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Miss Lura Hefty, a returned missionary from the Foochow Methodist conference and the Hinghna district, China, gave a most interesting address Sunday evening at the Methodist church. Miss Hefty is on a furlough after six years of teaching, under the Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and is spending some months going over the Pacific northwest telling of what has been accomplished and to create, if possible, greater interest in missionary work. She opened her address by telling of the great spiritual results from the Boxer uprising and showed how there is always "the blood of the martyr is the seed of the church," and cited several instances of modern heroism among the Chinese Christians, the equal of any other nation of the world. More especially in the Shan-tung province, where the present Emperor was then vice-regent, and how faithful the students were to their Christian convictions. In one instance a school of more than 200 young men and wom-

en were marched out, and told if they would only make a cross in the dirt and spit upon it, their lives would be spared. In every instance they were loyal to their Saviour and the end saw a pile of human heads, for not a boy or girl recanted. But, Miss Hefty says those days are gone, and the greatest embarrassment now is the success of the Christian movement in China as in Korea and India. Thousands are flocking to the mission stations, seeking knowledge and hundreds of villages are asking for Bible readers and evangelists, and schools to learn about the "Jesus religion", and many of them have experienced a change of heart, they go from village to village and gather the people together and tell them of "Christ that saves."

Miss Hefty told of a Chinese woman who was found in such sad condition that both limbs had to be amputated above the knees, and after she had recovered the question was "how could she make a livelihood?" So the Methodist hospital workers found her a piece of sewing. She sits in a wheel chair all day long and with a radiant face, testifies to the "Jesus religion." When asked how she could be so happy in her condition, she replied, "If I had not been ill, I would never have been brought here. True, I have lost my limbs, but I have found such a precious friend in Christ that it is worth it all."

Miss Hefty's work is among the school girls of the Hinghna district, and in her address gave several illustrations of how responsive these neglected girls are to kindness and love. She then gave a twentieth century demonstration of the 35th chapter of Isaiah whence the folks in China are realizing all the promises of that wonderful prophecy of the transformation of characters through the religion of Jesus Christ. It is most refreshing to listen to the story as Miss Hefty relates it and it seems passing strange that one has to go to a foreign field to see the gospel given its full opportunity.

In closing Miss Hefty said, that while she had heard much fine music since her return home, she longed to be back to her work and the sweetest music to her was to hear these converted Chinese heathens, who had found Christ, sing the hymns out of a full heart. It was a most inspiring meeting and made people feel their efforts have not been in vain. A splendid selection was rendered by the male double quartette, "Though your Sins Be As Scarlet They Shall Be As White As Snow."

Lecture on China.

Elder Nagle, of China, will speak in the Adventist church, Thursday at 7:45 p. m. All welcome.

Bandon Ship Yards May Reopen

Bandon, Or., March 20.—The Bandon ship yards, closed for several years, will probably be leased to Chris Nobley, of Portland, in the near future, according to word given out by John Neilson, local agent for the owners of the yard. It is expected that the deal will be completed and work commenced early in April. Two lumber carriers for which Mr. Nobley has contracts, will be the first craft to be built, and they will be the largest vessels ever launched in the Coquille river. One contract calls for a boat of 1,200,00 feet capacity and the other for a vessel slightly smaller.

Withycombe Urges Loyalty to Party.

Salem, Ore., March 20.—Speakers at the Republican rally held here Saturday afternoon expressed themselves as confident that the Republican party would be restored to power in the nation at the coming general election, and urged the members of the party to forget past differences and dissensions and rally to its candidates. Governor Withycombe was the principal speaker, and he dwelt largely upon party loyalty, and called attention to the mistakes made by the Democratic party.

A resolution authorizing the county central committee to recommend candidates for the legislature failed to pass. Most of the candidates for county offices were present and made addresses.

MINES ARE BOOMING

War Has Brought About Prosperous Condition in Northwest Mines

Portland, Ore., March 21.—Soaring prices of metal due to the enormous demand from Europe has boomed



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CHINESE CASE CONTINUED

Chinese Assault Case Will Not Be Tried For Present

Late this afternoon it was decided that the state case against Lem Quong, charged with assault on Eng Chong, during the tong wars, will not be tried the present term. It is reported the case will be tried the second Monday in the June term.

Eugene Mayor Heads Retail Merchants.

Eugene, Ore., March 17.—With the resignation of J. L. Stockton, of Salem, president of the Oregon Retail Merchants association, W. A. Bell, of Eugene, succeeds to the presidency of the association. Mr. Bell is engaged in the grocery business here and is mayor of the city.

Mr. Bell was appointed first vice president of the association during the first part of March, following the resignation of W. M. Green, of this city, who has gone out of business. Mr. Bell will be called upon to preside at the state convention of the merchants at Astoria during the latter part of the present month.

Four Foot Wall of Water.

Reports of cloud bursts Sunday evening in Umatilla county have been received. At Milton water poured through the main street in a torrent as a result of a cloudburst which sent the water roaring down Couze and Dry Creeks. Considerable minor damage was done.

For a period of 20 minutes just before 5 o'clock the rain fell in sheets, blinding lightning flashed and the thunder rolled in deafening crashes. Within that 20 minutes .70 of an inch of rain fell, right in Milton, the heaviest rain in remembrance.

Down from the two creeks the water poured in great volumes. Soon Main street was a river. The water on the sidewalks reached a depth between ankle and knee deep. Basements were flooded and the water poured into several stores, leaving a two inch deposit of mud when they receded. W. E. Piersol rode down Main street on a raft.

A wall of water four feet high poured through Weston's main street Sunday evening about 4:30, flooding basements and doing considerable other damage. The deluge followed a cloudburst that struck on Wild Horse creek about three and a half miles from this place.

Chickens were killed at almost every home, the estimate of the number of chickens drowned being placed at 1000. The home of Robert Michael on Water street was moved from its foundation by the force of the water and some of the lumber at the Watts & Rogers yard was damaged. Outside

the town and inside many fences were prostrated and a heavy coating of mud was left over all. The storm was of unusual violence, being accompanied by vivid lightning and heavy thunder.

A cloudburst at Stanfield threatened considerable livestock, principally sheep, pastured in the Stage gulch, east of here, when a flood of water 53 feet wide and four feet high, rushed down the gulch, sweeping fences and small farm buildings in its path. Rescues of the stock was effected by a sheepman from the ranch of J. P. Hoskins, who made a sensational ride ahead of the rushing waters warning the ranchers of the valley, who drove the sheep to the hillsides.

Stake Gulch is about 25 miles long. The great wave reached the mouth, about four miles east of here about 8 o'clock. Almost the entire population of Stanfield was out to watch the spectacle. At the mouth of the gulch the water was carried off by irrigation ditches and emptied into the Umatilla river.

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