### DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAT, AUGUST 25, 1906.

# Right Way to Pick Up A Horseshoe for Luck.

Somerset lane and saw one lying inthe crumbling summer rut. "There is a horseshoe," said I. The lad sprang forward, but stopped suddenly before his fingers touched the iron. "But I won't pick it up," said he, "or I shall . spoil your luck." It may perhaps have been only a point of effquerte, but he assured me that a horseshoe of my finding could bring luck neither to him nor to me if he touched it before me.

The origin of this superstition, says the London Evening Standard, now impering chiefly as a saying and a jest, is perhaps carlier than the horseshoe, and has nothing whatever to do with it. It was from the influence of the new moon that good was to be expected, and still there are some who turn the money in their pockets when they first see her in the sky. The early horseshoe was a simple crescent and the superstition has lingered around an object that at first was only a convenient symbol. It was to the protection of some

moon goddess, therefore, that the householder first trusted when he kept the witch out of his dwelling by hanging a horseshoe on the door. Neither spell nor malignant wish, nor the power of the evil eye could cross the threshold in the presence of her symbol. Even the pixies, who brought a certain whimsical merriment into their practical joking, were no good in the threshold, The growing moon has her horns always toward the left, and only on the wane does she point their nocturnal rides they might as a true crescent, waxing every day.

HERE is a right way and a well retire underground at once if a wrong in the picking up or a horseshee barred their entry to the stable. horseshee. I was walking with For these troublesome elses in dars

a countrybred boy along a set lane and saw one lying in umbling summer rut. "There irseshoe," said L. The kad sprang d, but stopped suddenly before a worse trick than this. They would get at the good wife's vat and wantonty spoil the brew. To prevent this she drew with her finger two hearts and a crisseress upon the mash, and thus the beer was saved. Whether cressent or cross, no matter. The pixles would slink away abashed by the sign of it. To this day there are horseshoes on the doors of many cottages in quiet villages. Doubtless the cottagers do but put them up for a whim, or in the same half jocular, half serious spirit, yet with a secret satisfaction,

> obsolete practises "just for luck." And why not 1, who find a secret delight in its forgotten significance? It was rusty, with a crooked horse-nall still hauging in one of the holes. There are some who think there is virtue in the rust. But that is non-sense. I polished mine until it was bright as the sliver moon, and indeed sense. might almost be mistaken for the metal sacred to Diana. There is a right way and a wrong of putting up the horse-

# too, in which so many of us perform

shoe on your door. One thing is thor-oughly established: If you turn it up-side down it cannot hold the luck. And where ought it to be placed? The old world folk often nailed it on the threshold. The growing moon has been been always toward the left

# Monument for Donner Party.

HE huse wooden cross that was | party camped in the high Sierra in erected 25 years ago on the the midst of a severe winter. Thele spot where the noted Donner party perished from cold and

hunger in the early days, and which rotted away a year ago, has been replaced by the ice compares which owns the land where the first marker stood, says the Reno Gazette. Several days ago the company sent a number of men to the spot and a new marker, 20 feet in height, in the form of a cross, was erected. The pole is 14x15 inches in size, and six feet from the top a 12-foot pole was firmly set into it. No inscription was affixed, but it is probable that at no distant date a mammoth granite monument bearing a brief account of the travic end of the Donner party will be built upon the ground.

The Donner party was one of the many that crossed the plains in the days of the gold rush. After suffering intensely from the long trip across which has the western plains and deserts the Marysville,

tents, were pitched near Donner lake. and before spring came famine and cold had practically wiped out the big train. Many efforts were made at res-cue, but all failed until the winter broke, when the living members of the decimated party straggled over mountains into the warm valleys of Cal-The story has been written many times and several times pub-lished in book form. It forms one of the most interesting and tragic chap-ters in the early history of the west. sia. The tales of hardship have never been equaled. It is a known fact that the flesh of perished — bers of the party was for many days the only food upon which the survivors sub-

sisted. Mrs. Mary Covillaud and her young brother, the late William G. Murphy of Marysville, Cal., were two of the survivors of the party. In the following spring they landed at Sutter Fort and thence were taken to a little trading camp on the Yuba river. Mrs. Mary Covillaud was the first white woman in the settlement and the camp was named in honor of her, out of which has grown the thriving city of



#### WOMAN SUES SECRETARY LOEB FOR \$50.000.

The newest trouble to visit William Loeb, Jr., secretary to President Roosevelt, comes in the shape of a civil suit for \$50,000 damages brought by Miss Nadage Doree, whose real name is Goldberg, and who, is the author of several works depicting the horrors of the persecution of Jews in Rus-

Mr. Loeb has declared the arrest of the young woman was made without his knowledge. His answer to the complaint is returnable within 20 days after August 10.



