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WEATHER PREDICTIONS.
Perhaps no other old habit of human beings stick to them with the persistency as does the belief in the commonplace weather signs of our fathers. They have been handed down to us by ages of quotations, and still influence and control us, no matter how much we may plume ourselves on being free from superstitious observances.

The real reason for this will be found in the fact that very many of those old sayings really embody scientific truths, more tersely and understandingly put than is done by the later scientific expressions.

The Popular Science Monthly thinks that the persistent survival of weather-lore in these days of intellectual emancipation is not at all remarkable when we consider the extent to which the vulgar sayings embody real truths. A few years ago Messrs. Abercromby and Marriott embarked on an extremely interesting inquiry with a view to determine, by actual comparison, how far the popular proverbs express relations, or sequences, which the results of meteorological science show to be real.

The investigation proved that something like a hundred of the more popular sayings are, under ordinary conditions, trustworthy. Such being the case, we need not be surprised that simple country folk prefer familiar couplets to all the "isobars," "cyclones" and "synchro-nous charts," in the world.

If "hills clear, rain near," means the same as "the presence of a wedge-shaped area of high pressure, accompanied by great atmospheric visibility, is likely to be followed by the advance of a disturbance with rain and southerly winds," which for all practical purposes it does, the preference is justified on the mere ground of breath economy. The thirty-one words demanded by science stand no chance against four. But it is unfortunate that, along with the limited number of folk-sayings founded on truth, there has survived a very large number founded on the grossest error.

These latter have borrowed credence and respect from the proved credibility of the others, and apparently they are all destined to sink or swim together. Hammer as we will at certain favorite proverbs which we know to be based upon error, it is all in vain. The reverence for tradition is too much for us. And of all the superstitions, pure and simple, which defy our attempts at destruction, the most invulnerable are those ascribing certain effects to the influence of the moon.

The Chronicle says that the latest reports from the Hoang-Ho prove that very little has been done to mend the great break that brought ruin and starvation to thousands of homes in China.

What the misery is Americans can faintly appreciate, as famine is something unknown in this country. Until the work of repairing the breach in the river banks is given to some foreign engineer we may expect to hear a repetition of these reports of waste and incompetence. The Chinese official appears unable to do any public work in a systematic or economical way, and in the midst of cruel hardship to the poor he is always intent on personal gain.

Two newspaper carriers, aged about 15 respectively, at Houston, Texas, got into a quarrel over a girl, and one drew an old pistol from his pocket and shot the other dead. Thus the presence of that old pistol caused the loss of a widow's mother's only support, and brands a boy of 15 with the stigma of murderer, for if the ready pistol had not been at hand cooler thoughts would have intervened before personal harm was accomplished.

A PENNSYLVANIA bridegroom who was on the way to the marriage ceremony with a \$60,000 heiress for a bride, suddenly fell prostrate. The physicians say he was drugged. Two of his rivals are suspected of doing the mischief. A dog-in-the-manger trick is no sure.

The Alta thinks that one of the saddest things in life is to see a pretty girl with a new-found modesty trying to make a pair of eyeglasses sit astride a roly-poly snub nose with no backbone in it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Telegram says there are 200 grammars of the English language. If any person speaks incorrectly, he can lay it to his "grammar" and defy criticism.

The firmness and cheerfulness with which the crown prince of Germany is meeting the inevitable approach of the death messenger, endears him to the German heart and makes him the object of solicitude of the entire German people.

Cox, the Irish member of parliament, who was incarcerated in jail for inciting tenants to conspiracy, served his time out three months, and when liberated immediately made a speech denouncing Secretary Balfour. Those Irish national leaguers are plucky and not easily daunted.

New York boast of a German lady resident who has reached the age of one hundred and two years. She is Mrs. Leona Schlam, mother of the clerk of the city court, and is said to be an expert poker player. Whether that accomplishment aids in her longevity is not recorded.

No trouble to have buckwheat cakes for breakfast where self-rising flour is used. Kenton & Chase sell the best.

NEW TO-DAY.

Wanted—A Lot of House and Lot. FOR A PARSONAGE FOR ST. PAUL'S Methodist church, South Albany, on behalf the trustees, Rev. Geo. F. Gould, Albany.

School Meeting.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE regular annual school election in school district No. 5, Linn county, Oregon, will be held at the central school house in said school district on Monday, the 12th day of March, 1888, for the purpose of electing one director to serve three years, and one clerk to serve one year. Said election to begin at 2 o'clock P. M. and continue until 6 P. M. of said day. By order of the board of directors. Dated February 27, 1888.

THOS. MONTEITH, G. G. BURKHART, Chairman. District Clerk.

Annual School Meeting.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE legal voters of school district No. 5, Linn county, Oregon, that the regular annual school meeting of said school district will be held at the court house in said school district, on Monday, the 5th day of March, A. D. 1888, at the hour of 7 o'clock P. M., of said day, for the purpose of hearing the report of the directors and clerk, and to levy a tax for the support of the school for the ensuing year. Also for the purpose of levying a tax to interest on the bonds of said school district, and the first installment on the bonds of said school district, due and payable on the 15th day of June, 1888, and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting. By order of the board of directors. February 29, 1888.

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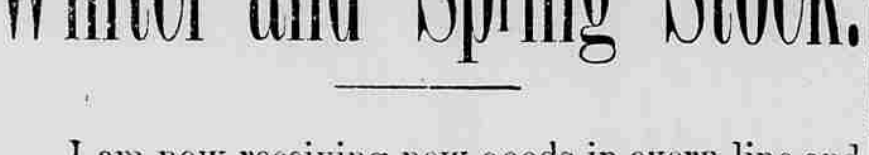
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