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Auction in Marietta

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An auction was held for two days this week in Marietta when the estate of the late Miss Frances Reinhold was sold. Buyers came from Texas, W. Virginia, and New Jersey, as well as from the vicinity. Bidders were happy with their purchases; some were unhappy or disappointed because of losing a bid or having to pay a price higher

than they had wanted. The items sold were the acquisitions of at least three generations, and as a rule were in top condition.

Many former residents, relatives and associates of the seller returned for the event conducted by Conestoga Auction Company, Inc., Manheim, R. D. 1 with J. Donald Longenecker and Walter L. Bomberger, Jr., as auctioneers.

The piece bringing the highest price was a cherry two-part cupboard at \$2,750. A china 16" rose medallion punch bowl went for \$610, while about 50 ladies handbags sold for the song of \$1. Collectors of stamps, political memorabilia, bisque dolls, silver service, cut glass and antique jewelry had a heyday. More than 300 persons registered for the numbers necessary to identify the purchasers; however, many persons used the same identification number. Perfect weather held forth for the 9 a.m. to midnight sale Monday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday event.

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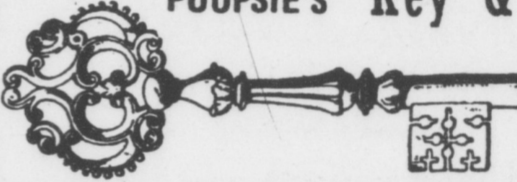
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