

### Old Tong War In La Grande Is Recalled—Happened in March, 1917

In a sacred Chinese joss house, William Eng of the Hip Sing tong was condemned to die for the part he had played as a witness in a Chinese shooting scrape in which one of the Hop Sing tong had been involved. On the day of March 13, 1917 a fierce war broke out between the representatives of the two tongs in La Grande and Chin Ping, Chin Borke, Louis Moon, Chong Bing, Ah Sam and Ching Lem were picked to do the shooting which would put William Eng out of the way.

The morning of March 18 dawned silently in Chinatown, but one of the Hop Sing tong had been injured and the tong, which stands for mutual protection, was out to get revenge. Chin Borke, the scion of a wealthy Chinese family in San Francisco, a musician, a man of temperament, had been imported to head the local Chinese in their war, a war to the hilt.

Eng was first seen running east on Adams avenue, pursued by a gunman, and the first shot missed him as he continued to run after it. When Eng fell the gunman caught up with him, held to the drinking fountain with left hand and leaning over Eng, emptied the magazine of the gun into his head. The deed was committed in front of the post office at the hour of noon when people were going home to lunch, but the Chinese in their tong wars shoot indiscriminately so long as they get their victim.

Tongs are not tolerated in Chin where the laws are enforced with severity. John Hodgins, who was district attorney at the time, states: "La Grande's Chinatown proved to have practically a maze of underground pits and trap doors at that time, since one, Ching Sing, a Portlander, was found in the basement of one of the Chinese houses, the trap door to which was found under a bed. The officers entered a room where a Chi-

nese woman sat, placidly sewing, and it was not until the officers became suspicious at the position of a curtain in the room that the piece of furniture was moved and a trap door was found under it. The door was opened to reveal the five Chinese who were held and later convicted of the murder of William Eng.

The Chinese quarter was declared by citizens to be a bed of dikes and a hotbed of tong wars, and the city commission was in a quandary whether to raze the Chinese out of town or to boycott them in order to meet the tong war situation.

About this time the situation was complicated by the arrival of six Chinese by train. One, Quon San, who was also called Sam Quon, declared himself to be a representative of the Chinese peace society and that he had come to make peace between the warring Hop Sing and Hip Sing tongs.

Ying Gong, an interpreter, and a member of the Hip Sing tong came to La Grande to aid in the prosecution of Hop Sing gunmen and affairs went from bad to worse until a permanent peace between the two tongs had been signed by the authorized representatives of both tongs which said that no members of the two tongs should fight here or aid in fights of Bing Kong Bow Leong or the Suey Sing tongs which were represented here at the time.

The Hop Sing section of Chinatown was deserted, but with the signing of the peace, the Chinese gathered enough courage to return and were immediately busy gathering their belongings which were scattered during the battle between the tongs.

#### Bred Plants in 1870

Plant breeding experiments have been conducted since 1870 at Michigan State college.

### LOCAL GIRLS HELPING WITH O. S. C. EVENT

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 6—Two La Grande girls have been appointed to serve on committees in charge of exhibits in the school of home economics during the Educational exposition at Oregon State college, February 13 and 14. Ivy Charlton, senior in home economics, is chairman of the related arts committee and Velma Charlton, sophomore in home economics, is a member of the textile committee.

The school of home economics will have some 25 separate exhibits which will cover all phases of the field of home economics including clothing, textiles and related arts, foods and nutrition, household administration, and institutional economics. Over 170 students will be active in arranging these exhibits and in explaining them to the visiting high school delegates.

A suggested wardrobe for the college girl, a girl's ideal room stressing furnishings she can make for herself and the evolution of costume designs will be the main ideas of the clothing, textiles and related arts exhibits. An attractive feature of the foods and nutrition exhibit will be a table using the valentine theme in decoration and set with the first course of a formal dinner. Set-ups showing main dishes and desserts for luncheon and a demonstration of how methods in making muffins and biscuits will also be shown.

In the marketing department there will be an exhibit of fresh and prepared foods with suggested menus for breakfast, luncheon and dinner. An exhibit of experimental rats will indicate vitamin G and B deficiency, methods of weight control will be another of the phases of the nutrition department exhibit.

Both home management houses with their real live babies will be open for inspection during the exposition. A display of household equipment and a demonstration of how to place foods in a refrigerator will be arranged in the household administration department. In the home nursing department the exhibit will show a model sick room with its equipment. The nursery school in the Covell house will be open with toys and equipment on display. The dining room will be set up with a typical lunch for the little tots. The kitchen, men's dining room and the tea rooms in the Memorial Union building will be open for inspection Friday night. A complimentary tea sponsored by the institutional economics department will be given in the Memorial Union building Saturday afternoon.

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### Bills

House bills introduced:

HB 259—Bill Allen, Hellberg and Senator Jones. To regulate manufacture and sale of drugs, chemicals, remedies and poisons.

HB 260—by Bynon. Licensing pawnbrokers and regulation of their business.

Passed by House:

HB 72—by Deschutes, Klamath and Umatilla delegations. Prohibiting sale, barter or gift of spirituous malt or liquor to Indians and providing penalty therefor.

