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SATURDAY Dec. 5
 The Washington Post has made the discovery that President-elect McKinley has offered W. J. Arkell, of New York, the post of Secretary of Agriculture in the new Cabinet, and that the modest publisher of Judge has declined. The story as told is that some time before McKinley became an active candidate for the Presidency he attended a dinner at which Mr. Arkell was present. In an after-dinner speech Arkell said he expected Mr. McKinley when he was elected was the place at the very foot of the Cabinet. Major McKinley replied to the salty, assuring Mr. Arkell that that his wish should be granted. The talk created much sport at the time and long since passed out of minds of all present, it appears, except that of Mr. McKinley. Since his election Mr. McKinley has written to Mr. Arkell referring to the promise and asking if he regarded it as serious. While the latter did not say so, yet it clearly conveyed the idea that if Mr. Arkell looked upon the promise as serious it would be fully honored by an appointment.

The monetary conference at Indianapolis was attended by delegates from commercial bodies in Cincinnati, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Des Moines, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Omaha and Peoria. There appeared to be a general concurrence in the opinion that there can be no assured industrial prosperity in the country until the question of the currency shall have been rightly settled. The effort to secure legislation to provide a sound, uniform and elastic currency is now backed by a definite popular sentiment. It is deemed the duty of the business interests of the country to press this issue to the point of definite action. To this end a resolution was adopted in favor of holding a general convention at Indianapolis on January 12, 1897. Cities of 8000 inhabitants will be entitled to send one delegate, cities of 10,000 two delegates and so on, with a limit of eight delegates for cities of 400,000 population or more.

That the spectacle of the hatless opera audience has already borne good fruit is noticeable now at nearly all the metropolitan theatres. Big hats come off as soon as the curtain rises, although some of them are carefully returned to their places during the entr'actes. Formerly the women who took off their hats in New York theatres all looked as if they came from other cities, but within the past few weeks that has not been the case. The women who take off their hats now remove the unmerited specimens of the smartest millinery, and there are some indications that to remove one's hat is going to be considered the fashionable thing to do.

Whichever way you will spill over the bill just introduced in the General Assembly of Alabama by Representative Timberlake. The bill provides that no female shall appear in any public place dressed in immoral clothing, and it explicitly

provides against the wearing by women of tight, bloomers, divided skirts and shirt waists. Most women are not against divided skirts, and as for shirt waists, it never occurred to anybody so far as known, that they were in the least objectionable.

A club has recently been formed in Vienna which affords its members the luxury of silence. According to the rules of this organization no word may be spoken in the club house; orders to the waiters must be made in writing and members are forbidden even by nodding to recognize each other's presence. It is very significant that this is a married men's club!

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W. B. HUTCHINGS,
 nov6 204 City Tax Collector.

New Shoe Store.
Shoe Bargains
 in Gents' Fine Shoes for this week.
 We place on sale today the best line of
Gents' \$3 Shoes
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 These goods are shown in Bull Dog, Coin-Needle, French, Parish, Opera and Razor Toes. Don't fail to see the above goods before purchasing. They are bargains.
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 Everything will be marked in plain figures, so, if necessary, you can wait on yourself. The following goods will be included in this

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 Fancy rockers, Hall chairs, lamps of every description, Centres, tables in oak, cherry, mahogany, oak, etc., Pictures, Knives, Albums, Fancy clocks and Book cases, Writing desks, China closets, Wardrobes and couches and many other things suitable for Xmas presents.

Remember
 Everything is marked in plain figures and that you are cordially invited to call and examine our goods; they will be kept in our store next to Woolcott & Son's.

