

CHINESE METHODS.

A Queer Story About the Death of the Late Emperor.

It is stated on authority by the Revue of Paris that the late emperor and the empress dowager of China did not die within two days of each other by the unaided decree of fate. While the aged aunt had natural reasons for passing away, the demise of the imperial nephew was artificially accelerated. Knowing that she was about to die, the malevolently murderous or highly statesmanlike old woman dragged her unfortunate relative into the grave with her. This left the way open for a three-year-old baby, son of the emperor's younger brother, Chun, to ascend the throne and presumably preserve the peace of China.

Kwang Su had long been suspicious of his wily aunt and had planned to shut her up in a safe place. The empress dowager got ahead of her nephew and made him a prisoner, while she seized the complete reins of government. On her deathbed last November Tsze An deputed the grand council to name Chun's infant son as successor to the throne and the father as regent. It remained to dispose of the living emperor. After a conference between the chief eunuch, Prince Tsing, the chief of the imperial family, and Yuan Shi Kai, an implacable enemy of the emperor, it was announced to the world that Kwang Su had a bad case of heart disease and might not survive his venerable aunt.

At 10 o'clock in the morning the captive emperor was visited in his secluded apartments by the chief eunuch and two assistants. The chief eunuch announced to Kwang Su that in view of his aunt's near departure it was not seemly for him to linger on. His glorious presence was desired on heavenly by his imperial ancestors. The eunuch laid on a table some opium pills, a package of gold leaf and a silk cord, saying that the emperor could take his choice. If he did not help himself to any of these things within three hours the eunuch said that he and his assistants would be compelled to strangle their beloved and imperial ruler with the silk cord.

The young man did not have to be told how to use any of the articles. In China opium poisoning is common, and it is not rare to produce death by inhaling gold leaf, which seals the gullet and causes speedy suffocation. Kwang Su, watched by the two assistant eunuchs, preferred to swallow the opium pills. When the chief eunuch came back at the appointed time the emperor was unconscious, and he expired at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The infant Fu Yi was immediately proclaimed emperor. The next day Tsze An died, happy in the knowledge that the last act of her long career was a statesmanlike murder of her nephew.

The Newest Dyspepsia.

The latest term given to dyspepsia when it happens to afflict the fashionable woman is "auto poisoning," the doctor explaining carefully that all the patient's food poisons her and prevents digestion. Then she, poor soul, diets in very fear of her life. No end of puns are being made in the wealthy set on the name of the disease, and for the pseudo-invalids to say that they must walk instead of motor invites more cruel jests. But the fact remains that the average case called "auto poisoning" is only the old-fashioned dyspepsia, perhaps more violent because of the rich food that in the everyday fare of those that can afford to poison themselves with the good things of this life. New York Tribune.

The Schvartz Title.

Charles M. Schvartz at a dinner in New York denied the claim of London Truth that to the marriage market American men were at a discount. "It is true," said Mr. Schvartz, "that a good many of our business men marry foreigners, but they don't marry them as men; they marry them as titles. Once in Monte Carlo a lady said to me: 'It's a pity Sallie Bangs, the New York heiress, doesn't find out the true character of that wicked Prince Champlignon she's gone and got engaged to. I'd like to read a man like a book.' 'Maybe,' said I, 'she's satisfied in this case to read only the title.'"

A Long Drawn Out Name.

Miss Tollemache of London wedded Captain C. Stone on Feb. 4 last. The ceremony took place at the Hanu parish church, and the notice in the daily press contained the bride's full name, which occupied three and one-half lines of the newspaper. Very probably Miss Tollemache holds the numerical record for Christian names, for she is the possessor of sixteen. The official list is as follows: Lyonia Dorothea Veronica Esythe Undine Cyrene Hylda Rowena Adela Thyra Dorothea Esabel Blanche Lilia Dymart Thantagenot.—Harper's Weekly.

Radium.

Even Sir Frederick Treves' lecture has not revealed all the truth about radium. The latest contribution is from a third form boy, who states that "radium is an imaginary line outside which London cabmen charge a shilling extra."—London News.

HOW IT FEELS TO FLY.

A First Trip in an Aeroplane With Wilbur Wright.

