

Superstitions Lasting

The black cat superstition is a direct descendant of the days when the cat was worshipped in Egypt. Some years ago the swastika swept the country as a lucky emblem. As a basic form of design, it was known in the Orient thousands of years ago, and recent excavations have disclosed that it was similarly used as a religious ornament by the Mayas and Incas of Central and South America hundreds of years before Columbus discovered America. As a lucky emblem it was based on oriental legends, where it has played a part in religious worship for centuries.

Useful Silken Ladies



Everywhere in the shops this year there are dainty and fascinating bisque ladies with dignified coiffures and pretty faces, waiting to be dressed in spreading silk skirts. These doll torsos are made in several sizes and are used as shades over electric lights or posed over telephones, bonbon or work baskets and cushions. Wide taffeta ribbon clothes the blond beauty pictured and the finest ribbon flowers adorn her bodice. She is posed over a small wicker basket.

Parchment Torches



Among other unique devices for softening electric lights are the fashionable parchment torches which may be bought ready for painting. They may be tinted with soft yellows and reds blended together, or decorated with floral or other decorations. One who is not clever at painting can get beautiful effects by cutting out designs from crepe paper, pasting them on the torches and then painting over the entire surface with thin, transparent, amber sealing wax paint.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the authority of the City Charter of the City of Hermiston and the direction of the City Council authorizing and directing the Treasurer of the City of Hermiston to collect the unpaid assessments for the city irrigation water for the year 1926, levied and imposed under the provisions of Ordinance No. 76 passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on July 2, 1913, as amended by Ordinance No. 122 and ordinance No. 96 passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on April 17, 1918.

I will on the 15th day of January, 1927, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the City Council Chamber in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, sell the following described lots, pieces and parcels of land at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the proceeds from the sale of each lot, piece or parcel of land to be applied in satisfaction of the assessment upon said lot, piece or parcel of land with interest thereon from March 1, 1926, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum together with a penalty of 15 per cent of each of said assessments and all costs.

Following is a description of each of said lots, pieces or parcels of land with the number of feet frontage, name of owner or reputed owner, and amount of said assessment, to-wit:

City of Hermiston according to plat filed with County Recorder Nov. 23, 1904.

Block	Lot	Feet	Name	Amt.
Block 2—	Lot 1, 50 feet,	Minnie Brown	\$5.00	
	Lot 2, 50 feet,	Minnie Brown	\$5.00	
	Lot 3, 50 feet,	Minnie Brown	\$5.00	
	Lot 11, 50 feet,	R. Beasley	\$5.00	
Block 3—	Lot 13, 50 feet,	J. McCoy	\$5.00	
Block 4—	Lot 11, 50 feet,	F. P. Adams	\$5.00	
	Lot 16, 50 feet,	E. W. Mack	\$5.00	
Block 5—	Lot 1, 25 feet,	F. P. Adams	\$2.50	
	Lot 2, 25 feet,	F. P. Adams	\$2.50	
	Lot 8, 25 feet,	H. R. Newport	\$2.50	
	Lot 9, 25 feet,	E. W. Mack	\$2.50	
	Lot 12, 25 feet,	Dick Hardison	\$2.50	
	Lot 13, 25 feet,	H. R. Newport	\$2.50	
	Lot 14, 25 feet,	H. R. Newport	\$2.50	
	Lot 15, 25 feet,	Cole & Swayze	\$2.50	
	Lot 16, 25 feet,	Cole & Swayze	\$2.50	
	Lot 19, 50 feet,	H. R. Newport	\$5.00	
	Lot 23, 50 feet,	F. B. Swayze	\$5.00	
	Lot 24, 50 feet,	F. B. Swayze	\$5.00	
Block 6—	Lot 1, 25 feet,	First National Bnk	\$2.50	
	Lot 2, 25 feet,	F. B. Swayze	\$2.50	
	Lot 5, 25 feet,	Wm. Glasson Est.	\$2.50	
	Lot 9, 11 1/2 feet,	Sam Rodgers	\$1.18	

