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MOUNTAIN MYTHS.

The Probable Cause of Feelings Born of Ignorance and Superstition.

Turning back to the heathen and the savage, we see at once whence comes the old feeling about mountains, a feeling born of dark shadows that disappear in the light of knowledge. We have all heard of the Brocken and its witch revels, made famous by the genius of Goethe. The Hartz mountains are so rich in superstitious legends, not that they have more imposing features of their own than many other less celebrated mountains, but because, standing out by themselves on the great northern flats of Germany, they powerfully impressed the imagination of the lowlanders around, and because, this district being one of the last converted to Christianity, they long continued to be a retreat for pagan rites, and thus gained their grim reputation as a seat of witchcraft. Here, as is well known, appears the Specter of the Brocken, when, at sunrise or sunset, the amazed traveler happens to see a magnificent reflection of his own figure thrown upon the sheet of mist vailing some opposite peak. The most extraordinary of all such appearances seem to be that observed at Adam's Peak, in Ceylon, as described for us through a recent expedition undertaken by the Hon. Ralph Abercromby and two other men of science:

"This mountain rises in an abrupt cone, 1,000 feet above the chain and 7,552 feet above sea level. It lies near an elbow in the main range, while a gorge runs up from the northeast just to the west of it. When, then, the northeast monsoon blows morning mist up the valley, light wreaths of condensed vapor pass to the west of the peak, and catch the shadows at sunrise. The party reached the summit on the night of February 21, 1886, amid rain, mist and wind. Early next morning the foreglow began to brighten the under surface of the stratus cloud with orange; patches of white mist filled the hollows, and sometimes masses of mist, coming from the valley, enveloped them with condensed vapor. At 6:30 a. m. the sun peeped through a chink in the clouds, and they saw the pointed shadow of the peak lying on the misty land. Soon a complete prismatic circle of about eight degrees diameter, with the red outside, formed round the summit of the peak as a center. The meteorologist, knowing that with this bow there ought to be spectral figures, waved his hand about, and immediately found giant shadowy arms moving in the center of the rainbow. Two dark rays shot upward and outward on either side of the center, and appeared to be nearly in a prolongation of the lines of the slope of the peak below. Three times within a quarter of an hour this appearance was repeated as the mist drove up in proper quantities, and fitful glimpses of the sun gave sufficient light to throw a shadow and form a circular rainbow. In every case the shadow and bow were seen in front of land, and never against the sky. When the sun rose pretty high, the characteristic peculiarity of the shadow was beautifully observed. As a thin wreath of condensed vapor came up the valley at a proper height, a resplendent bow formed round the shadow, while both seemed to stand up majestically in front of the observers, and then the shadow fell down upon the land, and the bow vanished as the mist passed on. About an hour later the sun again shone out, but much higher and stronger than before, and then they saw a brighter and sharper shadow of the peak, this time encircled by a double bow; and their own spectral arms were again visible. The shadow, the double bow, and giant sforms combined to make this phenomenon the most marked in the whole world."—*Ascott R. Hope.*

DOING ONE'S DUTY

The Highest Privilege and Truest Enjoyment of a True Man.

Most well-disposed persons think their time ought to be fairly divided between duties and pleasures, and their chief trouble of conscience is as to the proper proportion of time to be assigned in the one direction or in the other. When a plain duty presses them, they are ready to attend to it; but when they have the privilege of enjoying themselves, they want to leave all thought of duty out of their minds. Yet as a matter of simple truth, one's greatest pleasure ought to be found in duty-doing; and one's pleasure ought never to be sought, or one's enjoyment to be found, outside of the plain path of duty. There is, in fact, no truer enjoyment to a true man than in the performance of an unmistakable duty; and there is no privilege so high as that of attending at the moment to that which ought to be attended to just then. Recreation, relaxation and diversion may be the supreme duty of the hour, and when this is the case they ought to be attended to accordingly. And again the straining of every nerve in the doing or the enduring for some earthly loved one, or for the One who is to be loved above all, ought to be a pleasure because it is a duty. He who does not enjoy duty-doing does not know how to enjoy himself in any way, or how to do duty under any circumstances.—*S. S.*

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

An Interesting Resume of the Week's Happenings in Both Branches of the Nation's Legislature.

