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The work done by twenty-five sculptors and twenty-two painters in the way of decorations for the library of congress will cost the United States government more than \$300,000.

The longest commercial distance at which the long distance telephone is now operated is from Boston to St. Louis, a distance of 1,400 miles. This line is more than twice as long as any European telephone line.

Chicago has produced another curiosity. An inventor from the Windy city is said to have discovered a way by which portraits can be sent over the wires by means of the Roentgen rays. There seems to be no end to the possibilities of the famous X ray.

Secretary of the Interior David R. Francis has submitted his annual report to the president. The appropriations under his department for the last fiscal year amounted to \$157,179,656. The estimates for the present fiscal year are about \$1,600,000 more than was appropriated last year. On the pension question he says that about 970,678 persons are drawing about \$140,000,000 per annum in pensions and the branch of the service should be conducted with great care and discretion. He gives a table which shows that the total amount paid out by the government in pensions and the cost of disbursing the same during the last thirty-one years was \$1,034,817,769, which lacks only \$346,712,525 of being equal to the high-water mark of the interest bearing public debt. He suggests a number of amendments of the pension laws, some of which have already been made public.

In the course of an interesting article upon North Carolina the Atlanta Constitution says: "One of the oldest States in the union with respect to the time of its original settlement is the state of North Carolina, which was colonized in 1687. While this fact confers a unique distinction upon our sister commonwealth it is by no means the only one which her long career furnishes. In the old provincial days she not only enjoyed a marked individuality of her own, but stood in the very front of American colonies. The fires of liberty were kindled upon her mountains long before the speech of Patrick Henry, in the Virginia house of delegates, sounded the key note of the revolution; and several months before the declaration of independence was signed by the colonial delegates at Philadelphia in 1776, she had given to the world her famous Mecklenburg declaration. It is, therefore, in keeping with her past record that the old Tar Heel State should be even at this day a strong center of Americanism. That she is entitled to this distinction is shown by the fact that no state in the union has a smaller foreign-born population than North Carolina. According to the census of 1890 there were 1,400,000 native-born inhabitants in North Carolina and only

3,700 born without the state limits. This is a remarkable statement, especially in view of the fact that North Carolina is a coast state, and her borders offer a standing invitation to foreign immigrants. With respect to North Carolina, however, it is interesting to note that almost every citizen can trace his ancestry back to King's mountain or some other field of encounter in the revolutionary history of the state. It should be a source of pride to the people of North Carolina to know that the splendid growth which the Tar Heel state has achieved in recent years is like the sturdy pine of their forests, a product of the soil.

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Administrator's Sale.
By authority of a mortgage from Simeon Daniel and wife, Lucy Daniel, to R. W. Wynne, deceased, and recorded in book 104 at page 407, Register of Deeds office for Wake county, I will on December 31st at 12 o'clock m. at the court house door, sell to the highest bidder for cash a tract of land in Oak Grove township and bounded on the north and east by Buchanan, on the south by Wiley Clifton, on the west by J. B. Ferrell and Daisy Paschal and known as part of the Sam Revis tract, containing 55 acres more or less, being the part of said tract not heretofore sold by parties of the first part. W. W. WYNNE, Adm'r. Dec. 2, '96-td.

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Shoe Bargains
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We place on sale today the best line of
Gent's \$3 Shoes
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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 docketed of said court entitled B. F. Monague vs. J. W. Ryals, Nancy A. Britt 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 Panther Branch Township, said county, and adjoining the lands of George Partin, A. E. Smith and 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 to a stake, thence north 44 links 57 degrees east 14 chains and 44 links to a stake, thence north 40 degrees east 15 chains add 90 links to a stake, thence south 87 degrees east 15 chains and 50 links to a stake, thence north 3 degrees east 11 chains to a stake in the Penny corner, thence north 32 degrees west with L. J. Weather's line 49 chains to a stake on Judger 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) as more fully appears by deed of Nancy A. Britt and others to J. W. Ryals and wife, date March 15, 1884, Registry of Wake county, Book 87, page 400, and known as the homestead of said J. W. Ryals. Terms cash.
ARMISTEAD JONES, Commissioner. Raleigh, N. C. Nov. 13 '96.

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Lyon Racket Store
VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE.

By virtue of authority conferred by a certain mortgage deed from William A. Smith and wife, Narcissa J. Smith, to Mrs. Iola H. Gates, recorded in book 114, page 688, Register of Deeds office for Wake county, N. C. I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Raleigh, N. C. at 12 o'clock m. on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1897, the following described tract of land: Lying in Wake county, Swift Creek township, adjoining the lands of J. B. Strain, Caswell Franks, Wilcox Carroll and others and situated on the waters of Watson's Branch and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stake in J. B. Strain's northern line, running north 10 degrees west 47 1/2 poles to a rock; thence west 104 poles to a stake; thence east to the beginning, containing 22 1/2 acres more or less and being the home place of said W. A. Smith. The place has dwelling and necessary outhouses, and I am informed there is a young orchard in good bearing condition upon this land.
B. C. BRICKWELL, Attorney for Mortgagees. Dec. 2, 1896.

