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Notice of Sale.

in a special proceeding entitled B. H. Perry, Administrator of Robert Harris, deceased, vs 1 20 heirs of Robert Harris October 31st, 1907, I Monday, December 23rd, 1907,

the same being the day said land was orince in six and twelve months, at the Court House door in Henderson, N. C., at 12 o'clock, the farm described in the petition in said proceedings, as follows: 1st. The undivided half interest of Robert Harris, deceased, in the tract of about 83 acres bought by said Robert and B. F. Harris of Jasper H. Parham and wife, the entire tract being bounded as follows. Beginning at a stone and pointers at Daniel Stone's corner in J. H. Young's line and running thence N. 82 W. 152 poles and 10 links to a stone in Stone's line; thence N 76 poles to a stone and bunch of willows and small branch; thence S. 85 E. 185 poles to a hickory in Young's line; thence S. 19 W. 89 poles to the beginning. Subject to the one-half interest B F. Harris and the widow's dower as laid off by W. L. Burroughs, Jas. B. Glover

Should this prove insufficient to pay off he purchase money debts of said deceased Robert Harris, I shall then sell the remainder in the dower Should this still prove insufficient I shall sell the then dower. BENNETT H. PERRY.

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Sale of Land.

BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER OF SALE by A. F. Johnson and Ned Hammie on the 28th day of December, 1904, and recorded in Book 20, page 521, in the Register's office I Vance county, default having been made in the payment of the notes therein secured, at the request of the holder of said notes, I shall sell for cash at the Court House door in Henderson, Vance county, N. C., on

the following described real estate: Begin at old road N. 87½ E. 12.85 chains to Harris' corner; thence along said Harris' line to a stone in Ross' Mill road; thence along the said road N. 451/2 W. 2 55 chains to a stake in the road; thence N. 811/2 W 12.60 chains to Sam Clark's corner; thence 8, 11 W. 17 chains to the beginning. Containing 20%

Henderson, N. C., Nov. 21, 1907. J. L. CURRIN, THOMAS KEARNEY.

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Too Much Governed by Law.

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

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Bill is a good citizen.

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and run away to a big

city to be spent. Many

millions of Dollar Bills

have left the smaller

towns for the overgrown

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Bills have gone out of

THIS TOWN - left

home and gone to some

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much less trade for him.

Every time a Dollar

ing in this community.

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express out of town on the Envelope Route?

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ing things along.

Bill leaves town it takes a two-cent stamp with it, for it goes

to a Mail Order Store. That helps the postmaster a little,

but it doesn't help the local merchant. It means just so

Which means just so much less cash circulat-

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If you could figure up the Dollar Bills that leave town

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How many of YOUR Dollar Bills take the midnight

citizens they would stay at home and circulate around, help-

in this secret manner, like taking French leave-which you

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prising, good citizen.

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Farewell to Millemaid.

Washington Herald.

That there is too much legislation | One by one the roses drop and die, is a lamentable fact not be gainsaid and one by one the more cherished with any regard for truth. It is of our institutions give way to the painfully apparent as the sessions pressure of modern commercialism pass one into another that the statute Today sees this new invention and books become burdened with statu- that; tomorrow will see even more

imputed to an intelligent public as a evermore. And yet this is just what of improvident legislation is to go on gentleman has invented an instruas of late, government itself will soon ment that is a combination of rubnon-observance will grow into con- graduates which milks the cows by tempt of all law. A member of the means of an electric current and General Assembly who would arro-quite independent of any individual. gate to himself the thankless job of All you have to do is to place the thing

This is all very well if it didn't de reap that reward is another matter. prive us of our friend, the milkmaid. If, however, he should essay the role. One of the first songs we learned was of actual executioner to the Solons "Where Are You Going, My Pretty who father improper bills, he would Maid?" The song forms part of the soon find himself oppressed by lone- foundation upon which hundreds of liness. He would be in the fix of the the day dreams of youth are build. conqueror who made a wilderness of The milkmaid, whose face was her fortune, is one of our juvenile acquaintances whose image never quite nothing but sympathy for the tele- must go. We cannot teach our chilillustrate it in real life again. Pans,

But there is no use setting your a predestined failure because of it .- face against the tide. The end of the tried and justly convicted, and yet milkmaid's glorious and honorable for nearly 12 months he remains in reign is at hand. Henceforth she is to be a memory and a song.