Lot 10, 25 feet,	F. P. Adams	\$2.50	
Lot 11, 25 feet,	F. P. Adams	\$2.50	
Lot 12, 33 feet,	First National Bnk	\$3.20	
Block 7—	Lot 18, 25 feet,	H. R. Newport	\$2.50
	Lot 7, 35 feet,	C. C. Durfey	\$3.50
	Lot 8, 25 feet,	C. C. Durfey	\$2.50
	Lot 9, 25 feet,	C. C. Durfey	\$2.50
	Lot 10, 25 feet,	O. G. Sapper	\$2.50
Block 8—	Lot 9, 25 feet,	E. W. Mack	\$2.50
	Lot 10, 25 feet,	E. W. Mack	\$2.50
	Lot 11, 25 feet,	E. W. Mack	\$2.50
	Lot 12, 25 feet,	E. W. Mack	\$2.50
	Lot 13, 25 feet,	Georgia Henderson	\$2.50
	Lot 16, 25 feet,	E. W. Mack	\$2.50
	Lot 17, 25 feet,	M. W. Sharrard	\$2.50
	Lot 18, 25 feet,	F. B. Swayze	\$2.50
Block 9—	Lot 6, 50 feet,	E. Mumma	\$5.00
	Lot 7, 50 feet,	E. Mumma	\$5.00
	Lot 8, 50 feet,	E. Mumma	\$5.00
	Lot 9, 50 feet,	E. W. Mack	\$5.00
	Lot 10, 50 feet,	E. W. Mack	\$5.00
	Lot 11, 50 feet,	E. Mumma	\$5.00
	Lot 12, 25 feet,	E. Mumma	\$2.50
	Lot 12, 25 feet,	J. Skovbo	\$2.50
	Lot 13, 50 feet,	J. Skovbo	\$5.00
Block 10—	Lot 17, 25 feet,	E. W. Mack	\$2.50
	Lot 18, 25 feet,	E. W. Mack	\$2.50
	Lot 27, 25 feet,	J. Skovbo	\$2.50
	Lot 28, 25 feet,	J. Skovbo	\$2.50
Block 11—	Lot 1, 25 feet,	F. B. Swayze	\$2.50
	Lot 2, 25 feet,	F. B. Swayze	\$2.50
	Lot 3, 25 feet,	F. B. Swayze	\$2.50
	Lot 4, 25 feet,	F. B. Swayze	\$2.50
	Lot 5, 25 feet,	F. B. Swayze	\$2.50
	Lot 6, 25 feet,	F. B. Swayze	\$2.50
According to plat filed April 5, 1905.			
Block Lot	Feet	Name	Amt.
Block 1—	Lot 1, 30 feet,	Lowman & Pelly	\$3.00
	Lot 2, 25 feet,	Lowman & Pelly	\$2.50
	Lot 5, 25 feet,	Tom Marxen	\$2.50
	Lot 6, 25 feet,	Tom Marxen	\$2.50
Block 2—	Lot 6, 10 feet,	H. R. Newport	\$1.00
	Lot 7, 25 feet,	H. R. Newport	\$2.50
Block 7—	Lot 7, 50 feet,	A. A. Little	\$5.00
Block 8—	Lot 1, 30 feet,	F. D. Callahan	\$3.00
	Lot 2, 25 feet,	F. D. Callahan	\$2.50
	Lot 3, 25 feet,	F. D. Callahan	\$2.50
	Lot 16, 25 feet,	J. S. West	\$2.50
	Lot 17, 30 feet,	J. S. West	\$3.00
	Lot 21, 25 feet,	C. C. Durfey	\$2.50
	Lot 22, 25 feet,	C. C. Durfey	\$2.50
Block 10—	Lot 1, 15 feet,	R. C. Todd	\$1.50
	Lot 2, 25 feet,	R. C. Todd	\$2.50
	Lot 3, 25 feet,	R. C. Todd	\$2.50
	Lot 18, 30 feet,	Geo. Briggs	\$3.00
	Lot 19, 25 feet,	Geo. Briggs	\$2.50
Block 12—	Lot 24, 25 feet,	L. H. Berry	\$2.50
	Lot 25, 25 feet,	L. H. Berry	\$2.50
Block 13—	Lot 1, 50 feet,	L. A. Hunt	\$5.00
	Lot 2, 50 feet,	L. A. Hunt	\$5.00
