

FEAR RETURN OF THE DEAD

Significance of Strange Funeral Rites That Preval Among Uncivilized Peoples.

Nearly all savage people (and not a few civilized ones), dread lest the dead should return to trouble them. For this reason an Australian tribe will always desert a camp in which a man has died, and erect new miamias at some distant spot. Among many African tribes a hole is knocked in the wall of a hut in which a man dies, and the corpse is carried through that instead of through the doorway, so that the spirit of the dead man may not be able to find its way back. Some Bornean tribes have a similar dread, and elaborate precautions are taken to prevent the dead from returning to the living. At the graveyard a stick, cleft in the shape of a V, is placed by the ground, and through this the funeral procession passes in single file. As soon as the coffin has been placed on the stage erected for the purpose, the people commence their return, following one another's heels as quickly as possible, saying as they re-pass through the V-shaped stick: "Keep back, close out all things evil and sickness." When the whole party has passed through, the cleft ends of the stick are tied together, and this is then regarded as "a wall that separates the living from the dead." By so doing they believe that they shut out the spirit of the deceased. They believe that the spirit of the dead is not aware that life has left the body until a short time after the coffin has been taken to the graveyard, and then not until the spirit has had leisure to notice the clothes, weapons, and other articles belonging to its earthly estate, which are placed with the coffin.

Pastor's Puzzle Made Plain.

The pastor of a West Philadelphia church was very much surprised and pleased last Sunday night when in the course of the service a crowd of persons fully 40 strong entered and seated themselves in the rear pews. The service continued with the clergyman congratulating himself on his unusually large congregation when suddenly the door opened and a man stuck in his head.

"Here she comes," he announced in a loud whisper.

Instantly the late comers arose en masse and rushed to the door. The pastor was so perplexed at the strange occurrence that after service he spoke to one of the vestry who had been standing by the door.

"Don't you know what happened?" asked the vestryman, laughingly.

"No," answered the clergyman, "but I would like to."

"Why, a car broke down right in front of the church. Everybody got out after a few minutes, and, seeing a chance to sit down, they all came in here, leaving one man on watch."

Dating a Skull.

The ingeniousness in placing the date of the Gibraltar skull at 600,000 years ago lies in the fact that the basis of argument thus laid defies reasonable dispute. Working from so long ago it is manifestly difficult, if not utterly hopeless, to come to more reasonable things. If the life-date of an unearthed skull is placed, say, at 16,000 years ago, some one may rise and remark that it would be more conservative to date the skull at, say, 7,500 years ago. But what would be thought of an archaeologist or any other sort of "gist" who metaphorically stared Prof. Keith in the face and asserted that instead of 600,000 years ago, the Gibraltar woman whose skull is under observation lived perhaps only 597,500 years ago? The excellence of the Keith hypothesis (if one may call it that), is apparent.

Another Dodge.

Theodore P. Shonts, at a dinner in New York, told a street railway story. "A man boarded one of the long-run surface cars with an enormous sack," he began.

"You'll have to pay for that sack," said the conductor, sternly.

"Oh, no," said the passenger. "Oh, no; I never pay for it."

"Off it goes, then," the conductor decreed, and he seized the sack and heaved it forth into the street. It fell heavily, with a dull thud.

"The passenger leaped off after it, wringing his hands.

"My goodness!" he cried, "you've killed my partner!"

Origin of the Bayonet.

The bayonet was due to the fortunate inspiration of a Basque soldier, who, when he and his regiment, having expended their ammunition, were driven to bay in a mountain ride near Bayonne, suggested that they should fix the long knives with which they were armed into the musket barrels and charge the enemy. This advice, which was followed with complete success, was the means of introducing the weapon to the notice of military Europe.

Advertising.

"Why do you insist on making speeches on the unpopular side of a subject?"

"Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "the people see so many arguments on the right side of a question that the only way to get a reputation for sensational originality is to contradict them."

A Leaning to Art.

"Which do you prefer, art or nature?"

"Art," replied Mr. Crosslots. "The pictures in the gardening magazines always look better than what comes from the seeds you buy."

The County in General

The "Doings" of Our Country Friends and Neighbors.

SHUBERT.

Sheriff Fenton of Falls City was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berg are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

Mrs. E. L. Evans spent several days last week with relatives at Auburn.