Samuel N. Bixley has been appointed postmaster at Kelso, Cowlitz county.

James P. Starr has been appointed postmaster at Syracuse, Polk county, in place of Frank R. Hubbard, resigned.

A railway mail service has been established on the route from Woodville to Snohomish, six times a week to take effect from the 28th.

Governor-elect Hovey has left Washington for his home in Indiana. He will resign his seat in the House, which will be filled by a special election next month.

Senator Cullom has reported favorably a bill from the commerce committee to increase the salary of the surgeon general of the marine hospital service to $6000 per annum.

The total coinage of the United States mints for the twelve months ending the calendar year of 1888 was $65,318,614, divided as follows: Gold, $31,380,080; silver, $33,025,606; minor, $912,200.

The Secretary of the Navy has issued peremptory orders to hasten the work of preparing the United States ships Atlanta, Vandalia and Mohican for sea. It is reported that the last two named will be sent to Samoa to reinforce the Nipsic.

A party of Dakota Democrats, recently elected delegates by the Mitchell convention, are now in Washington, their object being to secure necessary legislation to carry into effect the desires of the convention, and they express the intention of remaining there until that is accomplished.

The President gave a state dinner of forty-eight covers to members of the cabinet Friday night, the second of the winter's series of official entertainments. The White House was handsomely decorated for the occasion. A miniature lake, with banks lined with evergreens and red and white roses, was the principal floral decoration.

Claus Spreckels has made a statement before the Senate committee of finance, concerning his experiments in the manufacture of beet sugar in California, intended as an argument against the proposed reduction of duty on sugar and the substitution thereof of a bounty of 1 cent a pound. During the hearing it was intimated that the committee would insert in the bill a provision, making the bounty of one cent a pound operative until the year 1890.

A letter was laid before the Senate Friday from the Secretary of the Treasury in reply to a resolution of the Senate asking for copies of the ruling made by the department as to the classification of gill-nets made in Scotland, and imported for salmon fisheries on the Pacific Coast. The Secretary says no decision has been made during the past year on gill-nets ready and fit for use by salmon fishermon.

The members of the Senate committee having charge of the tariff bill have decided to offer an amendment making the duty on lumber $1.50 per 1000 feet, a reduction of 25 per cent in the bill as reported from the committee. It was first proposed to make the duty $1.25, but a compromise on a $1.50 rate was secured by the senators from the Northwest. A proviso will be inserted that this rate shall be conditional on Canada removing her export duty on lumber.

C. C. W. West, Governor of Utah, is now in Washington. He intends to appear before the House committee on territories to oppose the admission of Utah as a state. This sentiment, he says, is shared by nearly every Gentile in the territory. West places his objection on the broad ground that Mormons are unfitted to exercise the rights of citizenship. He says: "To give these people sovereign rights, as proposed, would be to place every non-Mormon in Utah completely at their mercy. Under the territorial form of government we are protected by Congress and the Executive. Confer the right of Statehood upon Utah and the Mormons would frame a constitution and laws so unjust and arbitrary in their character that an outsider could not live among them. I favor leaving it a territory, but so amending the law as to abridge the power of the church."

The National Woolgrowers' Association met in convention at Washington last week. Resolutions were adopted declaring, that while Congress maintained a general policy of protection, the wool growers and wool manufacturers in the United States have a right to demand that the duties on wool and on woolen and worsted goods shall be adjusted and maintained so as to secure to them the American market. The resolutions protest against the Senate tariff bill so far as it affects wool, and providing for a committee of seven to formulate such schedule of tariff duties for wool as may be deemed just and necessary, and to present the same to the finance committee of the Senate and urge its adoption. They further declare that the determination of the economic and financial policy of this government is so important to wool-growing and all other industries and business of the nation as to require immediate and definite legislation, and if this shall not be accomplished during the present Congress an early extra session of the 51st Congress is recommended.

PACIFIC COAST NOTES.

Matters of Local and General Import Gathered from All Sources for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Fresno tailors are striking for better wages.

Albuquerque, N. M., built 300 houses last year.

Wallula and Walla Walla are now connected by rail.

