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## IRISH FOLK LORE.

CURIOUS SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT BIRDS IN THE OLD COUNTRY.

*Irish Times.*

The robin is called "God's Bird," because it plucked a thorn from the cruel crown pressed upon the head of our Saviour, and in doing so wounding its own breast. It forsakes a "cursed" graveyard.

The wren is chased every St. Stephen's day on account of its betraying the Saviour by chattering in a clump of furze where he was hiding. It is called the "king of all birds," because it concealed itself beneath the wing of the eagle when that lordly bird claimed supremacy by soaring highest. "Here I am," said the wren, mounting above the eagle's head when the latter could go no higher.

The blackbird and thrush are "wandering souls" whose sin must be expiated on earth hence they are forced to endure the rigors of winter. Rooks, jacksnaws, bats, hawks and owls are animated by lost souls. The wagtail is called the "devil bird," for no other reason, I suppose, than that it cleverly evades the missiles thrown at it. A dead wagtail is a rara avis.

The Stone Chat is continually chatting with the evil one, so it is held in bad repute, and as the raven commonly impersonates his sable majesty it is ranked in the category of evil birds. Sometimes, however, its appearance forbodes death. With the ancient Greeks the magpie was supposed to possess the soul of a gossiping woman, and we all know how unlucky it is to meet an odd number of the species in Ireland.

One comes for sorrow, two for mirth, three for a berrin', and four for a birth.

Crows, like crickets, come for good or evil luck, but the "curse of the crows" is a malediction to be avoided. If good luck abides in the homestead where they build their rookery they should not be molested. Sparrows, tares and plovers are on friendly terms with the fairies. The lark and swallow are birds of good omen, but the latter should not rest on the housetop.

The sedge warblers possess the souls of unbaptized babes, and sing their sorrow at the midnight hour; while the linnet, yellowhammer and finch sing their plaintive and tender songs to remind us they are souls of departed friends not yet relieved from purgatorial pains. The bittern is their herald at night.

## CORK PAVEMENTS.

A new material for paving is now being introduced into London. It is composed of granulated cork and bitumen pressed into blocks, which are laid like bricks or wood paving. The special advantage of the material lies in its elasticity. When used for pavement it gives a soft tread which is exceedingly pleasant, recalling the feel of a carpet.

In roadways it furnishes a splendid foothold for horses, and at the same time almost abolishes the noise which is such an unpleasant feature of city traffic. A short piece of pavement is to be seen in Liverpool street, E. C., while the outlet to Pickford's yard in Gresham street is laid with this material. It yet remains to be seen how it will bear the ordinary traffic of a London street, but there is evidence to show that in Australia short pieces of roadway have given good results. —Forest and Stream.

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## HAUNTED BY A JAWBONE.

AN OSSEOUS SPOOK THAT MAKES A HOUSEHOLD UNCOMFORTABLE.

*Oregon Statesman.*

About three miles south of Amity, in Yamhill county, stands a long, low dwelling house, which some thirty years ago was reported to be the scene of some very supernatural disturbances. The house was occupied by a family consisting of a man, his wife and a daughter, a young lady 18 years of age.

This young lady was the victim of the ghostly visitation referred to. The first thing the family knew a pair of slippers was noticed sliding about the floor, dogging the girl's footsteps. But these soon disappeared, and in their place came the lower jaw bone of a hog, which persistently followed her. She undertook no work that was not all undone by unseen forces as soon as completed. For instance, she would set the table, and the very instant she had finished and before she could turn around, dishes, table cloth and all would slide off on to the floor.

Following the fashion of those days the lady wore hoopskirts. These would jump on her bed and dance around during the night.

Just across the road from the dwelling was a spring where the family procured their water. Often when the girl would go after a bucket of water every stitch of clothing would drop from her right in the center of the road. From a well built and prepossessing young lady she began rapidly wasting away. Various expedients were resorted to to get rid of the jaw bone, but all to no purpose. The father at one time nailed it to a soap-box, carried it off quite a distance from the house and buried it. The first thing to meet his eyes when he returned home was the bone, which was as tireless as ever following his daughter's footsteps. Burning and other ways of getting rid of its tormenting presence were tried, but like Banquo's ghost, "it wouldn't down." As a last resort the family removed to California in the hope of ridding themselves of the ghostly visitor, but the last that was heard from them the bone still pursued them.

The scene was visited by a number of Marion county's well known citizens, among them two or three ex-members of the legislature; but the only report with any degree of authenticity is that of Mrs. Sursinger, who is to day living near Amity. She says that, on one occasion, she was sitting by the fire in the haunted house, conversing with family, when a little girl suddenly appeared and rested her elbow on the mantel-piece, her body being suspended in midair. When asked what she wanted, the girl replied that she had come for —, giving the young lady's name.

