

AUCTION STORIES

Unexpected Prizes That Have Been Won by Bidders.

A GREAT BARGAIN IN EGGS.

How Two Specimens of the Great Auk Species Were Bought For \$9 and Sold For \$2,000—An Old Picture That Had a Valuable Lining.

"Of course I have met with a good many interesting experiences during my career as an auctioneer," relates Henry Stevens in a London magazine, "but the most striking of them all occurred, I think, in connection with a great auk's egg."

"Some years ago a young fellow rode over to an obscure furniture sale at the country village in the hope of securing a bargain to help in furnishing a home in view of his intended marriage. And a bargain he did get, though not of the kind he originally thought of."

"One of the lots put up for sale was a basketful of shells, eggs and other ornaments which had attracted the attention of an old lady who happened to be present. Just as they were on the point of being knocked down to her the young man was struck by the appearance of two large eggs in the basket, and, thinking he might as well have them as curiosities, he started to bid, with the result that the lot was knocked down to him for \$9."

"Upon examining the eggs it occurred to him that he might be able to make a profit on their sale. He accordingly wrapped them up in a handkerchief and brought them to me."

"As soon as they had washed off the grime which covered them I discovered that they were eggs of no less a bird than the great auk, and as a result of their sale a few weeks later I handed the astute young bargain hunter a check for \$2,000."

"At another sale which I conducted there was an old picture so covered with dirt and grime that it was almost impossible to see what it was like. This was hung upon the wall in a prominent position, but did not apparently find favor in the eyes of any of the dealers who were present. No reserve price was placed upon this picture, which had been put into the sale by a local pawnbroker to whom it had been pledged and not redeemed."

"In spite of every effort on the part of the auctioneer, it was eventually knocked down to a young man who had looked into the sale quite casually in order to waste half an hour during which he had to wait for a train. Taking a great fancy to the frame, which was of oak, blackened with age, he hazarded a bid of \$5, at which price it was knocked down to him without any competition."

"As he did not want the picture, he asked the auctioneer whether he would mind trying to get a bid for it if he cut it out of the frame, and, being answered in the affirmative, he took this knife and neatly cut through the canvas all round the edge."

"Imagine the astonishment of himself and all present when, hidden behind the canvas, he discovered five bills for \$100 each. Evidently the picture had been used to conceal the savings of some previous owner, who had died without disclosing the secret and whose hard won fortune thus came into the hands of a total stranger."

"I should quote as very interesting a sale at Rutland Gate, where there were only the remains of the furniture, a firm having been allowed to take what they chose to their rooms. It was accordingly after the nature of a rummage sale, but in one cupboard which had been overlooked were what the junior clerk described as three silver cups. The auctioneer was sitting in his office when a gentleman drove up in a hansom cab, anxious to speak about these cups, for which he offered no less than \$1,500."

"The auctioneer was so much surprised that he thought his visitor must have some reason for this high bid, and he wisely determined not to take the first offer he received. 'Oh, I don't think they will take that,' he said, and with this answer the gentleman had to be content. An expert was called on to examine the so called cups, and he discovered them to be in reality sixteenth century chalices, for which he himself made an offer of \$2,100. The three cups were subsequently sold for \$5,750, but it was only by the slightest chance that they had not gone for a mere song."

"I shall never forget an incident which occurred in connection with the sale of some valuable shells. The bidding for one large shell in particular was much more brisk than I had anticipated, but the reason for this became apparent when at last it was knocked down to a gentleman in a very excited condition, who directly it was handed to him flung it upon the ground and trampled it to atoms, at the same time shouting out in a loud voice that now that one was destroyed he possessed the only specimen in the world."

They're All a Bluff.

Scene—Railroad car on the New York Central going up the Hudson river, passing Yonkers.

First Traveler—Say, have you heard about the Palisades?

Second Traveler—No. What about them?

First Traveler—Why, they say they're all a bluff.—New York Herald.

The man who has not attained to self government cannot safely live under the law of liberty.—Wagner.

OLD TIME PUNISHMENT.

Agony of a Day in the Stocks For a Fit of Bad Temper.

A record on file in the library of congress contains an account of the adventures of a certain Hubbard, who was sentenced in Boston to the stocks for having indulged in an unwarrantable fit of ill temper, says Harper's Weekly. When he had taken his seat for the day there came along a drove of swine, which seemed to cast upon him those leering looks that only a fat pig can bestow. A dog followed, sniffing at the prisoner's feet and making feints—unpleasantly approaching reality—of biting him. Then a cock, mounting to the very top of the stocks, crowed his derision upon the victim below, and presently a rough fellow, after indulging in ugly taunts, threw at him felled toadstools and a dead snake.

