

Mysterious Noises at Ninety-Six Similar to Those Heard Previous to the Earthquake of 1895.

NINETY-SIX, S. C., Nov. 23.—About eleven or twelve years ago a rumbling noise was heard about four miles southeast of this place, resembling the report of a cannon only the sound was deadened somewhat by being underground. It started nearly two years before the great August earthquake and became more frequent and louder up to the earthquake and continued only a few weeks after the earthquake. These explosive reports were not at regular intervals, sometimes one to five times a day, and some days would not be heard. The vibration of the earth just after an explosion or report was sufficient to rattle glassware and glass windows hard enough to wake one at night, or if lying with your head on the base of a tree you could feel the vibration. Some people living close became very much alarmed and were uneasy that something would happen to injure them. I have a farm on Ninety-Six Creek, where these reports were so pronounced and I often heard them. I think large pieces of earth must be dropping off beneath the surface, falling deep down in some cavity below, which must cause the report. These reports were heard in a radius of about three miles. They were more pronounced than the report of blasting, but having somewhat of the deadened sound. I shall always believe they were some thing connected with the great earthquake, because nearly two years before the earthquake, when first heard, they were not so loud and less frequent, but just before the earthquake they were very frequent and so much louder and of course the vibration of the earth so much more striking, and, as I stated, after the earthquake they were less frequent and not so loud, and in the course of about six weeks were heard no more.

I am not going to predict that we are to have another earthquake, nor is it my purpose in writing this article to disturb those who are nervous, but it is a fact that about six or eight weeks ago these unexplained and unexplainable reports started again and are more frequent and louder now than when first heard eight weeks ago, so say the people who live out there.

I wrote a short article one week ago to the News and Courier giving these facts, selecting that paper simply because the Columbia correspondent of that paper, some time before the August earthquake, came up here and wrote a lengthy article giving testimony and statements of different respectable men in regard to these explosive noises. The News and Courier did not publish my article from some cause I know not. I supposed the editor thought it might affect Charleston in some way, or that it was not worth the space it would take to publish it, or that it might disturb some nervous persons. I ask you, Mr. Editor, to publish this for no other purpose than it is a fact that these explosive noises were associated with the great August earthquake and that it ought to be known by the people that these explosive reports are heard again. My correspondence nine years ago in the Carolina Spartan was taken by the News and Courier as a canard, but proved to be a fact. Captain Petty took considerable interest at the time in my statements. During the late war parties living on these flat lands where these noises are now heard, reported each day exactly the number of cannons that were fired in Charleston. If you are disposed to publish this, if any changes in these explosions take place, I will write you again.

The Congregationist has remarked the strange fever for collecting buttons which has lately attracted small boys, and which advertisers are making use of with apparent success. It warns parents thus:—Have you noticed the motto on the button which your boy is wearing? For it is assumed that he has fallen prey to the sudden frenzy which has broken out like an epidemic all over the land for adorning his manly breast with those innocent looking disks. If the sentiment inscribed thereon is atrocious, all right. Let us stimulate love of country in all legitimate ways. But many of the mottoes on the buttons and badges are so coarse and vulgar as to be positively immoral in their influence. The case has been so demoralizing in certain sections that the school authorities have prohibited pupils from wearing the buttons in school hours. This very restriction, however, only excites the boys to obtain them more conspicuously at other times; and, in that respect, to collect a large number, they pay little heed to

the character of the words. Consequently, a perfect flood of trashy and impure sentiment is deluging our American youth. The fad may be only short-lived, but it is well enough for parents to examine these adornings on their boys' jackets.—Exchange.

Whiskey vs. Morphine.

In speaking of the deadly drug habit, the Houston Post says: "The cocaine fiend or the morphine fiend is sooner wrecked and sooner brutalized and a hundredfold more incurable than the whiskey drinker, and a greater burden upon and source of annoyance to friends and relatives." This is no doubt true, but we hear little said about this great and growing evil. The country is full of men and women who go about denouncing the saloon and exhorting the evils of drink. With the preacher it is a popular theme, and politicians ride into office on the prohibition hobby, but who ever hears these reformers say anything against the deadly drug habit? Is it because it is a secret vice, frequently indulged in by the elite, or is it because it does not furnish a profitable field for that class of men and women who seek notoriety and an easy living by taking advantage of popular prejudices? There was never a field so prolific for the sensationalists as the saloon, and it has been worked over and over again for all there is in it; and yet a careful investigation shows that there are more morphine and cocaine fiends in Texas than there are persons who are slaves to the alcoholic habit. Isn't it time something was done toward checking this monstrous evil? It might be a good thing for the W. C. T. U. and the prohibition preachers to give the saloons a brief season of rest—and touch up the drug stores.—Denison (Texas) Gazer.

