LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF FIL- | Patrick. ING PETITION.

State of North Carolina, Gaston County. In the Superior Court. L. A. Kiser, against P. R. Hay and wife Minnie Hay, Mrs. Helen Hay, Forest Floyd and wife Cora Floyd, Ramseur and wife Bell Ramseur, W. S. Mauney and wife Alice Mau-Wm. M. Bennett and wife Lizzie Bennett, Jehn McCullogh and wife Lizzie McCullogh, J. S. Mauney and wife Julia Mauney, W. A. Mauney and wife Candace Mauney, M. L. Plonk and wife Fronie Plonk, J. H. Garrett and wife Sallie Garrett, W. P. Cobb, W. P. Fulton and wife Nola Fulton, Harvey Williams, J. G. Hord and wife Carrie Hord, Lee McGill and wife Laura McGill, Miss Rosa Hay, L. T. Mann and wife Emma Mann, Mrs. Jas. C. Braswell and her husband, Jas. C. Braswell, Miss Loulie M Garrett, Miss Ruth Battle, Miss Nannie Battle, Mrs. D. W. Newsom and her husband D. W. Newsom, Cullen G. Battle, Mrs. Mary McDearman and her husband - McDearman, Mrs.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

band S. P. Hilliard.

Elizabeth G. Hilliard and her hus-

The parties above named and all other persons interested will take notice that on the 7th day of September, 1916, the above named petitioner filed a petition in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston County, to have the title to certain lands therein described registered and confirmed pursuant to Chapter 90 of the Public Laws of 1913, and that summons has been issued returnable at the office of the Clerk the Superior Court of Gaston County, on the 23rd day of November, 1916. Said land is situate in Crowders Mountain Township, in the county of Gaston and said State, adjoining the land of Mauney, Hay, Ramseur and others, known as the R. H. Garrett home-place, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone, Cobb's corner, being 2.74 chains West of a black oak, the original corner, and runs with Fulton's line N. 86 W. 6 .-70 chains to a stone. William Bennett's corner; thence with Bennett's line S. 3 1-2 W. 3.17 1-2 chains to a stone; thence N. 86 W. 3.17 1-2 chains to a stone. Bennett's corner; thence N. 31-2 E. 1.00 chain to a stone, Bennett's corner; thence N. 86 W. 5.36 chains to a stone, Bennett's corner, on Oriental Avenue; thence with said Oriental Avenue S. 1 W. 3.36 chains to a stone, Miss Hay's corner on Oriental Avenue; thence with her line S. 89 E. 3.18 chains to a stone; thence with Miss Hay's and P. R. Hay's line S. 1. W. 7.06 chains to a stone, Hay's corner; thence with Hay's line N. 1 W. 3.18 chains to a stone on Oriental Avenue, near P. R. Hay's canning factory; thence with Oriental Avenue S. 1 W. 12,42 chains to a stake in Hay's line; thence with Hay's line E. seventy (70) links to a stake; thence with another line of Hay's and along a ditch S. 5 E. 5.50 chains to a stake in Mauney's line; thence with Mauney's line N. 87 E. 3.88 chains to a stone. Mauney's and Garrett's cor ner: thence with Mauney's line S. 2 1-2 W 11 23 chains to a chestnut oak across the road, Mauney's, Plonk & Floyd's and J. H. Garrett's corner; thence with J. H. Garrett's line N. 51 1-4 E. 15.47 chains to a stone and pointers, near a ditch; thence with J. H. Garrett's line S. 61 1-4 E. 7.00 chains to a stone, Ramseur's corner; thence with Ramseur's line N. 30 E. 13.50 chains to a fence post on the East side of the branch, Ramseur's corner; thence with Ramseur's line N. 41 W. 16.40 chains to center of public road, Ramseur's corner; thence with said road N. 80 E. 1.52 chains; thence N. 64 E. 4.72 chains to a stake in W. S. Mauney's line; thence with W. S. Mauney's line N. 41 W. 5.65 chains to a small black oak. Cobb's corner; thence with Cobb's line N. 86 3-4 W. 3.56 chains to a stone, Cobb's corner; thence N. 1 1-2 E 3 67 chains to the beginning. Containing seventy (70) acres, more

This 23rd day of September, 1916. C. C. CORNWELL, Clerk Superfor

Court, Gaston County

All other persons interested, (other than those above-named), will take notice that they are hereby summoned and directed to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston County, on the 18th | issued, is forty years. day of September, 1917, and answer the petition which has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county, And let all such other persons as may be interested take notice, that if they fail to answer said petition on or before the 18th day of September, 1917, the petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the petition.

