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THE CHINESE EMBROGLIO

The unrest in China is of mighty moment for the whole world. It is of no sudden impulse. It is well known, we suppose, that the Chinese proper are not the rulers of their own land and people. The queer thing in history transpired many years ago when the Manchurians "came down like a wolf on the fold," and captured the land and the people and became their real rulers, but at the same time adopting the language of the conquerors. This was done to such an extent that the Manchu tongue is virtually dead.

This invasion of China followed that of Ghengis Khan, the Tartar of execrable memory. His deluge of northern hordes poured over the Chinese soil in the thirteenth century, and it was not till 1644 the Manchus became the possessors of the country.

The work of the foreign invaders was meant to be permanent; to the establishing of this end, they caused all the Chinese to wear the hair in queue as they have been doing ever since. The queue then is a sign of Manchurian bondage rather than a distinctive Chinese mark. The edict passed by the Chinese public last winter by which the "pig tail" was to be abandoned was a movement among the real Chinamen, and did not find favor with the rulers. So that today the round head (as in Puritan-Cavalier days in England) is the sign of a rebel. The people have not always been meek under the Manchurian rule. The Tae-Ping rebellion in which the celebrated Chinese Gordon was called to the assistance of the government was an attempt of the oppressed to rid themselves of the yoke of torment. At that time also the rebellion of the people was preceded by the wholesale de-tailing of the men.

The uprising is questioned in some quarters as to the wisdom of the movement, the fear being expressed that the country might be no better managed under the Chinese proper than it has been under the Manchus. This, of course, remains to be seen and proven. At present it seems that the patriotic rebels are in the ascendancy, and general capitulation is expected at any moment. In general, the sympathy of the world seems to be with the "under dog" in this fight.

The inhabitants of Chinatown in La Grande are said to be divided; the Manchus live separate from the thoroughbreds and have not un-tailed their heads; while the loyal subjects of the Flowery Kingdom have kept the national faith and are so designated. It is an occasion for local study on a world-wide movement.

FOR FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

Since the Observer has made mention of the great benefit and the justice of installing a free text book system in every county in the state, many prominent people of La Grande have expressed themselves thoroughly in accord with the stand.

It is a notorious fact that a trust handles the text books of this nation. We have seen in other states when it looked as though a legislature was about to tamper with the text book law, the same trust establish its headquarters in a leading hotel and put its lobbyists on the legislative floors. What for? To keep a body of representatives from changing a law which exacts an unreasonable tax from the rich and poor alike. Which makes the poor widow spend her last cent for books in order that her children may receive an education.

Now you reformers, you long faced representatives of "the people," who fill column after column with your new isms and whims, why do you not take up a matter that affects every family in the state? Why do you not instead of talking about reforming the world on some trivial matter, interest yourselves in the welfare of the poor widow who wants to school her children and make it as easy for her as possible?

The trouble with the spotlight reformer is this: He wants to be continually in the spotlight. He wants to tackle some concern that will put him in the newspapers every day, and many of the reformers care but little for results so long as they get hoisted to the front and are permitted to hear applause from the grandstand.

Oregon is overloaded with these handclapping reformers and short on the men who will really spend some time in enacting beneficial reform that actually affects the ones who need it most—the children.

We renew our oft repeated statement: Take care of the children, look after their welfare, educate them along correct lines and the country is safe. It matters little about mature men and women if the children are growing up in the way they should, for soon the roll is called on every adult in the land and the child of today takes up the problems of government and civilization. By all means make text books free. Let us not be behind forever on the things of merit and spend our energies and talents on vagaries that are impossible.

MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS

This is the age of uneasiness and unrest. It reminds one of the days spoken of in Holy Writ when the people of Babel got tired of divine rule and tried to build a tower to the skies; for which they were confused in tongue and scattered to every land. So far as known this is the first in-

stance of the attempt at the formation of a rust, or of getting a corner on all creation by the establishing of a lingual union. Anyway, the surging sea of earth-tied humanity is heaving in noisy waves everywhere and the pacifying oil of quieting is needed to restore or retain healthy order.

To this end, the militant forces for righteousness are endeavoring to assist in the settling of the disturbances by the formation of missionary bands for both home and foreign work. All denominations are working hand in hand, and find their abilities well nigh overtaxed, then. For three weeks or more the La Grande ladies of the various churches are to be active in a non-denominational manner for the general welfare of the project, after that they are to be active in a non-denominational manner for the general welfare of the project; after that they are to labor as denominations, having gathered strength from inter-association and mutual co-operation, and get all the assistance they can by way of new and additional members.

Private meetings and public ones are to be held at once and the sympathy of the public solicited.

The Observer's market reports are of great benefit to both Union and Wallowa counties. Sunday the writer was at Telocaset and in the little store at that place a customer happened in for a roll of butter. He kicked

on the merchant's price and told him he could buy butter for less money in La Grande. The merchant pulled a copy of the Observer from the shelf and showed him just what butter was quoted at on Saturday in La Grande. This is only one of many instances which prove that a reliable newspaper is of some benefit to every district of the two counties.

Athens the Seat of Learning.
It may be said unhesitatingly that the country which has produced the greatest men in literature and philosophy, art and architecture is Greece. In the little state of Attica—not much larger than Greater New York—true civilization and all that goes along with it were born. All that has been done since the "age of Pericles" has been simply the carrying out of the ideas, principles and methods laid down by the men who won Marathon and Salami, Plataea and Mycale. Galton, a high authority, does not hesitate to say that Athens and the little state of which it was the capital produced more first class intellects than have since been produced by all the world put together.—New York American.

Bishops at Missionary Conference.
Newark, N. J., Oct. 24.—Six bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church are here to take part in the annual council of the Second Missionary Department, representing the various dioceses in New York and New Jersey and the missionary district of Porto Rico. The council opens tonight and continues in session over Wednesday and Thursday.

Indians Are Starving.
Lander, Wyo., Oct. 24.—On the verge of starvation they declare, Shoshone and Arapaho Indians are preparing a petition to send to Washington asking the removal of Agent Wadsworth who they blame for their misfortunes. They are signing the petition by the thumb print system.

Fowler Working astward.
Mecca, Calif., Oct. 24.—Aviator Fowler alighted here at one o'clock, flying 61 miles in 68 minutes from Banning.

Postponed to Suit Taft.
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 24.—To fit in with the schedule of President Taft, who is to be one of the chief speakers at the annual meeting of the American Mining congress in this city, the opening of the congress originally fixed for today has been postponed until Saturday.

Mob Corners Negro.
Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 24.—With two men lying dead and another wounded as a result of the running amuck of John Harrison, a negro desperado, a mob of 200 whites have him cornered in a swamp. They will kill him.

Hitchcock to Open Bank.
Amherst, O., Oct. 24.—Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, who is native of this town, is expected tomorrow to assist at the opening of a postal savings bank. This bank will be the first to be established in third class postoffice.

Years of Experience

HAVE PROVEN THE SUPERIORITY OF THE MERCHANDISE WE CARRY IN THIS ESTABLISHMENT. MANY LINES HAVE FAILED IN THE TEST AND BEEN DISCARDED IN FAVOR OF OTHERS THAT WERE HIGHER IN QUALITY AND BETTER IN PRICE. THIS MEANS MUCH TO THE DISCRIMINATING BUYER.

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Bergeman Logger Shoes for Men.

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Keiser Neckwear
Keiser Neckwear
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Staley Brand Underwear
Interwoven Hosiery.

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