

THE FLAGELLANTS.

HOLY WEEK WITH NEW MEXICAN PENITENTS.

Scenes Terrible to Witness—Poor Fanatics Scourged and Left Bleeding by Frenzied Religionists—Not a Word of Complaint Do They Utter.

Two months or more I had been in diligent correspondence with the Americans of New Mexico in search of some definite information regarding the services of that most fanatic of all sect orders, the Penitents.

Scant success rewarded my efforts. It was therefore with strong doubts as to the ultimate success of our expedition that our little party of four, two ladies and two men, left Denver on Tuesday morning of holy week for the "Land of Poco Tiempo."

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menced to apply to their backs fierce blows with the cactus whips which they carried in their hands. At every other step the whip was brought first over one shoulder, then over the other, and at every blow sank deeper and deeper into their already torn and bleeding bodies.

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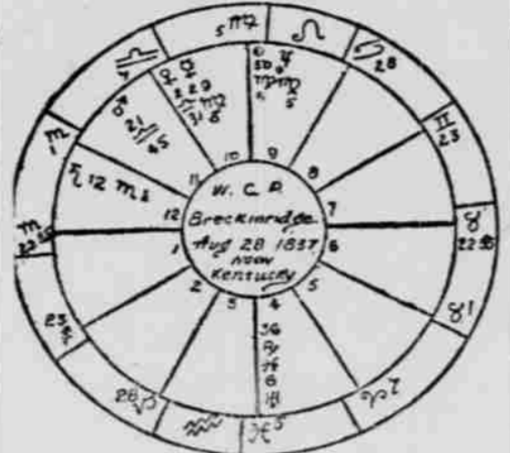
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TOLD BY THE STARS.

CASTING HOROSCOPIES OF AMERICAN NOTABLES.

President Cleveland. They Say, Should Guard Against Secret Enemies—Senator Hill, Col. Breckinridge and Chauncey M. Depew Under the Planets.

THE PLANETS say that Queen Victoria has been doomed to die in October or November of next year. Her death warrant has been published in several of the English and Indian papers. Her executioners, it seems, are the astrologers, who have decided that she must expire in one of the two months named.

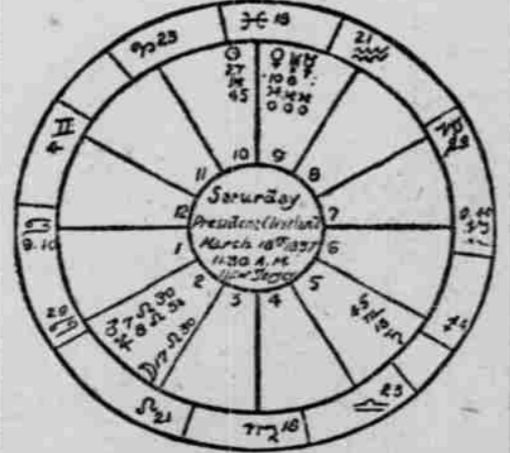


declares that she will die by accident. "Judicial astrology" is what he calls the method by which he has settled the fate of America's leading men, and he defines the study as "the art of forming a judgment from the positions and motions of the planets, together with the application of astronomical calculations, added to a knowledge of the subtle influences the stars exert on man."

The horoscopes of five distinguished Americans have been cast by Prof. Apolon and the positions of the planets at the time of the birth of each are shown in the accompanying "nativities." Some explanation is necessary to understand the importance of these seemingly senseless diagrams.

President Cleveland certainly was not born under a lucky star. The sun was in mid-heaven (if the hour of his birth is rightly said to be 11:30 a. m.), and as there were no planets to interfere with it, astrologers say that this foretold the high position he was destined to reach.

Mr. Cleveland is solemnly warned against Wall street by the appearance of Saturn in the sign Scorpio, which occupies the house of speculation. Should he indulge in an occasional "spec" in the street with the bulls and bears, it is likely to result unfortunately for him.



Taurus was rising with the planets all above the earth except Saturn and the moon. These facts make Mr. Depew's very fortunate horoscope. In judicial matters it is particularly so. Jupiter and Venus, both good planets, were in conjunction, and both above the horizon.

his fifth house. It will not be a fleeting good fortune, either, the planets say, for Mr. Depew should add to it considerably before his death.