John P. St. John will make his residence in California.

Traver, Tulare county, Cal., now boasts a cheese factory.

The penitentiary of Washington Territory is now heated by steam.

A gang of hoodlums at Victoria attacked the salvation army recently.

North Yakima is soon to have a system of waterworks to cost $100,000.

Attempts have been made to rob people while getting on trains at Colton.

J. C. Leisure, of Pendleton, has resigned the position of deputy district attorney.

An effort is to be made in the Nevada legislature to obtain a charter for a lottery.

Many arrests have been made on account of the recent riot at the Newcastle mines.

The sealing schooners are all preparing to leave British Columbia ports for the north.

The repairing shops of the Oregon and Washington Territory road are to be located at Walla Walla.

The lone highwayman appears to be busily engaged in holding up stage coaches in northern California.

The wind from eastern Oregon blows alkali dust which settles on the glass of the Fort Canby lighthouse.

A colored man assauted a pretty Pasadena girl last week, and if he had been caught the mob would have lynched him.

Large numbers of miners are flocking to the gold mines in the Harqua-Hala mountains in Yuma and Maricopa counties, A. T.

John and Fred Mize, who attempted to murder their father-in-law, Henry Caffery, at Santa Rosa, will have to serve one year in San Quentin.

A Chinaman at Sacramento attempted to take a stone from a railroad track, to prevent what he thought would be an accident, and was killed by a passing train.

The wife of Charles Allen, of Grass Valley, has been sent to the insane asylum. She fancies she is a bird, tries to imitate its twitterings and attempts to climb trees.

John Barry, a drunken scoundrel at Portland, was arrested recently for whipping his wife's dead body and dragging it from the bed to the floor, because it would not rise at his bidding.

At a recent meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union at Astoria, the price of salmon for the next cannery season was set at $1 per fish if caught in cannery nets and $1.25 if caught in private nets.

The colored church in Sacramento had a sensation last week, when the janitor found a number of loud cigarette pictures in the seat which has been occupied the previous evening by a party of young female members.

John Foster, who stole a horse from the neighborhood of Elk Grove, Sacramento county, Cal., last month, and who left a piece of doggerel after him to induce a believe in the proximity of Black Bart, has been sentenced to ten years at San Quentin.

While passengers were being landed from the steamer Point Arena at Little River, Mendocino county, last week in a boat, the latter was capsize and Mrs. Kilday and the daughter of an assistant keeper at the light-house at Point Arena were drowned.

Last week, at Bonita, Graham county, A. T., several sheepmen were grazing their flocks near the range of some Chiricahua cattlemen, who wanted the sheepmen to go elsewhere. A battle ensued and five sheep-herders were killed and one cattleman wounded.

There is trouble over land claims at Los Olivos. Squatters are flocking in from all quarters and taking possession of land on the Brinkerhoff and Laguna extension, near the town. The land in dispute is claimed to be part os the Bell ranch, between Los Olivos and Lompoc, Santa Barbara county.

The little daughter of L. S. Kennedy, living at Pilot Rock, had a narrow escape from death last week. Two school-boys were shooting at a mark, and while crossing a field on her way to school the child was struck by a passing bullet, inflicting a painful though not serious wound above the right temple.

An increase of pension has been granted to Roswell D. Carter, of Port Gamble, W. T.; also to W. S. Carpenter, Roxbury, I. T.

Palpitation of the Heart.

Persons who suffer from occasional palpitation of the heart are often unaware that they are the victims of heart disease, and are liable to die without warning. They should banish this alarming symptom, and cure the disease by using DR. FLINT'S REMEDY, Mack Drug Co., N. Y.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

A Brief Mention of Matters of General Interest.—Notes Gathered from Home and Abroad.

Race troubles are feared at Arcola, Miss.

Bernhardt gave ten performances at Cairo, Egypt, recently.

Last year 1356 people died of delirium tremens in England.

The Paris police will search the houses of all known anarchists.

The Sultan is one of the most enthusiastic chess players in Europe.

In Russia last year 80,000 dramshops were done away with by law.

Lord Coleridge has collected $35,000 for the widow and daughters of Matthew Arnold.

The British government states that a successor to Sackville West will shortly be appointed.

