

DAYS OF SOUTHERN SLAVERY TOLD IN OLD NEWSPAPER AD.

Writer in Wingham Advance-Times Gives Interesting Information of Southern States of Seventy Years Ago.—A Sale of Slaves.

Mr. John Holmes, writing from his home in Presho, South Dakota, to his brother, Mr. William Holmes of Turnberry, says times are very bad in his part of the world. Banks and stores have been closing in South Dakota. We believe that after all good old Western Ontario is a little the best place in the world to live in.

"Col. Hub Johnson, a veteran auctioneer in this section, perhaps cried more sales and put in more years in the business than any other man in this part of the country. He began when he was sixteen years old and is now nearly ninety years old and is living a retired life in Hubbel, Nebraska. The bill of his first sale has been dug up and it was over 70 years ago. It was held in Harrisburg, Kentucky, and read as follows: 'I will sell at public sale 1 mile west and 4 miles south of Harrisburg, Ky. on Saturday, September 26, 1850, the following described property, to wit: 1 nigger buck, 25 years, weight 210 pounds; 4 nigger wenches, 18 to 24 years old; 3 nigger boys, 6 years old; 13 nigger hoes; 1 fine sled; 6 yoke of oxen, broke; 10 ox-yokes with hickory bows; 2 ox-carts with 6-inch rubber tires; 1 saddle pony, 5 years old; 3 double-shovel plows, 10 and 2 inches; 25 gallons whiskey in jugs; 100 gallons apple cider; 2 barrels of good sorghum; 2 barrels soap; 2 barrels kraut; 1 extra good nigger whip; 2 tons tobacco, 2 years old; sale starts at 10 sharp. Terms cash. In need of money. Col. H. Johnson, Auctioneer.'"

RADIO SERMONS

With the radio stations broadcasting church services thousands of church members are doing their Sunday sleeping at home. People who used to call in person for their sermons are demanding that their sermons be served in bed.

In the old days a Christian was a man who got up at 5 o'clock in the morning, hitched up the horse and drove ten or twelve miles through the snow with his family to church. To-day he remains coiled in the quilts and demands that his wife put on the loud speaker and tune him into whatever church has the best musical program.

Ask what church they belong to and they can't tell you off-hand whether it's the First W.E.A.F., the Reformed K.D.K.A. or the Interdenominational W.J.Z. They don't know for certain whether they are by faith Weafodists, Wjzopolians or Kdkaists.

The one question really agitating churchmen to-day is whether to build more churches or more radio stations. Whether to turn out more ministers or more copper wire.

WHY SOME MEN DRINK

James Hales, chairman of the License Commission for Ontario, in an address before the London Ministerial Alliance of that city on Feb. 28, dealing with the Ontario Temperance Act, told the members that over \$400,000 was used to purchase liquor last year for people who felt that they "would have died if they did not get it."

He also spoke of an epidemic of toothache which had broken out in the Province since dentists had been offering their patients the privilege of treating their teeth either by way of the gas or liquor route. The patients chose the latter, and toothache had apparently become a contagious disease, since the O.T.A. went into effect.

Race horses must also have their little "toddy" before going into a race, according to the speaker, who said that veterinaries were among authorized issuers of "scrips" who had become offenders.

Speaking about the use of liquor for sacramental purposes, Mr. Hales stated that it was nothing short of remarkable to note its increased use for this purpose among the ranks, especially of the Jews, who declare that not only does the rabbi need it, but the congregation also must have it at certain periods during the year to conform with their religious duty.

HOW MANY CAN YOU LOCATE?

Here is a list of passages whose locations should be familiar to every Bible student:

- The Lord's Prayer—Matthew 6.
The Commandments—Exodus 20.
The Beatitudes—Matthew 5.
Paul's Conversion—Acts 9.
The Prodigal Son—Luke 15.
The Ten Virgins—Matthew 25.
The Parable of the Talents—Matthew 25.
The Abiding Chapter—John 15.
The Resurrection Chapter—1 Corinthians 15.
The Shepherd Chapter—John 10.
The Love Chapter—1 Corinthians 13.
The Tongue Chapter—James 3.
The Armor Chapter—Ephesians 6.
The Traveller's Psalm—Psalm 121.
The Bible Study Psalm—Psalm 119.
The Greatest Verse—John 3: 16.
The Greatest Invitation—Rev. 22: 17; Isa. 55: 1.
The Rest Verse—Matthew 11: 28.
A Worker's Verse—2 Tim. 2: 15.
Another Worker's Verse—Psalm 126: 6.
How to be Saved—Acts 16: 31.
Should I Confess Christ?—Romans 10: 9.
The Teacher's Verse—Daniel 12: 3.
The Great Commission—Mark 16: 15.
Christ's Last Command—Acts 1: 8.—The Youth's Evangelist.

When she gasps with wonder and tells him he is so big and strong, all that remains is the job of reeling in the line.

