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Respectfully
JAS. A. INGRAM.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF Valuable Timber Land.
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF the Superior Court of Rockingham county made in case of Jno. F. McNair, and Thos. L. McNair, plaintiffs, against Duncan McKay, and others defendants, the undersigned commissioners, appointed by said decree, will, on the 6th day of June 1892, expose to public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door, in the town of Rockingham, N. C., for purpose of making partition among the tenants in common therein, 1,586 acres of heavily timbered land, situate in Rockingham county, about seven (7) miles from the R. & A. railroad. More than half this land is covered with round long-leaf pine and all is heavily timbered. Full description of said land will be given day of sale. The title to the land is clear. Any person desiring to purchase will be shown over the land. Address all enquiries for further particulars to Jno. D. Shaw, Jr. Laurinburg, N. C.
FRANK McNEILL, Commissioner.
Jno. D. SHAW, Jr., Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND!
UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A decree of the Superior Court of Rockingham county, made at September term, 1891, in the case of Jno. M. Smith, Adm'r of Stephen Quick, dec'd, vs. R. H. Morrison, the same being an action to foreclose a mortgage, I will, on Monday, the 6th day of June, 1892, sell at public auction, at the court house door, in Rockingham, in said county, to the highest bidder, a tract of land lying and being in said county, containing 450 acres more or less, lying on Melton's Mill Branch and on North side of Mark's Creek, and being same land allotted to Catherine Morrison, widow of Malcom C. Morrison, as her dower. Full description can be had by reference to book TT, pages 248, etc., of the Register's office for Rockingham county, where said mortgage is recorded. Terms of sale cash. Time of sale 12 m. This April 27, 1892.
A. O. SHAW, Commissioner.

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The Corner Store-room in Hotel Rockingham building. Apply to T. C. Leak or H. C. Wall.

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THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE.
Mid the flower-wreathed lombs Island,
Bearing lilies in my hand,
Comrades! in what soldier grave
Sleeps the bravest of the brave?
Is it who sank to rest
With his colors round his breast?
Friendship makes his tomb a shrine,
Garlands veil it, ask not mine.
One low grave you tree beneath
Bears no roses, wears no wreath,
Yet no heart more high and warm
Even dared the battle storm.
Never gleamed a prouder eye
In the front of victory,
Never foot had firmer tread
On the field where hope lay dead.
Than are hid within this tomb
Where the extended grasses bloom:
And no alone, with leagued distress,
Mocks the sacred loneliness.
Youth and beauty, dauntless will,
Dreams that life could ne'er fulfill,
Here lie buried, here in peace
Wrongs and woes have found release.
Turning from my comrades' eyes,
Kneeling where a woman lies,
I strew lilies on the grave
Of the bravest of the brave.

A GIRL'S DESIRES.
The Number of Gowns She Considers Absolutely Necessary.
Philadelphia Times.
"Please give me a penny, miss; I want to buy some clothes," said a dirty, ragged little urchin to a young woman just emerging from a fashionable confectioner's.
"That's my trouble, too," she laughed, as she gave the delighted youth a nickel.
"You always want to buy clothes," said her escort; "yet the gown you have on is as fresh as a daisy. What on earth do you need any more for?"
"That's so like a man; he thinks a girl can go about in one costume as long as it looks respectable and should never want another until the first one was absolutely in rags."
"You are a little severe," smiled the man, "but tell me really, what would you be content with for a summer outfit for instance?"
"Well, I will tell you," laughed his companion, "and I am not considered extravagant at all in comparison with others.
"I would like half a dozen gingham and a blue and white outing costume with pretty shirt waists for morning. Then two fine thin white gowns for afternoon, with three China silks and a pretty grenadine when the days were too cool for the thinner materials. Two very swell tailor-made gowns in which to travel."
"Wouldn't one be enough?" interrupted the man.
"No, indeed; suppose anything should happen to it when you were miles away from your dressmaker. You wouldn't expect me to journey all over the country in a white muslin, would you?" This last with such unconcealed scorn for his masculine ignorance that the escort protests vigorously that he did not mean anything. Of course she knew best and would she please enlighten him still further regarding any other trifles that are necessary.
"Well, when it comes to evening gowns I would like at least four. I think a white crepe, a black jetted tulle, something dainty in yellow, and a pale pink Lansdowne trimmed some French way with black would do. Then of course there must be at least six hats, a large black one and ditto in white, a traveling jaunty toque, a sailor and two pretty half dressy ones with the China silks.
"Then a handsome tailor-made jacket, a mackintosh, the regulation Newmarket and a lovely long evening wrap in some delicate shade. Shoes and stockings to mater all the gowns, gloves likewise, and belt fans dainty underwear and heaps of trifles a woman loves."
"Is that all?" queried the bewildered young man.
"I think that is all," assented the girl with that air that accompanies a searching of the memory.
"How moderate you are."
"Oh, no. I forgot parasols and tea-gowns," interrupts the thinker who has not heard his last remark and therefore failed to detect the sarcasm underlying the words.
"I would be quite content with such a wardrobe," she sighed longingly. "For how long?" queried the man who was beginning to realize a little what a woman considers essential to their comfort.