As of the 23rd day of September. 1916.

C. C. CORNWELL, Clerk Superior W-S-5c8 Court, Gaston County.

COMMISSIONERS SALE OF VALUE ABLE REAL ESTATE:

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Gaston county, North Carolina, made in the special proceeding for partition, entitled G. Reece Patrick and others, Ex Parte.

The undersigned commissioner will expose to sale by public auction at the Court House door of Gaston county, N. C.at the hour of 11 o'clock

a. m., on Monday the 20th day of August, 1917 that certain tract of land lying near Union Church and adjoining the lands of Meek C. Huffstetler, Robert Riddle and others and bounded as follows towit: Beginning at a black gum old corner and runs with Huffstetler line South 22 East 114 poles to a rock, Riddles corner; thence with his line South 58 West 8 poles to a rock at the public road; thence two new lines South 72 West 39 1-2 poles to a rock; thence North 18 West 112 s to a rock in the old line; thence

Terms of Sale: One-half of the purchase price to be paid in cash, one-half in 12 months from date of sale, deferred payments to bear interest from date of sale, and title to be reserved until the entire purchase price has been paid, with privflege to purchaser to pay all cash. For further information place ap-

ply to the undersigned. This the 12th day of July 1917.

R. C. PATRICK, W A 15 c 5 Commissioner

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000 SEW-ER BONDS OF THE TOWN OF

Whereas it is desirable to construct a sewer system for the town of Belmont; and

Whereas it is necessary to provide for the financing of such improvement by the issuance of bonds pursuant to The Municipal Finance Act, 1917;

The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Belmont, North Carolina, do ordain as follows:

(a) Bonds of the town of Belmont shall be issued for the purpose of constructing a sewer system for the town.

(b) The maximum principal a mount of said issue shall be \$20,000. (c) The maximum rate of interest the bonds shall bear shall be six per centum (6 per cent.) per annum.

(d) The maximum period within which said bonds shall mature shall be forty years. The probable period (within the limitations prescribed by Section 18 of The Municipal Finance Act,

ment, for which said bonds are to be issued, is forty years. (f) A tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the bonds shall be annually levied and collect-

1917) of usefulness of the improve-

A statement of the debt of the municipality has been filed with the Clerk, pursuant to The Municipal Finance Act 1917, and is open to public inspection.

The average assessed valuation of property subject to taxation by the municipality for the three fiscal years in which taxes were last levied, as shown by said statement is \$938,734,33.

(i) The amount of the net debt of the municipality outstanding, authorized or to be authorized, as

shown by said statement, is \$44,000. (j) This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its last publication, unless in the meantime a petition for its submission to the voters is filed under The Municipal Finance Act 1917, and in such event it shall take effect when approved by a majority of the voters of the municipal-

The foregoing ordinance was passed on the 23rd day of July, 1917, was first published on the 25th day of July, 1917.

Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of said ordinance must be commenced with thirty days after its first publication.

W-A-15c4 Town Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000 WA-TER BONDS OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT. WHEREAS it is desirable to con-

struct water systems for the Town of Belmont; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to provide for the financing of such improvement by the issuance of bonds pursuant to The Municipal Finance Act. 1917: The Mayor and Commissioners of the

Town of Belmont. North Carolina, do Ordain as Follows:

(a) Bonds of the Town of Belmont shall be issued for the purpose of constructing water systems for the Town.

(b) The maximum principal a mount of said issue shall be \$20,000. The maximum rate of interest the bonds shall bear shall be six per centum (6 per cent) per annum. (d) The maximum period within which said bonds shall mature shall be forty years.

