

INTENDED TO MOLLIFY SPIRIT

Green Bough Placed on New Houses
Is a Survival of French
Superstition.

The custom originated from the superstition prevalent centuries ago that every tree is inhabited by a spirit. Consequently it was believed that every tree was a living being and that every spirit was a demon, and this other spirit was supposed to cause some bitterness on his part against society.

Rather than risk having these homes and disgruntled spirits venting their feelings upon the houses under construction or upon the builders, says Van Norden's Magazine, a branch was planted on the highest part of the house for their occupancy. They were then supposed to be mollified, and if they remained so until the roof was put on any evil design contemplated would prove harmless, for the spell would be broken.

Long-Range "Quake Hunting"
Standing by the seismograph, Charles F. Marvin, chief of the largest division of the weather bureau, noted one day that the lines made by the little tracing pencil indicated a convulsion of the earth about 4,000 miles from Washington. No reports had been received for days after it occurred—It might have been in the Southern Hemisphere, in Alaska, or somewhere in the Atlantic or Pacific ocean, as it had not occurred near any center of population it might have been years before anything was heard of it. If the earthquake had taken place at sea it would manifest itself in tidal waves, striking against the nearest coast line. Scientists placed the probable location of the superficial effect in Asia, some where about 4,000 miles from London, and later this was almost exactly verified by a dispatch from Persia stating that on that date Laristan, a savage and remote country among the ranges, had been devastated, with a loss of many villages and 5,000 lives. The Mitchell Chaplin, in the National Geographic.

His Home in School.
"Is he a professor up at Columbia?" asked the girl who was reading his card.

"A professor at Columbia?" Well, I should say not," replied the young woman who knew him.

"It says here on his card one of those halls at Columbia, so I thought maybe he lectured there, or something."

"No, he doesn't. He's a lawyer, a plain, ordinary, everyday lawyer. He just lives up there because he likes."

Once he had to go there in connection with a case. He liked the surroundings so much that he immediately paid some tuition fees, and went to live there. He has a beautiful room, the board is fine. Of course, he had to join some clubs, so he decided on geology. He attended one or two lectures just to show his good faith, and really became interested, and now he is working hard at it. It just goes to show that it is a good thing for a college to have an ideal location such as Columbia has.

Best Unaccommodated.
A proposal by a Buffalo alderman that he purchase the spot on the Pan-American exposition grounds where President McKinley was shot on September 6, 1901, is vigorously attacked by the Evening News. "The spot where Buffalo bled farewell to all that was mortal of the departed president is in the possession of the city," says the News. "That is where his coffin rested in the city hall on the day of his funeral, and the place is suitably and permanently marked by a brass tablet. There is nothing to be proud of or to recall as an inspiration in the assassination. McKinley is best remembered otherwise. It is no part to give the district the class of which Colfax was a representative, any permanent memorial of their deeds."

Dax Nervous.
"The nerve of that," said DeWolf Hopper, dismissing an actor's conduct, "reminds me of Dax. It is real Dax nerve."

"Abroad," he went on, "a man can enter a luxurious cafe, write a dozen letters, look over the expensive illustrated weeklies, play chess, bridge or checkers—in short, spend the afternoon in the most delightful way for the price of a glass of beer. Many people do this abroad. The cafe proprietors don't mind."

"Once, in Rome, though, I saw a cafe proprietor flush with anger. It was at the time of the Fete Dieu, and three Dax chaps stalked into his place, selected a fine table by a window, rapped for a waiter, and when the man came, said:

"Fetch us a pitcher of ice water and the dominoes."

Summer Oysters Poisonous.
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AT HOME AND ABROAD

Happenings That Are Making History
—Information Gathered from All
Quarters of the Globe and
Given in a Few Lines.

PERSONAL

Glenn H. Curtiss won the international cup for the highest speed in the aviation events at Rheims, France, flying at the rate of 47.65 miles an hour.

Charles W. Morse, recently released from the Tombs prison, New York, on \$125,000 bail, has begun his efforts to restore his fallen fortunes by attempting to register with the Metropolitan Steamship Company.

Henry Farman, the English aviator, made a flight of 111.78 miles at Rheims, breaking all previous distance records and winning the Grand Prix de la Champagne.

Albert Newhouse, an inmate of the poor house at Bloomington, Ill., to whom an uncle at Indianapolis left \$200,000, was able to share the good fortune with a wife.

Frank N. Riedinger of Deland, Wis., who was believed to have been one of the victims of Belle Gunness, the "Madame" of Laporte, Ind., is alive at Fairfield, Neb.

Capt. J. T. Chase, civil war veteran, who invented a hoop skirt 40 years ago, is the inventor of an airship, for which he has obtained a patent.

Col. Duncan H. Cooper, who with his son, Robin, was found guilty of killing former Senator Carmack in Tennessee, inherits \$11,665 from the estate of his brother, former U. S. Senator William F. Cooper, who died in New York, leaving \$235,000.

William Travers Jerome announced that he would be a candidate for reelection as district attorney of New York. He will run independently.

Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture, speaking before the food convention at Denver, said the time is coming when there will be no adulteration of food.

George H. Moulder, chief gardener of the Illinois Central railroad, was elected president of the American Association of Railroad Gardeners, which held its third annual convention in Philadelphia.

GENERAL NEWS.

Thomas A. Wood, former business manager of the "Columbian" at St. Louis, died at his home in that city.

