

THE ENTERPRISE.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, MAY 2, 1874.

OUR DEAD.

Shall we meet our loved and lost ones
When the tolls of life are over?
Will they close our lids in gladness
Or a brighter better shore?

Will their hearts beat sad with rapture
As we near the further shore?
Will they joyfully out to meet us
When we pass beyond the tide?

Will they guide us to the portals
Of the City on the hill?
Will they tell us in soft whispers
As of old, they love us still?

Will they calmly, gently lead us,
By the rivers bright and fair—
When immortal glory cresteth
Every brow that's welcomed there?

While our thoughts are lost in wonder,
Every breeze that freight the air
Whispers in the mildest accents,
Ye shall surely meet us there."

Old Sayings.

"As the old saying is," is often
repeated about some superstitions
"saw," which either from frequent
usage or bad material is very likely
to be dull.

The less confidence one places in
ideas because of long acquaintance,
and the more one reflects upon them
in the light of reason, the better for
the improvement of the mind.

Superstitious ideas take root in
families and sprout like weeds from
generation to generation. Each one
taking more and more for granted for
what papa, grandpa, or grandma
used to say, false notions thrive and
do great deal of mischief. It is all
right to believe in the wisdom of the
parental tree, and to observe obediently,
lovingly, the duties and respects due
respect also every of its protecting
branches; but when father, grand-
father, or the lord mayor says stupid
things, put not your trust therein,
unless you enjoy believing absurdities.

It makes so little difference
what one believes, so long as it is good,
if one's happiness depended upon sit-
ting in the shade of the paternal
tree, and the swallowing of all sorts
of stuff, by all means one should
have freedom to do so.

However, for those who prefer
things reasonable, rational and ab-
solutely probable or possible, from
whatever source they come, some of
the "sayings" which are handed
about with so much credulity are
inspired doses.

Who that reflects believes that it
is a bad sign a black cat comes to
you? Or that it is a sign of ill luck
if a dog howls in front of your house,
or if a looking-glass is broken?

Is it possible that it is a sign of
rain if a load of barrels pass? Then
it must be wet all the year round in
the vicinity of the place where bar-
rels are manufactured.

Is it a bad sign to watch a friend
out of sight, or to look back after
saying "good bye"?

Will it cut friendship to give a
present of any thing with a friend's
name on it?

If you finish your work at a friend's
house at an afternoon is it a sign you
will never go again? It seems like
a sign that more work than gossiping
was done that day; unless, as some
fancies do, to appear industrious; you
only carried your latting for work
with the spoon almost empty.

If you comb your hair after dark,
will you comb sorrow to your heart?
Well, then, that accounts for the
great amount of sorrow there is in the
world.

Who ever had bad luck because
they refused to wear the stockings
wrong side out, if so put on by mis-
take?

But the most prevalent of all small
superstitions is that Friday is an un-
lucky day. "Way," says many a
reader, "I would not start on a jour-
ney's" begin an important piece of
work, or make a contract on Friday
for any thing. It would be sure to
turn out bad." Nevertheless, Friday
is a most abused, slandered and
outraged day, for it is no better or
worse than any other, of the six re-
maining.

If you begin a job on Saturday,
says another whim, you will never
finish it. Botheration! If you keep all
depends on yourself. If you keep Sun-
day, you will be one day longer
about it. That is all.

"When you recover from a fit of
sickness you must go up stairs before
going down, if you would have good
luck," says another. Suppose a per-
son lives in a cottage, must he bor-
row a neighbor's ladder or staircase?
If you drop the dishcloth or the
rooster crosses in front of the door,
company is coming, is quite com-
monly believed in some whole fam-
lies; nevertheless company, might
come, and the dishcloth not drop na-
turally, it slipped out of the hand—nor
the rooster cross before the door un-
less he happened to be going by that
way.

If you cut your finger-nails on
Sunday you will be ashamed before
Saturday night, is another old saying.
What a good thing it would be to
induce a number of people who
ought to be ashamed of themselves
to try the experiment."

DEVICE FOR MEASURING LAND.—
An Iowa farmer recommends the fol-
lowing device for measuring land:
Take two slats about six feet long,
sharpen one end of each, lay them
upon a floor like a pair of open com-
passes, so that the open points be
exactly five feet six inches apart;
now nail the other two ends together
and a piece across in the middle so
that it will look like the letter A,
and the measure is finished. To
measure land place one point at the
starting place and the other also on
the ground in a straight line for dis-
tance stand about six feet from the
slats, with one hand on the top of
it; take one step forward, tip up
the point that is behind, swing it
around (from you) on the other
point, and set it in line also. A per-
son in this manner can measure cor-
rectly as fast as he can walk—three
spaces make a rod—walk straight
without stooping, count the spaces,
divide these by three and you have
the rods.

Reports of mining prospects in the
Benjamin mines, are favorable.