THE watch-tower of science was most impressive of these phenomena rocking to its base; it was diffi- was the steady, the continuous incult to stand quite still. A 2-foot crease. When would the climax come, pendulum would sway about six what might it prove to be? Outside we inches, and many of the instruments | built a fire to roast an egg or two, and | were moved beyond their scope; but the 1 sat about it making notes. Off to the 1 change.

right a house was burning, perhaps the cable-railway station, its yellow flames contrasting strangely with the univer-sal red. And then is came-the culmination we so long awaited-a shock which nearly threw us down, a blinding flash with the noise of a thousand thunders as the mountain opened, and the foundations of the world seemed breaking up. An arc of solid flame spanned the gap

to Mount Momna like a devil's bridge o fire-an infernal counterpart of the rainbow pathway of the gods into Walhaila. Did we not know what that must mean for Ottalano, for San Giuseppe, for other cities of the plain? Our hearts were bleeding for them, as if: being on the mountain, we were in some degree partakers of its deeds. And then, again, the beauty, the sublimity the grandeur of the eruption overcame us, as majestically taller grew the fiery pine, and wider spread its branches of thashlit smoke. Imagine a column of liquid fire a thousand feet in thickness sending its jets two miles into the air with a voice of thunder, of the avalanche, the battle, and the tempest all combined in one sublime crescendo, each surging roar a little higher, a lit tle louder, a little stronger-who could but exult in such a scene as this? The glorious power of the great volcano, the noble dignity of its action—one feit like crying, "Bravo, Vesuvio! and blessings on you anyway!" Electric flashes fell about us—deadly saber strokes of forking flame—and then herein the rain of stones light

then began the rain of stones, light at first like a gentle hale, but always of increasing callber, till now and then of increasing caliber, till now and then a great six-pounder crashed the branches of a tree, and we were under fire. Through a partially sheltering wood we made our way to a farmer's hut, where only smaller stones were falling (from which a rolled-up over-coat upon one's head was full protec-tion), and there waited for the dawn— Palm Sunday—which for us would bet-Palm Sunday-which for us would bet-ter have been called the Pine. For in the light of day was seen a most majestic column of white and curved vapors, like a giant fleece. Three miles and upward grew that wondrous tree: for the lava floods had about run their course-had devastated Bosco, had al-most reached the greater town below and now the moistureladen gases tore their upward way without restraint to form this growing, spreading and everchanging pile of glistening cloud.-Frank A. Perret, assistant at Royal Observatory, Vesuvius, in Harper's Weekly.

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#### SUNDAY EXCURSIONS

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yon 8:00 p. m. and 3:10 p. m.; leave Ogden 7:00 p. m.; leave Pharaoh's 4:40 p. m. and 9:10 p. m. Provo Canyon trains returning will run direct to Salt Lake without



#### HEIR MAY RAISE FUND FOR SAGE'S SAVIOR.

It is probable that on or before September 21, one of the Russel Sage legatees who is satisfied with the bequest of \$25,000 will call upon each of that other nephews and nieces to contribute to a purse of \$10,000 to be presented to William H. Laidlaw, the "human shield," who saved Mr. Sage's life 15 years alo. This helr, whose identity has not been revealed, suggested that a years alo. This helf, whose identity has not been recence, suggested that a round robin be addressed to Mrs. Sage asking that a sufficient part of the estate to yield a yearly income of \$1,500 be set aside for Laidlaw's benefit. In the event of refusal by Mrs. Sage the 25 heirs will be asked to contribute \$400 each to make up a fund of \$10,000.

Laidlaw is a wreck, incapable of physical exertion without assistance. He has 174 scars in his back, received by him when the crank Norches dropped the bomb with which he intended to kill Russell Sage 15 years ago,

## Kipling on the Future American.

T is interesting to read the past writings of famous men who are still active. Somebody who has read Theodore Roosevelt's life of Gov. Morris says that there are in it the germs of most of the ideas on it the germs of most of the ideas on which its author has since enlarged in precept and in practise; ideas especial-is that the world as it recollects it-self has ever seen. By virtue of his Jew blood—just a little, little dropconcerns of nations. The biography was written within five or six years of the date of Mr. Roosevelt's emerg-ence from Harvard college. Somebody else has been digging into the past writings of Rudyard Kipling, and finds in his American notes, written in 1889, a remrakable burst of affectionate enthusiasm about the Americans. Wait, he says, a hundred years. "Wait till the Anglo-American-German-Jew-the man of the future-is properly equip-ped. He'll have just the least little Harper's Weekly.

he'll be a musician and a painter, 105. At present there is too much balcony and too little Romeo in the life plays of his fellow citizens. Later on, when the proportion is adjusted and he see the proportion is adjusted and he sees the possibilities of his land, he will produce things that will make the effect east stare. He will also be a complex and highly composite admin-istrator. There is nothing known to man that he will not be, and his coun-try will sway the world with one fort on a man Hills a see any nearest?



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