

Almanac Traced to the Ancient Saxons

In the early days of Greece it was customary to announce the first day of the month either through a herald or placards pasted on the city walls. These placards were known as kalends, or kalendae from the Greek, "I call or proclaim." The book of accounts referring to the days of the year was known as a calendarium, hence the word calendar. Excavations at Pompeii have discovered a square block of marble that served the Greeks as a calendar. Each side served as a record of three months. Each month was headed by the proper sign of the zodiac, and contained astronomical, agricultural and religious information. Versteegan, early lexicographer, tracing the origin of the word almanac, says: "Our ancient Saxon ancestors used to engrave on certain squared sticks about a foot in length, sometimes more, sometimes less, the courses of the moons of the whole year, whereby they always certainly tell what new moons, full moons and changes should happen, as also their festival dates; and such a carved stick they called al-mon-acht; that is to say, al-mon-heed to wit, the regard or observation of all the moons, and hence is derived the name almanac."—Detroit News.

Are Stevenson's Books to Stand Time's Test?

The bishop of Durham in his oration at the Stevenson commemoration dinner indirectly raised the question whether physical disabilities are a handicap to individual distinction in life. His observations suggest that weakness in one sense may be the path to greatness in another. Robert Louis Stevenson was an only son and a chronic invalid. His physical weakness, like Scott's lameness and Byron's club foot, the bishop remarked, tended to induce in him an almost morbid cult of virility. The bishop wound up his address with a question to which Stevenson enthusiasts of the present day would admit of but one answer. When his books had to stand nakedly on their merits would they be able to hold their own against the rival claims of new works armed with all the subtle appeal of direct relevance to the time present? When we think of the future over the Waverley novels for long after they were published and of the apathy regarding Scott in the present generation, no one can answer the bishop's question dogmatically.—Weekly Scotsman.

Bad but Usable

Verlaine, the French poet, once sold a sonnet to Gil Blas Illustré. He took a cab to the offices of the paper to collect the money. It was one cent a line. Sixteen cents. Not that there are sixteen lines in a sonnet in Paris, but that the title and signature were paid for. On another occasion he sold a poem to Art et Critique for 5 francs, money down. Next day he returned to the editor and complained that he had been given a bad five-franc piece. The editor instantly gave him a fresh one, and then discreetly demanded the bad coin. "Monsieur," said Verlaine, departing, "I have passed it; but I assure you I had considerable difficulty in doing so."

Counted Out

Jacqueline Spencer, was told by her old-fashioned grandfather, who once followed the sea, that she must walk to school herself every morning on her two legs and must rely on nobody else—that to hank on being offered a lift in the motors of neighbors and acquaintances was a cheap and unbecoming policy for a Spencer. "Rely on nobody else," finished the old man, an expert at weekday preaching. "I can rely on two people," quoth Jacqueline. "Who?" "On God and myself." "What about your parents?" asked he, fishing. "Oh, they're 'else.'"

Schools in Old Prisons

School is being held in old Spanish fortresses as the first step in Americanization processes being carried on by the United States in Porto Rico. Cells where once prisoners paced to and fro now contain desks. Many of the classes are conducted behind barred windows and heavily grated doors, installed more than 400 years ago, and the somber walls are decorated with modern blackboards. American officers are learning to speak Spanish and Porto Ricans, who are also enrolled in the Sixty-fifth Infantry regiment at San Juan are learning the English language. The schools are maintained in El Morro and San Cristobal fortresses.

The Lorgnette Juggler

This concerns a dancer whose talents are recognized in the two-day and musical comedies. After making a hit in a show she suddenly went rixy and affected tall millinery. Her intimates gave her up, not being able to tolerate her poses and speech of fictions while knowing that she was illiterate. At any rate, they say that her maid at the theater asked her: "Have you any idea where the pins are?" "I regret very much," said the upstage one, "but I do not know where the pins is."—New York Graphic.

