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SATURDAY, Dec. 12

The House branch of Congress has passed a bill excluding the sale of liquor from the Capitol. Its fate in the Senate will be awaited with interest by several members of the House who did not vote, and by a few who were against it. Upon a division Speaker Reed announced the vote, 104 to 7.

The Metropolitan Traction Company of New York, as recently announced, has decided to operate 34 miles of their total of 153 miles with the underground trolley, thus displacing horses with the best form of electrical propulsion. The company will still have 103 miles operated by horses, besides a section operated by cable. The change for these will come later. The cost of the change to underground trolley is estimated at \$40,000 per mile. The underground trolley is employed with perfect success in Washington, and it is the only system an intelligent city government anywhere should permit in its crowded areas.

A hotel keeper of Breslau, Germany, has invented a billiard controlling clock which automatically registers the exact time a billiard table has been in use, without the possibility of an error. The apparatus consists of an ordinary clock and a small box attached just beneath and large enough to admit the balls. While the billiard balls remain in the box the clock is stopped; when the balls are taken from the box the clock immediately starts and continues so until the balls are replaced.

The absence of seven silver senators, elected as Republicans, from the republican senatorial caucus; the introduction and unanimous adoption in caucus of a resolution favoring an international monetary caucus, and the cold water thrown by a chorus of Republican organs upon proposed legislation for the retirement of government legal-tender notes and the amendment and extension of the national banking system, are all portentous signs of difficulty for the incoming administration, and of the probability of a halting and temporizing policy.

A firm of Italian engineers has recently constructed some small cars which are propelled by motors driven by acetylene gas. The charge consists of acetylene gas dissolved in 15 times its volume of air, and with this mixture it has been found unnecessary to use water for cooling the cylinders. The method of igniting the charge has not, however, been made known. According to the Gastechniker, the motors maintain a speed of 60 revolutions throughout a working period of 15 hours. The weight is only about 20 pounds; and 0.8 brake-horse-power is developed. The cost of working is said to be about 6d per hour.

The people of Orlando, Fla., are preparing to make the meeting of the National Good Roads Congress in that city next February a great success. The mayor and the President of the Board of Trade are at the head of the committee of arrange-

ments, which is made up of leading citizens. "The movement in favor of improved country highways has become national," says the Savannah News, "and the Southern States are as much interested in it as the richer and more populous States of the North. Much progress in good-roads building has been made in the South within the last few years, but it is safe to say that within the next ten years more will be done in that line than has been accomplished in fifty years."

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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 Clopton, 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-tds.

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SALE OF LAND AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

On Monday, December 28th, 1896, at 12 m. at the Court House door in Raleigh, N. C. I will sell at public outcry, the following described land in Swift Creek township, Wake county, beginning at an oak on the Holly Spring's road the south-west corner of Geo. Green's land, run thence with said Green's land north 450 feet to Bryant Smith's tract, thence with said Smith's tract line west 110 feet, thence south with said Smith's tract line 230 feet to a stake, thence east with said Smith's tract line 96 feet, thence south with said Smith's tract line 200 feet to said Holly Springs road, thence eastward with said road to the beginning, containing 16-21 of an acre, also the following described personal property on said land: 1 steam engine, boiler and fixtures, 1 cotton gin and fixtures, belting, shafting and pulleys, 1 Fairbank's wagon scales and all other property of every nature on said land and used in connection with said gin, engine, etc., for further particulars, see mortgage, registered in office Register of Deeds for Wake county dated Nov. 3, 1892 in book 121, page 735. This sale is made to perfect title.

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4 Our Toys and Dolls are all new; new left over from last season.

5 Remember our salesmen will take great pleasure in showing you everything in all departments.

We have Toys from a 1c book to a \$4.74 carriage. Silk plush albums from 47c up.

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As for Shoes, everybody knows we are the cheapest.

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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 588, 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 6th 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 Farm, Wiley 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 323 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. BREKWITH, Attorney for Mortgagee. 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, and W. F. Upchurch is the highest bidder at public auction at the court house door in Raleigh, N. C., on Tuesday, the 6th 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 Ruffin 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. BREKWITH, Com'r.

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. 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 307 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 21 degrees west 160 poles to a pine, thence north 89 1/2 degrees west 242 poles to a pine (formerly) A. Johnson's corner, thence south 174 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. C. DODD, Executor of James Dodd.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a deed of trust executed to the undersigned by J. B. Nobblitt, deceased, and recorded in book 139, at page 157, 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 20th 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. Riggan's lot on west street, running thence along the north line of Riggan's lot 107 1/2 feet to C. S. Allen's line, thence northwardly along said Allen's line 50 feet to the line of another lot belonging to the estate of J. B. Nobblitt, 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. Nobblitt by D. M. Carter and others by deed recorded in book 85, at page 14, Register of Deeds office for Wake county. Terms of sale cash.

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As for Shoes, everybody knows we are the cheapest.

Yours for bargains,

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VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE.

By virtue of the powers conferred upon us in a certain deed of trust executed by L. D. Stephenson and his wife Arabella W. Stephenson on the 22nd day of November, 1890, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wake county, N. C., in book 114, page 283, we will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash 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 lands described in said deed of trust, and also the reversion in the homestead of the said L. D. Stephenson heretofore laid off in accordance with the provisions of said deed of trust.

First Tract—Beginning at a stake in the covenant road, L. D. Stephenson's homestead corner, running north 71 degrees east to a pile of stone in Mrs. Geo. W. Atkinson's downy Hill, thence south 43 degrees west about 12 chains to a pile of stone; thence south 52 degrees west 11.63 chains 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 said L. D. Stephenson's homestead line to the center of the covenant road, red oak pointers; thence with the covenant road to the beginning, containing 35 acres.

Second Tract—Beginning at an ash tree, high water of the mill pond, thence running up Church Spring Branch, thence east 39 degrees, thence south 80 degrees 4 chains to a stake, thence south 64 degrees west 5.63 chains to an oak stump, thence north 44 degrees west 68.83 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 maple at the forks of the branch; thence down Pope's branch to the heat of the mill pond, L. D. Stephenson's homestead line; thence with said homestead line to the beginning, containing 103 1/2 acres.

Third Tract—The reversion in the homestead tract of the said L. D. Stephenson, described as follows: Beginning at a stake near the corner of the mill house about 30 feet from a large white oak; thence north 59 degrees east 28.45 chains to the center of the covenant road opposite to a large red oak; thence with said road north 21 degrees east 21.50 chains to a stake; thence south 71 degrees 17.01 chains to a stake; thence south 45.35 chains to a stake; thence west 26.50 chains to a stake on the side of the pasture; David Stephenson's corner; thence north 65 degrees west 15.85 chains with David Stephenson's line to a stake on the west side of the covenant road; thence a southwest course along said David Stephenson's line to a stake in the Irey field; thence with said David Stephenson's line north 81 degrees west 20.50 chains to Pope's Branch; thence down said branch to the head of the mill pond; thence with the west side of the pond 10 feet from high water mark to an ash in Pleasant Spring Branch; thence north 79 degrees east 6.50 chains to the beginning, containing 200 acres.

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