The dwelling, about two years after they left, became the residence of a present Salem physician, but no further disturbances were noticed.

It has been supposed that the young lady was the author of some awful crime and that this was her punishment, but she denied any knowledge of a crime.

## CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary, the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper.—W. A. Noyes, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y. apr 30 1y.

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## WORKERS FOR HILL

IN NEW YORK, SAYS REPRESENTATIVE AMOS J. CUMMINGS.

Representative Cummings of New York said to a press reporter recently: "It was the most enthusiastic and the most unanimous convention that has ever been held in New York State. I have attended State conventions since 1866, and I have never seen one that was animated throughout with the same feeling. There wasn't a jar in the proceedings. I believe that the Democracy of the State will be as unanimous in the support of Gov. Hill as was the convention. When I say Democracy, I mean the Democracy that take part in the primaries, and abide by the decision of the convention when it is made. Judged by this record the men who protested against the unanimous action of the State committee in calling the convention to meet on Washington's Birthday are not Democrats. They voted with the Republican party in the municipal election held a year ago last fall, and they voted against D. B. Hill when he was a candidate for governor. By their action they upheld the Republican branch of the legislature that refused to obey the plain mandate of the State constitution and make a reapportionment of the senate and assembly districts. By their action they upheld a system of unequal taxation based on an unequal representation. By their action they upheld a system which forced upon the people of the city of New York 49 per cent. of the State taxes with a one-fifth representation in the legislature. If they could have had their way, New York with 50,000 plurality for a Democratic candidate for governor, would have a Republican legislature and two Republican United States Senators. These are the men who are to-day claiming to be Democratic voters. The average of time between the New York State Democratic conventions and the meeting of the Democratic national conventions since 1844 is four months. The average holds with this convention. The statement that it is a soap convention is false. The animus that incites the bolters was made evident by Ellery Anderson's examination before the State committee. He acknowledged that the calling of the convention on February 22 had forestalled action on the part of the Fairchild Republican combination. They had intended to call a State convention, to be held before the regular Democratic State convention. The midwinter cry was simply an excuse. They were opposed to the men who had redeemed the State entirely from Republican misrule and wanted to get a greater purchase if possible for mischief. But their power for mischief is gone. Gov. Hill's majority in 1888 paralyzed them, and Mayor Grant's majority in 1890 buried them. They are as powerless as the Egyptian mummies recently brought to our shores."

## SOME PEOPLE.

Always kick a man when he is down, and always kick a man up when he is up. That is the modern christianity as experienced by some folks. Those kind of folks sit as close up in the amen corner as possible, and sing like "blue blazes," and smiling over the congregation cast a glance as if to say, "ain't I playing (now blush) the deuce." What should be done with such cattle? Why just give 'em a bottle of "iiker" and pull the cork—they know the rest.—Barrington Hawkeye.

## Oh, What a Cough.

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## THE LABOR PLATFORM

AND THIRD PARTY MOVEMENT AT ST. LOUIS.

The convention of labor and industrial organizations met at St. Louis last week and finally agreed upon a platform. After a preamble reciting the condition of the country, especially of the laboring classes, and declaring their union and independence and asserting that a political organization representing their principles is necessary to redress the grievances of which they complain, they ordain and establish the following platform and principles:

### PLATFORM.

1. We declare a union of the labor forces of the United States this day accomplished permanent and perpetual. May its spirit enter into all hearts for the salvation of the republic and the uplifting of mankind.

2. Wealth belongs to him who creates it. Every dollar taken from industry without an equivalent is robbery. If any will not work neither shall he eat. The interests of rural and urban labor are the same; their enemies are identical.

3. We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible, issued by the General Government only, a full legal tender for all debts, public and private; and, without the use of banking corporations, a just and equitable means of circulation at a tax not to exceed 2 per cent., as set forth in the sub-Treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or some better system; also, by payments in discharge of its obligation for public improvements.

4. We demand the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

5. We demand that the amount of the circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$50 per capita.

6. We demand a graduated income tax.

7. We believe that the money of the Treasury should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people, and hence we demand that all national and State revenues shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered.

8. We demand that postal savings banks be established by the government for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people, and to facilitate exchange.

### LAND PLANK.

9. Your sub-committee upon the land plank beg to submit to your approval the following: The land, including all the natural resources of wealth, is the heritage of all the people, and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and alien ownership of land should be prohibited. All land now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs and all land now owned by aliens should be reclaimed by the government and held for actual settlers only.