The probable period (within the limitations prescribed by Section 18 of The Municipal Finance Act, 1917), of usefulness of the improvement, for which said bonds are to be

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C. P. LINEBERGER, W-A-15 c4 Town Clerk.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF LAND. North Carolina, Gaston County. Under and by virtue of the power with it North 69 East 44 poles to the beginning, containing 32 1-2 acres, more or less. The same being the dower interest of the late Mary M. 16th day of October, 1916, and registered in the office of Register of

STOP FILLING THE GARBAGE PAIL

More Good Food Goes Into Garbage Pails Than Would Be Required To Feed Belgium

TELLS HOW TO ELIMINATE

The American nation is the best fed people in the world, and we are also the greatest food wasters. We throw more good food into the garbage pail than would be required to feed Belgium. Stop filling the garbage pail!

This great waste is not wilful Most of it is caused by the ill health of some member of the family. Indigestion, constipation, sour, gassy stomach, weak kidneys, bladder trouble, sluggish liver, etc., are ailments that are almost common to us. In that condition there is very little appetite created no matter how good the food that is placed before us.

The real solution of eliminating waste, therefore is found in keeping the system toned up and the vital organs working properly. A good tonic is the proper course. Acid Iron Mineral is the best tonic to take. It aids the digestive organs to perform properly, creates appetite, purifies the blood, increases weight, brings a healthy color to the skin, strengthens weak kidneys and bladder, sets the liver to working properly, and tones up the whole system in general.

Acid Iron Mineral is not a patent medicine. It is obtained from the only natural medicinal iron mineral deposit of its kind known to the world, and is free from alcohol, will not injure or discolor the teeth.

By diluting a fifty-cent bottle of A-I-M in four gallons of water a splendid mineral water may be had for use by all the family. Try this recipe, watch the contents of the

garbage pail diminish. At all druggists in 50c and \$1.00

How to Win the War.

Life Gag the pacifists.

Recruit a regiment of dauntless movie heroes.

Elect certain members of Congress to talk the enemy to deaththey can do it with ease.

Recruit a regiment of belligerent Plant a potato where the ash pile grows.

Put none but Americans on guard in the Senate. Less money for movies and more

for munitions Stick to the right, even if Niagara

Mobilize the nurses. They know all about infantry.

When a man volunteers give him a medal for bravery. If he marries and then volunteers give him two

Lucius Polk McGhee, of the law faculty at the State University, has been chosen to succeed Judge Thomas H. Calvert on the commission charged with the codifying of North Carolina. Mr. Calvert was doing the work under the direction of the legislative code commission when he was appointed Superior Court Judge.

One company of negro troops, under negro officers, will be encamped with the white troops from New ! England at Camp Greene, Charlotte, says The Observer. This negro company is attached to a white regiment from Lowell, Mass.

Deeds of Gaston county, in Book 117 at Page 159, to secure certain indebtedness mentioned in said deed, default having been made by breach of conditions and stipulations contained in said deed, I will sell on

Friday, August 31, 1917 at the hour of 12 o'clock noon at the Court House door, of Gaston county in Gastonia, North Carolina, for cash to the highest bidder to satisfy said mortgage, the following described real estate, lying and being in Gaston

county, North Carolina: Adjoining the lands of C. W. Boyd and others, being tract No. 9 and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone at a cedar on Boyd's line and runs with Boyd's line N. 82 1-4 E. about 470 feet to a point in the middle of the public road; thence with middle of said road northward 85 feet to the Southwest corner of the lot No. 8; thence with line of lot No. 8 westward 474 feet to Carson's line; thence S. 1-3 E. with Carson's line 85 feet to the beginning, same being a part of Sidney Froneberger division as may appear from the records in this cause.

For further record of the above division see Book 105, Page 462 office of Register of Deeds for Gaston

This the 30th day of July, 1917. J. WHITE WARE, Mortgagee. A. C. Jones, Attorney. W-A-22c4w

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having duly qualified as admintstrator of the estate of L. B. Hall, deceased, late of Gaston county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before

The 4th Day of July, 1918 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon. All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt settlement with the undersigned.