THE GROWING COTTON CROP.
It Will Necessarily be a Short One— It May not Exceed 6,500,000 Bales.
Atlanta Constitution.
There is such a lively interest manifested in the possibilities of the cotton crop that the Constitution has made an effort to obtain a conservative estimate based upon the undoubted facts of the situation. A Constitution man called on Mr. S. M. Inman yesterday, and after a full discussion of existing and probable conditions, that well-known cotton expert said:
"The growing crop of cotton has reached a point at which we can begin to arrive at some data which are reasonably correct.
"First, the falling off in the use of fertilizers of 200,000 tons make a certain decrease from the past crop on this score of 250,000 bales.
"Second, the inundation of from 400,000 to 500,000 acres of cotton lands in the Mississippi valley at this late date makes almost certain a loss of 250,000 bales, as compared with last year.
"Third, should it be settled that there is a decrease in acreage of 12 per cent, as compared with last year, this will create a shortage of 1,000,000 bales, as in many cases the land changed from cotton to corn is the best land and the average land abandoned for cotton it is said represents an average productivity.
"Thus it appears as an almost positive fact that the crop now growing will be easily 1,500,000 bales short of the crop we have just gathered.
"Thus far, we feel pretty safe in our position, but there are possibilities, and ever probabilities, which I mention, that may decrease the crop of 1892-93 much more than this.
"First, suppose it should appear from the bureau report, as has been indicated by nearly every private and State authority during the past month, that the decrease in acreage instead of being 12 per cent, is as much as 16 per cent. This would mean a decrease of 1,450,000 bales instead of 1,000,000, and a total decrease of 1,950,000 bales instead of 1,500,000 bales.
"All this is based upon the idea of all conditions of crop and yield being and continuing as good the coming year as they have been the year we are just leaving and which was the best for thirty years after the plant had fairly started. The crop of 1890-91, which was considered phenomenal, proves to have been 4 per cent, off in condition in comparison with the crop of 1891-92, and the crop of two years ago, which was a fair average, was in round numbers, 18 per cent, off in condition as compared with the present wonderful year.
"Assume then, that this growing crop will be 10 per cent, lower in condition through the season than the one just gathered, and we have still further shortage of 700,000 bales applying a percentage in condition to the reduced crop of 7,000,000 bales added to the deficit of 1,950,000 bales mentioned above, makes 2,650,000 bales, or a crop at the utmost, under all these conditions, of not over 6,500,000 bales.
"Now, I do not assert that the crop will be only 6,500,000 bales, nor do I pretend to estimate the size of the crop now growing. I am merely endeavoring to show the possibilities, why the American crop of 1892-93 will be the smallest known for several years. If, however, these are reasonable possibilities and the fact that the world's consumption has increased 1,000,000 bales in the past two years, it can be appreciated what an appalling position those who have sold cotton around 8 cents for the fall months may be placed in and how probable it is that by December 1st we may have the highest price we have had for a long time."

Great Increase in Church Membership Shown by the Census.
Dr. H. K. Carroll, special agent of the census of the churches, contributes to The Forum for June an article which contains a summary of the most important facts gathered by the government's investigation. Nobody but special students of the subject is aware of the prodigious number of religious sects in the United States. For instance, there are at least fifteen branches of Methodists, not less than nine of Presbyterians, and more of Baptists; all of which Dr. Carroll adduces in evidence of the very utmost religious freedom in the United States. "No tendency of the time," he says, "seems to me so powerful an impulse as that toward liberalization. This explains in large degree, I think, the multiplication of divisions. The division of the Presbyterian Church in 1837 into new and old school branches was the most striking instance our history afforded of the liberal ideas in theology, not even excepting the Unitarian controversy among the Congregational Churches."
The increase in church membership has been larger during the decade 1880 to 1890 than it has generally been supposed to be, as the following examples will show: The Methodists, at once the largest and most aggressive denomination, have about 2,250,000 members, a gain in ten years of more than 500,000, and the percentage of gain is 30 per cent.—5 per cent. more than the gain in population. The Presbyterians show an increase of 30 per cent; but the Lutherans 60 per cent; but even this high percentage is surpassed by the Jews, who increased from 50,000 members of synagogues in 1880 to 130,000 members in 1890, an increase of 160 per cent. The Congregational Church increased 33 per cent. The returns of the Catholic Church in 1880 were obviously incorrect; as the showing of the Catholic increase is less than 15 per cent., the estimated Catholic population being nearly 6,500,000. The total number of communicants of all denominations, according to the census 1890, is 12,500,000, as against less than 10,000,000 in 1880—an average gain of more than 25 per cent. So far as a statistical view of church members can make a showing of the progress of the churches, there is no such lack of popular interest in religion as among many circles of thought there is supposed to be. Dr. Carroll's article is the first publication in any sense complete of the census work of the churches thus far made.