Then an Indian appeared, who in a drunken rage, stimulated by some fancied injury, rushed at Hubbard with a tomahawk, probably intending nothing worse, however, than to give him a severe fright, which he certainly succeeded in doing.

Help came from an unexpected quarter, for at that moment an old bull came tearing down the road. His attention was attracted by the stocks, and with a roar he prepared for a charge.

Alarmed in his turn, the savage dashed off. The bull made a dash at the stocks and carried away the corner post, but without even grazing the object of his apparent wrath. Whether he was disgusted by the little he had accomplished or his animosity was thus satisfied, he started off, belching and shaking his head, much to the relief of the said Hubbard.

And then the unfortunate man was left in comparative peace to his own meditations and the cutting sleet of a November day.

A COURSE OF DINNERS.

It Includes Roasted Peas as a Substitute For Coffee.

In a little book called "The Economical Housekeeper," published about the year 1840, there is given on one page "A Course of Dinners For a Week." At the time of its publication the little book was most popular, as is proved by the author's preface to the second revised edition. She says:

"Encouraged by the very favorable reception that my humble labors have met in the rapid sale of the first edition of 1,500 copies in about fifteen weeks, and the demand still continuing, we have improved the time by endeavoring to make the present edition more worthy of patronage, if possible, than the first."

Therefore it is probable that the "course of dinners" which follows was considered admirable at that time:

"Monday—Tea, coffee or cocoa, with mince meat, bread and butter in winter, bread and milk in summer."

"Tuesday—Boiled dish, with apple dumplings."

"Wednesday—Roasted or baked meat, with bread pudding."

"Thursday—Broiled steak or fresh fish, with baked rice pudding."

"Friday—Baked beans, with baked Indian pudding."

"Saturday—Salt codfish boiled, with apple pie."

"Sunday—Morning, hashed fish and coffee; noon, bread and butter, cheese, pie, doughnuts."

It is a suggestive paragraph which appears on the same page:

"Peas, roasted and ground, are an excellent substitute for coffee, and you would hardly know which is best."

Youth's Companion.

Value of the Kangaroo's Tail.

So important is the kangaroo's tail in his rapid progress that experienced hunters with guns are accustomed to fire at the point where this appendage joins the body, when, the tail being disabled for its office of balancing, the animal is as effectually stopped as if hamstrung. Hit elsewhere, except with a rifle bullet or at point blank range, the kangaroo is pretty likely to get off. One peculiarity of the kangaroo is that, after being started up, he very rarely swerves from his course, through which peculiarity he is easily "potted" by hunters, who conceal themselves while a man on horseback drives the herd toward them.

Insect Wonders.

Nothing can exceed the perfection of the minutest parts of the insect organization in general. The finest strand in a spider's web, which can scarcely be seen, is said to be composed of no less than 4,000 threads. On a single wing of a butterfly have been found 100,000 scales and on that of a silkworm moth 400,000, each of these minute scales being a marvel of beauty and completeness in itself. So thin are the wings of many insects that 50,000 placed over each other would only be a quarter of an inch thick, and yet, thin as they are, each is double.

Puzzled Tommy.

"Pa," said Tommy, "my Sunday school teacher says if I'm good I'll go to heaven."

"Well, what about it?" said his pa.

"Well, you said if I was good I'd go to the circus. Now, I want to know who's fibbing, you or her."—Lippincott's.

The Similarity.

"Lucky at cards, unlucky at love," quoted the wise guy.

"Well, either is simply a case of holding hands," said the simple mug.—Philadelphia Record.

To encourage talent is to create it.—Lessing.

Announcements

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for sheriff of Morrow county, subject to the decision of the Republican Direct Primary. I am willing to abide by the choice of the people, and should I be elected I will fill the office to the best of my ability.

J. F. LUCAS.

I am a candidate for assessor of Morrow county, subject to the will of the Republicans, and if nominated and elected will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

Respectfully,

D. O. JUSTUS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for assessor of Morrow county subject to the decision of the Republican Primaries. If nominated and elected I will give every man a square deal without exception, and make a just and equitable assessment of all property in the county.

Respectfully,

O. P. HENDRICKSON.

Candidate for Joint Senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow Counties, subject to the decision of Republican Primaries.

