## MAY BROOKYN'S SUPERSTITIONS.

**The Actress Kept In Her Room What Seems to Be a List of Omens.**

In Miss Brookyn's room were writings which attested her superstition. The name of a "test medium and psychometrist" of this city was on a card which she kept. In her handwriting was what appeared to be a list of omens. It began with an incomplete account of what the months had in store for her. This was as follows:

Feb.—Avoid O. S.
June—P. I.
Aug.—Good.
Nov.—

Below this was a statement of what the letters meant. This was as follows.

H—Good; deal freely.
E—Not so good in woman as man.
O—Very bad.
S—Unpleasant news from a distance; surprise.
A—Good; male or female.
P—Good.
L—Very good; male or female.
K—Good; new friend.
V—New friend; good; fair man.
Don't marry in '94; '93 good.
58 or 61. 8 Q. 5 S.
B—Is very good; deal freely.
W—Proposition; good for flirtation; never marry.
C—Good; male or female.
M—Better woman.
T—New friend; good.
G—Very good.
N—Not quite so good; be careful.

She had drawn a rude circle, and there were dots in it as if a pencil point came down in many places. The supposition is that the letters were placed inside a circle, like the numbers on the face of a clock, and she then let the pencil held in her fingers drop wherever chance brought it. The letter on which it hit signified the outcome of whatever she might have been thinking of. In this manner doubtless she found whether the months were to be good or bad for her.

She had marked February as a month to avoid and with the letters "O S." According to the mystic dictionary, "O" meant that February was very bad for her and "S" that she would receive unpleasant news from a distance. Curiously she did get some news from New York lately, which is presumed to have been unpleasant, and February proved to be the month of her grievous exit from the world.

A spiritualistic doctor lingered around the Baldwin theater yesterday until he could tell Mr. Preabrey, manager of the Palmer company, that he had received knowledge of the reunion of the souls of Lovecraft and Miss Brookyn. The spiritualistic theory is that when her efforts to establish communication with her lover's spirit failed she felt the necessity of taking exactly the same terrestrial route that he had journeyed on. To employ any other poison than carbolic acid might serve to keep them parted forever, and so she submitted herself to the scorching liquid. She bought the deadly draft in Columbus, O., on Nov. 20 and treasured it until she felt impelled to put the bottle to her lips.—San Francisco Chronicle.

## A WEIGHTY YOUTH.

**A Virginia Boy Who Is Only Fifteen Years Old, but Weighs 535 Pounds.**

Wythe county numbers within its population the greatest man in the commonwealth, if one considers his dead weight—Melvin Grubb, whose wondrous girth and ponderous limbs make him the daily wonder of his neighbors. He was born something more than 15 years ago and has ever since that event kept his neighbors wondering at his growth. Each year since he was 10 has seen from 50 to 100 pounds added to his weight, until he is believed now to be the heaviest youth alive, and should his avoirdupois appreciate at the same rapid rate he will soon break all the heavyweight records since Adam. At 13 years of age he weighed 410 pounds; at 14, 450, and now at 15 the scales creak at 535 pounds, and the end is not yet.

Grubb is not merely a mountain of flesh, but an active and intelligent boy. He can follow a plow all day without unusual fatigue and is a bright and intelligent pupil of the public school near his father's farm at Walter's Bridge, 2½ miles west of Wytheville.—Richmond Times.

**A Many Named Royalty.**

The extra two characters "Ch'ung-hsi" containing the name which is to be given to that already greatly benamed personage, the empress dowager of China, in honor of H. I. M.'s sixtieth birthday anniversary next year, according to a Peking letter, have been ordered by edict to be presented to the imperial lady in the middle of the eighth moon of next Chinese year (September, 1894).

As it is, her majesty has already 7 names of 14 characters which ministers at court have to labor through whenever mentioning her majesty, but with next September one has to go painfully through the long list of Tze-hsi-Tuan-yu-K'ang-i-Chao-yu-Chuang-ch'eng-Shou-kung-Ch'ing-hsien-Ch'ung-hsi Huang T'ai-hou, or dowager empress, before a bystander could detect that her majesty is meant.—North China Herald.