Empress William visited Orville Wright and his sister, Miss Katherine, to visit with the inventor family in the town to which the arrival of Count Zeppelin who made a 15-minute flight in his airship to Berlin.

Rev. J. Holmes McGuinness, Edward H. Harriman's private chaplain, in the first authoritative statement made at Arden, declared the "rail king" is much improved, giving his word as a clergyman, that reports about Mr. Harriman's condition were exaggerated.

At least 1,200 persons lost their lives and property damage estimated as high as \$200,000 was caused by floods at Monterey, Mexico.

President Taft's private secretary, Mr. E. A. Tamm, is believed by some that he requested it of Ormsby McHarg, assistant secretary of the department of commerce and labor, who assailed former President Roosevelt in a newspaper interview.

Much damage was done in West Scranton, Pa., when an old mine beneath the city caved in, the city's surface in many places sinking five or six feet.

A. E. Schweizer, former president of the Iowa bar association, after worrying over financial troubles, committed suicide by hanging in Iowa City.

Five persons, all relatives, were killed when a street car struck an automobile, near St. Louis.

Rev. G. E. Ackerman of Hedding, N. H., has been appointed president of the Cookman university at Jacksonville, Fla.

Three tanks containing 35,000 barrels of oil were set on fire at Cymet, O., by lightning, causing \$100,000 loss.

Mr. William Sanderson of St. Joseph, Mo., killed one of his children and tried to end the lives of five others with morphine and then attempted suicide while insane.

Families of strikers at McKees Rocks, Pa., were ousted from the company houses in a rainstorm and sought refuge in camps in the hills.

The San Francisco Schuette Verin ban the celebration of its golden jubilee with marksmen from all parts of the country.

Dispatches from Melilla said 1,000 Moors and 350 Spaniards had been killed in three days' fighting near the city.

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SUITS KNOCKED OUT.

Demurrers in Eastern Oklahoma Title Cases Started by United States Are Sustained.

Judge Ralph Campbell, of Oklahoma, has sustained the demurrers in the suits brought by the United States to set aside various deeds and leases made by citizen allottees in the five civilized tribes in eastern Oklahoma, and thus settled a legal controversy that had been the subject of considerable discussion in that part of the state.

The court reviewed the relation of the United States to the five tribes since they became a nation, and found that no vestige of title to the lands allotted them now remains in the United States. The demurrers involved the question of the citizenship of these Indians and the court declared them to be citizens of the United States with all the rights, privileges and immunities of citizenship. It is held that the United States cannot maintain these suits to set aside the deeds and leases made by the allottees, as it sustains to the individual Indian a trust relation, such guardianship being incompatible with citizenship and national rights.

Finally the bills were held bad because numerous defendants are joined in each bill who were connected with many distinct transactions regarded as many distinct tracts of land.

John Hopkins broke the Muskegon record of a bag-punching machine in the shooting gallery, and broke his right arm in doing it.

Harold and James Irish of Imlay City, 14 and 16 years old, tried to sell their father's \$250 horse and buggy in Flint for \$100 to buy ice cream. They're in jail.

While he was crawling through a fence the rifle carried by 12-year-old Gerald Walker, of Marshall, was discharged and the bullet tore through his right arm from the elbow to the wrist.

Henry Schuur, repentant, brought back property he had stolen from the home of Otto Debusch to the Grand Rapids. After he had apologized, Debusch told him to go home where he was locked up.

Nearly 100 people surrounded the Cuswa farm house, north of Lansing, to search for the 12-foot stake which was reported as having been seen there. The police were called, and dispersed the crowd.

The supreme court has sustained the decision of a lower court which allowed Miss Gervase to sue for \$100,000 for the loss of her husband, John Gervase, who was killed in a laundry machine. She sued for \$100,000.

THE MARKETS.

Grain. Wheat, No. 1, 1.10; No. 2, 1.05; No. 3, 1.00; No. 4, .95; No. 5, .90; No. 6, .85; No. 7, .80; No. 8, .75; No. 9, .70; No. 10, .65; No. 11, .60; No. 12, .55; No. 13, .50; No. 14, .45; No. 15, .40; No. 16, .35; No. 17, .30; No. 18, .25; No. 19, .20; No. 20, .15; No. 21, .10; No. 22, .05; No. 23, .00.

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Grain. Oats, No. 1, .45; No. 2, .40; No. 3, .35; No. 4, .30; No. 5, .25; No. 6, .20; No. 7, .15; No. 8, .10; No. 9, .05; No. 10, .00.

Grain. Rye, No. 1, .60; No. 2, .55; No. 3, .50; No. 4, .45; No. 5, .40; No. 6, .35; No. 7, .30; No. 8, .25; No. 9, .20; No. 10, .15; No. 11, .10; No. 12, .05; No. 13, .00.

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Grain. Alfalfa, No. 1, .20; No. 2, .15; No. 3, .10; No. 4, .05; No. 5, .00.

Grain. Hay, No. 1, .10; No. 2, .05; No. 3, .00.

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Grain. Wood, No. 1, .05; No. 2, .00.

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Speakers at Recent Irrigation Congress Claimed That the Nation's Water Power Was Being Absorbed by a Gigantic Power Trust.

The incorporators are Edward F. Loud and H. Kimball Loud, of Au Sable, I. A. Wood, William M. Eaton, John Woodcock, New York City, George E. Hardy, of Englewood, N. Y. W. H. Clark, and E. Clark and George A. Crawford, of Detroit.

The combined capital of the new organized companies amounts to practically \$3,