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CHINESE STILL FIGHTING.

Pessimism regarding the new Chinese republic is hardly justified by citing the fact that there is "already a new revolution" in the southern provinces against the government of which Yuan Shih Kai is the head. In reality the present struggle is the continuation of the work done by those leaders who all along have insisted on having a purely popular government rather than any form of despotism, even when covered with a shell of democracy. That Dr. Sun Yet Sen, the leading patriot of the Chinese of today indorses the present rebellion is proof that it must have a valid cause back of it.

It is to be remembered that the Chinese provinces never have had complete unity, in the sense that Americans understand it. Even the old dynastic system was not much more than a loose confederation. Modern ideas are strongest in the south. The north was compelled to line up with the republican movement against its will; there the ruling Manchus have been most powerful.

Dr. Sen magnanimously declined the presidency in the hope that Yuan Shih Kai, though of reactionary temper, would cement all factions and in time would establish the new form of constitutional government. Today it appears as if Yuan Shih Kai had decided to become in Republican China what Diaz was in Mexico, a military dictator. He apparently has had little faith in the parliament, which, though in session four months, has done nothing of consequence. The authority and method of electing the president and other vital matters have not been settled.

With no leaders appearing in parliament, Yuan Shih Kai has been running the finances himself. He has appointed governors in provinces which had elected such officers by popular vote and in other ways has shown that he believes himself to be the real ruler. Japan is accused of secretly fomenting trouble in order to get control of the northern mines. Dr. Sen and those with him may yet save the situation, if not, there may be a new

southern republic in contentio with a northern despotism before the issue is decided.

The small boy's estimate of the religious state of the churches is obtained by comparing the quality and quantity of lemonade served at the Sunday school picnics.

From the character of the stuff the magazines print in summer nowadays, the old time love story seems to be rejected as heavy literature.

Niagara falls is proving such a permanent attraction that it will probably never have to get out and play the one-night stands.

That Balkan war is like a prairie dog. When the powers think they have got it cornered, it bobs up out of another hole.

It seems easier to forgive the sins of the base ball trust than those of any other trust in existence.

ENGINEER PFIFFER HOME.

O.-W. Employee Badly Injured at Pilot Rock Home Once More.

Able to walk with the aid of a cane, but in anything but a comfortable state physically, a considerable portion of one hand gone and otherwise suffering from his injuries, Engineer Henry ("Heine") Pfeiffer has returned from a prolonged stay in a Portland hospital following his severe injuries at Pilot Rock Junction, early in May. He was oiling parts of his engine at the time, and his locomotive was hit by a switch engine moving the locomotive in such a way as to seriously injure the engineer's back and inflicted other wounds. Two fingers were crushed on one hand and his back badly hurt. It is only during the past week that Mr. Pfeiffer could leave his bed.

PLANNING FOR NEW MILL.

New Quincy Mill to Be Patterned After the Perry Lumber Maker.

Perry, Aug. 13.—(Special)—W. Y. Stoddard, accompanied by Mr. Gillespie of Portland, the man who is going to take charge of the construction work of the mill Mr. Stoddard is going to build in Quincy, California, went to Baker Friday to inspect a mill in that section. They expect to build their mill in California similar in construction to the Stoddard Lumber company's mill at Baker. Mr. Gillespie was in Perry all day Saturday drawing plans making up timber lists, etc., for the new mill.

AIR BRAKE CAR HERE.

Superintendent Wentworth Schooling Local Railroad Employees.

With especially equipped air brake demonstration car 010, Superintendent Wentworth of the air brake school for employees, is in La Grande to impart air brake science to local employees. The car will be kept here until all employees in departments affected can study the latest developments in air brakes.

FAIR WARNING--Only a Short Time Left to Secure These Unparalleled Bargains

When this sale was first announced, hundreds immediately took advantage of the great sayings offered, and the same people have come time and again, many making purchases for a year to come, realizing that such an opportunity is seldom offered to buy new, high grade merchandise at such unheard of reductions.

MANY LINES HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY CLOSED OUT but others have immediately taken their places on the bargain counters and broken lines priced still lower

Still Many Lines Remain to Be Closed Out This Month and Lower Prices Must Do the Work

COME TODAY AND SECURE YOUR SHARE--DON'T DELAY

West's Remodeling Sale

DOUBLE SHIFT STARTS.

Perry Planing Mill to Run at Forced Speed for the Present.

Perry, Aug. 13.—(Special)—Tuesday night the box factory started for about a ten days' or two weeks' night run. Mr. Merrill Stoddard is in full charge of the night crew, and Mr. Braund filer for the Nibley-Minnaugh Lumber company of Wallowa, is taking care of the filing department. Conditions are such that the company is justified in putting on an extra shift in order to take care of the large volume of box business that is coming in every day.

WANTS CHANGE OF VENUE.

Bumgarner Refuses to Have Preliminary Examination at Baker.

J. R. Bumgarner, arrested charged with attempting to poison his entire family by placing strychnine in the pump, was arraigned yesterday before Justice Hubbard, but refused to be tried before that magistrate as his honor was Mrs. Bumgarner's attorney in the recent divorce proceedings. Preliminary examination was postponed pending the securing of an attorney and witnesses by Bumgarner.—Baker Herald.