**In George Washington's Arms.**

In Dr. Mines' volume of reminiscences, "A Tour Around New York," the author devotes a paragraph to the attractions of Battery park and adds a pleasing little story of a time before his own:

I remember a dear old lady who loved to talk about this park and tell of the people she had met here and the scenes she had witnessed, and of these one man and one morning's adventure stood out most prominent.

A little thing in white, her nurse had brought her to the park to witness a civic ceremony, and the crowd prevented her from obtaining a good view of the pageant.

As with a child's impatience she tried to press through the throng a tall and handsome elderly gentleman, clad in a suit of black velvet and with a dress sword at his side, stooped down to her, inquired pleasantly about her trouble and then lifted her upon his shoulder and held her there until the procession had passed.

Delighted with what she saw, the child thought little about the gentleman who had brushed away her trouble, but thanked him when he released her with a kiss and set her down upon the ground. As he moved away the nurse in an awestruck voice asked the child if she knew whose arms had held her and then told her that it was President Washington. The little eyes watched him out of sight and never forgot his stately appearance.

I think dear old Mrs. Atterbury was prouder of having been the heroine of this incident than of all the social honors that afterward fell to her lot.—Youth's Companion.

## A NEW SUN MOTION.

**Professor Stevenson Has Completed a Wonderful Invention After Years of Labor.**

Professor E. E. Stevenson, a well known educator and writer of Quincy, Mass., announces the completion of an invention on which he has been laboring for years, which, he says, will revolutionize the present methods of obtaining motive power. Professor Stevenson has pursued his investigations and experiments in Quincy all winter and has at last brought his idea to a head. Professor Stevenson said: "The forces which have thus far been utilized by the genius of man are the laws of gravitation and chemical reaction. In the broad field of research and investigation we find the possibilities of the future in molecular attraction, musical vibration and the refraction of light.

"To understand the theory on which I have been laboring you must understand the corelation of forces or the transmutation of energies. We use force to produce light. It is upon the reverse of this theory that I have labored, and my experiments are at last proving satisfactory. I have found that the heat of an ordinary kitchen stove generates energy sufficient, if controlled, to drive the machinery of the Pillsbury mills, and the flames of a Bunson electric burner would furnish power to light by electricity 1,000 lights."

In Professor Stevenson's experimental machine, however, the heat of the sun alone has been used. This machine consists of three brass cylinders connected by means of tubes and valves with a glass reflector behind the central cylinder. A piston moving laterally connecting with a balance wheel gives the motion. The shaft on which the balance wheel hangs passes through the end of the machine and contains a drive pulley, which makes the force available. This machine is operated by the sun, working with great rapidity.—Boston Journal.

## SOMETHING IN THIS NAME.

**But the Man Whose Property It Is Wishes He Had Not Recalled It.**

The mystery that has been surrounding the identity of David Draughn has been solved and in a way that is likely to give David much trouble. Draughn was several weeks ago dragged from the railroad tracks in the south end of the city just in time to save him from being mangled. It was then discovered that he had been beaten almost to death. He was carried to the Grady hospital, and when he recovered physically it was found that his mind was a perfect blank as to past events—so much so that he even did not know his own name.

Finally under the care of the surgeons there came back inklings of the past, and one day last week he electrified everybody about the hospital by rushing about and declaring he "had it." He had caught what he said was his last name. He was taken by detectives up into North Carolina, and at Culberson, near Murphy, he found friends, but he was not Draughn, at least not there. He had been known there as Dr. F. D. Heath and had lived there for several months last summer, but Heath and Draughn are one and the same man, and it developed that under the former name he has three living wives. One lives in Salem, No. 2 in Asheville and No. 3 in Bryson City, Va. His mother, Mrs. Frank Barr, the wife of a printer, also lives near Salem. He will be prosecuted for bigamy and is very sorry he has found out who he is.—Atlanta Cor. St. Louis Republic.