This the 4th day of July, 1917. F. P. HALL, Administrator, Belmont, N. C. A. C. Jones, Atty., Gastonia, N. C.

NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWN-ERS.

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Time for securing your county li cense numbers has been extended to August 15th. . After that date the penalty of the law will apply. Num-bers may be secured from G. Lee Beam, Cherryville; Geo. V. Lohr, Dallas; W. A. Dameron, Bessemer City; J. W. Cole, Mt. Holly; F. L. Stafford, Belmont; or at Sheriff's of-

(Continued from page six.) from his neck, was gathered into a misshapen mass about two feet from

his neck. "Nonsense! be answered. Some thing alive which we cannot see is contrary to all laws of physics. Mine Gottl What iss?

"He suddenly went under water himself, and, dropping the pike pole, I grabbed him by the collar. Something was pulling him away.

"'Help! Something haf my right

"'Lend a hand here!" I yelled to the men, and a few joined me, grabbing him by his clothing. We wrested him free. Then I distinctly saw the mass of red move slowly forward and disappear under the forecastle deck.

"'You were right!' cried the professor. 'Dere is something invisible in der water-something dangerous, something which violates all laws of physics and optics. Oh, mine foot! How

"I grabbed the pike pole again, cautiously hooked the barb into the dead man's clothing and, assisted by the men, pulled him aft to the poop, where the professor had preceded and was examining him. "Frank, the dead man, had been

strong, robust and full blooded. But he bore no resemblance to his living self. He lay there, shrunken, shortened and changed, a look of agony on his emaciated face.

"'He was sucked dry, like a lemon," said Herr Smidt. 'Perhaps in his whole body there is not an ounce of blood nor fluid of any kind."

"I secured an iron belaying pin. tucked it inside his shirt, and we hove him overboard at once, for, in the presence of this horror, we were not in the mood for a burial service. There we were, eleven men on a waterlogged hulk, adrift on a heaving, greasy sea. and an invisible thing forward that might seize any of us at any moment it chose, in the water or out, for Frank had been caught and dragged down.

"Still, I ordered the men to remain on the poop and to expect no hot meals, as we could subsist for a time on the canned food in the storeroom and lazaret. While the professor went down into his flooded room to doctor his ankle, I armed every man of us with a sheath knife and belt, while the sky grew muddler and the sun darker. It was the Java earthquake. but we did not know it for a long time.

"Soon the professor appeared and announced that his instruments were in good condition.

"'I must resensitize my plates, however,' he said. 'Der salt water has spoiled them, but the rest uf my things

"'Well.' I answered, 'that's all right. But what are they in the face of this emergency? Are you thinking of photographing anything now? "'Perhaps. I haf been thinking."

"'Have you thought out what that creature is forward, there? " 'Partly. It is some creature thrown up from der bottom of der sea und ashed on board by der wave. Light.

like wave motion, ends at a certain depth, und we have over 12,000 feet beneath us. At that depth dere is absolute darkness, but we know that creatures live dere.' "'But why can't we see that thing?" "'Because it has never been exposed to light. I mean visible light, der light that contains der seven colors of der

spectrum; hence it may not respond to der three properties of visible lightreflection, which would give it a color of some kind; absorption, which would make it appear black, or refraction, which, in der absence of der other two, would distort things seen through it. for it would be transparent, you know." "'But what can be done?"

"'Nothing, except that der next man attacked must use his knife. If he cannot see der creature be can feel it. Und perhaps we may see it-its photograph You know.' he said. 'that objects too small to be seen by the microscope, because smaller than der amplitude of der shortest wave of visible light, can be seen when exposed to der ultraviolet light-der dark light beyond der spectrum. Und you know that this light is what acts der most in photography, that it exposes on a sensitized plate new stars in der heavens invisible to der eye through the strongest telescope.'

"'Don't know anything about it.' 1

answered. "'I must think,' he said dreamily. I haf a rock crystal lens which is permeable to this light und which I can place in mine camera. I must have a concave mirror, not of glass, which is opaque to this light, but of metal, thus to throw der ultraviolet light on der beast. I can generate it with mine static machine."

