

AUCTIONEERS DATE BACK TO BABYLON ON DAYS

Marriageable Girls Were Then Sold to Highest Bidder

SOME ENGLISH SALE CUSTOMS Romans Adopt This Custom For Disposing of Their Goods.

Few realize that the auctioneering profession can be traced back to the ancient Babylonian custom of selling marriageable girls to the highest bidder at an annual assembly held for the purpose, says "The Dearborn Independent."

There are various forms of auctioneering. In a "Dutch auction" the property is offered at a high price, which is accepted by the bidder.

An auction sale "by inch of candle" was a method employed in olden times when it was the custom to set up an inch of lighted candle, the last bidder to name his price before the burning out of the wick being the declared purchaser.

In Great Britain a law of Henry VIII, afterward confirmed by Charles I, prohibited the conducting of sales by all persons except certain licensed officials known as outcriers.

In America, as a rule, an auctioneer must have a license, either from the state or the municipal authorities.

SPRINGHILL WINS SPRINGHILL, N. S., July 25.—Fouling calling out of the box in the fifth inning, the great street slugger battle seen here for years, Spring Hill defeated River Hebert 21 to 1, last night, and captured the 15th consecutive year, the Cumberland Amateur Baseball championship and the right to play for the Nova Scotia championship.

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Notices of Births, Marriage and Deaths, 50 cents.

BIRTHS VINCENT—At the St. John Infirmary, Vincent, 83 Partridge, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vincent, Elizabeth Katherine, a daughter, born July 22, 1925.

DEATHS SMALL—At the residence of Wm. Healy, 88 Paradise row, on July 23, 1925, Margaret, widow of Wm. W. Small, in the 87th year of her age, leaving three daughters to mourn.

CARD OF THANKS Mr. Morton Watt desires to acknowledge his appreciation of the many expressions of sympathy shown him at the time of the bereavement and of the kindness shown to late Mrs. Watt during her last illness.

\$1.00 Hoosier Kitchen Club Sale Will Close Saturday at 1 P. M. Your last chance to secure this world's famous Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet for only \$1.00 down and the balance payable monthly for twelve months.

OPEN TONIGHT Amland Bros. Ltd. 19 Waterloo St.

Local News

CRUELTY CHARGED. Walter Capon, reported by Sgt. Rankine for overloading his horses and also with working one of them suffering from a sore shoulder, appeared before Magistrate Henderson in the police court this morning.

BRINGS LARGE CARGO. Bringing 110 tons of general freight the largest this season, the steamer Governor Dingley arrived this morning at 10:15 o'clock from Boston via Lubec and Eastport.

IN THE MARKET. Fresh green goods predominated in the city market this morning, with lettuce, radish, peas, cucumbers being shown in abundance.

AUTOS COLLIDE. An auto driven by a man named Scherter and another machine owned by E. Elks and driven by a garage man collided head on at the corner of Garden and Charles streets this morning at 11 o'clock.

EVIDENCE GIVEN IN C. P. R. THEFT CASE

Mrs. Annie Dreskin is Charged With Illegal Possession of Cloth.

The preliminary hearing into the charge against Mrs. Annie Dreskin, 46 receiving and keeping in her possession, goods to the value of \$800, known to be stolen from the C. P. R., was commenced in the Police Court this morning before Magistrate Henderson.

PERSONALS Mrs. Sadie Corbett, 15 Sprague street, left last evening by steamer Prince Albert to visit friends in Boston.

GRAND FALLS "Whereas the proposition for the development of hydro power at Grand Falls is of primary importance to the province, if such development can be obtained so as to provide power at rates which will be attractive to industry and domestic consumption and will not impose any financial loss upon the province:

"Therefore resolved, that this convention is in favor of such development upon business principles, but regards the proposition to let contracts for the work upon the eve of the election and before all necessary investigations have been made as a violation of the Premier's pledge to submit the whole question to the people at a general election:

"And further resolved, that the work, when proceeded with, should be placed in the hands of an independent commission, chosen solely for the business ability of its members and free from the political dictation which the presence of a member of the Government upon such commission implies.

PROHIBITION "This convention desires to place itself on record as condemning the evident looseness and corruption which has marked the Government's administration of the prohibitory law; the favoritism which it has displayed in the granting of vendorships and the notorious existence in almost every important locality in the province, of men who traffic in the granting of vendorships, and who, for political and other objects, put in motion or restrain the officers of the law in relation to its enforcement, and

"Further, that this convention goes on record as in favor of the enforcement of the Act so long as it remains on the Statute Books of the Province.

AGRICULTURE "Resolved, that this convention places itself on record as in favor of a greater encouragement and stimulation of the basic agricultural industry in the province by more direct practical assistance to the farmer, and particularly with reference to dairying and the promotion of canning industries; and also the

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VETERANS LEAD IN BOTH LEAGUES

Little Prospect of Old Timers Losing Their Laurels to Youth.