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Dead Letters.

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NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS.

ON JANUARY 1, 1897 THE RATE of interest on all interest bearing deposits in our respective banks will be reduced from five (5) per cent. per annum to four (4) per cent. per annum.

The Bank of Darlington, The People's Bank of Darlington, Darlington, S. C. Nov. 19, 1896.

Judicial Sales.

By the Master.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Darlington County. By virtue of Decretal Orders in the several actions designated below issuing out of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas in Chancery, I will sell in front of the court house door on the first Monday in December 1896, between the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and five in the afternoon the property described in the several cases below:

The Bank of Timmonsville vs. W. V. Moore, I. L. Moore, Florence Smith, Edgar Smith, Anna Smith, Tillman Smith and Pearl Smith et al.

All that tract of land known as lot No. 2 of the Gatlin land, containing sixty five acres more or less, and bounded on the North by lands of J. J. Smith, South by lands of Pharoah Gatlin, West by lands of Henry Clyburn and the East by lands of J. J. Smith.

Terms of sale, one-third cash, the balance on a credit of one and two years; credit portion to be secured by the bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises; purchaser to pay for all necessary papers, and have the privilege of paying his entire bid in cash if he be so minded.

Boyd & Brown, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Emeline Sweet vs. D. M. Smoot, J. A. Smoot, E. H. Rogers, Mary E. Wilson and E. A. Smoot et al.

All that piece parcel or tract of land, lying being and situate in the said county of Darlington, containing sixty-six (66) acres more or less, and bounded as follows to wit: North, by lands of J. A. Smoot, and estate lands of Mrs. E. E. Wilds, East by the pub-

lic road leading from Darlington Court House to Ebenezer, South by lands of Clarence Smoot and West by Mrs. E. H. Rogers land, the same being the tract of land set apart to me in the divided estate of my father Thomas W. Smoot and known and designated upon a plat of the said Thomas W. Smoot's estate lands made by M. Thomas, Surveyor, of date August 28th 1888, as tract No. 6 as will more fully appear, reference being had thereto.

Terms of sale, one-third cash, the balance on a credit of one and two years; credit portion to be secured by the bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises; purchaser to pay for all papers, and have leave to pay all cash if he be so minded.

Boyd & Brown, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Bessie L. Williamson vs. Moses S. Bacot et al.

All that tract of land, situate in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, designated as lot No. 3 on a plat of the purchase made by E. H. Huggins, Surveyor, November 7th 1890 and forming a part of the record in the above stated action containing two hundred and eighty-one acres more or less, and bounded North by estate lands of Dr. H. Williamson, East by lot No. 1 of said survey and lands of the estate of Peter Wilds, South by lot No. 2 of said survey and West by the lands of the estate of Peter Wilds.

Terms of sale, one-third cash, and the balance in one and two years; credit portion to be secured by the bond of the purchaser or purchasers and mortgage of the premises and purchasers to pay for all necessary papers.

Boyd & Brown, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

J. B. Law vs. T. Eugene McCullough et al.

All that lot of land on Broad Street in the Town and County of Darlington, State aforesaid, containing one and sixteen one hundredths (1 16/100) acres, and bounded as follows to wit: North by Darlington Avenue, East by lot No. 2 now owned by Dr. John Lunney, South by Broad Street and West by lot No. 1 now owned by Martha Brunson.

Terms of sale, cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.

W. F. Dargan, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Francis J. Pelzer vs. M. L. Stokes et al.

All that tract of land situate in the County of Darlington State aforesaid, containing forty acres more or less, bounded on the North by lands of Mary Stokes, East by lands of Mary Stokes and John W. Dorritt, South and West by lands of Abram Weinberg. The same being the land conveyed by Mary Stokes to the said M. L. Stokes by deed dated March 8th 1888.

Terms of sale, one-third cash, balance on a credit of one and two years, credit portion to be secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises, with privilege to purchaser to pay his entire bid in cash if he be so minded. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers.

Boyd & Brown, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

Mary Byrd vs. E. G. Jeffords et al.

All that tract of land containing one hundred and eighty-two acres more or less, situated in Darlington County, State of South Carolina, and bounded as follows to wit: On the North by High Hill Creek, East by lands of Lee Jordan, South by public road known as the Zimmerman road and West by the lands of the said E. G. Jeffords, the same being the lands conveyed to the said Jeffords by one G. W. Potter.

Terms of sale, one-third cash, the balance on a credit of one and two years, credit portion to be secured by the bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers—with the privilege of paying the entire bid in cash.

Boyd & Brown, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

Francis J. Pelzer vs. Tyra Alston et al.

