

### Science Drives Superstition to Its Last Trench

While Most Good Luck Omens Have Been Discarded Many Still Cling to Horse-Shoe.

Science and invention have driven superstition back to its last trench. Good and bad signs which used to be considered infallible omens today are almost unheard of. The observation of lucky and unlucky days was once an important matter. It is now confined almost wholly to the one subject of marriage. In fixing the wedding day, May among months and Friday among days are shunned by many people, whether educated or uneducated.

The custom of throwing an old shoe for good luck after the bride and groom, on their leaving the church or the home of the bride, still persists. This is an ancient practice which received a great increase in believers from the time an English cattle dealer desired her to throw her left shoe after him as he started for Norwich to buy a lottery ticket. As he drove off on his errand he looked around to see if she practiced the charm and received the shoe in his face with such force as to black his eyes. He went on, somewhat enraged, and bought the ticket that won a prize of \$3,000.

From the time of the prophet, Jonah, sailors have considered a clerk-gyman aboard as bad luck and anticipate a storm or wreck when they have a black cat aboard.

**Black Sneezing Pays**  
A comet of 590, which was blamed by the Europeans for causing a frightful plague is given as the occasion of a custom that exists even today. When the plague was at its height, sneezing was frequently followed by death. The saying, "God bless you!" has ever since been used as a salutation to one who sneezes. It is said the ancient Romans used to go to bed again if they sneezed while putting on a shoe. Aristotle declared that sneezing from noon to midnight was good, but night to noon unlucky.

One still sees horseshoes nailed up over barn doors for good luck. From time immemorial this was considered protection from witchcraft and other ills. Admiral Nelson, who was of a credulous turn of mind had great faith in the luck of a horse-shoe, and one was nailed to the mast of his ship.

Omens of bad luck included putting the left shoe on the right foot, or the right on the left and spilling salt. Evil consequences of this, it was believed, could be averted by throwing a little salt over the left shoulder.

**About Itching Nose.**  
Putting on a stocking wrong side out, unintentionally, though changing it was supposed to alter luck. If you accidentally put on any garment wrong side out and made a wish before changing it, it was said that the wish would come true.

To arise on the right side was deemed fortunate. According to one theory, an itching nose is a sign that some one will visit you that day, although in the olden days it was considered a bad omen. It is observed that "when a man's nose itches it is a sign he shall drink wine, and if his lips itch it is a sign he shall kiss somebody."

In the "Secret Memoirs of the late Mr. Duncan Campbell," published in London in 1732, the author says: "I have seen several instances of a writing a letter, have prognosticated to themselves the ill success of it if by any chance it happened to fall on the ground. Others have seemed as impatient and fearful if through haste or want of thought they have chanced to hold a letter a fire to dry; but the mistake of a word in it is a sure omen that whatever request it carries shall be refused."

**Spoons and Marriages.**  
Two spoons accidentally placed in a cup or saucer used to be considered assurance of a wedding in the family within a short time. Those who have read Coleridge's poem, "The Ancient Mariner," will remember the bad luck that followed the killing of the albatross. The same extreme misfortune also was supposed to follow the killing of a ladybug, swallow, robin or wren. It was considered sure that anyone killing these or destroying their nests would infallibly, within the year, break a bone or meet with some other bit of ill luck. On the contrary it was felt to be good fortune to have swallows build their nests in the eaves of a house, or the chimneys.

### Nebraska Rate Case Is Due for Early Hearing

The matter of increasing passenger and freight rates in Nebraska is expected to come up before the Interstate Commerce commission in Washington soon. H. A. Scarlett, director of the Union Pacific railway said yesterday. Nebraska, like several other states, has refused to increase rates within the state in the same proportion that interstate rates have been held at the old level, and freight charges increased only 25 per cent instead of the 35 per cent authorized by the federal government for traffic between the states.

The federal commission will hear the cases of Michigan, South Carolina and Texas, Monday; Illinois, October 6, and Iowa, October 8. No date has been set for Nebraska.

### Father of Norfolk Mayor Dies Following Stroke

Norfolk, Neb., Sept. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—William T. Dudgeon, 72, father of Mayor Dudgeon, died here following a stroke of paralysis. He came to Nebraska from Ohio in 1870 and was in the drug business at Lincoln for 25 years.

**Towns Make Gains**  
Washington, Sept. 25.—Huntington, W. Va., 50.177; increase, 19.016, or 61 per cent.  
Fruit, Kan. (revised), 5,111; increase 1309 or 54.8 per cent.

Jackson county, Mo., 36,784; increase, 84,324, or 29.7 per cent.