CHICAGO, July 25.—With the 1925 pennant race easing past the half-way mark, veterans of the leagues—Cobb, Speaker, Hornsby, Wheat and the others in the habit of smacking the ball industriously, face little danger of losing their laurels. Veterans are on top—and youth isn't being served in base hits. Figures of the American League made public today show Speaker of the Indians has the Indian sign on his old rival, Ty Cobb.

SHIPMENT. The steamer Manchester Shipper sailed at noon for Manchester via U. S. ports. The Erie Maersk sailed this morning for Bristol with a cargo of refined sugar.

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SNAP Cleans Hands and Knees. Snap at work Snap at play makes a good Scout.

Shipping

PORT OF SAINT JOHN. Arrived. Friday, July 24. Strm. Kotona, 1668, from La Romana.

PLACEMENT FOR SCULLY ON TICKET. E. J. Henneberry Knows Nothing of Reported Move to Have Him Retire.

BRIDE-TO-BE GIVEN A CHEST OF SILVER. Miss Margaret Driscoll, Broad street, who is soon to leave for South America where she will be one of the principals in an interesting event, was pleasantly surprised yesterday afternoon by her associates in the employ of the New Brunswick Telephone Company when she was presented a chest of silver from the employees of the company.

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CO. CANDIDATES LIST OF MEETINGS

Dr. Curren and W. A. Ross Are Going to Have One Each Night.

Monday—in the Community Club-house at Glen Falls, to be addressed by Dr. Curren, W. A. Ross and William Ryan.

St. Phillip's Church Picnic Is Enjoyed. St. Phillip's A. M. E. church and Sunday school held a successful picnic at Seaside park yesterday afternoon.

REMOVAL NOTICE. Taylor's Warehouse and Seely Line offices have been removed to No. 17 and 18 South Wharf.

TO LET. Heated Apartment of Four Rooms and Bath Room, 9 Wellington Row, Flat of Five Rooms and Bath Room, 120 Pitt St. Telephone M. 789.

THE PARADISE DESIGN THE NEW PILGRIM SHAPE THEO HAVILAND LIMOGES CHINA Open Stock Pattern SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY O. H. WARWICK CO., LTD. 78-80-82 KING STREET SAVE THE COUPONS FREE PRESENTS AT LOUIS GREEN'S CIGAR STORE

BUSINESS LOCALS SERVICES AT CRYSTAL BEACH. Motorship D. J. Purdy leaves her wharf (North End) Sunday, July 26, at 10 a.m. to attend to the service of the R. K. Y. C. at Crystal Beach.

SPECIAL DANCE. July 28, Ketepec Club House. Merry Makers Orchestra. 1924-7-27

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A MAN Careful of his personal appearance is usually careful about other things. Good dress reflects a well ordered mind, good habits, intelligence. Many an intelligent man has failed to convince others of his intelligence, because of his careless, slipshod manner of clothing himself. A man who has pride in his appearance naturally turns to this store for his correct apparel. Featuring Suits at \$30 to \$45 A number of Suits grouped for clearance at—\$15, \$20, \$25 etc. New Blue Suits; New 20th Century Suits.

GILMOUR'S 68 KING

Emerson Said It Back in the first half of the last century the great Thinker, Ralph Waldo Emerson, made his famous statement that—"If a man offers a better service the world will beat a pathway to his door." It's common knowledge that the public here have gone out of their way to beat a pathway to the doors of J. Marcus, Ltd. To this extent, that no store in this city can show anything like their increase in patronage. The moral is all the plain-er when one considers that mighty few firms show any increase at all during these years. J. Marcus Furniture, Rugs 30-36 Dock St.

PLATFORM OF OPPOSITION PARTY:



Opposition Candidates in the City of Saint John

investigation and promotion of wider markets for agricultural products, with especial attention to the trade and markets in the West Indies.

SAFEGUARDING MUNICIPAL RIGHTS "Realizing that since the advent of power of the present Government it has been gradually interfering with the autonomous rights of municipalities, the opposition party pledges itself, when returned to power, to safeguard the rights of municipalities, allowing each to determine the expenditure of its own moneys."

MOTOR TAXATION "Resolved, that the present system of taxation on motor vehicles should be discontinued, and a new system introduced providing for a material reduction in the general tax on motor vehicles, and the imposition of a tax upon gasoline, except such as may be used for agricultural, fishery and industrial purposes."

CONDEMNATION OF GOVERNMENT'S EXTRAVAGANCE "Resolved, that this convention of the Opposition Party of the Province of New Brunswick, places on record its disapproval and consideration of the reckless, extravagant and unbusiness-like administration of the present government, which, during the past eight years has increased the public debt of the province from \$15,000,000 to over \$31,000,000, and while increasing the burdens of taxation upon the people from year to year, has completely failed to keep the ordinary expenditures within the revenue; and

PLEDGE OF ECONOMY "Further resolved, that the Opposition Party pledges itself, if returned to power, to adopt a determined and vigorous policy of prudence and economy and to apply sound business principles in the administration of the business of the province with a view to keeping the ordinary expenditures within the income; and in respect of capital expenditures to have regard to the actual resources and conditions of the Province."

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