Final preparations have been made for the official trial of the 15-inch pneumatic dynamite gun.

Another valuable coal deposit has just been discovered in Dakota, three miles north of Centerville.

The Italian railway system is undergoing a radical reform to facilitate the mobilization of troops.

The largest organ in the world is now being built in London for Sydney. It will cost about $75,000.

France appears to be somewhat displeased over the debate in the U. S. Senate on the Panama cal project.

Eugene Wetherill, husband of Emma Abbott, the noted prima donna, died suddenly at Denver last week.

Mrs. Sheridan has accepted the design of Samuel H. Kittson, of New York, for the monument to General Sheridan.

President Carnot of France received nearly a thousand Christmas presents from his admiring fellow-citizens of the Republic.

Mrs. Parnell has deeded to her son, Charles Stewart Parnell, the Ironsides homestead and other property at Bordentown, N. J.

Though nearly a million Lebel rifles have been turned out in France, the government workshops are still turning out 3000 a day more.

King Leopold, of Belgium, has instructed the bishops of his little realm to have prayers offered constantly for the safety of Stanley and Emin Pasha.

A celebrated team of bull-fighters from Seville, Spain, performed before 30,000 excited people at the City of Mexico recently. Four bulls were killed.

Articles have been signed by Sullivan and Kilrain for a fight near New Orleans for a purse of $10,000 and the diamond championship belt now held by the latter.

The most prominent brigand in China, Ho Ta Lao-hu, has been captured and killed. He was a giant, being 7 feet 2 inches in height and broad in proportion.

Five negro murderers were drowned in Broad river, S. C., a few days ago, while struggling for the possession of money they had just taken from the body of one whom they had murdered.

Empress Frederick is understood to have made friends with her eldest son, the Emperor, but she failed to receive the customary Christmas present from him. It is given out that she requested him not to send it.

James L. Wright, R. N. Keen, R. C. McAuley and Joseph S. Kennedy, the four original members of the Knights of Labor, have issued circulars to the knights which are expected to overthrow the Powderly administration in the order.

The Czar is said to have become reconciled to Prince Alexander of Battenberg, owing to the kindly efforts of a mo herly Grand Duchess who takes interest in the Princess Victoria of Prussia, and wants to see the young couple happy and married.

Deputy Sheriff Moore, of Dallas, Texas, twice rescued a burglar from the hands of a mob last week, and each time the culprit was hanging from a tree. The second time the rescue was made the deputy fired upon the lynchers and injured several.

The city council of Cheyenne, Wy. T., has closed the deal with the Union Pacific and workshops will be immediately established. The citizens of Cheyenne are overjoyed, a boom has set in, and land in the neighborhood has increased in value wonderiully within the last few weeks.

M. Lucien Gaulard, who had so large a share in the introduction of the transformer system of electric lighting, died recently in a lunatic asylum in France. His friends attribute his mental failure to the legal troubles he had experienced in connection with his various patents.

When Will Bright, son of John Bright, wanted to reprove his father for the latter's severity for commenting on his son's adherence to home rule principles, the young men wrote: "My dear father, these are not the kind of letters that should be addressed by one statesman to another."

It is expected that not more than one million pounds of tobacco will be raised in Egypt this year, although, three million pounds have been produced in former seasons. The decrease is owing to the recent action of the Khedive in putting a tax of $157.50 on each acre of ground devoted to this crop.

THE AGRICULTURALIST

Newsy Notes Concerning the Farm and of Especial Interest to the Pacific Coast Husbandman.

Georgia is to have an immigration bureau to encourage immigration to the State of industrious and intelligent farmers and mechanics.

Do not be afraid to open the doors and windows of the cellar on clear days. It is much better to have pure air in the cellar than to keep it close and damp. When the cellar is musty and a disagreeable odor noticed the entire house is likewise affected.

A farm must not only be self-supporting but should pay a profit. When the farmer reaches that stage when he is compelled to borrow, or depend on some income from another source, his farm is unprofitable, and he should then endeavor not only to discover the cause of his loss but also aim to improve in some manner, in order that the farm may be self-supporting.