S. F. WILSON, of Athens, of the law firm of Peterson & Wilson.

I firmly believe in the direct primary law—Economy in use of public funds—Good roads—Better schools—Strict and prompt enforcement of law—The "Square Deal" and eternal progress of man and his institutions.

C. A. BARRETT

Athens, Umatilla County, Oregon.

To the voters of Morrow county:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Joint Senator for the 19th Senatorial District comprising the counties of Morrow, Union and Umatilla, subject to the will of the Republican party voters, at the Primary Nominating Election to be held September 24th, 1910.

If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability.

I favor the maintenance of the Direct Primary Law, Statement No. 1, people's choice for Senator, a better system of improving our roads, economy and efficiency in public officials.

Respectfully, C. A. BARRETT.

FOR TREASURER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Morrow county, subject to the will of the Republicans of Morrow county, expressed at the primaries.

VAWTER CRAWFORD.

Notice of Final Accounting.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of the last will and testament of Johanna Lovegren, deceased, has filed with the County Court of Morrow County, State of Oregon, his final account and report as such executor, and that said County Court has fixed the 10th day of September, 1910, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. as the time, and the County Court room in the Court House of the City of Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, as the place for a hearing of said account and any objections thereto; all persons having any objections to offer to said account are hereby notified and required to present them on or before the date aforesaid.

Eugene Lovegren, Executor of the last will and testament of Johanna Lovegren, deceased.

Aug 11-Sept 8

ADMINISTRATRIX'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

In the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon.

In the matter of the estate of Mary E. Brock, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Morrow County, Oregon, made and entered in the above entitled matter on the 6th day of June, A. D. 1910, I, the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of Mary E. Brock, deceased, will on the 5th day of August, A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the office of Sam E. Van Vactor in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at private sale the following described real property, to wit: Lots one, two and three in Block one, of Jones' Second Addition to the City of Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, belonging to said estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the debts against said estate, and the expenses of the administration of said estate.

Dated this 30th day of June, A. D. 1910.

ELIZABETH SMITH, Administratrix of the estate of Mary E. Brock, deceased.

Not an Authority.

There are some persons who can't take a joke, but Fogg is not one of them. One of the boys, acquainted with Fogg's frequent changes of abode, asked him which he thought was the cheaper, to move or to pay rent.

"I can't tell you, my dear boy," replied Fogg. "I have always moved."

Willing to Be the Goat.

"Why should the spirit of mortal be proud?" quoted the impassioned orator.

Then he paused a moment to let it take effect.

"Well," spoke up a half inebriated man in the audience, "I'll be the goat. Why should it?"—Chicago Tribune.

Peace is not mere tranquillity, for tranquillity may be indifference.—Duffield.

Took All His Money.

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Notice for Publication—Isolated Tract.

Public Land Sale.

No. 05836-05853

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, July 14th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public—No. 303, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 9:45 o'clock a. m., on the 15th day of September, 1910, at this office, the following tract of land, to wit:

W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28 T. 4 S. R. 26 E. W.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

July 28-Sept 1

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Public Land Sale—Isolated Tract.

No. 05835

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, July 14th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under the provisions of act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public—No. 303, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 7th day of September, 1910, next, at this office, the following tract of land, to wit: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 7 T. 4 S. R. 26 E. W. M.

Any persons claiming adversely the above described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

July 21 Aug 25

CITATION.

In the Probate Court of Morrow County, State of Oregon.

In the matter of the estate and guardianship of George D. Taylor, insane.

Order to show cause why real estate should not be sold.

Lewis A. Manning, guardian of the person and estate of George D. Taylor, insane, having filed his petition herein praying for an order of sale of certain real estate of said George D. Taylor, insane, for the purposes therein set forth, it is therefore ordered by the Judge of the Probate Court of Morrow County, Oregon, above named, that Cynthia A. Taylor, Carrie L. Manning, Robert S. Taylor and Francis M. Taylor the next of kin and all persons interested in the estate of said George D. Taylor, insane, appear before the said Probate Court on Monday, the 22d day of August, 1910, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the court room of said probate court in the city of Heppner, County of Morrow, Oregon, to show cause why an order should not be granted to the said guardian to sell the real estate of said insane ward, at private sale; and that a copy of this order be published at least four successive weeks in the Heppner Gazette, a newspaper printed and published in the City of Heppner, Morrow county.

Dated and signed this 21st day of July, 1910.

C. C. PATTERSON,

Probate Judge.

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