Ghost Ship Said to Roam the North Sea

The North sea has a Flying Dutchman of its own—a sort of ghost ship whose appearance is superstitiously regarded by sailors as an omen of ill fortune, if not of death, to the beholder. It was first reported by a British war convoy that left a Norwegian port in November, 1917. Lieutenant Commander Fox of the Mary Rose counted twelve ships as they passed out of sight of land. Later an enemy raider attacked the convoy. When Commander Fox counted the convoy again there were thirteen. Other officers on the Mary Rose confirmed the number. No one had seen the thirteenth ship join the convoy. One moment there was blue sea sparkling behind the twelfth ship; the next the stranger was speeding along with the rest—a somewhat rusty craft whose name had been so obliterated by long service at sea that it could not be made out.

When the raider's attack began the stranger was still with the convoy. When the enemy had been driven off the stranger had vanished as mysteriously as she had appeared. The Mary Rose was lost in the skirmish.

The North sea phantom has appeared, according to its growing legend, several times since then, each time as the precursor of ill fortune to the beholder. She is said to be a small warship or again a rusty freighter, a battered schooner or a small sea-sworn liner. But however she is reported, North sea sailormen believe she bodes no good.

Ink Blot Spelt Ruin for Engineering Firm

A big British engineering firm put in a bid for building a great bridge for a foreign government. The head of the business spent six months in getting out plans. His bid was accepted, the material bought in great quantities, men engaged, and machinery built.

A time limit was set for the commencement and finish of the bridge, and one day the chief was sitting at his desk perfecting his plans and making sure of the smallest details, when he accidentally upset an inkpot and drowned his most important papers in a black sea.

In a fever of anxiety, he tried to reconstruct his plans from stray notes. It was impossible, and he then cabled the foreign government begging for more time. This was refused and the contract repudiated. The loss drove the firm into bankruptcy.

The Ninth Scout Law

A Cornish correspondent sends me the following amusing experience whilst he was running a troop of boy scouts in India: "I was testing a small Eurasian boy, twelve years old, for the 'Tenderfoot' badge and said: "What is the ninth scout law?" "Sir, a scout is thriftee." "What does thriftee mean?" "I know what it means, sir." "Well, then, what does it mean?" "Well, sir (hesitating), it means that it is verree silliee to spend anee monee on a girl." This is one way of looking at it, but I should like to hear the views of the girl. Not a girl guide, however. They are too independent.—London Post.

Catchy Line

Jones is an angler who uses only the higher and more expensive paraphernalia of his art. One day he was standing on the shore of a lake casting his flies, without success, when along came a native with a good string of trout. After watching Jones' vain efforts for a few minutes the newcomer ventured: "Why don't you try worms?" "Worms!" said Jones disgustedly. "My good fellow, you and I don't use the same language." "Mebbe not, mister," said the other quietly, as he held up his catch, "but I reckon the fish understand me better when I drop 'em a line."—Vancouver Province.

Prehistoric Medicine

Tubes of soft soapstone used by a prehistoric Indian shaman, or medicine man, to heal the sick have been unearthed near San Diego, Calif., says Science. First blowing clouds of smoke through these tubes over the body of a patient, the medicine man pretended he could see into the body. The patient was told he had been bewitched by an enemy who had injected into his body a magical substance which changed into a toad, snake, rock or other object. Having located the object, the shaman pretended to pluck it out, producing as evidence, by sleight-of-hand, the offending substance.

Excusable Error

The story described its heroine as a dumping sort of woman. The teacher paused and asked for a description of a woman of that kind. "She would be rather tall and thin," suggested a pupil. "No," the teacher explained, "the lady would be short and plump—like a dumping." "Oh, yes," said the youngster. "I was thinking of a noodle."

We're Poets at Heart

Though we may believe ourselves in tenely practical, we think in terms of poetry. The efficiency expert and the statistician in us will, at unguarded moments, make way for the poet.—American Magazine.