	Lot 3, 50 feet,	L. A. Hunt	\$5.00
Block B—	Lot 4, 47 1/2 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$4.75
	Lot 5, 47 1/2 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$4.75
	Lot 6, 47 1/2 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$4.75
	Lot 10, 47 1/2 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$4.75
	Lot 11, 47 1/2 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$4.75
	Lot 12, 47 1/2 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$4.75
First Addition to Hermiston, Plat filed March 8, 1907.			
Block Lot	Feet	Name	Amt.
Block A—	Lot 1, 47 1/2 feet,	Otto G. Sapper	\$3.56
	Lot 2, 47 1/2 feet,	Otto G. Sapper	\$3.56
	Lot 3, 47 1/2 feet,	Otto G. Sapper	\$3.56
	Lot 4, 47 1/2 feet,	Otto G. Sapper	\$3.56
	Lot 5, 47 1/2 feet,	Otto G. Sapper	\$3.56
	Lot 6, 47 1/2 feet,	Otto G. Sapper	\$3.56
	Lot 7, 47 1/2 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$3.56
	Lot 8, 47 1/2 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$3.56
	Lot 9, 47 1/2 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$3.56
	Lot 10, 47 1/2 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$3.56
	Lot 11, 47 1/2 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$3.56
	Lot 12, 50 feet,	E. E. McMillan	\$3.75
District No. 2—According to plat filed March 21, 1908.			
Block 1—	Lot 14, 84.8 feet,	Geo. Beroft	\$5.94
Block 2—	Lot 16, 45 feet,	R. Crowder	\$3.15
Block 4—	Lot 1, 40 feet,	Ray McCarroll	\$2.80
	Lot 2, 50 feet,	Ray McCarroll	\$3.50
	Lot 9, 50 feet,	W. L. Blessing	\$3.50
	Lot 10, 50 feet,	W. L. Blessing	\$3.50
	Lot 11, 50 feet,	W. L. Blessing	\$3.50
Block 5—	Lot 1, 45 feet,	C. S. Sanderson	\$3.15
	Lot 2, 45 feet,	C. S. Sanderson	\$3.15
	Lot 3, 45 feet,	C. S. Sanderson	\$3.15
	Lot 13, 45 feet,	W. E. Goodwin	\$3.15
Block 6—	Lot 1, 84 feet,	W. L. Sampson	\$5.95
	Lot 8, 50 feet,	J. B. Shaw	\$3.50
	Lot 9, 50 feet,	J. B. Shaw	\$3.50
	Lot 12, 50 feet,	F. L. Sampson	\$3.50
	Lot 14, 85.7 feet,	Fred C. Stone	\$6.00
Block 8—	Lot 3, 45 feet,	G. A. Beasley	\$3.15
	Lot 4, 45 feet,	G. A. Beasley	\$3.15
	Lot 5, 45 feet,	G. A. Beasley	\$3.15
Block 9—	Lot 4, 50 feet,	P. B. Doherty	\$3.50
	Lot 5, 50 feet,	P. B. Doherty	\$3.50
	Lot 6, 50 feet,	P. B. Doherty	\$3.50
Dated at Hermiston, Oregon, this 10th day of December, 1924.			
		GEORGIA HENDERSON,	
		City Treasurer.	(15-51c)