Shall We Meet Again

The flat of nature is inexorable.
There is no appeal for relief from
the great laws which doom us to
wait. We flourish and fade as the
leaves of the forest, and the flowers
that bloom and wither in a day have
no firmer hold upon life than the
mightiest monarch that ever shook
the earth with his footsteps. Gener-
ations of men will appear and dis-
appear as the grass, and the multi-
tudes that throng the earth to-day
will disappear as the footsteps on
the shore. Men seldom think of the
great event of death until the shadow
falls across their own pathway, hid-
ing from their eyes the faces of loved
ones whose living smile was the
sunlight of their existence. Death is
the antagonist of life, and the cold
thought of the tomb is the skeleton
of all feasts.

We do not want to go through
the dark valley, although the pas-
sage may lead to paradise; we do not
want to lay down in the damp grave,
even with princess for bed-fellows,
in the beautiful drama of life, the
hope of immortality, so eloquently
uttered by the death-devoted Greek,
finds deep response in every thought-
ful soul. When about to yield, his
young existence to sacrifice, to fate,
his Clematis asks if they should
meet again, to which he replies: "I
have asked that dreadful question of
the hills that look eternal—the
clear streams that flow forever—the
stars among whose fields of azure
my raised spirits have walked in
glory. All were dumb; but upon
the living face I feel there is some-
thing in the love that mantles through
its beauty that cannot wholly perish.
We shall meet again, Clematis."

George D. Prentiss.

The Family Hammer.

There is one thing no family
pretends to do without. That is a ham-
mer. And yet there is nothing that
goes to make up the equipment of a
household establishment that causes
one-half as much agony and profan-
ity as a hammer. It is always an old
hammer, with a handle that is in-
clined to silver and always bound to
slip. The face is as round as a full
moon and as smooth as glass. When
it strikes a nail it falls or squaws,
which it has been known to do, the
act will be found to result from the
combination of pure accidents. The
family hammer is one of those rare
articles we never profit by. When it
glides off a nail-head, and mashes
down a couple of fingers, we seldom
blame the tool. We are content to
observe that it will never use it
again. But the blood has hardly
dried on the rag before we are out
doors in search of that hammer, and
ready to make another trial. The
result rarely varies, but we never
profit by it. This was the way you
came on knocking off our nails, and
mashing whole joints and slipping off
the handle to the confusion of mar-
ried ornaments, and breaking up an as-
sessment of astomping and unfortu-
nate people, without let or hindrance.
And yet we put up with it, and put
the handle on again, and lay it away
where it won't get lost, and do up
our mutilated and smarting fingers,
and yet if the outrageous thing
should happen to get lost, we kick
at the hammer until it is found again.
Talk about the tranquilizing in-
fluence of a bad habit! It is not
to be compared to the family
hammer.

A "Revival" Story.

This story has never been appre-
ciated as it ought to be. It actually
occurred in the negro church at Com-
pany Shops, last month. The col-
ored people were carrying on a big
meeting, and many were coming
through. And old "Grimey" (am't)
went in and her bull dog went with
her and coiled himself up at her feet.
After the preacher got through and
the shouting and clapping had com-
menced the bull dog became enraged
and seized a big black negro fellow
by the throat and threw him down on
the floor. Some of his friends ran
up, caught the dog by the leg and
pulled him off. The beast turned in
his fury upon the crowd and bit
four others seriously. You never
heard such howling and squalling in
all your life. There was a tremen-
dous crowd in the church and this
happening away up about the
"altar," the crowd in the back part
thought it was the mourners "com-
ing through," and they took up a
shout and went to shouting: "Bless
the Lord!"

"Shout Brothers and sisters, shout!"

"One more poor soul saved!" etc.
But about this time a frightened
negro split through the crowd, the
bull dog hanging to the seat of his
trousers and his squalling:
"Pull him loose! the devil's get-
ting me!"
And out went the crowd. Many
fell down and were run over by the
balance and the lights were put out,
and some of the negroes got seriously
hurt. The old Guinea keeps a chain
on that bull dog now as big as a wal-
rus pole whenever she 'tends meet-

HOW WE GO TO SLEEP.

If the phenomena of sleep were
not so common, they would be re-
garded as among the most marvel-
ous of all our experiments. In sound
sleep, all voluntary motion is sus-
pended, the muscles relax, begin
to contract, and many of the mus-
cles of the body, the large muscles of the
arm, then the muscles which sup-
port the head, erect, then those which
support the jaw, and last of all
the muscles of the trunk in an up-
right position. Of the senses,
that of sight is the first one to sur-
render. The ears lose their pow-
er, and the eyes close, but the retina
is so sensitive, even in the light, even
when the lids remain open, that the
sense of smell, then that of hear-
ing, and last of all, the sense of
touch, which disappears only in the
most profound sleep. When a per-
son is to be roused from slumber,
touch is the first sense to respond,
then hearing, then smell, taste as
senses.

Sound sleep and plenty of it is in-
dispensable to health. It is the
great restorer of the waste which
the body undergoes in walking and
working hours, and is indispensable
to long or happy life.

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