

"It Was Hard To Bite Off"

Old Rye 30 Years Of Age A Ten Cents a Pint.

SALE AT BREVARD PLACE

Handsome Antique Mahogany and Walnut Furniture Sells for a Song—Land Sells Next.

The administrators of the late Alex Brevard's estate in Lincoln county held a sale at the old home place at "Old Forge" on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 8, 9 and 10. The sale realized about \$3,000.

The next sale will be that of the land, when 3,000 acres of fine farm lands will be sold. The land will probably be divided into lots or parcels of 100 acres each, and the sales made private as there is demand for it.

Mr. F. Brevard McDowell, the administrator for the North Carolina estate, who inherited the bulk of the property, will keep the old home place, the "Old Forge," as it is still called, and one of the most historic spots in the State. In this place there are 712 1/2 acres. Of the Brevard lands there are 145 acres near Stanley creek in Gaston county, and possibly a small acreage in Catawba county. The remainder all lies in Lincoln.

Mr. Henry Dellinger, of Iron Station, was the auctioneer at the sale, and performed his 3-day task most admirably.

One of the richest hauls was made by James Sherrill, of Lincoln, who bought a box at a venture, paying therefor 85 cents.

When opened it turned out to contain eight pints of old rye whiskey of the vintage of 1879. The value of same was at least \$1.00 a pint, or \$8.00 worth for 8 cents. The Democrat met a man who was fortunate enough to sample this rich find, and when asked how it tasted he said:

"It was hard to bite off." In Capt. Alex Brevard's cellar 100 gallons of old rye of similar longevity was secured. It is said that its life will be short from now on.

Quantities of magnificent old furniture were secured by some of the 2,000 people who attended the sale. A solid mahogany bed was bought by Mr. Will Graham, of Macpelah for \$29.30. Another old bed with high posts for curtains sold for \$15.

Mr. G. P. Stroup, a brother of Mr. Will F. Stroup, of Hickory, got one of the walnut bureaus. He also bought an old moulder kettle, such as used to be handy when the fires of the ancient forge blazed, and it was filled with lard which was 80 years old. It is a question whether it will be useful for anything besides axle grease.

Mr. Williams, of Mecklenburg, bought a dining room cupboard for \$25.25. Mr. Ed Rhinehardt got a bookcase 100 years old for \$25.00.

Mr. Stroup also got an old time leather trunk with 5 trays which had travelled all over Palestine when Capt. Brevard went abroad many, many years ago. A walnut table he also secured for \$1.40.

The 25 head of cattle sold all fetched good prices. The eight head of hogs totalled some \$60 or so. Five head of horses with several mules brought from \$100 to \$150 each.

There are two houses and lots in Hickory belonging to the estate.

Judge Pitts, of Selma, Ala., is administrator for the Alabama lands in which Capt. Alex Brevard owned an undivided half or third interest.

Three Billion in Circulation.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Every person in the United States would have \$34.98 if the money in circulation on December 1, was evenly divided. This is based on the Treasury's estimate that the population of the United States is 89,524,000 at this time.

The monthly circulation statement, which was issued today, shows that the general stock of money on December 1 was \$3,428,602,023, which is an increase of \$712,935 since a month ago. Of this total there was in circulation \$3,131,130,934, an increase of \$6,631,877 over a month ago, and of \$13,749,901 over a year ago. This is in striking contrast to the \$316,266,721 in circulation on January 1, 1879, for which comparative figures are given.—Baltimore Sun

CHRISTMAS HOME WITH MOTHER.

The Bentztown Bard in Baltimore Sun.

Christmas in the city, with its streets of light ashine; Christmas in the castle, with so many things and fine; Christmas in the village, with its neighbors on the street, and friendship smiling at you from the lips you love to meet; but Christmas home with mother—you may take away the rest, and give me that for gladness that is tenderest and best!

Christmas home with mother as it used to be, you know, in life's divine reversion to the dreams of long ago;

The old house ringing laughter from the lips of chick and child, The old dreams dancing after in the hearts just fairly wild, And the romping, ringing revel, and the dinner with its smells of the old familiar dishes with their haunting homespun spells!

Turn back again, oh, marchers in the ranks that lead away from Christmas home with mother to the fields of fame and fray!

The triumph may be tempting and the victory fine and sweet, but Christmas home with mother makes the heart forget the street, and the roaring world around one, and the new life for the old, and its fansare and its tinsel and its gilt without the gold!

