

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Nov. 12.—To discuss propaganda for encouraging membership and recommending changes in the present system of bible instruction, the Michigan State Sunday School Association met here today in annual convention. Every city, town and hamlet of the

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Chinese Officials Elected at Spirit Election.

### TEA EXPORTS ARE ON THE DECREASE

Officials of China Annually Reap Thousands of Dollars From the Small Tea Dealers—Antiquated Methods.

PEKING, Nov. 12.—Now that Yuan Shih Kai has been elected for a full five year term as president of the republic, he and his cabinet expect to build up the country and one of the first problems to call their attention will be the steady decline of the nation's tea trade in recent years, according to an announcement made here today. The department of agriculture has begun an investigation along this line, and some startling facts in regard to the nation's tea business have been disclosed.

In 1888, as far back as accurate government statistics go, the empire of China was the greatest tea producing country in the world. In that year it exported 289,067,000 pounds of tea. But in 1907 the figures had dropped to 200,320,000 pounds. The annual output at present is about what it was in 1907. In sharp contrast to this has been the strong and steady invasion of India and Ceylon into China's monopoly. In 1888, when China shipped from her shores nearly 200,000,000 pounds of tea, India's exports were only 90,000,000 pounds. In 1907, however, when China's exports had dwindled to 200,320 pounds, India's had risen to 216,611,000 pounds. In other words, in 19 years China tea exports dropped 30 per cent, while India's rose over 100 per cent. In the same period Ceylon's exports of oolong expanded from 49,000,000 to 165,000,000. Java, as well, has taken advantage of China's failure to hold her own market. In 1888 the tea exports of this Dutch colony were 14,500,000 pounds, whereas in 1907 they were 26,900,000 pounds. Formosa, Natal and French Indo-China are also coming up steadily as tea producers.

Antiquated methods of production has been an important factor in the decline of the country's tea exportations. The rank and file of native

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tea growers today use the same methods that were thought all right thirty, forty and fifty years ago. Nevertheless, the principal cause of inattention of a once flourishing industry was over the cruel indifference of the Manchur bureaucrats. The lowly tea raiser, the humble tea merchant in a few isolated ports, was nothing to them, and they cared little whether the entire tea trade died, and with it the growers, so long as officials, high and low, got their regular "squeeze" from taxes, liking and other palm greasing perquisites. That time has past. Today Peking has alert republican officials on the job. The next step is to study the modern tea raising methods employed in India, Ceylon and elsewhere, and this will be done as soon as funds are made available.

### NOTICE TO POULTRYMEN.

The directors and all poultrymen interested in the Douglas County Poultry Association are requested to meet at the Roseburg Commercial Club rooms next Friday, November 14, 1913, at 8 p. m. for the purpose of adjusting the finances of the last show held December, 1912, and also to plan for the year 1914. Be on hand without fail. It is important. EDGAR A. MILLER, President.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Nov. 12.—Better systems of bible study were today discussed at length here at the sessions of the Sunday school convention of the Presbyterian church, which convened here yesterday. Today's morning meetings were devoted to the institute of the different departments of New Jersey for educational purposes. The annual banquet of the Superintendents' union of New Jersey will be held this evening in the Metropolitan hotel. Edward A. Dunham, superintendent of the Third Presbyterian church in this city, is president of the Superintendents' union. Sessions will close tomorrow.

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