"'How will one of our lantern reflectors do? They are of polished tin. I think.'

"'Good! I can repolish one." "This I procured from the lazaret, and he pronounced it available. Night came down, and safely I lighted three masthead lights to inform any passing craft that we were not under com-

mand. "The steward brought up all the blankets there were in the cabin, but there were not enough to go around, and one man volunteered, against my advice, to go forward and bring aft bedding from the forecastle. He did not come back. We heard his yell. that finished with a gurgle, but in that darkness not one of us dared to venture to his rescue.

"We did not find the dead man when the faint daylight came. His body most have washed over the rall with a sea, and we hoped the invisible killer had sope too. With courage been of this hope a man went forward to low-er the masthead lights.

"We watched him closely, pike pole in one hand, his knife in the other. But he went under at the fore rigging without even a yell, and the pole went with him, while we could see that his arms were close to his sides. After a few moments, however, the pike pole floated to the surface, but the man's body, drained no doubt of its buoyant fluids, remained on the deck. It was an hour later, with the pike pole for a feeler, before we dared approach the body and tow it aft. It resembled that of the first victim, a skeleton clothed with skin, with the same look of horror on the face. We buried it like the other and held to the poop, choked by ashes from the sky.

"Before the afternoon was half gone it was as dark as night, and down below, up to his waist in water, the Ger-



Up to His Waist In Water, the Professor Was Working Away.

man professor was working away. He came, up at supper time, bumming cheerfully, and announced that he had replaced his camera lens with the rock crystal, that the lantern, with its reflector and a blue spark in the focus. made an admirable instrument for throwing the invisible rays on the beast and that he was all ready, except that his plates, which he had resensitized, must have time to dry. And then he needed some light to work by when the time came, he explained.

"'Also another victim,' I suggested bitterly, for he had not been on deck when the last two men had died. Better devise some means of killing him.' I answered.

"'Der only way I can think of,' he responded, 'is for de next man-you hear me all, you men-to stick your knife at the end of the blood, where it collects in a lump. Dere is der creature's stomach, and a vital spot.'

"A shrick suddenly sounded. A man lashed with a turn of rope around his waist to the stump of the mizzenmast was writhing and heaving on his back. while he struck madly with his knife. With my own knife in my hand, I sprang toward him and felt for what had seized him. It was something cold and hard and leathery, close to his waist. I lunged with the knife. The next moment I received a blow in

the face that sent me aft six feet. "When I recovered my senses the remnant of the crew were around me. but the man was gone-dragged out of the bight of the rope that had held him against the force of breaking seas and down to the flooded main deck, to die like the others.

"I went on deck at 6 in the morning. The lantern still burned at the stump of the mizzenmast, but the lookout was gone. He had not lived long enough to be relieved. We were but six now."

"Did this thing kill any more men?" I asked.

"All but the professor and myself. and it almost killed me. Look here." He removed his cravat and collar. pulled down his shirt and exposed two livid scars about an inch in diameter

and two apart. "I lost all the blood I could spare through those two holes, but saved enough to keep alive."

"Go on with the yarn." I asked. "Some things should be forgotten." he added, "but as I have told you this much I may as well finish and be done

with it. "It was partly due to a sailor's love for tobacco, partly to our cold, drenched condition. A sailor will starve quietly, but go crazy if deprived of his smoke.

"Our slop chest was under water and the tobacco utterly useless, but the bos'n had an upper bunk in the forward house, in which was a couple of pounds of navy plug, and he and the sailor talked this over until their craving for a smoke overcame their fear of death

"By this time all discipline was ended, and all my commands went for nothing. They sharpened their knives, and, agreeing to go forward, one on the starboard, rail, the other on the port, and each to come to the other's aid if called, they went up into the darkness. I opened my room window, which overlooked the main deck, but could see nothing.

"Yet I could hear. I heard two screams for help, one from the starboard side, the other from the port, and knew that they were caught. What manner of thing it was that could grab two men so far apart nearly at the same time was beyond all imagining.