HB 90—by Hamilton. Limiting issuance of bonds by certain irrigation districts in which irrigation works have not been constructed or construction work commenced.

HB 112—by Gordon. Providing lands within drainage district owned by counties, cities or towns, shall be subject to taxation.

HB 118—by Lawrence. Providing for payment of costs by county wherein action is commenced in court of change of venue.

HB 122—by committee on horticulture.

culture. Licensing of nurserymen and dealers. To regulate manufacture and sale of drugs, chemicals, remedies and poisons.

HB 148—by committee on livestock and agriculture. Amending so-called "gasoline cowboy" act, clarifying it and making it more effective.

SB 30—by Johnson. To amend code relating to state board of horticulture.

HB 55—by Chinook, James H. E. Scott and McAllister. Exempting incorporated cities from payment of penalty and interest on delinquent taxes accrued on lands owned or acquired by said cities.

HB 56—by Chinook, James H. E. Scott and McAllister. Providing for vacation of streets, avenues, etc., in incorporated cities.

HB 57—by Chinook, James H. E. Scott and McAllister. Permitting cities to create a sinking fund in advance for the purpose of purchasing fire equipment, for erection of garbage and sewage disposal plants.

HB 58—by Chinook, James H. E. Scott and McAllister. Relating to payment and collection of installments under Hancock act.

HB 59—by Chinook, James H. E. Scott and McAllister. Relating to purchase of lands on tax sales.

HB 60—by N. Scott and James H. E. Scott. Relating to vacating of roads or parts thereof no longer needed.

HB 121—By Schaupp and Hamilton. Changing boundaries of game ranges.

HB 134—by Winslow, enlarging right of workmen under compensation act.

HB 147—by committee on judiciary, allowing laborers subject to workmen's compensation act to recover an attorney's fee upon an appeal if decided in favor of workmen.

Senate bills introduced:

SB 117—by Gardner. Relating to execution in return of process by former sheriff.

SB 178—by Miller. Relating to flash burning at certain seasons and authorizing governor to declare closed seasons.

SB 147—by Upton. To provide tax commission with authority to examine and audit the budgets and tax levies of municipal corporations of counties of less than 100,000 population and reduction of levies and extension, and to provide for corrections therein.

SB 180—by Upton. Authorizing drainage district of 2000 acres or less to waive payment of penalty or interest on delinquent tax assessments and authorizing county tax collection officers to receipt for assessments and reduction of levies and extension, and to provide for corrections therein.

Passed by Senate:

SB 77—by Crawford. Relating to foreclosure of liens.

SB 80—by Marks. Providing right of lien on lumber by mill workers, in mills where that right is now absent.

SB 88—by Johnson. Revising state horticulture code, adding bulb and nursery industries to code and increasing salary of secretary of state board of horticulture from \$175 to \$200 a month.

SB 44—by Francisovich. Relating to form of undertaking by justices of the peace.

HB 40—by James H. E. Scott. Authorizing Umatilla county court to transfer funds from the county road sinking fund to county general road fund.

Signed by governor:

SB 33—by Crawford. Giving judges of district courts authority to pass upon and determine all questions of law arising in a trial, including motions for non-suit and directed ver-

dict, and providing that they shall have authority and shall at the request of either party, or may in their own discretion, charge and instruct the jury.

SB 47—by Johnson. Changing dates of circuit court sessions in Benton county from fourth Monday in March to second Monday in January, from second Monday in July to second Monday in April, and from first Monday in December to fourth Monday in September, provided that the April term shall not be summoned except by order of the judge.

SB 59 — by Senators Crawford, Bailey and Representative Angell. Providing that summons shall be served on vice president and assistant cashier, as well as officials mentioned in existing law.

SB 60—by Booth and Upton. Adding veterans or all wars to veterans of the world war as those authorized to use club rooms erected by county courts as memorials to soldiers.

#### Acute Observation

Fault is the one thing that is usually found where it is not.—Chicago News.

China or Coffin? Argued  
Archaeologists of Scotland are arguing as to whether a rough hollow log of black oak, six feet long, found 25 feet below the normal level of Loch Thiel is an ancient canoe or coffin. Tests showed that it would float on the lake, but the length makes the coffin contingent adamant in their arguing. Anyhow, both say it is a valuable find.

#### Benighted Races

Culture is widespread, but in remote regions there are races still so benighted they haven't even heard of a hole in one.—San Francisco Chronicle.

#### World Requires Morality

The world demands a young man of clean hands and a pure heart, not because it cares about his morals, but because it wants a man capable of balancing the accounts correctly and honestly.—Prof. Herbert L. Willott.

#### Statuary Hall

In 1901, at the suggestion of Senator Morrill of Vermont (then a member of the house) the room which had formerly been known as the hall of representatives was set apart as a national statuary hall to which each state might send statues of two of its distinguished citizens. Rhode Island was the first to respond, choosing Roger Williams and Nathaniel Greene, and more than half of the states have contributed one or two statues.

#### Another Solomon

In an Alabama city two women recently took a squabble over the ownership of a poodle to court and the judge decided to award the dog to the oldest woman—and neither of them wanted it!

#### Human Choice

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