard sweeping over his breast. The figure appeared to be eight feet in height and in one hand it carried a club, such as the braires of the old man had been beaten out with ten years before. Slowly raising one arm the ghost with a majestic step beckoned French to come ahead. He was too startled to do anything except try to restrain the prancing horses in an attempt to strain at the harness and run. Cold sweat started out all over the body of the farmer as he realized that he was at last looking at a ghost, and then the sound of his wife's voice came to him begging him to return the way they had come and escape the doom which seemed impending. French was still too much scared and excited to control the horses, and as he gazed steadfastly at the fearful white object in the road it slowly began to move toward the wagon. The club was now raised to its shoulder, as a soldier carries a rifle, and it seemed to move forward without touching the ground like a winged thing. Then the farmer recovered his faculties and, whirling his team around, he lashed the horses into a run and began the trip to the house of the friend he had just left. As he did so a great roaring noise as of thunder filled all the air and maddened the frightened horses, so that they began to rear away and wild creatures. The noise came from the ghost which followed close behind the wagon. Though fainting with fear Mrs. French could not resist the temptation to look behind and see whether the spook was following. She saw it about ten feet behind the wagon and as she screamed it vanished.

A few minutes later French drove into the barnyard of his friend and told his tale to the frightened people. No ghost could then be seen and some of those in the house were inclined to doubt that the story had laid to imagination. But Mrs. French could not be induced to pass the graveyard again that night, and the couple stayed for the night with their friends. The next day the story was repeated over the country side, and by night every ode from Millersburg to New Paris had heard of the Benton ghost. The old church and graveyard were visited during the daytime by hundreds, but no trace of the ghost could be found. Parties of boys and young men boldly ventured to stay in the graveyard all night and watch for the apparition but as the shade of night drew on and the shadows of the headstones began to lengthen across the grass most of the watchers left, the place under various excuses. A peculiar, creepy feeling, common to those who remained in it, soon took hold of those who remained in it, so that they amounted almost to a panic, so that every man in the crowd left for home and vowed the ghost could do as it pleased.

CHURCH AND WOMANS DEPARTMENT.

A Feathered Criminal.

"I suppose" said a man who had spent much of his life in the woods, "that we country people are sitting up all night to watch for the coming of the tall ghost with the big club. It appeared in various places, but usually somewhere near the graveyard and the old church where the murdered man lies buried. Each night searching parties go out to run down the spook and each night they return with the same tale. The ghost of Benton is talked of at night in country homes and wayside villages and still it talks abroad, spreading terror and dismay in its wake."

Second, and the chief reason is in the city there are so many things that are curious to direct and distract the mind of the city child and while on long winter evenings the country lad and lass have no other amusements than careful reading and re-reading literature that stores their minds with useful knowledge. In summer they are taught from nature open book while their city cousins waste their time in all kinds of fashionable follies and forms of amusements where the highest intellectual achievement is to be well up in small talk and slang phrases.

MINNIE ABBETHY.

THE CELEBRATED PREACHER GIVES HIS VIEWS FREELY.

Reports the South as Almost to a man in Favor of the Immediate Re-nomination of the White Metal.

"If the silver people win, I believe there will be such a revival in business, such a booming in industries, which are now inactive, and such a general shaking up of commercial interests that the country will be sure to prosper."

These words were spoken by the Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage, at Easthampton, L. I., after a long tour of the Southern States.

The reverend gentleman is a keen observer and can see which way the wind blows as quickly and with as much certainty as the shrewdest of politicians. He does not only preach to the people, but he mingles with them, feeling the popular pulse and searching the hearts of his countrymen.

Dr. Talmage arrived at Easthampton on Friday last from Chautauque, where he had attended an educational convention. Not only in the big cities did the Doctor mingle with the resident, but in minor townships and villages.

ALMOST ALL FOR SILVER.

"During my entire trip," he said, "I did not find more than one or two men who were not silver men. The unanimity was astounding. The sentiment down South is universally for the white metal. Bryan and Sewall will get a very large vote from that section of the country."

Dr. Talmage is too little or too much of a politician to come out flat-footed for free silver, but his utterances are perhaps sufficiently significant to show the tendencies of his personal feelings.

"My associations and training and my political affiliations of the past place me on the side of a single standard," he cautiously said, and then as a twinkle came into his eye he added: "But I certainly believe that instead of disaster and ruin following in the wake of the silver movement, the opposite will be the result."

"I am not advocating that side of the political question," said the diplomatic divine, "but I do not believe, with a good many of my Christian friends, that the success of the silver movement is the country will greatly suffer."

"This is a strong nation," he added. "We are engaged in a great political campaign, and it will lift me to be a strong partisan on either side. There are honest, Christian, patriotic men on both sides, and the life of the country and welfare of its interest will be a great incentive to lead men in the right direction. I have great faith in the people of a vast Southern and Western tract are vehemently in favor of silver."

DR. GUNSAULUS'S VIEWS.

The Rev. Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational church, of Chicago, and president of the Armour Institute of Technology in that city, has recently arrived in Brooklyn, after visiting and studying the States of Kentucky, Kansas, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Tennessee, Illinois and Nebraska.

He is at the St. George Hotel. He is deeply impressed with the widespread feeling for silver in those localities.

"I firmly believe," he said yesterday, "that if we were to have an election tomorrow, Bryan would stand an excellent chance to win. He must not be laughed at in the East. He will visit you here, and by the force of his mental and oratorical power, will make many converts. The men who are in favor of free silver must not be set down as wild, as they are bewitched. There are many among them of great brains and intelligence."

New York Journal.

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I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Mecklenburg county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries and county convention.

Z. T. SMITH.

May 14th.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds, of Mecklenburg county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention.

J. W. COBB.

May 21, 1896.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds, of Mecklenburg county, subject to the action of the Democratic nominating convention.

A. M. McDONALD.

June 25th.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds of Mecklenburg county, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in their primaries and county convention.

J. ARTHUR HENDERSON.

June 25th.

TREASURER FOR MECKLENBURG.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for office of Treasurer for Mecklenburg county subject to the action of the Democratic county convention.

EDGAR W. WALKER.

July 16th.

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