Hills of California

Rich in Tourmalines
One California mine exhibits tourmaline crystals a foot long and several inches wide, of a deep, luscious pink—termed rubellite—with an outer coating of a darker color. Some of the pink tourmalines have a cap of blue. In the Pala district red tourmalines are the rule; in others rich blues and greens; whilst still others have all these and many other exquisite colors. On the San Jacinto mountains were discovered green tourmalines with red centers, such as Brazil was noted for. Sometimes they are green at one end and red at the other end of the same crystal. Harvard university has one that is eight inches long and two inches in diameter. Absolutely unique are some that are the exact reverse of the famous double-color Brazilian type—being green internally and red externally. Messrs Grande is notable for these very rare gemms and for the large size of its tourmalines. A fine set of these was presented to the Musee d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris, and these are wonderful, with their beautiful colors and shades of red, rose, pink, pale green, yellowish green and dark green, and of a size from which are cut gems of from twenty to thirty carats. The two-color tourmalines also make nice cat's-eyes when cut across, and are fashionable in some quarters.

Perfect Exponent of Bird Love Is Linnet

There are not two more devoted little lovers to be found than a pair of Linnets. "I have often looked upon acts of devotion in the birds' world but if you want to see bird love at its best you must watch the home life of the linnet," says Oliver G. Pike of the well-known ornithologist. Almost every action that they perform at the nest speaks of happiness, and you could not find any birds more attached to their young. If enemies approach, and they are surrounded, the hen will fall to the ground, showing the greatest bravery, and by feigning a broken wing or leg will drag herself along keeping dangerously near the nest or weasel, until she has attracted it far from the nest. While she is bravely doing her duty the male will stand by the young, covering them with his wings until his mate returns. But when at last the young are able to fly they are led from the nest, and they never return to it again. The beautifully made home is deserted, and three weeks later the parents prepare to rear another family in a new nest.

Scholars Baffled by Inscriptions on Stone

The Nestorian stone has attracted much attention from western scholars. One American scientist has pronounced it a forgery, but later investigations seem to have established its authenticity and show that its inscription presents a truthful account of the first Christian mission to China. The stone was found by workmen in the year 1625. The inscription consists of three columns of Chinese characters, with a few Syriac paragraphs in the latter language being known in China. It is a long exposition of the Christian doctrines of the period. In China antiquarians have long held the stone in great veneration. The style is brief to a degree, but not easily understood. It has been contended that, were fifty Chinese students versed in the various dialects of the country to be employed in its translation, each would offer a different interpretation of some part of the inscription.

Old Belief Refuted

The story of finding a live fish or frog in the stomach of a person has always been popular, though without any foundation of fact. Occasionally, however, cases have appeared in scientific literature in which fish actually have been swallowed or inhaled. On the coast of France, Italy and India, a fisherman sometimes holds live fish between his teeth while baiting a hook, and, inadvertently opening his mouth, has let the fish slip back into his throat. In such a case, death from strangulation follows unless medical attention is secured in time, says a report in Hygeia Magazine.

Give Name to Ray

The X-ray (Roentgen ray) was discovered in 1895 at Wurzburg, Germany, by W. K. Roentgen. He was using apparatus comprising Crookes tubes. While thus engaged he perceived certain peculiar manifestations never before observed. This led to investigation, with the outcome that the discovery was made that the production of X-rays is incident to the use of such tubes. Knowledge thereof spread very quickly throughout Europe and the United States. The utilization of the rays for curative purposes soon came about, and since that time there has been refinement and improvement in the apparatus by Coolidge and many others.

Beekeeping Lore

A long-lost manuscript that tells of the beginnings of the present method of beekeeping has been rediscovered and added to the library of Cornell university. It is the Journal of Rev. L. L. Langstroth, who in 1852 invented the type of beehive which has become the foundation of present-day scientific beekeeping. He made daily entries in this journal for 45 years. After his death in 1893 it was lost, and it was only recently found in a forgotten attic. It is regarded as the most valuable possession of the beekeeping library of the university.

Learning to Drive

The man had just got his automobile license to drive. "It was some surprise to me," he said, "that I had to learn to drive. I never thought much about it, but my impression had been that all one need do was jump in the car, jerk a few levers and drive. I never dreamed there was anything to learn about it. It looked easy when the other fellow was doing it, and I thought there was nothing to it. But I found I had to take some really stiff lessons before I could drive even respectably well."—Springfield Union.

Few Condors Left

The condor, largest bird in North America and probably the largest flying bird in the world, has a wing spread of from 9 to 11 feet and sometimes reaches a weight of 35 pounds. It is in danger of extinction, there being only about 50 pairs of these birds in the United States. They are great scavengers, and, as the mother bird lays but one egg a season, its loss is irreparable. A heavy penalty is enacted by California from anyone killing the birds or destroying their eggs.

