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VOODOOISM OF TO-DAY.

The Mysterious Power Exercised by a Kentucky Negro.

In the Eyes of His Ignorant Fellow-men He Possesses of Divine Attributes and Understands the Mystery of Life.

About the close of the war a powerfully-built negro calling himself Ellahn Broadenax made his appearance in the vicinity of Russellville, Ky. At that time, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, he appeared to be about seventy years old, though vigorous as a youth. He established himself in the small town but which he has occupied continuously since. The new arrival immediately became a man of prominence in a peculiar way among the negroes of this entire section of the country. They were unable to pronounce the old negro's name, and it was corrupted into "Lige Broad Ax." Before the old man had resided in the vicinity a year miraculous powers were attributed to him by the ignorant negroes. A few of the colored people were intelligent to be deceived, but his influence with the majority was so great that those better informed were not anxious to assert their skepticism. To some "Lige Broad Ax" was a voodoo doctor and controlled life and death to others he was the high priest of black magic and in league with the devil, communing as well with demons and departed spirits. To all his men, with few exceptions, he was the embodiment of good and evil as he preferred to exercise his influence, and a terror generally. Even to the white population "Uncle Lige" as he was commonly known, was always an enigma. In their presence he was universally polite and humble, though among his colored acquaintances arrogant and commanding. To the white children the aged negro was never known to be otherwise than kind, though the fear he inspired among the negroes by his reputation as a voodoo doctor was shared in an exaggerated form by them. He was known to do a heavy traffic in charms, amulets, etc., among the negroes. The purchase was supposed to carry good luck or impart misfortune, as the old voodoo priest dictated. He did not doubt his power to "trick" anyone who had incurred his displeasure, though when questioned by a white person as to the miraculous powers attributed to him by the negroes the old negro always hastily denied such claims and vehemently protested that they were merely the inventions of his enemies. To the negroes, however, old "Lige" would deny that he had ever told the "white folks" that he was not a high priest of voodooism, possessed of divine attributes and familiar with the mystery of human existence.

For the past quarter of a century the locality has been disturbed periodically by accusations against the old wizard by members of his race who believed that they had been placed under a "spell" or some fancied slight or because he was paid to do so by their enemy. These complaints were of various forms. In one case the victim of the old negro's pretensions alleged that he had forced him to swallow a piece of corn knife in his sheep. He could feel the point cutting its way through his flesh. He was examined by physicians and appeared to be suffering all the torments incident to the introduction of a metallic substance in the human stomach. After lingering several days in awful delirium, in which he repeatedly claimed that he had been "tricked" by old "Lige Broad Ax" the victim died. A post-mortem investigation was made. The stomach was rightfully swollen and inflamed, but if, as was believed, the negro had been poisoned, the drug used was so subtle as to defy surgical skill to detect its presence. This only served to convince the negroes more thoroughly of the voodoo doctor's knowledge of the black art.

The old voodoo doctor's influence among the negroes of southern Kentucky has increased of late years. This is partially attributed to the fact that though he has resided here more than a quarter of a century, he has not perceptibly aged since that time. He is almost as vigorous now as when he made his appearance in this locality. The best authorities agree that the old negro is more than one hundred years old. He is not positive as to his age. Familiarity with events early in the present century indicates that he was probably born in the last decade of the eighteenth century. He was brought to New Orleans in 1800 by a French planter who left Cuba at the outbreak of the war between France and Spain. The old voodoo priest prefers to be silent on this subject, as he desires to impress his race with the fact of his great age. He declares that he is one hundred and forty years of age, and that he will never die, having discovered the elixir of immortality. Many of these negroes assert that the secret of his longevity is that he occasionally takes the form of a vampire and repairs his shattered constitution with the blood of his younger victims. The power of old "Lige" to inhabit the body of animals at will is not questioned by many of those under his influence.

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LANGUAGE OF STONES.

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JUNE claims for her children the pearl, the meaning of which is purity. To those born in December the turquoise is said to bring a prosperous life.

To those who are born in September the sapphire brings success and prevents evil.

FEBRUARY claims the purple amethyst, which is said to bring the virtue of contentment.

The stone associated with the first month of the year is the garnet, which means constancy.

Those who were born in July must wear a ruby, which brings to its children nobility of mind.

Those who are born in April must wear a changeable dazzling diamond, the meaning of which is innocence.

MAY is represented by the emerald, which is supposed to bring success in love to those who wear it by right of their birth month.

Spectmen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

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Notice is hereby given, that by order of the common council of Dalles City, made and entered on the 12th day of December, 1893, sealed bids will be received at the office of the undersigned until Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock p. m., December 16th, 1893, for the construction of a sewer of terra cotta, to be 8 inches in diameter, on Lincoln street in said city, commencing at the south line of the intersection of Lincoln and Fourth streets, in the center of said Lincoln street and thence continuing northerly along the center of said street to the terminus thereof, to wit: Low water mark of Mill Creek. Said sewer to be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications thereof heretofore made and prepared by C. J. Crandall, and which said plans and specifications may be seen at the office of said C. J. Crandall.

No bid will be received unless the same is accompanied with a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$200, conditioned that the bidder will accept the constructing of said sewer if the same shall be awarded to him.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.
Dated at Dalles City, Or., Dec. 13, 1893.

DOUGLAS S. DEFEUR,
Recorder of Dalles City.

Business - Change.

The undersigned has bought the Chinese merchandise business heretofore conducted by
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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Wasco, do me directed, commanding me to make sale of the land in said writ, described to-wit: those pieces and parcels of land in Wasco County, State of Oregon, known and described as all of section three (3), and the south half of the southeast quarter of section four (4), and the south half of section five (5) and the north half of section eight (8), all in Township one (1), north of Range fourteen (14) east of the Willamette meridian, to make and pay the sum of money, in said Court adjudged, to be paid to the plaintiff in said action, in which action the solicitors Loan and Trust Company were plaintiff and James Booth, Martha M. Booth, Everett E. Hall, J. F. McClure, Sarah H. McClure, D. G. Alter, Ralph Rogers, Julia S. Rogers, L. E. Embury, J. M. Taylor and J. F. Edwards were defendants, to-wit, the sum of \$200.00 with interest thereon from July 1, 1892, at the rate of six per cent per annum and \$20.00 attorney fees in said action and costs and disbursements therein taxed, I have this day levied upon the land above described and on
Sunday the 23d day of December, 1893, at the hour of 10 a. m., in front of the court house door, in the city of The Dalles, in said county and state, I will sell said land at public auction, to the highest bidder therefor.

T. A. WARD,
Sheriff of Wasco County, State of Oregon.
Nov 22nd

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County, upon a decree and judgment made, rendered and entered by said Court on the 14th day of November, 1893, in favor of plaintiff, in a suit wherein A. D. Bolton was plaintiff and Frank D. Gillespie and Gillespie, W. E. Hunt and W. H. Butler were defendants, and to me directed and delivered, commanding me to levy upon and sell all the lands mentioned and described in said writ, and hereinafter described, I did, on the 4th day of December, 1893, duly levy upon, and will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, on
Monday, the 8th day of January, 1894, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the front door of the County Courthouse in Dalles City, in Wasco County, Oregon, all of the lands and premises described in said writ and herein described as follows, to-wit:

The northwest quarter of Section fourteen (14) in Township two (2) south, of Range fourteen (14) East of the Willamette Meridian, in Wasco County, Oregon, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy the sum of \$651.04, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum since November 14th, 1893; \$60.00 attorney's fees, and \$44.83 costs in said suit, together with costs of said writ, and accruing costs of sale.
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