Notice.
By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Wake county, in a cause pending in said court before the clerk, wherein J. C. Marcom, administrator of John Upchurch, deceased, is plaintiff, and W. F. Upchurch is defendant, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction at the court house door in Raleigh, N. C. on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock m., the lands described in the petition in said cause, to-wit: Situate in White Oak township, said county, and adjoining the lands of Rufin Goodwin, Mrs. Tempy Lawrence, Sallie Clark, Margaret Barker and others, containing some forty odd acres, more or less, and being the home place and the lands upon which the said John Upchurch resided at the time of his death.
B. C. BRICKWELL, Com'r. d3-4t

Mortgage Sale of Land.
On Wednesday, December 23d 3, 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. 105 at page 527 of the Register of Deeds office of Wake county which land is described in said mortgage as follows: A tract of about 37 1/2 acres in said county (Wake) and Swift Creek township adjoining the lands of the late T. H. Briggs, H. J. Goodwin, A. B. Emery, Anderson Betts, S. Otho Wilson and others; beginning at a stake, Briggs corner in an old field, runs thence east 342 poles to a stake and pointers, Briggs corner, thence north 24 degrees west 100 poles to a pine, thence north 81 1/2 degrees west 342 poles to the Pine (formerly Johnson's corner, thence south 174 1/2 poles to the beginning—being the land conveyed by said Dodd and wife to said B. J. Upchurch and W. G. Upchurch by deed of even date, with said mortgage, and to secure part of the purchase money for which said deed of mortgage was executed. Excepting from said sale 100 acres, more or less. Terms of sale cash. Hour of sale 12 m.
S. G. DODD, Executrix of James Dodd. dtds.

MORTGAGE SALE.
Under and by virtue of a deed of trust executed to the undersigned by J. B. Nobble, deceased, and recorded in book 130, at page 131, Register of Deeds office for Wake county, we will expose to sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the door of the court house of Wake county, in Raleigh, N. C., at 12 o'clock m. on Saturday, the 26th day of December, 1896, the property therein described, being a lot of land on the east side of West street, between Hargett and Morgan streets, and bounded by a line beginning at the northwest corner of W. Hagan's lot on West street, running thence along the north line of Hagan's lot 107 1/2 feet to C. S. Allen's line, thence northwesterly along said Allen's line 50 feet to the line of another lot belonging to the estate of J. B. Nobble, deceased, thence west with the line of the last named lot 107 1/2 feet to West street, thence with West street 50 feet to the beginning, being the southern portion of the lot conveyed to J. B. Nobble by D. M. Carter and others by deed recorded in book 53, at page 14, Register of Deeds office for Wake county. Terms of sale cash.
J. N. HOLTON, B. S. JONES, Trustees.

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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 sell 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 conveyed 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 dwelling is a handsome two-story wooden building with seven rooms and there are suitable stables and out-houses on the lot.
This property is covered by the life estate of Mrs. Eleanor M. Upchurch, widow of said W. G. Upchurch and will be sold subject to her rights.

2. A lot in the village of Oberlin near Raleigh, adjoining the lots of Spence, Davis and others, fronting on Wade avenue, being lot No. 27 in the plan of said village as recorded in Register's book 32, at page 684, containing about one acre.
3. A tract of land containing 154 acres, more or less, in Swift Creek township, Wake county, about four miles southwest of Raleigh in the section of country known as Rhamkato, the land conveyed to W. G. Upchurch by B. J. Upchurch and wife by deed registered in Book No. 134 at page 190 of the said Register of Deeds office.
4. A tract of land containing about 50 acres, lying in the said Rhamkato section of Wake county and bounded on the north by the lands of the late Wm. Grimes, on the east by 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. 82, at page 41 of said Register of Deeds office.
5. Lots Nos. 211 and 212 in the plan and map of the Carolina mills, property south of the city of Raleigh. The lots adjoin each other and lie on the corner of Glenade street and Maywood avenue and are each about 50 ft by 150 ft in size. They are described in a deed registered in book No. 100 at page 404 at said Register of Deeds office.
6. A tract of about 23 acres, lying about 1 1/2 miles south of Raleigh, adjoining the lands of the Carolina Mills, known as W. G. Upchurch's Blackhall place. It being a number now occupied by Bryant Smith, Esq. 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 scattering vines and a good orchard on the place.
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.
CHAS. H. BELVIN, Executors of W. G. Upchurch
D. D. UPCHURCH, W. G. Upchurch
H. C. UPCHURCH, deceased. Nov. 21st, 1896. dtds

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Executor's Notice.
Having this day qualified as Executor of the estate of the late G. W. Blake, deceased, this is to give notice to all parties having claims against said party to present them to me on or before the 15th day of November, 1897, or they will be paid in favor of their recovery. A. J. BLAKE, Executor. nov15-1aww