The most disagreeable thing on the farm in winter is mud, and, although it can not be entirely avoided, yet some of its disadvantages may be overcome by carefully draining every location that allows an excess of water to accumulate. When the cattle are compelled to stand knee deep in mud there is a loss of animal heat, and a greater proportion of food will be required to keep them in condition.

Churning cream when slightly sour, as is the custom in the Holstein dairies, yields butter of a peculiar and fine aroma. Butter made from very sour cream is destitute of this aroma, and has the taste which the Holstein butter acquires after keeping some time. Stirring of cream does not promote souring, but rather hinders it by increasing access of air; it may be advantageous in making the souring uniform.

For very early eggs warm, comfortable houses, proper feed, and good care are necessary. If the hens have to use all the feed they get to keep themselves warm, if they are not supplied with food containing egg-forming material, and if the houses are not kept clean and well ventilated, the egg basket need not be a large one. The roof of the poultry house should be tight, the sides well battened and the knot-holes covered, or the entire sides covered with tarred paper to prevent draughts, and the floor made in a way to take no drainage from the outside and be perfectly dry. For ventilation, any plan whereby the fowls can be supplied with pure fresh air without being subjected to draughts will answer.

On how many places is it a pleasure to visit the hen house? Although there has been a great change for the better during the last few years, the average hen house is still shunned by all who are not obliged to visit it. This is not surprising, as it is full of lice in summer, and in winter is foul with the stench from a year's accumulation of filth. This need not and ought not to be. The poultry on a place, especially if a pure breed is kept, should be a "joy forever." They never lose their interest. Each has its individuality, its likes and dislikes, like all other stock, and a half hour spent in watching them is always full of pleasure, and seldom without profit. Something new can be learned at every visit.

Wood ashes have too great a value to be wasted. Every farmer's family should make its own soap supply. It is cheaper for the farmer to make soap than to buy it. When not utilized on the farm, "soap grease" is either wasted or sold for a pittance. After the ashes are leached they are as good as before for manure, where the soil does not lack potash. If a teaspoonful of clean wood ashes is given every third day to horses in their feed they will will very rarely need condition powders. The same amount given to cattle will have good results. Cattle, also swine, are frequently seen licking ashes where rubbish has been burned. The ashes given to hogs may be mixed with their salt. Ashes correct acidity of the stomach and destroys some intestinal worms. Wood ashes are a valuable fertilizer for all crops, but especially for orchard crops. They contain all the mineral elements required by plants. The fine condition and peculiar proportion of their ingredients make their real agricultural value greater than the value computed from chemical analysis. Coal ashes are comparatively worthless, but wood ashes should never be thrown away.

Allowing each tree thirty feet of room (that is planting the trees thirty feet apart in checked rows), an acre will permit of about fifty trees. They will not be ready for market, or to be sawed up as lumber, until they are about twenty years of age. Their value will then depend on the kind of trees and the number of feet of lumber that can be sawed from each tree. If the trees are twenty-five feet apart about sixty-five trees can be grown on an acre, but the closer the trees the slower the growth and the sooner they must be cut down. Each acre of land can be made to produce $1000 in choice trees in twenty years, or at the rate of $25 per acre annually, while the yield of nuts will more than pay the interest on capital. No correct estimate can be made on the value of an acre of walnut. In Indiana recently trees sold at the rate of $3000 per acre, but they were very large. If an application of ashes be given the trees every year the growth will be increased. The profit arises from the utilization of land that would remain idle if not occupied by trees.

PORTLAND MARKET REP

GROCERIES—Sugars have ... since our last report. We quo... extra C 5⅞c, dry granulated 6... crushed and powdered 7⅞c. Co... Guatemala 18½@21 c, Costa Rica ... Rio 20@21½c, Salvador 19@20c, A... roasted 23⅞c.

PROVISIONS—Oregon hams ... ed at 13½@14½c, breakfast bacon ... Eastern meat is quoted as follo... 13@13½c, Sinclairs 14@15c, Oregon ... fast bacon 13½@14c, Eastern 13@1...

FRUITS—Green fruit receipts ... Hard fruit is scarce, and the supp... ples not equal to the demand. A... 85 per bx, Mexican oranges $4... $6@6.50 per bx, bananas $3... quinces 40@60c.