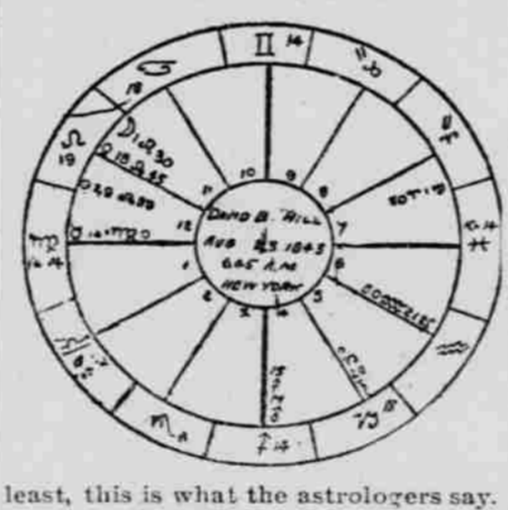
The sun above the horizon on the day of his nativity makes Mr. Depew ambitious for place and power, but the fiery finger of Saturn, the evil planet, points in opposition to the sun and repeats its solemn warning that this can never be.

This opposition of Saturn is the only cloud over Mr. Depew's otherwise bright horoscope. Prof. Apolon says that Saturn influences and controls the agricultural classes, and that it is wholly due to a misunderstanding on their part which prevents "our Chauncey" from attaining the high position which his talents and good influences make him capable of filling.

Senator David R. Hill's chances in life have been seriously impaired by the affliction of his beneficent planet Mercury, by the moon and the evil planet Mars, on the day of his nativity, Aug. 23, 1843.

Both the moon and Mars, which afflict Mercury in the senator's horoscope, seem to have had some grudge against Mr. Hill, for their positions at the time of his birth offer the very meanest kind of testimony in regard to his character.

Congressman William C. P. Breckinridge's misfortunes, which have recently come upon him, were all foretold last week from his horoscope. He was born in Lexington, Ky., on Thursday, Aug. 28, 1837, or at near noon. At that hour the sun was in his mid-heaven, surrounded by Jupiter, Mercury and Venus, all exerting beneficial influences over his life.



Henry G. Bryant, was born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, on November 7, 1859. He is the son of Walter Bryant, a well-known Pittsburg merchant. Young Mr. Bryant graduated from Princeton college in 1883, and after studying law in the office of Hon. Robert N. Wilson of Philadelphia, graduated from the law department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1886.

He has been an insatiable traveler. In 1884 and 1886 he visited the northern countries of Africa. Subsequently he employed much of his time in hunting trips to the Rocky mountains. In 1891, with Prof. C. A. Keaton, he started north to Labrador, penetrated a distance of 450 miles inland from the coast, reached the Grand Falls after many privations and hardships, and found their height to be 316 feet.

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Miss Emily Smith of the University of Chicago. A new dean of Harvard college has been appointed and confirmed in the person of Miss Emily Jane Smith, a daughter of Judge James C. Smith, of Canandaigua, N. Y., who was for nearly thirty years on the supreme bench of New York state.

positive testimony against his reelection to congress. Undertakers, however, could boom their business considerably by knowing just when their services could be needed, while life insurance companies would have to go out of business entirely.

TO PEARY'S RESCUE.

Relief Expedition to the Land of the Aurora. The announcement was made at the monthly meeting of the Philadelphia Geographical club recently that an expedition, to be known as the Peary Auxiliary expedition, will soon sail from New York for Newfoundland.

The leader of the party will be Henry G. Bryant. They expect to reach St. Johns, Newfoundland, in time to leave that port in the Falcon, which they will there find awaiting them, on July 4. The first stop will be at Godhavn, on what is called Diska island, in North Greenland. This is a Danish settlement, and recognition of the expedition by the officials at that point will be secured through the state department at Washington.

Continuing north, Melville bay will be crossed as quickly as the condition of the ice will permit, and Cape York



visited. From here the run will be direct to Peary headquarters at Boudoin bay, in Ingfield gulf, in latitude 77 degrees 43 minutes north. They calculate to reach this harbor by July 25.

Lieut. Peary and his companions are not expected to return to this point from their long sledge trip through the ice-floes until the last of August. In the meantime the Falcon will be employed in original research. The Baffin bay shore of Ellesmere land will be explored for some trace of the young Swedish explorers Bjorning and Kallstenius, whose schooner was wrecked on Carey Islands in the summer of 1842, and who left a message on these islands, which was recovered by a Scotch whaler in October, 1873, stating that they proposed to seek refuge among the Eskimos of Ellesmere land.

Jones' Sound will also be explored for a greater distance than has yet been attempted, and the effort made to map out the 300 miles of unknown coast-line forming the northeast shore of Jones' sound and the western border of Ellesmere land. This triangular area of 100,000 square miles, known as Ellesmere land, is one of the few large territories the outlines of which have not yet been determined.

The Falcon will be back and expects to reach Philadelphia with the Peary party before Christmas. Dr. Axel Ohlin, a Swedish naturalist, representing the friends of Bjorning and Kallstenius, will accompany the Auxiliary expedition.

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