

HEX DOCTORS PLY STRANGE ART LIKE WITCHES OF OLD

Remarkable Instances of Supposed Magic Cult Reported in Lawsuits and in Narratives of Believers.



"DOCTOR" JOSEPH TEACLE West Chester's "Voodoo" man, who died some years ago, leaving a fortune made out of black art.

Witchcraft of a modern type, yet allied in a way with legends reaching back centuries in the history of this country and of the Old World, and having as their background the Biblical story of the witch of Endor, was exploited in a trial in the Schuylkill County courts last week.

BLACK MAGIC IN SCHUYLKILL

Recent Lawsuit Brings Memories of "Hex Cat" Killed With Silver Bullet.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 22.—Several times, during the last decade, there have been legal actions growing out of "witchcraft" or "black magic" in Schuylkill county.

A climax was reached, when silver bullets were molded and fired from a rifle at a feline powerer in 1907. Parson, who believed the cat was killed, for a short time later the sensation died out.

POWPOWERS IN BERKS

Magical Qualities Attributed to Them by Votaries.

READING, Pa., Nov. 22.—Aeroplane work in the Berks, in the form of carrying messages from midcoast, symbolizing the rapid strides of invention and modern education, yet in Berks County, miles from Philadelphia, live thousands of persons who still believe that when night falls and darkness envelops the countryside the witch mounts her broom and gallops through the air, performing weird incantations.

"Powwowing" is the name by which their peculiar faith is known. Practitioners of the cult are known as "doctors," and a number are reaping a harvest from persons who engage them to treat bodily ailments.

There are instances in Berks County history where a "hex" has been blamed for sickness in families, business reverses, loss of crops or chickens, protracted droughts, scanty crops, etc.

On several streets of this city there are two-story dwellings with steps worn through the front yards by the feet of thousands of "powwow" doctors.

"EVIL EYE" IN LANCASTER Many Persons Dread Its Venomous Glance, Presaging Trouble.

LANCASTER, Nov. 22.—With the most perfect of school systems, a centre of scientific and technical education, and other advanced educational institutions, Lancaster County still holds many believers in witchcraft.

LEHIGH'S FAMOUS CASE

Jury Acquits "Doctor" Accused of Necromancy.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 22.—Schuylkill County is not the only place in Pennsylvania where witchcraft cases get into court, for there was recently in the Lehigh courts a celebrated case, where the defendant was acquitted.

At the October term "Doctor" Dennis Rex, of Washington township, who lives at the foot of the Blue Mountains, in the extreme northern end of the county, was tried for practicing necromancy, exorcisms and incantations.

Half a score of men and women testified they had consulted "Doctor" Rex, who had such an extensive practice that he had opened an "office" in Allentown, where he spent two days a week.

CHESTER COUNTY SKEPTICAL

But Time Was When "Doc" Teacle Had Many Patients.

WEST CHESTER, Nov. 22.—"Hex" and voodoo doctors do not flourish and grow rich in any section of Chester County. In this place there are a few of the more ignorant Negroes who cling to the stories of their early life in the South, and are firm believers in anything of a mysterious nature, but voodooism is not practiced to any extent among them.

Some years ago West Chester had a real "white doctor," in the person of "Doc" Joseph Teacle, who had a home in the white residential section, and boasted of hundreds of "patients" among the whites as well as among the colored people.

CULT IN DELAWARE COUNTY Belief in Voodooism Apparently Increasing.

MEDIA, Pa., Nov. 22.—Witchcraft is slowly but steadily increasing in Delaware County, not only among the poorer classes, but among the well to do. Of these hand their weekly savings to voodoo doctors in Philadelphia, Lancaster and Reading, there being no such "doctors" in Delaware County.

RURAL CREDIT LEGISLATION

Grangers and Others Will Urge Action at Short Session of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—In the hope of reaching some uniform plan for the widespread and unostentatious, was believed to have left a large estate. Records of the Probate Court, however, indicate that he borrowed thousands of dollars from his friends, mostly politicians.

EX-MAYOR DIED POOR

Fred A. Busse, of Chicago, Gave Much to Charity.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—The late Fred A. Busse, once Mayor, whose charities were widespread and unostentatious, was believed to have left a large estate. Records of the Probate Court, however, indicate that he borrowed thousands of dollars from his friends, mostly politicians.