VEGETABLES—Market well ... Cabbage ¾@1c per lb, carrots and ... 75c per sack, red pepper 3c per lb, ... 35@40c per sack, sweet 1½@2c per ...

DRIED FRUITS—Receipts ... Sun-dried apples 4@5c per lb, ... sliced 8c, factory plums 7@9c, ... prunes 7@9c, pears 9@10c, peaches ... raisins $2@2.25 per box, Cali ... 8c, Smyrna 18c per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCE—Oregon ... and choice dairy 35c, medium 2... lfornia fancy 30c, choice dai... eastern 25@30c.

EGGS—Receipts 293 cases. Ov...

POULTRY — Chickens $5@... large young and $4@4.75 for old, ... 14@15c per lb, ducks $5@7 per ...

WOOL—Valley 18@20c Eastern ... 10@15c.

HOPS—Choice 8@14c.

GRAIN—Valley $1.35, Eastern ... $1.30 Oats 33@35c.

FLOUR—Standard $4.50, other ... $4.25, Dayton and Cascade $4.10, ... $3.25, rye flour $6, do Graham $3...

FRESH MEATS—Beef, live, ... dressed 7c, mutton, live, 3½@3¾c, ... 7c, lambs $2.50 each, hogs, live, ... dressed 7@7½, veal 6@8c.

The unseemly discussion ... a certain class of newspapers ... been making a conspicuous fea... their columns of late of the qu... "Is marriage a failure?" is ... fresh breaking out of the old ... seous social malady of "free lov... amazing that any editor who ha... any regard for the reputability ... journal or any respect for the ... of society should countenance ... cussion of so grave a theme ... reckless and flippant style and ... in which it is treated by the ... shallow and inconoclastic writ... in their anxiety to air their ... sophistications, delight to exhib... contempt for those things and ... tions which reasonable and goo... deem too sacred to be assailable.

The man or woman who ... asks the question "Is marriage ... ure?" is obviously disqualified ... lack of either virtuous or pro... perience, or of intelligent or ... ful conviction, from answering ... discussing the question at all, ... asking of it being almost pro... tive that the one asking it is ... affirmative way of thinking, an... he or she is of that way of ... because of experiences, obser... or theories that are at least sus... but more probably the result ... the individual folly or vicious... depraved nature. A married ... has proved a failure because the... to the contract have had neither ... enough, mutual forbearance ... nor morality enough to be fait... its obligations is not a just sa... the marital institution, is not ... illustration of modern dome... is not an exponent of the ... age family condition of ... society. It is exceptional ... abnormal. A true man and ... woman, entering into the relati... man and wife with rational de... tion, with genuine affection, an... high and pure motives, do no... marriage a failure. They know ... they are about before they ent... the intimate and sacred partn... It is on their part not a matter ... pulse, of emotion, of money, ... passion, but of mutual and re... affection, guided and consumma... the dictates of reason and of a ... ful anticipation of all the possi... and all the contingencies that ... volved in the solemn compact. ... matches are made in heaven, ar... enly in their lifelong continuan... extend beyond this life into ... itself.

Marriage is a failure only wh... man or the woman is a failure ... manhood or in her womanhood ... never a failure when the man ... woman are true to themselves ... each other. It is never a failure ... the feeling and the motive an... purpose are right. It is never ... ure where true love and honor ... links of unity. It is never a ... where good sense and good pr... lead to and control the relati... It is very rarely a failure, in any ... where children are its fruitage ... family altar is the center of it... sanctification.

Those who sneer and mock ... riage are not God's people; th... not of those who are the best de... ment of modern civilization; th... not illustrations either of soci... ality or of sound sense. They ... froth and scum that float and ... upon the surface of social life. ... are people of unbridled passion... sual and selfish instincts or ... minds. They are not the ma... the wild and reckless few. As ... marriage is not a failure, but qu... reverse. When it proves a fail... is an exception to the rule, ... idiots, cranks, lunatics and mo... ers are exceptional developm... human evolution.—*Chicago Jou...*

—Miles W. Standish, of Wald... Me., is a direct descendant of C... Miles Standish, who came over ... Mayflower in 1620, and he has ... named Miles.