**A Loaded Farm.**

For many years a sandy mound on the H. A. Maize farm, just south of this city, has been known as the hiding place of the fox. This winter the animals have been unusually numerous and created havoc in the henneries. The losses became so great that the farmers held a meeting and decided to blow up the mound and rid themselves of the pests. A large quantity of dynamite was purchased, and four large charges were put into the ground. For some reason the fuses failed to discharge the explosive, and the stuff is now buried in the mound. The mound is one of the most productive spots on the farm, and as the farmer does not know just where the dynamite lies he is in a pickle to know what to do, as he is afraid to dig into the mound for fear he may strike the stuff and send himself to kingdom come. The owner of the farm insists that the dynamite must be found, as he realizes that the fact of it being buried on the farm is going to hurt the sale of the farm or forever render several acres of his best land valueless.—Wooster (O.) Dispatch.

**Hot In Australia.**

The weather in Australia during the antipodean summer has been unusually hot and oppressive. In Adelaide during January the thermometer several times registered over 100 degrees in the shade, and one day it climbed to 107 in the shade and 163 in the sun. In Melbourne the 100 notch has been reached more than once, and the scorching north winds have made the atmosphere exceedingly oppressive. The foregoing figures are from weather observatory readings, and probably do not represent by several degrees the temperature of the city streets.—Melbourne Letter.

**Millepeds.**

The little creature which possesses the distinction of having more legs than any other animal is that which belongs to the family of insects known as millepeds, or thousand footed. There are several different species of these, but they all possess the common characteristic of having segmented bodies, each segment of which is provided with its own pair of feet. These are set so closely along the body as to resemble hairs, and when they move one after another with perfect regularity the effect is precisely the same on a small scale as that of a field of oats undulating under the influence of the wind. Some species of millepeds have as many as 350 separate and distinct legs. They are all perfectly harmless, unlike the centipeds, which frequently have the power of inflicting poisonous wounds.—Brooklyn Eagle.

**The Old and the New.**

Powerful and large as are the greatest of modern United States warships, they are all of low stature compared with the towering structures of 60 or 70 years ago. The United States steamship Pennsylvaina, built about 1828 and supposed at the time to be one of the largest warships ever launched, was 220 feet long and 58 broad. She carried 220 guns and towered aloft with five decks. Her complement of men was 1,400.—Detroit Free Press.

## NEWS AT THE METROPOLIS

### Doings of the Week as told by the "Gazette's" Special Correspondent.

PORTLAND, July 9, 1894.

The effects of the struggle between the American Railway Union and the railroads are becoming quite serious to business men both in this city and along the lines. It has, also, caused a great loss to farmers possessing perishable produce, such as eggs, fruit, etc., who have been cut off from market. In this respect Oregon farmers have been better off than those in some other states. There is, of course, little sympathy for railroads as such, and if this fight was caused by any abuse of employes by the railroad companies, they would receive little support from business men and the people generally. But such is not the case. This is simply an effort by the American Railway Union, a new organization, to show its power and demonstrate that it is stronger and can accomplish more than any of the old railroad organizations. It is an effort to establish the dominion of organized employes over their employer's business, to enthrone organized labor as dictator over the business and industry of the country. Its success would mean that business men and producers may be ruined at any time by the arbitrary acts of these organizations and that the entire business of the country and the transportation of crops may be stopped, doing incalculable damage, by the order of an irresponsible man not having a dollar invested in either a business enterprise or a farm. It is because the railroads are fighting this dangerous and revolutionary undertaking that they are supported in this conflict, and not because there is any popular sympathy with railroad corporations as such. Indeed, popular prejudice against railroad companies somewhat blinds the people to the exact nature and extreme danger of the present revolutionary effort to establish the boycott and make organized labor the dictator of the country. The country is in sympathy with labor, for most of us are laborers, but it wants no dictator.

It may safely be said of the Oregon National Guard, that, whatever the cause or whoever might be concerned, it could be relied upon to do its full duty in suppressing a riot or in aiding the civil authorities to enforce the law. The personnel of the men is above the average of state troops, and they are not infected with the revolutionary and anarchistic ideas that have made such headway elsewhere and have always been so prevalent in California. This applies to city and country companies alike, though the former, having better advantages, are more thoroughly trained and disciplined. The people of Portland devoutly hope they will never have to call upon the national guard for service, but enjoy a sense of security in knowing that the organization is ready and reliable for immediate duty.