### Killed Man to Protect Daughter, Mother Says



ETHEL DUNLAP

### Nebraska Agent Blocks New Move To Free Gunman

Iowa Supreme Court Judge Issues Prohibition Stopping Habeas Corpus.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Hearing of petition for writ of habeas corpus for Beryl C. Kirk, Omaha gunman and paroled Nebraska convict under arrest here, was stopped this morning in municipal court before Judge Sellers by service of a writ of prohibition signed by Judge T. S. Stevens of the supreme court of Iowa.

The prohibition writ was issued on petition of Gas Hyers, law enforcement agent in Nebraska, and Attorney General Haver of Iowa. It is the first time in the history of Iowa courts that such a writ has been issued.

Hearing of the writ of prohibition was set for next Saturday before Judge Stevens. The habeas corpus action was postponed by Judge Sellers pending decision in this hearing.

The writ was issued on the claim that the municipal court has no jurisdiction over a habeas corpus petition.

**Family Reunited by Result of Tragedy**  
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The murder would be filed against her.

Margaret Tierney, 24 years old, daughter of the slayer, testified at the inquest that Dunlap had smiled tauntingly shortly before the shooting when Mrs. Tierney had declared:

"You know, Ray, that it is absolutely impossible for you to live with my little daughter."  
"What are you going to do about it?" was said to have been Dunlap's reply.

Dunlap, still smiling, put a record on the Victrola, Margaret said. This was playing when the two shots were fired.

**Says 'It's All Over.'**  
Harry E. Downing, switchman, Thirty-second and P streets, testified that he went to the Tierney home Thursday and told the mother of her daughter's marriage to Dunlap, that she said then it was "all over" and for Dunlap to come around and get her daughter's clothes.

Downing said that when he and Dunlap went to the house, Mike Tierney, son of Mrs. Tierney, showed Dunlap a big gun, which frightened him. Mike refused to let him go, he said.

Downing had agreed to take Mrs. Tierney and her sons to Ethel and the two boys were dressing when the shooting occurred, he said.

**Daughter Denies Jealousy.**  
Margaret Tierney testified that she and her mother hunted all night for Ethel after she disappeared last Sunday at 8 p. m., and continued their search Monday, carrying it to Des Moines Tuesday.

Mrs. Tierney had had scarcely any sleep and very little food after Ethel's disappearance to the time of the shooting, she testified.

Margaret denied that jealousy for Dunlap had caused the estrangement of her parents. She said that her mother's objection was due to an illness from which her brother said he was suffering.

**700 New Elks Next Week, Goal Set by Campaigners**  
Officers of the local lodge of Elks state that they expect to have nearly 700 new members before the end of next week, toward a class of 1,000 which will be initiated during the last week of October or the first week of November. The exercises will be held in the Auditorium. A class of 510 was admitted a week ago.

It is proposed to begin the new \$100,000 building project as soon as the membership drive shall have been concluded.

**Milkmen Are Fined.**  
Pleading guilty to a charge of selling watered milk, John Stark and William Lebler of Bennington were fined \$25 each in county court yesterday. State Inspector J. M. Anderson brought the complaint.

### Noted Banker and Philanthropist Dies in New York



JACOB SCHIFF

### Four Alleged Bank Robbers Under Arrest

Two of Men Are Said by Officials to Have Confessed to Participating in Hold-up of Bank.

Salt Lake City, Sept. 25.—Four men, all alleged to have been implicated in the robbery of the Sugar bank here Friday, were arrested at Crem, Utah, south of Salt Lake, about 11 o'clock last night by Sheriff John S. Corliss of Salt Lake county. But three men entered the bank at the time of the holdup and the fourth man arrested is believed to have been a confederate of the bandits.

A confession of the robbery has been obtained from two of the men arrested, according to advices received by the sheriff's office here. They deny knowledge, however, of the holdup of a bank at Morgan, Utah, early Friday morning, it is said.

Two of the bandits, captured in a box car at Crem, gave their names as F. J. Rodgers and C. F. Smith. They are about 25 years old.

About \$5,000 in money is said to have been found on one of the men taken into custody. Between \$6,000 and \$7,000 was taken from the bank. The prisoners are to be brought to Salt Lake and will be lodged in the county jail. The names of two of the men arrested could not be learned.

### Uniform Wage for Cornhuskers Urged By County Agents

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Fearing a drop in the price of corn to 75 cents a bushel, county farm demonstrators in Nebraska are discussing the project of state wide or interstate regulation of wages of cornhuskers, to prevent the labor scale rising to 15 cents a bushel. At that price corn could not be produced profitably, they say.

County Agent R. N. Houser of Dodge county has made public a letter from the president of the County Agents' association, James R. White of Grand Island, asking his opinion on state wage-fixing. H. D. Lute, secretary of the state board, is also conducting investigations.