Christmas home with mother—'tis a dream to make one creep To the attic as in childhood for a little childhood sleep;

And the waking at her calling, and the marching single file To the Christmas in the parlor with our faces wreathed in smile

At the tender expectation—how it glows within us yet— Of the things we said we wanted and the things we knew we'd get!

Christmas home with mother—when it's train time let me know, For my heart has bought a ticket to the days of long ago, And I have lost the city, with its splendor and its gleam, In the Christmas home with mother that has come to be my dream— The old house and the childhood, and her sweet face waiting there For the phantom sons and daughters single file upon the stair!

OXFORD FORD ITEMS.

Correspondence of The Democrat.

Oxford Ford, Dec. 15.—Mr. G. W. Winebarger & Sons are doing a large amount of sawing at their mill on the Island Ford road this season.

Sunday morning, Dec. 12, the following couple was married at the Lutheran Parsonage, Rev. Henry officiating. Perry L. Eckard and Lola E. Hedrick, both of Catawba county. Witnesses: Mr. A. L. Hedrick and Miss L. E. Eckard.

In order to ascertain beyond doubt who was in the right and who was in the wrong, members of St. Peter's congregation recently raised the corner of the church in order to see the documents said to be enclosed in the cornerstone. A dead bat, however, was all that was found, wedged among the stones. It was not customary in those days to cut out a space in the rock and enclose documents, etc.

The store of Mr. Lonnie E. Hollar was recently entered by a gang of thieves and considerable property carried away. The same night they entered the smoke-house of Mr. C. Ed. Smith and took hams, bacon and 50 lbs. lard. It is believed that the perpetrators of the crime are the same ones who last year broke into the store of Mr. John Hollar. Our community is aroused. We want to find the guilty culprits and send them where they belong. We frequently hear the question asked: Would not the County Commissioners be justified in securing bloodhounds to be kept at the county seat and used for such occasions, which are becoming more frequent every year. By all means, let us have such a protection at our call, whether secured by subscription or otherwise. H.

Turner-Ennis Almanac.

The Turner-Ennis North Carolina Almanac for 1910 has reached this office and as is always the case with this publication, it is exceedingly welcome. It is perfectly reliable and is the standard. For seventy-three years it has been getting better and better; it is of unquestionable value to every one, and gives satisfaction to everybody. Price 10 cents. Ennis Publishing Co., Raleigh, N. C.

Students' Recital at Lenoir College

The students of Lenoir College gave a recital Monday evening which was of unusual merit and reflected much credit to the musical department of Lenoir College under the direction of Miss Hallman, piano and orchestral director, and Mrs. Chadwick, voice. The orchestra vindicated their ambition by their rendition of the Wagner number. The three pi no solos all showed talent and technical ability. Massini's graceful duet was given with grace, and the violin added much to the pleasure of the audience. In the voice numbers, the singers were in fine voice. The male quartettes were cordially received, responding to a tumultuous encore for "The Dixie Kid." The choruses were very good—especially the "Ave Maria" with the Sop obligato by Miss Simpson and the Strauss Waltz Song.

At the close congratulations were heard on all sides. The following is the program:

- ORCHESTRA—Overture, Ivanhoe.....Hazel Oak View Orchestra
- DUET—The Swallows.....Massini Misses Nussman and Morgan
- PIANO—Rustle of Spring.....Sinding Miss Miriam Deaton
- CHORUS—(a) Boat Song.....Weber (b) The Hunter's Song.....Hullah
- VIOLIN—Traumerel.....Schumann Mr. W. K. Mauney
- VOICE—Serenade.....Grehg Miss Mae Simpson
- QUARTETTE—Away to the Woods.....Geibel Maenner Quartette
- PIANO—Valse Arabesque.....Lack Miss Eleanor Norman
- CHORUS—Ave Maria.....Mendelssohn
- ORCHESTRA—Evening Star.....Wagner Oak View Orchestra
- VOICE—Spring Song.....Mendelssohn Miss Lillian Stallings
- PIANO—The Two Larks.....Leschetizky Miss Barbara Rudisill
- QUARTETTE—The Dixie Kid.....Geibel Maenner Quartette
- CHORUS—Spring Time.....Strauss College Chorus

What a Mighty Fall Congress to Have Holiday.

Asheville Gazette-News.

It was like aiming at the stars and hitting the gatepost for those seven hundred marines who set off for the scene of war, and then got stuck in the mud at a place called Peapatch Island. The Prairie may yet be floated, but the martial spirit of those warriors has, we very greatly fear, been permanently smothered.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Congress will adjourn for the holidays on Tuesday, the 21st instant, and the Christmas recess will continue for two weeks, terminating on Tuesday the fourth of January.

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