James Stephenson of Barada visited with his son, James, here on Saturday.

Wm. Workman of Champion, Neb., is here visiting with his relatives, Chas. Felt and family.

Grant Shubert has had an expert from Auburn busy trimming his orchard during the past week.

Rev. Murray attended the convention of the Christian church, which was held in Falls City last week.

Miss Hattie Lilly of Barada came over Friday and remained until Sunday with her brothers and families near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vanlaningham are now entertaining the latter's brother, Walter Ranson and wife of Kansas City.

Mrs. Thomas Moore and daughter, Miss Lizzie, accompanied by Mrs. Stroble of Brownville, were the guests of Mrs. J. Bergsma and daughter on Sunday.

Miss Marie Riggs, who has been employed in the Barada school for the past year, will teach in the intermediate room in the Shubert school this coming year.

Tommy Vodden, formerly of this place, but who for some time has made his home at Lawrence, Kas., arrived here Tuesday for a visit to relatives and friends.

Mrs. Brebeck, the milliner from Falls City, who makes this her place of business on Fridays and Saturdays of each week, returned home Saturday morning on account of the bad weather.

Misses Mary and Maud Adams of Bethany were here on Sunday to assist in the singing at the Christian church. From here they went to Antioch to assist in the revival meetings which are now being held at that place.

The ladies of the Christian Aid society are now making preparations to hold a flower and bake sale at Mr. Rupert's store Saturday, April 23.

Mr. Webber of Peru has been hired as principal of our school for the coming year. Miss Hill, who has given such good satisfaction for the past four years has decided to work elsewhere.

VERDON.

Walter Veach was a Lincoln visitor this week.

Bruce Nedrow will build a fine new house soon.

L. C. Lucas is visiting relatives in Morrill, Kansas.

Henry Gerdes was up from Falls City Wednesday.

A. J. Heinzelman was a Falls City visitor this week.

E. C. Chase will open a shoe repair shop here soon.

Miss Edna Wolf of Table Rock is visiting in this city.

Miss Verna Wilkinson spent a few days in Preston last week.

John Hall and sister, Miss Camma, were in Falls City Thursday.

Lee Hart purchased a Jackson auto of John Weaver last week.

J. B. Schrader returned home from the western part of the state Sunday.

Grace Bennett is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Willard Voils.

L. A. Kinsey of Lincoln was the guest of Charles Heinzelman a few days last week.

Frank Stowell was the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robertson Saturday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones returned home Friday from an extended visit in Arizona and other points.

Mrs. Willard Voils and little son and Miss Grace Bennett returned from a trip to Omaha Wednesday.

Misses Cleo Ratcliffe and Maymie Byerly went to Falls City Wednesday to attend the Christian convention.

John Weaver and Graham Jones left Wednesday for Omaha, where the former purchased a fine touring car.

George Lum, wife and daughter, Miss Gertrude, returned home from an extended visit in Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wollenberg came down from Lincoln this week and are living in part of the Ed Kiker house.

Mrs. Clyde Harden and little daughter, Ena, of Burwell, Neb., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harden.

Misses Anna and Katie Dignan arrived from Percival, Ia., last week for a visit with their cousins, Misses Luella and Mable Nussbaum.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith left for their home in the western part of Nebraska Monday, after a pleasant visit with the former's brother, J. D. Griffith and family.

RULO.

Alice Gilbert was a Falls City visitor last week.

F. E. Kulp of Wymore was a Rulo visitor Friday.

Charles Aikman spent Sunday with her mother in Rulo.

Cecil Kanaly of Salem spent Sunday with home folks.

August Johnson of Nebraska City was in Rulo last week.

Mrs. Bessie Brinegar visited in Kansas City last week.

Dode Anderson was quite sick several days last week.

A. D. Larabee was a Preston visitor the last of the week.

Maggie Pierce is visiting with relatives in St. Joe this week.

Bessie Anderson was a Falls City visitor the last of the week.

Mrs. George Seley left last week for Rockport to visit her son.

John Cartledge of Chicago was a Rulo visitor one day last week.

Mrs. Hattie Marsh visited with friends in Kansas City last week.