When the farmers are forced into competition to get help at husking time, wages are boosted beyond reason, farmers in Dodge county declare. They favor the proposed scheme of wage-fixing.

### One Killed by Auto Every 35 Minutes, Figures Show

An automobile kills a man, woman or child every 35 minutes in the United States, according to a statement sent to the Chamber of Commerce by the National Safety council. Figures compiled for the week of August 22 for the nation show the Sunday casualties to have been divided thus: Killed by motor cars, 22; drowned, 24; died in railway accidents, 20; killed by falls, 12; by street cars, 1; by electricity, 4. On Monday of the same week there were reported 42 motor deaths; Tuesday, 45; Wednesday, 43; Thursday, 27; Friday, 27, and Saturday, 39.

The average number of accidental deaths from all causes each day is said to be 149. This is more than 53,000 a year, and it is said that precaution could save two-thirds of these.

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### Custer County Pioneers Picnic at Broken Bow

Broken Bow, Neb., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The annual picnic here of the Old Settlers' association of Custer county was attended by a large number of old-timers. After the picnic dinner a program of speeches by pioneers and music was presented. Judge B. O. Hostetter of Kearney made the principal address. The following officers were elected: Mac Warrington, Mason City, president; H. B. Glover, Comstock, vice president; C. M. Forsythe, Anselmo, second vice president; E. R. Purcell, secretary-treasurer.

### Fillmore County W. C. T. U. To Hold Meeting at Geneva

Geneva, Neb., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Fillmore county W. C. T. U. will hold its annual convention here Wednesday, September 29, at which Mrs. Marie Wilcox of Nelson will be the principal speaker. A noon picnic luncheon will be an entertainment feature. The program will be given at the United Brethren church.

### Backed Harriman in Building Union Pacific Railroad, Passes Away

New York, Sept. 25.—Jacob H. Schiff, widely-known banker and philanthropist, died at his home here tonight, aged 73 years.

The name of Jacob H. Schiff has been associated with the financial history of New York and of this country for a quarter of a century. At intervals in that time Mr. Schiff took an active part in the financial development of some of the leading railroads and utility corporations in the United States.

Backed by foreign capital, Mr. Schiff and the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. supported the late E. H. Harriman in the great financial adventure by which the Union Pacific railroad was reorganized in 1897, and in the subsequent transactions by which the Union Pacific obtained control of the Southern Pacific and other railroads.

This operation is regarded as one of the most important in which Schiff engaged as a banker. It involved a vast sum of money, possibly hundreds of millions of dollars, gave Schiff a prestige among New York banking houses which endured for the remainder of his life, and contributed to make E. H. Harriman the best known railroad organizer in the United States.

Another important enterprise which Schiff undertook as head of his firm, was the placing in this country of a large Japanese loan when Japan went to war with Russia. Some years later Schiff expressed regret that he had been instrumental in providing funds which helped to place Japan among the leading nations of the world as a military power.

Born at Frankfurt, Germany, January 10, 1847, Schiff was educated in Germany and when 18 years old emigrated to New York where he entered upon his business career, beginning as a bank clerk. A few years afterward he became a member of a firm of bankers and brokers. In 1875 he married Theresa, daughter of Solomon Loeb and became a member of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of which his father-in-law was then senior partner.

When Loeb retired 10 years later, Schiff became head of the firm and has since occupied that position. After this successful share in the financing of the Union Pacific reorganization, Schiff became one of the most widely known and influential bankers of New York. He has been director of several of the leading banks, trust, life insurance, railroad and utility companies, including the Union Pacific railroad and the Western Union Telegraph Co. His firm acted as financial agent of some of the leading corporations of the United States.

**Prominent Philanthropist.**  
More than a score of years Schiff was prominent in various forms of charity and philanthropy. He was vice president of the Baron de Hirsch fund, founder and president of the Montefiore Home for Chronic Invalids, one of the founders of Barnard college and contributed liberally to almost every Jewish movement or charitable institution and to many nonsectarian ones in New York. He gave generously to encourage the study of Hebrew literature, founded the Semitic museum at Harvard and the Jewish Theological seminary of New York.

### Theological Seminary Drive at \$60,000 Mark

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—The drive for \$100,000 for a home for the Western Theological seminary of Fremont has already resulted in \$60,000 being subscribed, Dr. J. F. Krueger of the seminary has announced.

### Tearing Out Mule's Tongue Costs Fremont Man \$350

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 25.—(Special.)—After admitting in a county court that his efforts to lead a mule belonging to Charles Sweet led to the animal's tongue being torn out, Leon Harlan paid a fine of \$50 and gave Mr. Sweet \$300.

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