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### NG POON CHEW.

To paraphrase the scripture, "Can humor, philosophy, scholarship and statesmanship come out of China?"  
Assuredly it can. The land that ages ago gave Confucius to the world has, as centuries rolled by, given statesmen, philosophers and even scientists in numbers.  
Not least of the great international Chinese of modern history is the Hon. Ng Poon Chew, statesman, orator, editor, philosopher and humanitarian, who comes to the local Lyceum room tonight. Due, Ng Poon Chew is in China, but, nevertheless, that wonderful nation shrouded and steeped in ignorance and isolation for centuries, is not without its great men. It is not idle flattery to rate La Grande's guest today as among China's great. He lived in the old order of things, he fought for and got the new regime, he saw the gates of education and modern civilization open on darkest China and, in the participation and going of these epochs in the world's history, he assimilated great storehouses full of knowledge. He can present them with the logic and finesse of a polished occidental. He possesses the peculiar combination of brains and polished exterior evidences of oratory.

### ADVERTISING FOR FARMERS.

Paid advertising as an aid to farmers in meeting many of their present difficulties is urged by a professor of Industrial Journalism at the Kansas State Agricultural College. By this he did not mean advertising their produce for sale, although there would, no doubt, be value in that. He meant the advertising of the farmer's peculiar problems, his needs and his point of view.

Production is the least of the farmer's troubles today. In spite of the shortage of labor, seeds can be got into the ground and bumper crops harvested with the aid of up-to-date farm machinery. Distribution is not so simple a problem. Lack of marketing facilities, or their exorbitant costliness when they exist, is sufficient to turn the farmer's rich harvest into loss.

Partly, this weakness on the side of distribution is the fault of the producers themselves. With more fearless and generous cooperation, with greater enterprise, the farmers of any section could go a long way toward alleviating their own suffering from marketing defects. In fact they have done so in some parts of the country.

### SCHOOL REPEATERS.

The United States Bureau of Education is calling the attention of parents and educators to a class of pupils not always sufficiently considered. They are the children known as "repeaters."

A "repeater" is a child who fails of promotion and must do over, a second and sometimes a third time the work of a previous term or year. The percentage of these children is higher than most people suppose. In one city of average educational standing, for every 1,000 children who enter school, 100 are forced to repeat the first grade. While the percentage grows less on the higher grades, it is to be found all the way up.

These children are partly responsible for overcrowding in the elementary schools. They cost the public extra money for their education. They are frequently troublesome because they have lost interest in studies they must take over again, and they are often ashamed and unhappy to a point which is bad for their morale and that of their mates. Finally they constitute a large percentage of the children who leave school, inadequately equipped, the minute the law will permit them to leave, and become inefficient industrial workers, or possibly loafers, and gangsters.

Teachers say that repeating can be cut down. If parents will help their children and keep in touch with their progress, mental and moral, more children will make the grade who otherwise would fail. Better grading and grouping of children in the school will help, too. Home school must

### COOPERATE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF THE REPEATER.

### GAS FOR THE NEXT WAR.

Great Britain has prohibited the exportation of gas for a period of 10 years. There is more in this than appears on the surface. The period set, while enabling England to make herself independent of other countries in the production of gas, will incidentally build up her whole chemical industry for military as well as industrial purposes.

Dyes stuffs are made from coal. So are ammunition and poison gas. The last is said to be the most important product of all in the eyes of British statesmen. They assume that gas will be the principal weapon in the next war, and are determined to be ready.

It may also be observed that those same statesmen are less concerned now with battleships than airplanes. Putting two and two together, we may infer that Great Britain, along with the other European powers, figures on doing her most effective fighting after by dropping poison gas bombs from the air.

The United States will not be behindhand in that game, at least so far as the gas is concerned. American chemists, during the late war, produced a gas far more deadly than any used on the battlefield, and, when the war ended, our government had enough on hand to kill the entire German army. Several hundred tons of it were subsequently taken out and sunk in the Atlantic Ocean. More can be made easily enough when it is needed.

And before the World War, the use of poison gas was forbidden as "inhuman."

Isn't the next big war going to be a lovely affair if statesmen are so stupid or so criminal as to permit a "next" one?

The legislator who is sponsoring that law compelling automobilists to come to a dead stop and look both ways before crossing a railroad track ought to amend it to require a deputy sheriff to ride in each car. In that way, it might be enforced.—Eugene Register.

Oregon would gain one new member of congress under a bill presented day before yesterday by the chairman of the census committee. If it passes, a good way to take the census of Oregon would be to count the men who think they ought to have the job.—Eugene Register.

A president of Mexico, General Ibragim is making a great record. He hasn't "passed" the United States once since he assumed office.

When moves out in March, he'll leave a trunkful of problems for Harding to solve.—Clatsop Falls Herald.