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A Condemned Murderer's Case Allowed to Hang on For Months Without Action.

iree shoro Correspondence Raleigh News

Frazier Jones, convicted of murderville on fast Thanksgiving Day, in persons, was at the December appeal made up and docketed to be heard by the Supreme Court when trict were reached about four months later. On January 23rd Frazier's attorney served his case on the solicitor, who promptly filed his counter make up the case, it being marked the praises. "filed May 13, 1907." Of course this being after the Supreme Court had completed its hearing of cases from the minth judicial district, it was neither docketed nor heard. It was dock-

the case of Frazier Jones in not to attach blame to any officer or indi-Even a suffering public can have fades from our heart. And now she vidual. It is to let those who desire to see flagrant, notorious, bloody case in point, that there are some mighty loose screws in the machinery of the criminal law that need jail at the expense of the tax-pavers. against the peace and dignity of the State and to the discredit of the administration of the law. An appeal taken is a matter of form, the case is allowed to lie dormant until after the Supreme Court has passed the time and not perfected until six months later, which necessarily makes a delay of nearly 12 months without a prospect of its being seriously presented by the appellant when the Supreme Court does hear it.

eted probably some time in June.

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The New Doctrine.

R chmcnl Times-Dispatch

Judge Scovel, of Chicago, recently discharged a prisoner of his court who had committed an offense while drunk, on the ground that when sober he was a man of good morals and good character. According to the report of the case in the public print the court laid down the doctrine that since persons are irresponthings which they would never be fact of intoxication "may properly be taken into consideration by a court" in determining not merely the severity of the punishment, but the need of any punishment whatever.

Here is more of the doctrine of personal irresponsibility. A man deliberately befuddles his brain and blunts his moral sensibilities by filling himself with mean whiskey, and while in that condition does bodily injury to a fellowman or commits a more heinous crime; then pleads that he is not legally responsible for his act, because he was not intellectually other. or morally responsible when the offense was committed.

If that be a sufficient plea in court need only to take a drink in advance, simulate drunkenness, "accomplish his purpose," then throw himself upon the tender mercies of the court on Raleigh Times he plea of temporary irresponsibilty, and all will be forgiven. In the name of manhood and the

public safety, haven't we had enough f this brain-storm foolishness? We hould either kick the cowardly and contemptible plea out of court, or out all rational men on notice and et them arm and prepare to defend themselves from the irresponsible

The Stories in the January "New

The first number of the New Idea for the new year brings some unusually good stories, which are an index of the high class of fiction to be offered to our readers during the other eleven months to come. Margaret Hamilton Wagenhals, whose work has appeared before in the New Idea, contributes a charming story entitled "The Vances' Christmas Week," in which the affections of a young couple are temporarily upset, but happily readjusted in the end. A new series of sketches, "Some Neighbors," is begun in this number by Marion Hill, the well-known writer of short stories, Nothing escapes Miss Hill's powers of observation, but she is never unkind in snap-shotting one's "queerest" neighbors. You may recognize some of the people who are living near you in "The Grants of Haggard Hospitality," but of course she does not mean you. An experiment in housekeeping by three bachelor girls in Bohemian New York and the surprising result furnishes material for a good story by Edith Summers, called The Equilateral." The illustrations are done by competent artists.

Brides of the Year.

housekeeper and very good tem-A February bride will be a kind and affectionate wife and tender

mother.

A March bride will be a frivolous chatterbox, somewhat given to quarreling. An April bride will be inconsistent not very intelligent, but fairly good

looking A May bride will be handsome, amiable and likely to be happy. A June bride will be impetuous and generous.

A July bride will be handsome and smart, but a trifle quick tempered. and practial. A September bride will be discreet affectionate and much liked.

coquettish, loving, but jealous. A November bride will be liberal. kind, but a wild disposition. A December bride will be fond of

novelty and entertaining. Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup, the new Laxamoney back. Sold at Parker's Two Drug

Christmas Greetings.

Geo. T. Davis in Carthage News.

At Christmas, play and makegood cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year. The time for the holly and the mistletoe is almost here. The time for bright faces and generous your boy, and don't allow him to impulses-for gladsome greetings-a time for noble resolves to be born, a time for old animosities to die.