BARBER PLEASED TO GIVE

LANE THE "ONCE OVER"

He's the Only One of Four Cabinet Members Who Gives Tips. WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Two barbers met at the corner of 14th and H streets today.



MME. VAN DER VELDE, WHO IS HERE TO VOICE BELGIUM'S WRONGS

THANKSGIVING HAS JOY IN STORE FOR THE UNFORTUNATE

Holiday Promises to Bring Relief to Poor and Suffering Through Efforts of Charitable.

Plans for the celebration of Thanksgiving Day show that Philadelphians are attaching a deeper significance to the annual holiday than ever before.

Although Philadelphia has strained every resource in sending aid to European sufferers, the city has in no way forgotten the "thirty-begins-at-home" spirit which marks every Thanksgiving day.

Three thousand baskets of food will be distributed to deserving families by the City Mission; more than 1000 tickets have been distributed among poor children for a Thanksgiving dinner given by the Salvation Army.

These are but a few examples of the efforts being made on every hand. There are numerous societies and charitable organizations carrying on the work in a smaller way.

CHARITY'S BROAD SCOPE. Some idea of the magnitude of the response made to the appeals for aid may be gathered from the record of the Society for Organizing Charity, which has provided for more than 1500 families.

Prisoners in the Eastern Penitentiary are being encouraged to buy 25 barrels of food for women and children of Europe rendered destitute by the war.

A DAY OF SPORTS. Despite the serious aspect of the annual feast this year there are to be lighter sides to the day.

GOBBLEERS PLENTIFUL. Ten carloads of plump gobblers were received by the Wells Fargo Express Company today, and it is expected that the number reaching this city will reach 10,000 before the day is over.

RAILROADS CHANGE RULES. Withdraw Regulations to Which Interstate Commission Objected. WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The Delaware and Hudson, New York Central and Hudson River and the West Shore railroads have withdrawn objectionable rules and regulations regarding the use of mileage books bought prior to October 1.

SPRING-ROOTS FLAVOR GRIPS. The price of turkey this year ranges from 25 to 35 cents a pound, or from 25 to 35 cents a pound retail.

CONSPIRACY HINTED AT IN SEASHORE ROAD CONTEST

Charles D. White Opposes Southerly Routes for Boulevard.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Nov. 22.—Charles D. White, one of the owners of the Marlborough-Blenheim, by hinting at conspiracy, today added fresh confusion and additional bitterness to the controversy between hotel men and merchants over rival routes for the proposed Atlantic City automobile speedway.

In an open letter refusing statements to the effect that he favors the southerly route for the new boulevard, paralleling the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad and entering the city at Venice Park, Mr. White declares it is the only route to which the County Board of Freeholders will agree, the speedway should not be built.

After pointing to the activity of the Venice Park real estate promoters and mainline politicians in behalf of the lower route, Mr. White says that he is personally convinced that the southerly route is the one that will be built.

Other hotel men asserted today there would be violent opposition to any attempt to grant a franchise for the proposed cross-State trolley on any part of the Philadelphia-Atlantic City automobile route.

Former Senator Edward A. Wilson, leader of the forces seeking the southerly route for the trolley scheme, which he desires built at the county's expense.

CHURCH CELEBRATION ENDS. Old St. George's Gave Week to 125th Anniversary Exercises.

Old St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church ended yesterday its week of special services in celebration of its 125th anniversary. A special offering was received amounting to \$250.

MAY PROBE PRISONER'S DEATH. Coroner Will Probably Investigate Cause of Wilmington Man's Injury.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 22.—Coroner Spring will probably be called upon to investigate the death of John Kavanaugh, 38 years old, 508 Lombard street, who died in the Delaware Hospital yesterday from concussion of the brain.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES. John H. Crooks, 1426 N. 27th st., and Sarah Kelly, 1426 N. 27th st., and Herman Kuhnle, 227 E. Thompson st., and Charles Gerhard, 1440 N. 27th st., and Martha H. Turt, 1916 Myrtle st., and Henry J. Newman, 238 S. 20th st., and Lilian F. Hopkins, 2322 Fitzwater st., and Edna Sims, 3009 Oakford st.