THOMAS & CAMPBELL
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Land Sale.
 Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Wake county, in a certain civil action, No. 721, summons docket of said court, entitled H. F. Montague vs. J. W. Ryals, Nancy A. Ryals and Joseph Austin, I will on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1896, at noon, sell at public auction, at the Court House door in the city of Raleigh, N. C., the following described tract of land lying in Pamlico Branch Township, said county, and adjoining the lands of George Partin, A. T. Smith, et al, others and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake in Little Creek, thence north 4 degrees east 4 chains and 22 links to a stake, thence south 87 degrees east 10 chains and 64 links to a stake, thence south 49 degrees east 10 chains and 80 links to a stake, thence south 57 degrees east 22 chains and 50 links to a stake, thence north 3 degrees east 11 chains to a stake in the Penny corner, thence south 23 degrees west with L. J. Whitfield's line 49 chains to a stake on Jumpers Branch, thence down the various courses of said branch to Little Creek, thence down said creek to the beginning, containing one hundred and two and a half acres (102 1/2 acres) and more fully appears by deed of Nancy A. Ryals and others to F. W. Ryals and wife, date March 16, 1886, County of Wake county, Book 37, page 408, and known as the homestead of said J. W. Ryals. Terms cash.

ARTHUR JONES,
 Commissioner.
 Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22, 1896.

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 Call on me at No. 123 South Wilmington St., Raleigh, N. C.

G. A. STRICKLAND,
 UNDERTAKER.

Valuable City and Country Real Estate for Sale.
 On Monday, the 21st day of December, 1896, at the Court House door in Raleigh, N. C., we will call to the highest bidder at public outcry the following real property belonging to the estate of the late William G. Upchurch:
 1. The house and lot on McDowell street in the city of Raleigh, which was occupied by said W. G. Upchurch as a family residence at the time of his death. This lot fronts about 100 feet on McDowell street and runs back about 210 feet. There is also an alley or entrance to the premises from Martin Street. The building is a handsome two-story wooden building with seven rooms and there are suitable stables and out-houses on the lot.
 2. This property is covered by the life estate, known as the "Estate of M. G. Upchurch," of said W. G. Upchurch, and will be sold subject to her rights.
 3. A lot in the village of Oberlin near Raleigh, adjoining the lots of George Davis and others, fronting on Wade Avenue, being lot No. 37 in the plan of said village as recorded in Register's book 32, at page 584, containing about one acre.
 4. A tract of land containing 124 acres, more or less, in Swift Creek Township, Wake county, about four miles southwest of Raleigh in the section of country known as Hamlet, being the land conveyed to W. G. Upchurch by B. J. Upchurch and wife by deed registered in Book No. 120 at page 180 of the said Register of Deeds' office.
 5. A tract of land containing about 50 acres, lying in the said Hamlet section of Wake county and bounded on the north by the lands of John W. G. Upchurch, on the east by J. W. Cole's land, on the south by the Holly Springs road, and on the west by the lands of George Green; it being a portion of the land conveyed to W. G. Upchurch by deed registered in Book No. 55, at page 401 of said Register of Deeds' office.
 6. Lots Nos. 271 and 272 in the plan and map of the Caraleigh mills property south of the city of Raleigh. The lots adjoin each other and lie on the corner of Glendale street and Maywood Avenue and are each about 50 ft. by 100 ft. in size. They are described in a deed registered in Book No. 108 at page 401 of said Register of Deeds' office.
 7. A tract of about 25 acres, lying about 11 miles south of Raleigh, adjoining the lands of the Caraleigh Mills, known as "W. G. Upchurch's Blended place." It being the last acre conveyed by Bryant Smith, late of Wake county, to said W. G. Upchurch. This property is well improved, has a large barn and stable and good dwelling on it, and the land is in a high state of cultivation and a fine market garden. There are a number of large apple trees and a good orchard on the place.
 8. Sale made by virtue of powers conferred upon the undersigned executors by the will of W. G. Upchurch, deceased.
 Terms of sale: one fourth cash, balance in twelve months with 6 per cent interest from day of sale.
 S. A. ASHE & SON, Executors of W. G. Upchurch, deceased.
 H. C. UPCHURCH, do.
 Nov. 21st, 1896.

