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Tucker County Knocking Its Indigent Citizens from the Auction Block to the Highest Bidder.
 The annual sale occurred recently and twenty-seven of "God's poor" were, like so many cattle, sold to the best bidder—those able to work to the highest bidder, the invalids to the lowest. Three or four hundred people came together to witness the sale. The county clerk read the legal notice which had appeared in the newspapers by order of the county commissioners, and which is as follows:
 Notice to keepers of the poor—On the 28th day of May, next, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., at the court house of Tucker county, the court of said county will, in such way as it may think best and proper, and for the public good, proceed to make public sale and take contracts for the keeping of all these paupers in the county for the ensuing fiscal year, commencing on and including the first day of June, 1884. The contractor will be required to give bond with approved security.
 By order of the court. JOHN J. ADAMS, Clerk.

The first person put up was John Walker, a man of sixty, who, the auctioneer said, as he descanted on his points, was "good for as big a day's work in the harvest field as any man on ground." Walker has the rheumatism, and a great portion of the time is unable to work. After considerable bargaining he was finally knocked down to a farmer in the back country for \$27 for the year, the small farmer to feed, clothe and "doctor" Walker. Dolly Dairs, a half-witted creature, "handy about the house, and a first-rate hand at binding in the harvest field," was sold to the keeper of a boarding house at one of the numerous logging camps in Cheat Mountains. Sallie Ingalls, a decrepit old woman, who said she was "nigh on to seventy," brought \$4.50, the auctioneer admitting in a sudden fit of conscientiousness that Sallie was not worth much—"only to pick greens, nuss 'bab-bies,' and chew 'twis.'" A little girl not over eleven, with pretty features, begged to be left with the family that had her the previous year, "for," she said between sobs, "they were just awful good to me." She was finally bid in by a minister of the gospel for \$13. The sale realized for the county of Tucker \$389.63, one boy being sold for \$18.63. The highest price paid was for Ruth Elverton, a "boss cook and the best cake baker in the county" who was bought by the sheriff for \$32. "Old man Tompkins," paralyzed and almost blind, was, as a bystander jested, a "mity pore trinket to sell." For some of the paupers it was the first experience and they looked on in wonder, eyeing their purchasers suspiciously. One delicate woman, crying bitterly, said, "Oh, why didn't I die before this came?"

BUSTED!

The Cœur d'Alene Excitement Over.
 The last report says: "From all I have seen and heard here, it is very doubtful if the work will pay the trouble, the prospects being very poor, and where the indications are more favorable, the amount of money which will have to be expended to open the mines will exceed the power of small capitalists, and it can now be safely said that unless some wealthy companies interest themselves in the Cœur d'Alene mines they will prove a failure. This conviction has forced itself on everybody during the last week. Eagle City is emptying fast. Many people possessing the means to leave the camp have left it or are leaving. One by one the lodging houses, saloons, etc., are being cleared, and the sheriff is busy putting notices on the doors of the unfortunates. At the present moment he is the most important and most dreaded officer in town, some of the storekeepers who were wise enough to provide themselves with but a limited stock are selling off or packing the goods up with the intention of locating somewhere else.
 At present the town shows a great contrast to what it was a fortnight ago; then all was life, bustle and full of sanguine hope; now even the staunchest shake their heads doubtfully and prepare to turn their backs on the eagerly sought for Eldorados. Daily a number of places are being closed by the sheriff, and at a public sale of a saloon, which took place the other day, the building and lot, 50x75, including \$600 worth of liquors, sold for \$425; property that was considered of \$1,500 value only last week is offered to-day at \$600 or \$700, and the depression is general.

Spilled.
 June 1, near the town of Like, France, an aeronaut speculator advertised a number of balloon ascensions to allow each event on the programme to be witnessed by a carload. The car was so badly balanced and overloaded that when the balloon had risen to a height of 140 feet the passengers, twenty in number, became scared and changed their places. The car was overturned, and the entire number of passengers were hurled to the ground. It was a most horrifying spectacle, as body after body struck the earth. The shrieks of the spectators were terrifying. Men turned away and women fainted.

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