

Superstitions

Seeing the bill collector over the left shoulder means a stringency in the money market. A yellow-legged chicken in the waste basket is the sign of a new subscriber. Jostling with a red-haired girl typomanus (a white) horse on the editor if his wife sees him. When the devil drops the office towel, the towel bore is coming in after more of the editor's "fragrant" smoking tobacco. This is a sure sign as he comes anyhow four times a day. A black cat crossing the editor's path at midnight is a tip to remove shoes before entering "Home, sweet home." Dropping a form is significant of "pi" for dinner. Death of the office dog is a warning to change foreman. A drink taken on Friday is sure sign of a belated issue. Calling the town loafer a bully means the editor has gone fishing. Speaking of "our prominent citizen, Mr. Spoonerwoozan," is equal to confession of \$1 on subscription. A lost shooting stick means there will be a coin (quoin) squeeze. A load of wood stopping in front of the sanctum door means a dormant fuel market up town. A patch on the editor's trousers is a sure sign that another ditch digger has gone wrong. Stealing these superstitions without crediting the Western Publisher is incontrovertible evidence of the approach of a large bunch of obituary poetry. Wise editors will be warned in time.

The Sabbath Day.

Why do men trouble about a Sabbath day? Is not this a free country? And cannot each religious society ordain a Sabbath day for its self? Or all join together and elect one common day, no matter what day, and observe that day, for themselves, nor trouble others because they do not choose to observe the chosen day, or for that matter any day at all as a Sabbath day? Sabbath union should be content that they are protected by law in the observance of such day, nor trouble others because they do not believe in a Sabbath day, nor choose to observe one set apart by others. The law can only protect. It cannot compel the observance of any religious tenet whatever. "One man esteemeth one day above another, another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." And I fully agree with the Apostle in this matter, and declare we have no right. State or divine, to try to compel others to observe our Sabbath days, or for that matters, any Sabbath day whatever. As a rest day for dependent man and beasts of burden, one day in seven may be a blessing. This rest day, should be obligatory as to beasts. But optional on the part of men. But for the man who esteems every day alike (a God given right) shall we compel him to rest every seventh day, or shall we go further and compel him to observe some religious custom on that day. I deny we have any natural or moral right to do so, but let him "be fully persuaded in his own mind" while he harms himself and respects the rights of others. That the observance of Sabbath days conduces to good moral cannot be proven any further than the same observance on any other day of the week would come to that end. Men attend Sabbath day gatherings when they feel like it. They do not feel so disposed, and may go elsewhere. And my observation is, that men are no less moral when they visit elsewhere than the church. In my opinion these sabbath laws are the seeds of despotism, which produce plants of persecution, and it is a question whether sweet virtue and pure morality can thrive beneath the shades of such plants. Sweet waters do not flow from bitter fountains, nor do we gather cherries from the crab apple. But like prunes like, and will do so for all times, consequently laws of oppression will produce fruits of rebellion, flowers and fruits of justice can only grow on the tree of liberty. Men should observe their own standard of right, whether in politics or religion. Then how to the line interfering with none, nor brook interference from others. WM. PHILLIPS.

A WORD TO FARM TOILERS.

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Origin of Old Sayings.

The Brayer (Mo.) Comet has been quietly looking up the origin of some expressions used by would-be writers of today and finds some quite hoary with age. A few of the discoveries follow: "John Mark's horse was noticed eating post hay at Simon Peter's gate last Sabbath evening," appeared in the Jerusalem Bee in the spring of 2 A. D. It is still doing service in Clay County. "Abraham Bartholomew has a new cart. Girls look out. Wonder who'll be the first to ride with Abraham," was printed in the Capernaum Bugle A. D. 3. It appeared in a Ray county paper last week and caused some amusement. "There was a bright, new girl baby at Simon Zahn's house last week. Mother and child are doing well. Mother hopes to save Simon," was first printed in the Rome Times in 4 A. D. It does occasional duty yet. "News are scarce," appeared in the Sinal Landmark in B. C. 2003. Like the Wandering Jew that it is, it's still doing service. "Came down with a dull thud," was used in Jericho when the walls fell down after the army marched around seven times. "The tongue of fire leaped and danced and nothing could stay the fire," was the way the Gazette reporter wrote up the burning of Rome, while Nero hid, playing "Under the Bamboo Tree." "Ye editor," "Our better half," "We," "Us," "Our," "The poor editor," were used by old Father Abraham in his paper 3600 years ago. Some editors still use them. "Resolutions of respect" and Cards of thanks" were common in the newspapers in the first century. They cling to the ancient custom in Arkansas, China and Clay county. "Cupid's Capers," headed the marriage of Simon Peter and his wife 3000 years ago--and still does duty in South Africa, Italy and some Missouri sections.

Molalla

The Molalla farmers are busy plowing and sowing grain. There will be more winter wheat put in on the prairie than usual this fall. Bill and Edgar Shaver are in the mountains this week, looking after their cattle and doing some hunting, they expect to bring out a wagon load of honey. Mr. Kizer of near Butteville with several other men passed through here recently with a four-horse team enroute to Mr. Kizer's mines in the vicinity of Ogle Creek. They intend to do considerable work before the snow drives them out. The chickens have been roosting very high here for several days caused by the Pomona Grange meeting here tomorrow. Whenever grange day comes, chickens are legal tender at Molalla. There is more complaint in this section this year in regard to the scarcity of China birds than there has been since they ceased to be protected by law. There is several reasons given for it. Some think that the cold rains, early in July destroyed the young birds. Some say that their enemies in the shape of hawks, coon and mink are getting too numerous for their welfare, but the principal reasons seems to be too many

liver colored bird dogs and breech loading shot guns. Yr correspondent is possessor of a bird dog, a brand new pop gun, but the birds need no protection whatever, as far as we are concerned. It is reported that there was a wedding near here last Sunday but we failed to hear the usual ring of cow bells and tin pans. C. I. Gipson has gone to the Cascade Locks to build a house. Lester Gipson will join his brother at Cascade Locks as soon as he gets his father's house finished. There were several Mo'alla people that seen smoke issuing from Mt. Hood one evening long ago, it seemed to come in puffs from 3 to 5 minutes apart and came from near the top on the north side of the mountain. X. Y. Z.

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Household Hints.

Feel all out of kilter, do you? Nothing goes as you'd quite? Skies seem sort of dark and clouded, Though the day is fair and bright. Eyes afeared--fall to notice. Bewful spread on every hand? Hearing so impaired, you're missing Songs of promise, sweet and grand? For your case is not uncommon-- 'Tis popular distress. Though 'tis not contagious, Thousands have it, more or less; But it yields to simple treatment, And is easy, quite to cure, If you follow my directions; Convalescence, quick, is sure. Take a bit of cheerful thinking, Add a portion of content, And, with both, let glad endeavor, Mixt with earnestness be bent. Thus, with care and skill compounded, Will produce a magic oil. That is bound to cure, if taken With a lot of honest toil. If your heart is dull and heavy, If your hope is pale with doubt, Try this wondrous Oil of Promise, For 'twill drive the evil out. Who will mix it? Not the druggist From the bottles on his shelf; The ingredients required You must find within yourself.

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