A time when the benevolent side of one's nature should eclipse the sordid to the large and ever increasing ing his wife at her home in Gibson- side. A time when the thoughts number of accidents and casualties, should be turned towards home; a due to boys carrying guns, you'd the day time, in the presence of sev- time when the usurping claims of cut your boy's gun out without hesibusiness should be ignored. The tation. That is why we are adverterm of Guilford Superior Court sen- time when the child with its golden tent to these tragedies-so hearttenced by Judge Moore to be hanged | curls, the man with his silvered locks | rending usually, for in most cases it on July 15th. There was no case on alike cry "Glory to God in the high- is some one dear to the boy who is est; peace on earth, good will to men." These words have been chanted by are taking time to give you this adthe cases from the ninth judicial dis- all Christian nations since the infant Jesus slept in the rude manger in Bethlehem. The organs in the grand cathedrals have pealed forth these words and the worshipers have been case. The record further shows that | filled with adoration; those treading | not until May 12th did Judge Moore | the flowerless paths of poverty echo

The poor mother in the hovel, as as she bends over the smouldering embers upon the desolute hearth and weeps over the empty stockings of her neglected children-even she hears | striking lesson occurred in a neighthe strains in the distance and her | borhood city on Thanksgiving Day. plaintive voice, so full of want, joins in the chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest." Perhaps this mother is thinking of the Christmas days ed the board, and these memories may be feeding her hungry heart.

Theologians may cavil over the give up lucrative occupation for one maid of whom we have heard so tightening, and that future legisla- hold fast to our Christmas more companion. The one killsd was less profitable, their places having much and thought so well in the long tors may be considering how best to heartily celebrated than in our own seventeen years old, while the gun furnish the wrench in the shape of country. The spirit of good cheer, a law. This wretch was promptly of good will and of gift-giving seems to fill the very air. And as the Christmas of 1907 is being ushered in by the merry pealing of the bells, may every being in general catch somewe realize that to most of usit's been a kind year. To a few the dark side some of the homes of our loved ones since Christmas tide a shadow has fallen and the mantle of sorrow has than firearms. This practice, which makes the wrapped the inmates in its sombre State solicitor helpless and powerless folds. Other homes are like the carry pistols would be surprising to have the law administered, needs | empty nest that hangs on the with- | could an investigation be made. ered bough, desolate, because the life and song went out with the birds. New homes have been made, new ties ormed and old ones severed.

> But in our onward march it is not well to stop to measure the load each one carries. No life is either all sunshine or all gloom. If the new year brings prosperity let us rejoice; if adversity let us be thankful, for everything reminds us that we should be,

and share our blessings with others. We won't have to look far to find want and suffering. The world is full of it, and we will be happier oursible when intoxicated and often do selves by making others happy. So let's be thankful that our lines have guilty of in a sober condition, the fallen in pleasant piaces, that all is as well with us as it is, and use our utmost endeavors to make the new year a happy one. Let's turn over the sad page and look at the bright pictures that await us, and let us quickly penetrate any cloud that floats over our pathway, and view at length the beautiful silver lining beyond. You may think me tardy with my Christmas greetings, yet they are none the less cordial on this account. We are holding on to our Christmas with one hand and reaching out to the New Year with the

A merry Christmas and happy New

the man who wishes to commit crime Put up the Bars Against Undesirable Immigration.

The Times has often expressed its opposition to the opening of the doors of the country, especially in North Carolina and the south, to a class of foreign immigration whose coming into our "midst" must have but one

Senator Lattimer, who went abroad to study the immigration question, has come back with views. He says if this country is to preserve its civilization it will have to put up the bars and shut out a great part of this flood of humanity that is pouring in upon us. There are several things that he will recommend: Let no one in who

cannot read and write; require immigrants to bring certificates of good character from some officer corresponding to our clerks of court; not allow over 50,000 immigrants from any one country in a year.

These are reasonable suggestions They are only introducing the principle of regulation, so famous these days, and certainly it is needed more in the immigration business than anywhere else. As a moral question, there is no doubt of the policy. As an economic proposition, we might try for a while to see if we cannot get along better with intelligent than cheap labor. The senator inquired of Sicily and other regions, what had become of the brigands that once infested those lands, and he was told they had all gone to the United States. That is a very probable story, in view of the rumor of the Mafla, the Black Hand and the anarchists that fill the newspapers. Our country has been exceedingly generous to all peoples, but it has discovered that it is best A January bride will be a prudent to be discriminative, not so much as to race, as to individuals. We should draw a line at indiscriminate immigration, and even at this there should be some limitation upon the quantity. This is an asylum for the oppressed and unfortunate of the earth, but we should take care and not spoil the

In leasing Magdalena bay to the United States for a coaling station, Mexico has shown a friendly spirit that will be appreciated. As Mexico the people there to have a few big of kidney and bladder trouble. A week's American warships stop now and treatment 25c. Sold at Parker's Two Drug then, and, of course, we would not An August bride will be amiable allow any territory grabbers to interfere with our friendly neighbors, for Mexico will one day be a part of us An October bride will be pretty, Texas.—Raleigh Enterprise.