Band Concert Tonight.

Barring rain, the La Grande band will render a concert this evening composed of the following numbers: March, "King of Clubs," Brede Song, "My Hero," from Chocolate Soldier, Strauss Rag Time, "Rarity Rag," Whidden and Conrad Waltz, "Heidelberg," Mills Romance, For Trombone, Bennet M. B. Sherwood. Spanish Nocturne, "Sonora," Newrich Intermezzo, from Cavalier Rusticiana, Mascagni March, Regimental Reverie, Clement

Poindexter Bill on Alaska Coal.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Inquiries concerning the Poindexter bill for government operation of coal mines in Alaska have demonstrated a widespread public interest in this plan, which may later be shared by the members of congress. Just at present the bill seems to have no chance of passage, because the idea of government ownership has not been written in the party platforms. The senators and representatives are willing, if the administration requires it, to vote for a government owned railroad in Alaska, but beyond that point they apparently will not venture.

Nolan Has the Dope.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The latest job given John I. Nolan, the San Francisco trade unionist in the house, is the care of the convict labor bill drafted by the national legislative committee of the progressive party. Another member of the progressive

group was to have introduced it, since Nolan had the eight-hour bill, but a little discussion showed that Nolan knew more about convict labor laws and the industrial conditions that make them necessary than did any other of the Bull Moose.

Goes Home to Rest.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Senator Works has gone home to Los Angeles for a rest, and will not return during the present session unless banking and currency legislation seems likely to pass. He has delivered half a dozen speeches this summer, and has done a vast amount of work upon the lemon tariff.

As the democrats have a safe majority, and as the passage of the tariff bill is merely a question of getting through the talk and taking the roll-calls, Senator Works sees no public advantage in his staying here.

Hot Bath Burns.

Seaside, Ore., Aug. 13.—Mrs. B. F. Doue, 83 years of age, was seriously burned at the bath house in Gearhart last week. She had been instructed by the attendant to turn on the cold water in the bath, and attempted to do so, but by mistake turned on the hot water instead, seriously scalding her feet and body. She was unable to turn off the water and would undoubtedly have been scalded to death had not her daughter, who was near, heard her cries for help and hastened to her assistance. A physician dressed the burns and she is resting well. Mrs. Doue recently came alone from San Antonio, Texas, to visit her daughter in Portland.

Metal Production Grows.

Washington, Aug. 13.—A gain of 13 per cent in metal production was scored by Nevada in 1912 over the preceding year, according to the geological survey report issued today. Gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc produced from the mines of the state were worth \$38,358,732. Gold production was far below normal. Only \$13,456,188 of the yellow metal came out—a decrease of 35 per cent. The gold-field district was \$4,000,000 short of its \$10,300,000 output for the year 1911, while Nye county, Tonopah and the Comstock mines failed to keep up to their previous mark. Silver production gained \$1,840,000 for the year, and copper rose from \$8,422,000 in 1911 to \$14,268,000 last season. Lead, worth only \$877,000, was nearly five times as much as in the year before. Zinc came up from \$202,000 to \$919,000.

Crime Is Charged.

Baker, Aug. 13.—Frank Becker of Sandusky, O., has wired the probate judge to withhold the settlement of the estate of Carl Becker until a letter giving reasons for his request could reach the judge. Carl Becker recently shot himself in the leg at Huntington

accidentally, one week after he was married, later dying from the effects of blood poisoning. He had made his will appointing Mrs. Becker his widow, as executrix.

Little attention has been paid the telegram received by the authorities here, as it is though Frank Becker is endeavoring to claim part of the estate.

Justice Waits; Cupid Rules Court.

Baker, Aug. 13.—Cupid stepped ahead of Justice yesterday. Entering justice court during the trial of F. W. Patton, Wm. F. Hiery appeared in shirt sleeves, his prospective bride, Mrs. Ethel Ensminger, clinging to his arm.

There was a short recess in the trial as District Attorney Codwin had stepped out into the hallway to consult a witness. During the intermission Justice F. L. Hubbard pronounced the magic words that made the couple man and wife. The fee was collected and the trial proceeded without further sensation or interruption. The groom is a teamster at the Highland mine, while the bride is a well known resident of Haines.

Matches Warn Against Fires. Owners of Linn county timber, who

have associated themselves for the protection of the same, are distributing a neat little box of matches bearing the following inscription:

"A match doesn't think with its head. When in use, it is your head that has to do all the thinking. Don't trust the match not to fall where it may start a fire and make you responsible. The progeny of matches, cigarette or cigar stubs and campfires have no heads at all. Don't trust them either. Do the thinking. Put them out. Presented by the Linn County Fire Patrol association."

Monmouth Bees Busy.

Monmouth, Ore., Aug. 13.—That the bee business in this section has been demonstrated by W. J. Miller, who recently shipped 125 cases of honey, making a total of about 3200 pounds in the shipment. The price received was between \$3 and \$4 a crate. Mr. Miller has an apiary of nearly 100 hives. The bees are of the Black and Italian and obtain some honey from the red clover. Several years ago W. L. Arant, west of this city, sold several crates of red clover honey made by Italian bees, to a Portland commission merchant for \$5 a crate. This is the highest price yet received.

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La Grande, Oregon

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