BACK YARDS AND BOYS

If a person purposes to raise chickens or other animals, he goes about to build barns and make yards; but when one has the most important task in life—that of rearing a child—there seems to be no preparation made whatsoever.

The ordinary home is constructed as though the coming of a child were the last thing expected. No playroom is provided. Flat owners are as much afraid of children as they would be of fire. Discrimination is made against them in high-class buildings. If one takes his child to a first-class hotel, he finds that they are more afraid of his child than they are of his "jumping" his board bill.

The lack of preparation for the child and attention given the child is particularly noticeable in the back yards of towns and cities. One may travel all day long and scarcely see a piece of apparatus that is constructed and erected for the entertainment and exercise of the children. All over the town the back yards are deeply sodded and the cement walks are kept well brushed. The whole thing seems to have on it a sign erected especially for the boys: "Keep off the grass and go to the devil."

The streets, however, are full of the children. The sidewalks are skating rinks; the pavements are marble boards; the vacant lots, among the tin cans and waste paper, are the ball parks; the alleys, with their mud and filth are schools of crime and vice.

As soon as the child goes into the street the parents have lost all control of him. The child selects his own companions; he finds his own pasture; he earns his own way, and often that way leads downward. The vilest child in the neighborhood is always found in the street. Little girls of tender age are allowed to run for blocks around their home.

This situation is becoming more and more the rule. It is a wonder that scores more of children are not slain every month by the automobiles and the heavy trucks and wagons that pass through the streets. A special providence must surely watch over the childhood of to-day.

It is perfectly reasonable and easily possible to equip an ordinary back yard so that a child will find it the most attractive place in the neighborhood. Rope swings can be put on frames that are inexpensive and easily constructed. The large wooden swings are now made at a low cost. "Teeter" boards, sliding boards, turning bars, and playgrounds can be provided with small expense, and this ought to be done.

While the small parks are a great blessing to those portions of the city where they are located they cannot reach more than a small portion of the children. Parents of the boys and girls ought to make the back yard the physical salvation of the children.

Mr. and Mrs. James McInnis, pioneer settlers of Derby township, celebrated their golden wedding on the 20th inst. Mr. McInnis was the first white child born in Derby and he and his wife are amongst the early settlers.

W. H. Ebel of Listowel, a former resident of Lion's Head, died at the former town on the 6th inst. A wife, two sons and three daughters survive.

A GORGEOUS FLOWER FOR SHADY SPOTS.

The shady part of the garden that will not grow even decent grass can be made beautiful by the use of the tuberous begonia. So long as a bit of the ground can get either the early morning or late afternoon sun, or for an hour's duration during the middle of the day, a bed of tuberous begonias planted there will bring charming results. This plant does for the shady spot what the geranium does for the sunny location, but it does more because of the variety of colours secured and greater beauty of the foliage. The tuberous begonia cannot be used in an open location facing the sun during the hot part of the day because the leaves are apt to curl up and wither.

The tuberous begonia has been greatly developed in recent years. The best varieties produce flowers from four to six inches across and bloom from July until frost takes them off. They require rich soil. When the space is reached by the roots of trees, they need plenty of moisture. If started in light soil in pots or flats set in a warm place at the first of April, they will be almost ready to bud by the first of June, but some growers prefer to plant the tubers direct in the soil early in May or as soon as the ground would be ready for potatoes. The plants should be set 12 to 15 inches apart, about 2 1/2 to 3 inches deep, with the hollow side of the tuber uppermost. Tuberous begonia plants as well as dormant tubers are frequently offered as premiums for membership in the Horticultural

Societies. By this means the tuberous begonia has become well known in many parts of the Province that they might not otherwise have reached. The surface of the soil should be kept stirred during the summer and a dressing of bone-meal or other manure, preferably from the poultry yard, applied from time to time.

GARDENERS REQUIRE PERMIT TO IMPORT STOCK

With the arrival of the seed and bulbs catalogues the amateur gardener begins to make his plans for the garden and grounds and to prepare a list of plants that he intends to buy. In order to avoid disappointment in securing the prompt delivery of shipments of plants from the United States or other countries, he is reminded of the regulations now in force whereby all importers of plants from any country are required to secure a permit to be presented to the collector of customs at the port where the shipment is cleared. Permits are required for the importation of trees, shrubs, vines, cuttings, greenhouse plants, roots, perennials, corns, bulbs, etc. Copies of the regulations and information regarding permits may be secured by writing to the Secretary, Destructive Insect and Pest Act Advisory Board, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Of course a man should own his own home, and he can do it if he will rear a family of bricklayers and plasterers.—Cleveland Times-Commercial.

The partnership existing between Taylor & Gibbons, proprietors of the Revere Hotel, Thornbury, has been dissolved, Mr. Gibbons' place being taken by Mr. Philip Taylor. The new firm will be known as Taylor & Taylor.

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