There is something about Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup that makes it different from others, as it causes a free yet gentle action of the bowels through which the cold is forced out of the system. At the same time it heals irritation and allays inflammative, stimulates, but does not irritate. It is tion of the throat and lungs. It is pleasant the best Laxative. Guaranteed or your to take. Calidren like it. Contains no opiates nor narcotics. Sold at Parker's Two Drug single dose at bedtime proves their merit.

Cut Out the Gun For the Boy.

When you select your Christmas for the "kids," fond father, pass over the gun for the boy.

Just simply don't buy a gun for carry or use one till he arrives at maturer vears.

If you lived in a newspaper office and necessarily became advertent killed or wounded-that is why we vice at this particular season. A grave responsibility is assumed

by those parents who intrust firearms to sons who have not reached the age of maturity and prudence. Were a little more vigilant supervision exercised in this respect there would be less of sadness and mourning to be endured as the consequence of foolishness and carelessness on the part of boys with guns.

An instance which should afford a Four lads went hunting with two shotguns.

Two of the boys were seventeen and eighteen years of age, respectin her childhood when plenty crown- ively, while the third was but fifteen and the fourth a mere baby of thirteen. A stumble on the part of one carrying a gun resulted in an exdate and origin of this day, but will plosion that caused the death of a which exploded was carried by the youngest in the party.

Guns even in the hands of experts are dangerous things at best, and, the annals of the hunting season are always filled with chronicles of men thing of the heavenly enthusiasm of brought to an untimely death the music and may it bear this vi- through accident or carelessness. brant message to us all. As we are Boys have no business with guns. about ready to let go of the old year and parents should exercise greater care. The general public is always in danger at the hands of a youth has been turned; to others the sunny | with a gun, and an observance of the side. We must not forget that upon | law of common safety should require that boys seek their amusement through a less dangerous medium The number of boys who habitually

Boyhood, fired to a love of the masculine and the heroic through a perusal of the accomplishments of Deadwood Dick, instinctively turns to the revolver. Everyone who has ever been a boy knows that, and there can scarcely be a man who does not recall the time when he carried pistol about with him in his youthful days and attributed to himself the stern qualities out of which heroes are made-in dime novels.

Boys are to be discouraged in such practices, however, not only for the common safety but for the protection of themselves and their unsuspect-

Why the Sudden Change.

Wilmington Messenger.

For some unexplained reason the State seems to have lost all interest in what the Southern had been paying out as compaign contributions and to the support of the newspapers.-Durham Her-

We are along with the Herald in our amazement at the sudden change of the attitude of the State's representatives as to the heretofore great interest displayed by the counsel and some of those backers in the question of what the Southern has jutant, said: been paying out for campaign purposes for the support of newspapers and in the way of the free passes to State officials and politicians. For awhile there was a great how from the anti-railroad camp. The crowd there demanded that all the ight should be turned on. It wanted the name of every man who had ever taet!" ridden on a free pass issued by the Southern, it wanted Colonel Andrews forced on the stand to tell all he knows. Colonel Andrews was, amid a great blowing of trumpets, and beating of drums, subportaed as a witness. The whole State was waiting to hear what astounding revelations he would make. It was expect-

ed that he would, by his admissions swamp the case for the railroads in the rate suits. He was going to be forced to give most damaging testimony against his own side-testimony that would show the rottenness of the railway systems in this State and their meddling in politics. When it was announced that the counsel whom the Governor had employed to represent the Stats's at-torney general" in the rate case had successfully served the process of the ourt of the Southern's first vice presdent there was general rejoicing, for every one thought that we would now hear all about it. But lo, and behold, the State refuses to put the Colonel on the stand. Why? No one knows, but the natural supposition is that the counsel whom the Governor employed to represent the State's legal counsel found that it would not do to put the Colonel on the stand-that were it to do so he might say something which would make some one now or heretofore high up in power feel uncomfortable, and that therefore it was best to drop the subject; therefore the lawgeneral, deemed it best to keep Col-

abruptly closed the case for the Thousands of men and women in all walk of life are suffering from kidney and bladder troubles. Don't neglect your kidneys. Delays are dangerous. DeWitt's Kidney and has no navy, it will be comforting to Bladder Pills afford quick relief for all forms

onel Andrews off the stand. What a

disappointment this is to the people.