There has been a crime wave in Manila. Probably the bandits have been given too much rope.

"Coal Oil Johnny" is dead but gasoline Johnny is the stage floor and going strong as ever.

Such a relief! 1921 looks just like any other year.

Death seldom comes unbidden. It don't get a chance.

Only about a third of the world's population has ever heard of Christmas, let alone celebrated it.

# BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

### SCOUTS AT ROOSEVELT GRAVE

Boy scouts within a radius of fifty miles of New York city made a memorial pilgrimage to the grave of Theodore Roosevelt on Friday, Nov. 20, the day following Thanksgiving. The pilgrimage was under the leadership of Daniel Carter Beard, national scout commissioner, who was one of the very close friends of President Roosevelt.

Each boy scout council in this territory selected a delegation of individual honor scouts and troops. The number that participated ranged several thousand. It is proposed to make the trip an annual memorial in honor of the man who was the American boy's ideal, and who was at one time honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America, and was known as the Chief Scout Citizen.

The scouts were transported from their various local headquarters by Oyster Bay in automobiles, trains and by boat. They mobilized there and then hiked to Sagamore Hill and to the Roosevelt tomb, where appropriate scout memorial services were held, with addresses by several speakers, including Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who recently became a member of the executive board of the Boy Scouts' organization and shares his father's enthusiasm for scouting.

"The memorial hike was not only a gracious tribute to the memory of a great man who understood boys as few others have, but was a fine thing for



DANIEL CARTER BEARD, National Scout Commissioner, Leader of the Boy Scouts of America Memorial Pilgrimage to the Grave of Theodore Roosevelt, Which is to Be an Annual Scout Event.

"The boys themselves," said Commissioner Beard, who is familiarly known as "Uncle Dan" to the hundreds of thousands of boy scouts, "The pilgrimage to the tomb of Roosevelt was a lesson in patriotism of the kind that makes for better citizenship, which is a fundamental object of the boy scout movement. President Roosevelt had all the picturesque qualities of a boy hero. He was an out-of-doors man, a buckskin man, explorer, a true scout of the old American type; beloved by boys, and was always interested in things boys are interested in. The purpose is to impress upon the boys that participated, and through them to impress upon other boys those splendid qualities of character of Theodore Roosevelt as shown by the events in his life which it should be the aim of every American boy to follow. American boys produced no better man for scouts to emulate."

### THE SCOUT CABIN BOY TEST.

"Tests" is the name given to the work a boy scout is made to accomplish in order to secure the coveted merit badges worn on a stripe of his coat. One of the newest of these is the cabin boy test. To pass it, it is necessary for a scout to take what amounts to a preparatory course in the fundamentals of seamanship. The merit badge he receives after passing is one of the finest pieces of silk embroidery in the merit badge list. It is a yellow oval enclosing an anchor in yellow, on a rich blue background.

### A PLEASING SCOUT REPORT.

Boy Scout Troop 1, Clatsop, N. J., reported to national headquarters that it had helped put out a fire near a powerplant. It was put out, although the report would have been of a different kind.

### WOODS OF THE BOY SCOUTS.

Troop 6, Woodville, Ga., cleaned the cemetery, cut weeds off streets, cut weeds from around school building, helped clean church grounds.

Troop 10, Mary, N. C., reports that it responded to all requests for local headquarters for assistance in doing local good turns, gave provisions to two poor families, escorted blind persons from their home to the annual blind outing and return, assisted church in building tennis courts, and distributed literature for the church.

### SOME COW!

Long Island animal was advertised for sale by her owner: "For sale, cow that gives five quarts of milk a day also two grandchildren, one set of harness and a boy rake."—New York Central Magazine.

### ANOTHER LA GRANDE CASE.

It Proves That There's A Way Out For Many Suffering La Grande Folks Just another report of a case in La Grande. Another typical case. Kidney ailments relieved in La Grande with Doan's Kidney Pills.

E. L. Bussey, 1409 Monroe Ave., La Grande, says: "I can certainly endorse and recommend Doan's Kidney Pills for I never used anything that did me so much good for my back and kidneys. I have been subject to kidney trouble at times particularly when a cold settled in the lower part of my back. Dull aching pains would annoy me and my kidneys would get badly out of order. I started to use Doan's Kidney Pills and, from that time on, I have had something on which I could rely. Whenever I am bothered it only takes a short use of this medicine to set me right and now I am perfectly free from kidney trouble. I am glad to pronounce Doan's Kidney Pills the best remedy to be had." (Statement given on November 20, 1912.)

On May 5, 1907, Mr. Bussey said: "I know there is nothing better for kidney complaint than Doan's Kidney Pills. If I have the least sign of kidney complaint, a short use of Doan's is sure to give me prompt relief."

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See the display in one of our windows.

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