SALE OF LAND.
 By virtue of the powers conferred upon the undersigned executors by the will of L. D. Stephenson and his wife Arabella W. Stephenson on the 21st day of November, 1890, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wake county, N. C., in Book No. 120, at page 180, we will call to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Raleigh, N. C., on Monday the 11th day of January, 1897, the following described tract of land, being the residue of the land described in said deed of trust, and also the reversion in the homestead of the said L. D. Stephenson hereinafter laid off in accordance with the provisions of said deed of trust.
 1. First Tract—Beginning at a stake in the covenant road, S. D. Stephenson's corner, running north 71 degrees east to a pile of stones in Mrs. Geo. W. Addison's corner, thence south 4 degrees west 24 chains to a pile of stones known as the "Penny corner," thence north 11 1/2 degrees east to a stake; thence north 79 degrees west 50 links to a stake, corner of L. D. Stephenson's homestead at the mill; thence with the line of the said L. D. Stephenson's homestead to the corner of the covenant road, red oak poles, thence with the covenant road to the beginning, containing 25 acres.
 2. Second Tract—Beginning at an oak stump, high water of the mill pond, thence running up Church Spring Branch to Pleasant Spring, thence south 80 degrees east 4 chains to a stake; thence south 65 degrees west 6 1/2 chains to an oak stump; thence south 65 degrees west 25 chains to a stake in the branch, David Stephenson's corner, thence down the branch in an easterly course along David Stephenson's line to a stake at the fork of the branch, thence down Pope's branch to the head of the mill pond, L. D. Stephenson's homestead line; thence with said homestead line to the beginning, containing 108 acres.
 3. Third Tract—The reversion in the homestead of the said L. D. Stephenson, as described as follows: Beginning at a stake near the corner of the mill house about 30 feet from a large white oak; thence north 50 degrees east 10 chains to the corner of the covenant road opposite to a large red oak; thence with said road north 21 degrees east 21 1/2 chains to a stake; thence south 71 degrees 17 1/2 chains to a stake; thence south 65 degrees west 6 1/2 chains to the west side of the covenant road; thence a northeast course along said David Stephenson's line to a stake in the Ivy field; thence with said David Stephenson's line north 21 degrees west 20 1/2 chains to Pope's homestead; thence with said line to the head of the mill pond; thence with the west side of the pond 10 feet from high water mark to an oak in Pleasant Spring Branch; thence north 74 degrees east 4 1/2 chains to the beginning, containing 260 acres.

Mortgage Sale of Land.
 On Wednesday, December 23rd, 1896, at the Court House door in Raleigh, N. C., I will sell at public outcry the tract of land described in a mortgage from B. J. Upchurch and W. G. Upchurch to James Dodd, registered in Book No. 108 at page 401 of the Register of Deeds' office of Wake county which land is described in said mortgage as follows: A tract of about 25 acres in said county (Wake) and Swift Creek Township, being the land conveyed by said Dodd and wife to said B. J. Upchurch and W. G. Upchurch by deed of conveyance, with said mortgage, and to secure part of the purchase money for which said deed of mortgage was executed. Excepting from said sale millinery, more or less. Terms of sale cash. Hour of sale 12 M.
 S. G. DODD,
 Register of James Dodd,
 do.
Notice to the Public.
 Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Calvin Kelly, deceased, this is to notify all persons indebted to said estate to present their claims for payment to me on or before the 15th day of February, 1897, or said claims will be paid in full. All persons indebted to said estate will please pay without delay. HENRIETTA POOL,
 Administrator.

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Executor's Notice.
 Having this day qualified as Executor of the estate of the late Timothy Smith, deceased, this is to give notice to all persons having claims against said estate will present them to me on or before the 15th day of February, 1897, or this will be paid in full of said estate.
 A. J. SMITH,
 Executor.