John E. Keighly, 181 Westmoreland st., and Mary E. Butler, 243 S. Frankford ave., and John J. Glyn, 1823 S. 21st st., and Margaret Meyer, 212 Oakford st., and William W. Linn, 212 Locust st., and Louise Ripman, 511 Holly st., and Robert Wagner, 121 N. 17th st., and Margaret Roseman, 6122 Palmyra st., and Frederick Paulsen, 2882 Cornwell st., and Est Paulsen, 2883 Almond st., and Andrew C. Toole, 489 Hawthorne st., and Florence S. Mieschke, 4224 Willow st., and John E. Carl, 721 Avenue E, and Rebecca M. McKelvey, 721 Avenue E, and Albert Adams, 311 N. High st., and Philip Seal, 515 18th st., and Rosa Bookler, 328 S. Cross st., and Pasquale Cancellieri, 404 W. Wayne ave., and Bridget Ryan, 121 N. 17th st., and Francis A. Downes, 1272 Francis st., and Rudolph Miller, 2222 N. J., and Core L. Hutton, 3505 Brandywine st., and Henry Meier, 1810 Lombard st., and Fannie Mickey, 1407 Naudin st., and James C. McHenry, 718 E. 80th st., and Mary E. McCrossin, 2012 S. Alden st., and Howard C. Gienow, 401 W. Wayne ave., and Ruark, 1911 Glenwood ave., and George W. Monaghan, 1822 Brunner st., and Rachel McKeown, 519 N. Marshall st., and Frank Eccles, 1728 Reed st., and Katherine M. McGowan, 182 S. 21st st., and Samuel D. Chalmers, 222 N. 17th st., and James H. Hill, 182 S. 21st st., and Caroline E. McKelvey, 182 S. 21st st., and George R. Sullivan, 3400 Clifton ave., and William Lenz, 114 Barlow st., and Clementine Heddler, 114 Barlow st., and Marwood L. Good, 612 Haverford ave., and Isabella F. O'Brien, 6214 Haverford ave.

DEATH OF 8 IN FIRE STIRS NEW YORK TO SMASH BLACK HAND

Police Vow to Exterminate the Band of Incendiaries and Bomb Throwers.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Aroused as it has never been since the outrages at the Equate yards ago, New York police officials today declared a war of extermination against the Black Hand.

With a record of two bomb explosions and two incendiary fires within three weeks against the criminals, the police of the entire police force was centered on running them down.

Six members of a family of seven were trapped in the flaming hallway of the tenement at 90 East 25th street and burned to death.

METHODIST PASTORS WANT SUNDAY BASEBALL STOPPED. Ministers Say Thousands Assemble for Games in Suburbs.

A loud protest against Sunday baseball and a warning against its effects, as far as Philadelphia is concerned, was raised by a number of ministers at the regular weekly session of the Methodist Episcopal preachers' meeting today.

It is high time that the Church called a halt on this weekly practice, said one minister. "If we allow it to proceed it will not be very long before we will have Sunday baseball in the city, as well as moving picture shows.

The Rev. Doctor Mulhall, who delivered an address on the day, prefaced his remarks by appealing to all clergymen and laymen to be ready for the "Bible" Sunday revival meeting in the city.

A resolution was read by the secretary, to be voted on at the first meeting in December, providing for the change of the name of the Methodist Episcopal Preachers' Meeting to the Philadelphia-New Jersey Methodist Episcopal Preachers' Meeting.



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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Unexpected Fun

OUT in the big back yard, where all sorts of nice things happen sometimes, a line full of wet clothes hung dismally down.

"Isn't this the very hardest work you have to do just simply have a wash day like this!" "Hate it!" exclaimed a pillow case nearby. "I think it's worse than that. I can hardly wait till they give up trying to dry us outdoors and take us in by the warm fire."

"But do you think they ever will?" asked the table cloth in a discouraged voice. "Indeed, they will!" declared the big sheet stoutly. "They'll have to if they want me to get dry, for I've made up my mind that I'll never dry any other way."