Lilac Always Blossoms of Love and Lovers

The lilac is an oriental blossom, coming to us originally by way of Turkey and Spain. It is supposed to be the flower of love and lovers, marking the heyday of spring. The love lore of the "lilaclock," to give it an Old-world name is varied and pleasant. A spray of white lilac, buried on the eve of a May moon, is a midland charm which maidens practiced believing that by the time the lilac died they would have the heart of the man they desired. If as many lilac petals as composed the name of a lover were strung on triple threads of white silk, and worn in a little bag next to the heart, before next lilac time came the lover would be won by this secret charm. If you have lilac in your garden no ghost can enter your house; if white lilac grows beside your door you will never be without love and luck; if you pluck a spray of lilac without your lover's knowledge when walking with him, put one of its petals in his drink; if he swallows it, he is yours forever and a day. A "lilac lock," usually found on white lilac, has five divisions of the petal instead of four. If you are in love, look for a lilac, swallow it, and your loved one will be faithful for all time! Thus love and lilac are irrevocably related.

Beds of Clay Reveal the Passage of Time

Geologists can follow the tracks of the sun and tell the time, year by year, in geological ages—so ancient that even by millions of years they are hard to count. Not far from Stockholm there are some remarkable beds of clay, regularly arranged in alternating bands of sand and clay. These turn out to be the layers deposited by the melting glaciers of the ice age, each one laid down in the spring and summer when the sun was hottest. And as there was a freeze-up each winter and melting each summer, the layers become almost as accurate an index to the antiquity of the ice age as the annual rings of a tree are to the age of the tree.

Moreover, the same system of measuring geological time has now been extended over all Scandinavia, and parts of India and South America. Everywhere the layers appear to correspond so closely in the variations of their thickness, year by year, that there seems no doubt they were laid down in corresponding years.—Baron Gerard de Geer.

Gas From Oil Wells

Vapor that rise from oil wells and which has hitherto gone to waste is now being bottled and sold as fuel. This vapor is obtained from wells that are in production or from wells that have been pumped out, and burns with an odorless gas flame after it has gone through various processes. It is first refined and compressed until it becomes a low-pressure liquid that reassumes its gaseous form on being released from the steel bottles in which it is stored. These bottles are attached to heating appliances by pipes and tubes. When the valve of the jet is turned on the pressure of the gas forces it through an air mixer similar to that of any gas range.

Confucius Great Sage

The man whose memory has for 2,000 years aroused signal respect and honor in China was a sage, not a saint nor a founder of a religious faith. Confucius took the best of the various Chinese philosophers of his day and formed a cult of his own, using as a basis five cardinal virtues—righteousness, knowledge, sincerity, politeness and discrimination of good. The wisdom of the Chinese Solomon so delighted the people that temples were built in his honor, his wise sayings were widely quoted and came to be taught in the Chinese schools.

The Hobo Instinct

One of the primal instincts of man which refuses to be eradicated is the wandering urge. It originated, undoubtedly, from necessity. The need for changing hunting grounds and camp sites was always present in prehistoric and early historic times. Later when people settled down, founded towns, and agricultural districts became established, the necessity for this urge ceased to some extent. The instinct of wishing to see new lands, however, has continued and undoubtedly that is one of the reasons for the present popularity of motor camping.—Field and Stream Magazine.

His Preference

A Scotch member of a golf course near London took a business friend for a day's golfing. After the morning round they lunched very sparingly on biscuits and cheese. "Man," cried the enthusiastic Scot as he gazed through an open window, "this is my favorite course. Isn't it yours?" "Er—not exactly," replied the starved guest. "I should have preferred a good steak and onions."—London Answers.

Finale

The lecturer was emphasizing the demoralizing effect of divorce. "Love," he said, "is a quest; a proposal, a request; the giving of a daughter's hand in marriage, a bequest, and marriage itself the conquest. But what is divorce?" Voice from the audience—"The inquest."

Great Educators

The ten greatest educators of the last two centuries, according to Doctor Eliot's list, put forth in 1925, were Horace Mann, Adam Smith, William Ellery Channing, Michael Faraday, Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Stuart Mill, Charles Darwin, Herbert Spencer, Louis Pasteur and Joseph Ernest Renan. Doctor Eliot also suggested, as the ten greatest educators of all time, Aristotle, John Locke, Francis Bacon, Immanuel Kant, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Claudius Galen, Isaac Newton, John Milton, William Shakespeare and Leonardo da Vinci.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER EXECUTION