John Evans and Thomas McClellan left last week for San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. Effie Cramer of Preston was a visitor here the last of the week.

Si Bunker of Fortescue was a business visitor in Rulo one day last week.

Rev. Wright, district superintendent, preached at the M. E. Church on

Sunday morning. Several members were taken into the church. Also a number were baptised.

George Gossman visited with relatives in St. Joseph the first of the week.

Agnes Schrader came down from Preston Friday for at wo dyas visit with her father.

Mrs. Humphrey Peckenpaugh of Hiawatha visited with relatives in Rulo last week.

Mrs. Emma Kern returned last week from Wymore, where she has spent the winter with her daughter.

Edith Kermode and George Oldfield were married last Thursday. Friends offer congratulations.

Steve and Will Cunningham were called to San Diego, Cal., last week by the serious illness of their mother.

Mesdames R. G. Henderson and W. J. Cunningham spent several days with friends in Kansas City last week.

A sister of Phil Horan visited with he and his family. Mrs. Horan, who has been very sick is improving very slowly.

HUMBOLDT.

H. E. Boyd was in Table Rock on Wednesday.

O. R. Trimmer was a passenger to Falls City Thursday.

I. E. Smith made a business visit to Falls City Thursday.

Harry Philpot and family were over from Table Rock Wednesday.

Miss Gertie Bantz returned Monday from a visit with Lincoln friends.

Max Marble of Table Rock spent

Friday with H. P. Marble and family.

Mrs. George Carnes recently visited her brother, T. J. Hensley in Lincoln.

Chester Powers of Kansas City spent several days with relatives in this city.

John Hobbs has again returned to this city, after a several months absence.

Miss Eva Townsend of Tecumseh is spending several days with friends here this week.

Mark Williamson came down from Falls City Saturday, and on Sunday left for Lincoln.

Mrs. Cora Boss left Thursday for Bakerfield, Cal., where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Leone Pool.

Will Clift and family of Havelock spent several days with Humboldt friends and relatives this week.

Seven autos carried a delegation of K. of P.'s to Bern Thursday to attend a special meeting of that order.

A. A. Hamilton and family left this week for Pawnee City, where they will spend some time with relatives.

Otto Holechek returned to his home in Narka, Kas., Thursday after a visit with relatives in this city.

Rev. R. J. Cardy, accompanied by Horace Bement returned to this city from a visit to York, the last of the week.

Miss Bertha Henry left Wednesday for her home in Marysville, Kas., after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Will Bahl.

Elmer Smith who recently purchased the H. A. Scott hardware stock is preparing to move the same

to New Mexico, where he already has land interests.

Mrs. E. D. Woods and little son, returned to their home in Table Rock Monday, after a visit with Humboldt relatives.

Mesdames Ike Reed and Richards attended the county convention of the Christian churches held in Falls City last week.

Mrs. Ida Wittwer left Thursday for Van Buren, Ark., where she will join her husband, who is now located in that place.

James Neeld, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Beatrice, drove over from Dawson Friday to attend the Humboldt-Dawson field meet.

H. A. Scott and wife left Thursday for Seattle, where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have long been residents of Humboldt and will be sadly missed in both the social and business way.

Sam Zimmerman, Paul Walsh, Fae Sanford and Mittie Gridley accompanied by Prof. R. L. Hoff attended the debate held in Falls City, Friday evening. The first named was the representative of the Humboldt school.

Miss Carie Boss, one of Humboldt's most popular and well known young ladies, who for several years has been an obliging clerk in the "Famous," was united in marriage to Mr. Joy Meyers, an industrious and prosperous young farmer living in this vicinity Wednesday. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, H. L. Boss and wife.

—Eat Sowle's Candy.

CHAMPIONS!! WHO?

The Final Debate Wymore vs. Falls City

AT FALLS CITY

Monday, April 25th AT COURT HOUSE

QUESTION: Resolved, That Labor Unions on the Whole, Are Beneficial.

Wymore, Affirmative. Falls City, Negative.

All towns in Southeast Nebraska have been defeated in debate this year, except Wymore and Falls City.

They'll scrap out the championship at this debate. The school winning this debate will send a representative to Lincoln May 6th, to contend for the State Championship.

Competent Judges This Time

Admission 15c and 25c