10. Transportation being a public necessity, the government should own and operate the roads in the interest of the people.

11. The telegraph and telephone, like the postal system, being a necessity for the transmission of news, should be owned and operated by the government in the interest of the people.

12. We demand that the government issue legal tender notes, and pay the Union soldiers the difference between the price of the depreciated money in which he was paid and gold.

Resolved, That we hail this conference as the consummation of the perfect union of the hearts and hands of all sections of our common country. The men who were the gray and the men who wore the blue meet here to extinguish the last smouldering embers of civil war in the years of joy of a united and happy people, and we agree to carry the Stars and Stripes forward forever to the highest point of national greatness.

### THE THIRD PARTY.

The convention adjourned sine die and immediately a mass meeting was held and the delegates without moving from

their seats appointed a committee to act with the People's Party National committee as follows:

General Van Wyck, of Nebraska; C. W. Macune, of Texas; M. J. Branch, of Georgia; J. M. Powers, of Nebraska; T. B. Maguire, of New York; L. L. Polk, of North Carolina; J. H. Willets, of Kansas; President Humphreys, of the National Colored Alliance; Pierce Hackett, of Missouri; N. M. Barnett, of Illinois (Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association); I. P. Morrill, of Louisiana; John Zeiss, of Ohio; Mrs. Mary E. Lease, of Kansas; Mrs. Dr. Stabbs, of Texas; Benjamin Terrill, of Texas.

The two committees met and selected July 4th as the date and Omaha as the place of holding a national convention and issued an address to the people.

## THE N. W. & C. RAILROAD.

THE LINE PRACTICALLY ARRANGED FOR, AND RECEIVING HELP FROM THE PEOPLE.

*Wilmington Star.*

The Board of Directors of the Norfolk, Wilmington and Charleston railroad company held their annual meeting in Philadelphia last Tuesday afternoon and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, J. C. McNaughton, Philadelphia; Treasurer, R. Duncan Harris, New York; Secretary, Carril Forster, Philadelphia; General Manager, Chambers H. McKibbin, Philadelphia. The general manager reported that the short line between Norfolk and Charleston, 350 miles, was practically arranged for; that the right of way was being taken up and local subscriptions secured; that the people along the line and the merchants of Norfolk and Charleston, and intermediate points were manifesting great interest in the road and assisting it liberally. The general manager also reported that the survey of the branch between the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad and Columbia, S. C., would be begun shortly, giving the system 600 miles of line. This line will form a direct connection with the Pennsylvania system at Norfolk, which point is now reached by that company over its New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk line by way of Cape Charles, and it will, it is claimed, open up the largest virgin timber district in the United States and shorten the distance between the North and South over 100 miles.

## SHE SAID "NO."

AND EVER AFTERWARD UNLUCKY MASON EVANS SHUNNED THE SIGHT OF MAN.

*Chattanooga Times.*

Mason Evans, the much-paragraphed "wild man" of Monroe county, is dead. The fatal grip took him off. Evans had been a great curiosity in this section for more than forty years, during which time he had roamed in the woods, apart from the comforts of civilization, subsisting on roots and herbs dug from the earth, with an occasional fowl surreptitiously taken from some convenient barn yard.

He was captured several times, but always managed to escape. Seven or eight years ago he was captured by some fearless fellow with an enterprising turn in mind for the purpose of entering him in a dime museum as the "Wild Man of Borneo."

When taken his body was as hairy as that of a bear and covered with filth and vermin. His eyes gleamed like the eye of a maniac, and he had almost lost the power of speech. For twenty years he lived in a cave of the Chimney mountains, and was never known to have spoken a word during that time. He lived in a state of nudity and was fond of raw meat.

Those who know his history say he was born in Monroe county near Hiwassee College, in 1827 or thereabouts. He was of a good family and received a splendid education. At about twenty years of age he was engaged in teaching school, and in the meantime fell in love with a handsome young lady of his neighborhood. She received his attentions with apparent favor. One night he called and asked her to become his wife. She said "No." He went out into the darkness and it was many years before he was seen again, and then he fled from his fellow men like a frightened deer.

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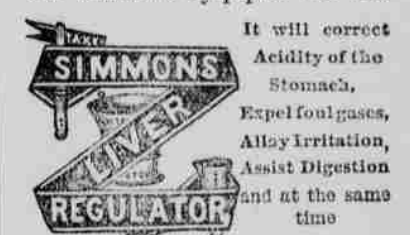
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