All and singular the certain piece, parcel or tract of land, lying and being situate in the County of Darlington in the State of South Carolina, containing one and one-fourth acres more or less and bounded as follows: On the North by public road leading from Darlington Court House to Society Hill, South and East by Dove lands and on the West by W. C. Carrigan's land. Known as the Nichols land. Same being part of the land conveyed to W. A. Carrigan by W. P. Cole Sheriff on the 9th day of December 1890, and conveyed to the said Tyra Alston by W. A. Carrigan by deed of date October 14, 1895.

Terms of sale, one-third cash, the balance on a credit of one and two years; credit portion to be secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises, with privilege to purchaser to pay his entire bid in cash if he be so minded. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers.

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John H. Early & William J. Early exets vs. Emanuel Johnson, Henry Johnson, and others.

All that tract of land situate in the County and State aforesaid containing one hundred and eighty five acres more or less and bounded as follows to wit: North, East and West by lands of M. J. Outlaw and South by lands of James A. Smith, same being lot No. 2 of the estate lands of John Blackwell deceased as will more fully and at large appear by reference to a plat of said lands executed by S. N. Atkinson, surveyor, bearing date the 18th day of January A. D. 1870 and attached to the deed of the same executed by James M. Brown Judge of Probate to Jordan Lang bearing date the 9th day of Feb. A. D. 1870 and recorded in the office of R. M. C. for said County on the 11th day of Feb. A. D. 1870, in Book B B page 487, 488 and 489 and same being the land conveyed to C. H. Matthews by said Jordan Lang by deed bearing date the 14th day of January A. D. 1879 in Book A No. 2 page 555.

Terms of sale, one half cash and the balance one year from date of sale, to be secured by bond of the purchaser and mortgage of the premises with interest from date of sale, purchaser to pay for all necessary papers.

Dargan & Coggeshall, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

Ella W. Woods vs. W. F. Dargan et al.

All that tract of land situate in the County and State aforesaid containing eighty one acre, more or less, known as lot No. 12 of the Elysian Fields Plantation, formerly of the estate of George W. Dargan, deceased, on a plat of said Elysian Fields Plantation made by George W. Earle, Surveyor, on the 25th day of September A. D. 1892 and bounded as follows, to wit: North and North West by lands of J. B. Law; East by lot No. 8 of said Elysian Fields Plantation; South and South West by lot No. 13 of said Elysian Fields Plantation and the run of Swift Creek; same being the tract of land conveyed to W. F. Dargan by Flora Jones and others by deed bearing date the 4th day of October A. D. 1882 and recorded in office R. M. C. for Darlington County in book M No. 3, page 685.

Also

all that tract of land situate in the County and State aforesaid containing one hundred acres, more or less, and bounded as follows, to wit: North by lands of G. H. Dargan; East by lands of E. K. Dargan; South by Swift Creek and West by W. F. Dargan, above mentioned, same being tract of land conveyed to W. F. Dargan by Thomas H. Holloway by deed bearing date the 5th day of February A. D. 1888, and recorded in office of R. M. C. for Darlington County, in Book No. 6, page 494.

Terms of sale, one third cash, balance in one and two years secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises with interest from day of sale, with privilege of purchaser to pay all cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.

Woods & Macfarlan, Plaintiff's Attorney.

N. L. Harrell vs. J. C. Blackwell et al.

All that tract of land lying in the County of Darlington and in the State of South Carolina, described as follows, to wit: Four hundred and one acre more or less, bounded on the North and North East by the run of Black Creek, East by lands of W. C. Brunson, South by Mill Creek and on the West by lands of W. M. Hunter, more fully represented by a plat made by W. H. Wingate, surveyor, 19th Feby., 1887.

Terms of sale one half cash, balance in one year, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of premises, with interest from day of sale, with privilege to pay all cash, purchaser to pay for papers.

Woods & Macfarlan, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

Robert N. Howie vs. Martha A. Parnell et al.

All that tract, piece or parcel of land, lying being and situate in the County of Darlington, State aforesaid, containing Four hundred and seventy five acres, (475) more or less, and bounded on the North by lands of Wesley Johnson and Eliza Lunday; East by lands of J. L. Coker and lands now or formerly of the estate of Kilgore; South by lands of James Gainey and W. A. Carrigan and West by lands of J. P. Waters and Manrum.

Terms of sale one half cash, balance in one year secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises, with interest from day of sale, purchaser to pay for papers.

Woods & Macfarlan, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

Each and every the above lots, parcels and tracts of land sold to convey all right, title and interest, and all equities of all parties to the record in the respective actions, and as the property of the respective defendants therein, to foreclose mortgages.

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