The seven days of racing at Irvington Park, by the Portland speed and Driving association, constituted the most successful race meeting ever held in Oregon. It has been fully demonstrated that Portland has sufficient population to support a week of racing. There were 8000 people present on the Fourth. The largest number of good horses ever gathered north of San Francisco were there and some very fast time was made.

Next Monday Mrs. James Brown Potter will open a season of one week at the Marquam, which has been closed for a month. She has an intensely French play. Interest in Mrs. Potter as a society belle has not subsided, while she is a much better actor than when she left the ranks of the New York 400.

The new county officers have taken possession and the fee system is now no more. Whether the county will save money or not by the salary system is yet to be determined. Most of the retiring officers express the opinion that the county will lose money by it. If this be true then the people will save money by not having so much fees to pay as formerly, for it is certain the officials never lost any money. At all events the fee as the controlling factor in official action has been eliminated. The various counties will have an opportunity to study the new system at close range.

A contest has been filed in the cases of four of the recently elected city and county officials by the combined action of the populists democrats and independent republicans, alleging great fraud and corruption and the use of an enormous fund for the purchase of votes and the payment of repeaters. What evidence there is to support these charges is not revealed, but it seems to be chiefly street rumor and the allegations of men who are "on the make." It is certain that this campaign was run almost on the bed rock. It was hard times, and less money was spent than in any election in Oregon for years. All the strikers and bums will bear sorrowful testimony to this fact.

P. P. B.

## THE NEWS OF OREGON.

### Interesting Items Gleaned from the State Exchanges.

Plans have been drafted for Willamette university's new gymnasium. It is to be 60x80, with lockers and baths in the lower story and the upper floors in the clear.

Both Judge Galloway and Prof. D. V. S. Reid are candidates for the position of surveyor general, now occupied by W. H. Byars, whose term has almost expired. There are several other aspirants.

In the past five years 440 tons of chittim bark have been shipped from Lebanon, for which was paid an average price of $60 per ton, amounting to $26,400. Seventy-five tons will be shipped this year.

D. W. Varnum walked from Dunsmuir to Ashland the last week, making the 140 miles in 50 hours, and organized, it is said, over 130 railroad men along the route into the American Railway Union.

The strike lends unusual impetus to the regular summer freighting by teams between valley towns. Charley Croner hauled 7,500 pounds from Harrisburg to Eugene Friday on one wagon with four horses.

There is considerable uneasiness at Palo Alto as to the future of Stanford university. It is pretty generally understood there that it is Mrs. Stanford's intention to close the institution in a couple of months owing to the expense of running the university.

In the Klamath Falls fire the county treasurer lost his safe, and about $5,000 was contained in it, consisting of currency and coin. The currency was destroyed and the gold and silver is melted together. The money was to have been turned over to the newly elected treasurer that day.

Josephine county has the only survivor of the war of 1812 who draws a pension on this coast—Hosea Brown of Wilderville, who was born in Westmoreland county, New York, in 1792. Of the old soldier the San Francisco pension agent writes: "Mr. Brown is the only survivor of the war of 1812 on our rolls and one of the few now living and we feel very kindly toward him, always looking for his voucher and remitting the amount immediately. We would like to have a photograph of him if possible."—Grant's Pass Courier.

Mr. C. P. Glover, of this city, says the Albany Herald, foreman of the U. S. jury before whom the Blum smuggling case was tried in Portland, has returned home. He says he knows nothing of the missing papers, about which so much has been said. Concerning the row in the jury room, he says that one of the jurors stated that he would believe Nat Blum before he would a dozen of Portland's best citizens, naming them and abusing some of the witnesses and attorneys, whereupon Mr. Glover told him what he thought of him in very plain words. The three jurymen who stood out for acquittal are now in hot water, and the court is investigating the occurrences in the jury room. Mr. Glover has forwarded an affidavit concerning these occurrences.


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