The Course of True Love.
Monroe Engineer.
Mr. J. A. Clontz, a 17-year old son of Mr. T. T. Clontz, of Goose Creek township, was in town Friday the 20th instant, and while here secured license from the register of deeds to marry Miss Nora E. Hagler, a buxom 18-year old lassie of the same township. He had the written consent of his parents and also of the girl's to the union. On Saturday, Mr. Henry Hagler came to town for the purpose of securing license to marry the same girl. After reaching here he found that Clontz was ahead of him, but declaring that he would have the girl he purchased a road cart and returned to Goose Creek for the purpose of perfecting his arrangements to get her. This he did satisfactorily and early Sunday morning he appeared at her residence accompanied by a few friends, and securing the girl the party proceeded to South Carolina, where they were happily married, returning home the same day.

Two Fractious States.
Columbia State.
South Carolina, the smallest State in the South, with next to the smallest Democratic vote, threatens the national Democracy with its "grave dissatisfaction" if the first choice of two-thirds of the Democrats of the Union is nominated for president, and Nevada, with a population 10,000 smaller than Spartanburg county,

ly, warns the Democracy of the loss of 5,791 Democratic votes if the candidate and platform for 7,000,000 Democrats be not chosen to suit Nevada's silver mine owners. South Carolina—through her misrepresentatives—made herself ridiculous enough but Nevada is a fly sitting on the wheel of the daddies' dollar.

INFALLIBLE SIGN OF DEATH.
A French Physician Gives a Formula for Putting Doubt at Rest.
Probably ninety-nine people out of a hundred have a terror lest they should be buried alive, and numberless have been the cases where a dying person exacted a sacred promise that a vein should be cut, or some means adopted by which death could be assured. From time to time we are horrified by learning that some person has been buried alive after assurances has been given of death.
Under these circumstances the opinion of a rising French physician upon the subject becomes of world wide interest, for since the tests which have been in use for years have been found unreliable, no means should be left untried to prove beyond a doubt that life is actually extinct before conveying our loved ones to the grave. Dr. Martinot asserts that an infallible test may be made by producing a blister on the hand or foot of the body by holding the flame of a candle to the same for a few seconds, or until the blister is formed, which will always occur. If the blister contains any fluid it is evidence of life, and the blister only that produced by an ordinary burn; if, on the contrary, the blister contains only steam, it may be asserted that life is extinct.
The explanation is as follows: A corpse is nothing more than inert matter, under the immediate control of physical laws which cause all liquid heated to a certain temperature to become steam; the epidermis is raised, the blister produced, it breaks with a little noise and steam escapes. But if, in spite of appearances, there is any amount of life, the organic mechanism continues to be governed by physiological laws, and the blister will contain serous matter, as in the case of ordinary burns.
The test is as simple as the proof is conclusive. Dry blister, death; liquid blister, life. Any one may try it; there is no error possible.

Initiation at Yale.
NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 7.—Coroner Mix, of this city began an investigation this morning into the death of Rustin, a Yale student, who it is charged, was fatally hurt while being initiated into a society of his fellow-students. The coroner examined H. S. Bown, H. L. Bixby, J. F. Sheffield and J. Down, who had Rustin in charge during the ceremony. He failed, however, to secure evidence sufficient to warrant their arrest, but the investigations will be continued to-morrow.
No post mortem examination will be held, as there is no doubt that Rustin's death was directly due to peritonitis, caused by a blow on the abdomen during the initiation.
We are proud to say that old North Carolina has her many institutions of learning and has been patronized to the fullest extent of her capacity. Students from all parts of the country have been taught within her walls, but have never in the history of her educational cause, had such scandalous initiations as above.

Consumption Cured.
An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary, the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Asthma, and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers on thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipt, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent free by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES, 520 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

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For a general family cathartic we confidently recommend Hood's Pills. They should be in every home medicine chest.

USION RIDGE, N. C., June 29, 1891.
Mr. John N. Webb:
DEAR SIR: I purchased one of the Electroscopes on the 6th day of May and began using it on Mrs. Hazel, who is eighty-five (85) years old. She has had the rheumatism and asthma for twenty-five or thirty years.
She was relieved from the first application of the pose, and has greatly improved beyond our most sanguine expectations. I recommended it to the afflicted. Believing it to be all that you claim for it, I am yours respectfully,
T. M. TAPSCHOTT.
You can use this in any way you may see proper.

OFFICE OF S. CHERRY, 21 Drayton St., Savannah, Ga., Dec. 16, 1890.
Messrs. Lippman Bros., Savannah, Ga.
DEAR SIR: I would like to add my testimony to the almost miraculous effect of P. P. P. in the case of Mary Ingraham, a woman living on my place; she had a constant cough, sore throat, debility, etc., and was emaciated to a degree that she was unable to get out of bed unaided, being given up by physicians; she had taken the famous so-called Blood Medicines without the least effect, until being put under the P. P. P. she immediately began to improve and is now in as good health as ever in her life. You can refer to me at any time as to the effect of P. P. P. in the foregoing case.
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Confidence between man and man is slow of growth, and when found, its rarity makes it valuable. I ask your confidence and make a reference to this Journal to endorse that confidence. I do not think it will be misplaced.
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