They want to hear what Vice-Presi-

dent Andrews has to say, and they

do not think that the attorney gen-

eral's law advisers should have so

The Columbia State says: "Can a doughnut be a doughnut without a hole? is a question which we should like to have answered by some wise man, embracing woman, of course. As if a "wise man embracing woman" cares whether the doughnut makes the hole or the hole makes the doughnut. No time for trifles, -Charlotte News.

To stop that pain in the back, that stiff ness of the joints and muscles, take Pineules. They are guaranteed. Don't suffer from rheumatism, backache, kidney trouble, when you get 30 days' treatment for \$1.00. A Get them today. Sold by Kerner-McNair Co.

The Kaiser's Christmas.

ROBABLY no European court gives Christmas presents on so extended a scale as the kaiser's. Every one gives presents to every one else, and for weeks before Christmas secret inquiries are made about the most suitable gifts to bestow. The empress and her seven children mysteriously dash about Berlin and Potsdam, visiting jewelers, toyshops and other establishments where something new or striking is to be had, and they hold a levee every morning of tradesmen whom they have no time

to visit. The kalser does no shopping himself, but he is the greatest Christmas box giver of all, and his presents in every case exactly fit the desires of the happy recipient. Early in December he makes a list of the persons to whom he intends making presents. His wife heads the list, and at the foot is usually some old pensioner or invalided housekeeper who has served the Hohenzollerns for half a century.

Soon before Christmas the royal mint sends the kaiser a bag of bright, new



HE BELLOWED OUT THE ONE WORD "MA-

gold twenty and ten mark pieces and another of silver five mark pieces. His majesty fills his pockets when he goes walking in the parks at Potsdam, and the little children and old men and women who are fortunate enough to meet him or soldiers standing sentry, stamping in the snow, are certain of a gift, accompanied not infrequently by

The kaiser's best side is seen at Christmas. There is a story current that once near the palace of Sans Soucl the kaiser came upon a half frozen sentinel with very red nose and eyes. The sentinel, with stiff fingers, brought his rifle to the salute.

"Cold day," said his majesty. The centinel did not reply, but his teeth hattered.

"How long have you been on duty?" sked the kaiser. Still no reply. "Stupid!" said his majesty. "Why don't you speak when I address you?" The sentinel moved his jaws and lips, but no word escaped. The kniser burst out laughing and, turning to his ad-

"Take this chap into the palace, put him before a fire, thaw him out, particularly his jaws, see he gets a big hot drink and a big feed, and, here," turning to the sentry, "take this and drink my health and the empress'!" The soldier found voice at last. He bellowed out the one word "Majes-

The empress is always practical with her gifts. Every year her majesty grows more popular among the best elements of the people. Her unassuming ways, entire freedom from hauteur, consideration for servants and kindly interest in the welfare of the poor and helpless endear her in ever widening circles of Germans. She is fond of presenting ladies with costly lace.

The young princes, headed by the crown prince, show little discrimination in their gifts-scarfpins, rings, dogs, cigarette cases, matchboxes, and so on, being their staple gifts, varied sometimes by a book, a picture or a statuette. Victoria Louise's gifts of dolls to her friends are numerous. To favored friends she does not mind presenting kitchen ranges and furnished dolls' houses. She is in close association with the matrons' and soldiers' orphanages at Potsdam, and the number of little girls who receive her gifts is enormous. Stores of oranges and honey cakes are collected by her for distribution on Christmas eve.-New

An Old Christmas Custons

A century or two ago there was a custom in Germany for all the parents in a town or village to send the presents they designed for their children to one chosen individual, who called at mask and a huge flaxen wig. Knocking on the door, he called in a loud voice for all the good children to apyers whom the Governor employed pear and receive the gifts which the to advise his constutionally ap- Christ Child, the Christ-Kindlein, had gent them. This was the primeyal Kriss Kringle. Coleridge describes this custom and records that the bad little children had a rod left for their correction.-Brooklyn Citizen.



"Seen a motor car down the bill any-"No, but I seen four rubber rings. an' a 'eap o' scrap iron."-Tatler.