All Hot Up

Two public men in Washington were one day talking of the traits of a certain member of congress, who has a way of permitting himself to get "all hot up" over trifles and who generally makes a great deal to do with respect to the accomplishment of small things. "Yes, sir," observed one of the men mentioned, "that chap invariably hitches a Corliss engine to a gilet."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Odd Fire Escape

Devices for human safety always have been favorites with inventors. Back in the seventies when buildings were growing taller, ingenious minds turned freely to the invention of new-fangled fire escapes.

One of the oddest of these, says Popular Science Monthly, was in the form of a parachute attached to a headgear worn by the escaper. With this, declared the inventor, "a person may safely jump out of the window of a burning building from any height, and land, without injury and without the least danger, on the ground." To make doubly sure of such a landing, he further provided overshoes with thick rubber soles "to take up the concussion with the ground."

Travel Far for Ochre

Natives of Australia frequently travel several hundred miles afoot to obtain red ochre, which they use solely as paint for their bodies. This substance is obtained from small caves in the big Wongoon mountains, Mullewa district of west Australia, says the Sydney Bulletin. Trips are made on foot rather than on horses because if members of other tribes learn that a native is carrying the highly prized ochre the messenger stands small chance of surviving his trip.

Fir Tree Swallowed

A correspondent of the Scientific American Magazine tells of a fir tree that swallowed another, that was brought into the sawmill at Springfield, Ore. Not long ago a butt fir log nearly four feet in diameter was brought into the sawmill of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, Springfield, Ore. During the process of sawing it was discovered that there was a tree that had evidently swallowed another one. Counting the growth rings, the larger outside tree was estimated to be 215 years old and the little inner one, 15 inches in diameter, 110 years old, at the time of cutting.

When and how the swallowing process took place is a matter of conjecture, but no doubt the two trees originally stood closely side by side, and in the course of growing came to press against one another to such an extent that they gradually became one. When the two trees first touched, both were young, the larger not much over 50 years old and the smaller around 25. The larger and more powerful slowly engulfed the smaller until it died from want of sun and air, after a struggle of many years' duration. Then the larger tree, evidently satisfied with its victory, kept on growing until the woodmen's axes laid it low about 75 years later.

Weeds or Flowers in Storage for Memory?

We possess many treasures that no longer have an existence anywhere but in our memories. The little by-path with its tangle of wild roses has changed to a paved street, the old home has given place to a shop with glaring front, the little group that used to gather at the piano could gather nowhere on earth now, but they are still ours.

Few of us prize as we should God's great gift of memory, or realize what a means of enrichment it is intended to be. Whether we will or not, we are continually storing it with supplies for our future. We may gather weeds or flowers, beauty or ugliness, and what we choose will determine what our memories shall hold in store. Every happy hour leaves its picture, every unworthy deed its blot. It is not worth while to think of this in our crowded days, and choose what we will carry forward with us into the years ahead?—Montreal Family Herald.

Famous Hawaiian Dishes

The trouble with serving the Hawaiian national dishes—poi and lomilomi salmon—in other parts of the world is that few persons born outside the Hawaiian islands like poi.

Poi, however, is the Hawaiian staff of life. Everything the old-time Hawaiians eat is served as a side dish to poi. It is a gray, paste-like material, made by pounding the root of the taro plant. It is eaten with the fingers, and choice determines its thickness. It may be of one finger or three finger consistency.

Rigid Law of Life

The law of life, Herbert Spencer tells us, is to conform to our environment. But Jesus gives us the law of our environment, to which we must conform. Act as ye would have all men act, and you shall have abundant life. This is the law!

A certain manufacturer operated his factory in conformity to this law, and was astonished at his immediate prosperity. Not only was the quantity and quality of the product greatly improved, but the spirit of brotherly kindness permeated the whole establishment until mechanical organization gave way to living organism. The world is chaotic, nation against nation, employer against employee, rich against poor, because we are not co-operating. "Just the art of being kind is all the old world needs."—Rev. D. Raymond Taggart.

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