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OLD WEATHER PROVERBS.

They are Really Prophetic and Should Be Known to All.

It is the fashion nowadays to turn to the scientist for explanations of everything, more particularly of the weather phenomena which comes daily under our notice. And the scientist, on his side, is always quite ready to furnish these explanations. But scientific explanations are hard to remember and not of much practical use to any except those learned in science. What most people need are not explanations of the facts, but the facts themselves, and what they portend. The former they can get by observation. The latter are no where so clearly and conclusively given as in the old weather proverbs, now falling into undeserved disrepute.

Prof. J. W. Humphries, of the United States weather bureau, in an article entitled "Some Universal Weather Proverbs," printed in the year book of the department of agriculture, has done a good deal to restore them to their rightful place.

Here are a few of the oldest and most famous, with Prof. Humphrie's scientific explanation of their truth:

"Frost year, fruit year; year of snow, fruit will grow; a year of snow a year of plenty, and a late spring never deceives," all three of which mean the same thing, are very easily explained. If the winter is a normal one, with plenty of frost and snow, and springs comes at the right time, it is not possible for the fruit trees to blossom prematurely and be later killed by hard frost or destroyed by alternate thawing and freezing. Consequently, all the proverbs means, and its meaning is quite obvious, is that normal seasons mean normal fruit crops.

Here is a still commoner one, and "A red sun has water in his eyes." A red sunset indicates the presence of rain elements. If the sky near the western horizon is yellow, greenish or any of these there is less vapor condensation in the atmosphere than in the case of red, although the red does not indicate quite enough water vapor to cause rain.

Here are the certain signs of rain in the evening sun:

"If the sun set in gray,
The next will be a rainy day.
If the sun goes pale to bed,
'Twill rain to-morrow, it is said."

The explanation of this phenomenon is simple. The space between our earth and the sun is filled with particles of dust. When the water droplets in the atmosphere are so numerous to saturate these particles the sun seems to be overclouded with a uniform gray, for the sun is obscured. Rainfall is certain to follow this phenomenon.

But there are other and equally dependable signs of rain, such as the halos and coronas that sometimes surround the sun and the moon. One of the proverbs in this case is:

"The nearer the ring the bigger the wet."

These halos and coronas are caused by storm clouds. If they seem small it means that the clouds are the result of storm far distant. If on the other hand, they seem near, and therefore bigger, it indicates that the clouds are low down and that the storm is not far off.

There is one set of proverbs, however, which Prof. Humphries attacks, declaring there is no basis of truth in them. They are the proverbs relative to the influence of the moon on the weather. He says there is absolutely no connection between that body and our weather phenomena beyond a small tidal effect on the atmosphere, which is recorded by the barometer.

He grants, however that the appearance of the moon may be taken as an indication of weather conditions. "Clear moon, frost soon;" "Moonlight night has the harvest frost," and other proverbs of this class have a scientific foundation, for on clear nights the earth gives out most of its heat in the temperature, frost or dew is more probable than on other nights.

There is yet another proverb connected with the moon: "Sharp horns do threaten windy weather."

When the horns of the moon are clearly discernible by the naked eye it means that there is nothing in the atmosphere to obscure them. An atmosphere as clear as this generally indicates that it has been swept by the winds in the upper ether, and these winds will probably reach the earth before long.

There are other proverbs too numerous to mention, which are equally well founded and reliable. They are generally the result of close observation on the part of those most interested in watching the signs and portents of the heavens, and in very

few cases, can science disprove them. Even in these cases the point is a matter of dispute not only between scientists and old weather prophet, but between scientist and scientist as well.—New York World.

GOOD ROADS.
Applied Locally.

We read many articles in our newspapers describing the Mexican troubles, Balkan wars and other topics of a distant territory. When we have read these we feel that we have the writers' opinions but no more. We have even reached that date when we can read largely of the Ten Commandments in a weekly newspaper, though after reading we are sure we know not the point the writer wishes to convey and feel uncertain that he himself knows. These topics compare very well indeed with the Good Roads Movements in Laurens county. We have at our command many volumes upon road construction and our newspapers treat the subject very extensively. But we gain from these only the knowledge of what could be done or what has been done or attempted in other localities, counties, or states.

Have we profited by having these experience of others? Our present and urgent needs are good roads locally applied. To have these we must arouse local interest in a good road movement and get our local people enthused in the movement.

It has been said that "good roads" and "good schools" go together; but is this true in Laurens county? One who had been out of the county four or five years would simply have to make the rounds in person and see the great improvement in Laurens county school to fully appreciate the great advancement made in our schools. Much has been done and more is being done each season. Why? Because a local interest has been aroused and each district has raised money or is raising money to build good school houses and employ competent teachers to meet the needs of the day. But in making these rounds one will find the roads in practically the same condition they were five years ago; the same old money-wasting plan of throwing, of scraping loose dirt into mud holes and patching over for a few weeks during the year. After a road is properly constructed, dragging and scraping go far toward its maintenance, but until it is properly constructed these can be considered only as temporary patching.

When we have aroused the same local interest in a good road movement as is being displayed in the good school movement then we will have good roads, competent men will be employed and labor furnished to construct them. We have an abundance of sand and clay, the essentials of the best country road, conveniently located and the topography of our county is such that good roads, in most cases, can be constructed at a minimum cost and then maintained at less expense than our patch work of today.

The day is coming when good public roads will mean to a town or community what the railroad means to them today. Our local papers and men will do well to give the matter their attention and strive to arouse that interest and enthusiasm so necessary to secure results in any movement.

While descriptions of what is being done in other localities are interesting and beneficial to read I would like to see your paper make an effort to localize the Good Roads movement. Get our capable men to express some ideas and set forth plans.

B. R. Todd.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.

Where as, petitions signed by a legal number of the qualified electors and free-holders residing in Waterloo school district No. 7, Laurens county, South Carolina, asking for an election upon the question of voting an additional 3 mill tax upon the property in said school district to be used for school purposes, have been filed with the county board of education, an election is hereby ordered upon said question, said election to be held on the 9th day of September, 1913 at the school house in said district, under the management of the trustees of said school district.

Only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates as required in the general election shall be allowed to vote.

Those favoring the 3 mill additional tax shall vote a ballot containing the word "YES" written or printed thereon. Those against the 3 mill additional tax shall vote a ballot containing the word "NO" written or printed thereon. Polls shall open at the hour of 8 o'clock in the forenoon and shall remain open until the hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon when they shall be closed, and the ballots counted.

The trustees shall report the result of the election to the county auditor and county superintendent of education within ten days thereafter.

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