" "This thing.' I said to the professor, 'must be able to see in the dark.'

"'Why not?' he answered as he puttered with his wires. 'Cats und owls can see in the dark, und the accepted explanation is that by their power of enlarging der pupils they admit more light to the retina. But that explanation never satisfied me. You haf noticed, haf you not, that a cat's eyes sbine in der dark, but only when der cat is looking at you—that is, when it looks elsewhere you do not see der

"Yes,' I answered. "'A cat's eyes are searchlights, but they send forth a visible light, such as is generated by fireflies und some fish. Und dere are fish in der upper tribu taries of der Amazon which haf four eyes, der two upper of which searchlights, der two lower of which are organs of percipience, or vision But visible light is not der only lig It is possible that the creature out to deck generates the invisible light a can see by it. Der creature may live in an atmosphere of ultraviolet light. which I can generate mineself. When mine plates dry I may get a picture of it. Then we may find means of kill

ing it.' " 'God grant that you succeed.'

"But, as I said, the thing killed all but the professor and myself. If there is anything an oriental loves above his ancestors it is his stomach, and the cold, canned food was palling upon us all. We had the turpentine torch for heating water and some dry coffee in the steward's storeroom, but not a utensil of any kind. So these two poor heathen, against my protest, went out on the deck and waded forward, waist deep in the water.

"I could see them as they entered the galley to get the coffeepot. I did not see them come out, nor did I hear even a squeal. The thing must have been in the galley. Night came on, and we slept as best we could.

"I roused the professor when I saw the masthead and two side lights of a steamer approaching from the starboard, still about a mile away. I had not dared to go up and rig that lantern at the mizzen stump, but now I nerved myself to go up with a torch, the professor following with his instruments. He had a Wimsburst machine-to generate a blue spark, you know-and this he had attached to the big deck light. from which he had removed the opaque glass. Then he had his camera, with its rock crystal lens.

"He trained both forward from the cabin top and waited, while I waved the torch, standing near the stump with a turn of rope around me for safety's sake in case the thing seized me. No sooner was there an answering blast of a steam whistle, indicating that the steamer had seen the torch, than something cold, wet, leathery and slimy slipped around my neck. I dropped the torch and drew my knife, while I heard the whir of the static machine as the professor turned it.

"'Use your knife,' he called "und reach for any blood you see!" "I struck as I could, but could make

no impression and soon felt another stricture around my legs. "Still another belt encircled me, and, though I was clad in woolen shirts and monkey jacket, I felt these garments being torn from me. Now I was near-

ly bent double. "And all the time that German was whirling his machine and shouting to



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none. Two spots on my chest began to smart, then burn as though hot irons were piercing me. Frantically I struck right and left, sometimes at the coils encircling me, again in the air. Then all became dark.

"I awakened in a stateroom berth, too weak to lift my hands, the professor standing over me.

"'Ach, it is well,' be said. 'You will recover. You haf merely lost blood. but you did the right thing. You struck with your knife at the blood. and you killed the creature. 1 was right. Heart, brain und all vital parts were in der stomach.'

"'On board der steamer. When you

"'Where are we?' I asked.

staggered aft I knew you had killed him. Then you fainted away. We were taken off. Und I haf two or three beautiful negatives, which I am printing.' Next day he showed me the photographs he had printed.

"'In heaven's name, what was it?' I asked excitedly.

" 'Nothing but a giant squid, or octopus. Did you ever read Hugo's terrible story of Gilliat's fight with a squid?

"I had and nodded.

"Hugo's imagination could not give him a creature, no matter how formidable, larger than one of four feet stretch. This one had three tentacles around me, two others gripped the port and starboard pinrails, and three were gripping the stump of the mainmast. It had a reach of forty feet.

"But there was one part of each picture ift defined and missing. My knife and right hand were not shown. They were buried in a dark lump, which could be nothing but the blood from my veins. Unconscious, but still strug I had stuck into the soft body of the mouster and struck true,"

The next Morgan Robe will be "Fifty Fathoms Do