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County to me directed and delivered upon a judgment and decree and order of sale rendered in said court on the 2nd day of April, 1928, in favor of The Federal Land Bank of Spokane, a corporation, against G. L. Dunning, same person as George L. Dunning, and Carrie N. Dunning, husband and wife; and Stanfield National Farm Loan Association, a corporation, in the suit therein pending wherein the said The Federal Land Bank of Spokane, a corporation, is plaintiff and the said G. L. Dunning, same person as George L. Dunning, and Carrie N. Dunning, husband and wife; Stanfield National Farm Loan Association, a corporation, are defendants, for the sum of \$240.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 11th day of July, 1927 until paid; and the further sum of \$6,978.32, together with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent per annum since the 11th day of July, 1927 until paid; and the further sum of \$960.96 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 1st day of June, 1927 until paid; and the further sum of \$1,529.19, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 29th day of June, 1927 until paid; and the further sum of \$26.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 15th day of June, 1927 until paid, less \$400 credited on account of stock in the Stanfield National Farm Loan Association and for the further sum of \$500.00 attorney's fees, and for the further sum of \$21.05 costs and disbursements, which said decree and judgment and order of sale have been duly docketed and enrolled in the office of the clerk of said court, and in and by which said judgment, decree and order of sale it was directed that the hereinafter described real property in Umatilla County, Oregon, together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all of the estate, right and interest of said defendants in and to the same, be sold by the Sheriff of Umatilla County, Oregon, to satisfy said judgment and all costs. Therefore, I will, on the 12th day of May, 1928, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the front door of the courthouse in the City of Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, sell all the right, title and interest which the said defendants or either of them had on the 11th day of July, 1917, or since they have acquired or now have, in and to the following described premises situated in Umatilla County, State of Oregon, to-wit: The West Half of the Southwest Quarter, and all that portion of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter which lies North and West of the Furnish Ditch, as the same is now operated and constructed, all in Section Twenty-six, Township 4 North, Range 29, East of the Willamette Meridian. Also Certificate No. 654 for 78 shares of the capital stock of the Furnish Ditch Company, a corporation together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all of the estate, right and interest of said defendants in and to the same, be sold by the Sheriff of Umatilla County, Oregon, to satisfy said judgment and all costs.

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Martin, husband and wife; Stanfield National Farm Loan Association, a corporation, are defendants, for the sum of \$55.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 22nd day of August, 1926 until paid; and the further sum of \$90.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 22nd day of February, 1927, until paid; and the further sum of \$90.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 22nd day of August, 1927, until paid; and the further sum of \$2,616.76 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent per annum since the 22nd day of August, 1927 until paid; and the further sum of \$94.00, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 5th day of October, 1926 until paid; and the further sum of \$27.35, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 9th day of August, 1927 until paid; and the further sum of \$151.65, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 24th day of June, 1927 until paid; and the further sum of \$8.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 25th day of May, 1927 until paid; and the further sum of \$17.50, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum since the 30th day of August, 1927, until paid, less the sum of \$150.00 credited on account of stock in the Stanfield National Farm Loan Association and for the further sum of \$250.00 attorney's fees, and for the further sum of \$89.15 costs and disbursements, which said decree and judgment and order of sale have been duly docketed and enrolled in the office of the clerk of said court, and in and by which said judgment, decree and order of sale it was directed that the hereinafter described real property in Umatilla County, Oregon, together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all of the estate, right and interest of said defendants in and to the same, be sold by the Sheriff of Umatilla County, Oregon, to satisfy said judgment and all costs. 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SW 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section Twelve Township Four North of Range 29, thence running North 550 feet more or less to the line of intersection of such North running line with the first crossing of the boundary of the United States Government Reclamation Cold Springs Reservoir Reservation, thence North 51.28 degrees West for a distance of 10 feet along the boundary line of said Reservoir Reservation, thence West 1314 feet more or less to the West line of said Section 12, thence South 226 feet more or less, thence East 660 feet, thence South 330 feet more or less to the South line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 12, thence East 660 feet more or less to the point of beginning, all being East of the Willamette Meridian, together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining; and also all of the right, estate, title and interest of said defendants in and to the same; said lands to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the proceeds of sale to be applied in satisfaction of said execution and all costs. 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