One of the adventurous spirits who have been aloft in Wilbur Wright's aeroplane describes his sensations as follows: "I was wedged into a narrow covered, straw stuffed seat, mounted on the center of the oil bespattered wing of the aeroplane, with a wooden crossbar for my feet to keep me wedged tightly home. Wilbur Wright climbed over the wire stays and wooden bars that attach the forward rudder to the main wings and came around to his own place on my left. The familiar signal was given. Wilbur Wright fastened the two lower buttons of his jacket, as we had seen him do many a time before. Then, climbing into his seat, he pulled his peaked cloth cap well over his eyes, bent forward, hesitated a second to see that the man at the wing tip was ready, released the catch, and we were off—yes, off, and with such a rush that we seemed to have been shot forth from the mouth of a cannon. Prepared as I was for a quick start, the terrific impetus staggered me. "But almost before my thoughts had time to shape themselves definitely it was over. There was a thud in the rear—only the wooden boggy, which had dropped to the ground on reaching the end of the starting rail. No need to worry about that, and we were being gently swayed in a calm atmosphere. We were climbing upward moderately fast, to judge by the way in which the ground was slipping away underneath. But a minute later even this had stopped, and we were slowly advancing with a gently undulating motion which made one smile at the thought that this could end in disaster.

"But how deceiving it was! The sensation suggests that you are being cradled in the air. You are moving so gently that you could not come to any harm if you fell. There is not much wind, only a gentle breeze—nothing whatever to disturb you. And reason insisted: You are traveling at forty miles an hour. You have got nothing to support you. Down there, fifty feet away, under that purple heather, is the hard ground waiting to wreck you and the machine. If the engine stops, the air, which is now lulling you, will turn traitor and let you fall cruelly. If the pilot forgets himself for an instant, you may rush downward at the speed of an express train or you may overturn altogether.

"One, two, three and four rounds of the field. Minutes had lengthened out. The novelty had long ceased, and I alternately gazed around lily or watched the motionless figure that had never proffered a word or given a sign that he was aware of my presence. Presently we touched, when I do not know, for I felt no shock whatever, but after a few seconds of this silent glide the machine comes to a stop, and it is over.

"We step out together, and I break the silence with my congratulations and thanks. 'Yes,' replied Wilbur Wright briefly. Then, looking round, 'Now, wouldn't that make you third? I thought I was close to my starting rail, and I am 200 yards away from it! The sun was in my eyes.'—Chicago News.

The Treatment of Erysipelas.

Aspinwall Judd of New York recommends the use of strong carbolic acid painted on the surface in cases of erysipelas until the surface is whitened and then followed by swabbing with alcohol. The treatment must go a half inch beyond the border of the eruption to destroy all the germs. The unbearable itching, burning and throbbing are relieved at once, fever soon falls, and general symptoms are relieved. The author has treated successfully sixty-seven cases and five cases in which it failed. No scarring results. The superficial layers of the skin come off as in mild sunburn, and the complexion is improved.—Medical Record.

Underground in Paris.

Underground passages for pedestrians are to be built at various points beneath the Champs Elysees, which the constant stream of motor cars now renders impassable from morning till evening. The congestion of other Paris streets also has grown to an alarming extent, and all thoroughfares around the Opera are blocked with traffic for hours, morning and afternoon. If the Champs Elysees tunnels prove a success others will be excavated in the center of Paris, and foot passengers will in future cross not over streets, but under them.

Tyburn Tree.

The London county council has decided to commemorate, by means of a triangular stone placed in the roadway, the site of Tyburn gallows, at the junction of Edgware road and Oxford street. It is also the intention of his majesty's office of works to fix within Hyde park callings a bronze tablet bearing the inscription: "Tyburn tree. The triangular stone in the roadway, seventy-five feet north of this point, indicates the site of the ancient gallows known as Tyburn tree, which was demolished in 1700."—London Mail.

AMUSEMENTS

Lillian Russell Tonight.

Lillian Russell has been placed among the "noted sons and daughters of Iowa." The actress-prima donna was born near Clinton in that state and was christened Helen Louise Leonard. It was the late Tony Pastor who selected the euphonous and pretty stage name of Lillian Russell, then a tender slip of a girl, but who was destined to become the greatest stage favorite of her time in American light opera, and who is now taking first rank amongst American comedienne.

The new state capitol building at Des Moines, Ia., which is nearing completion, will have a hall of fame, and the commissioners recently requested Miss Russell to send them her favorite photograph for a place in the honored collection. The diva did better, for she has generously taken from her private collection her favorite portrait. It is the painting by the distinguished Carolus Duran, which was done in Paris in 1900. The painting is valued in excess of \$5000, but will be Miss Russell's contribution to her native state.

During her long engagement in New York city in her present comedy, "Wildfire," Miss Russell permitted the painting to be displayed in the lobby of the Liberty theater, where it attracted the attention of art critics and even elicited the favorable expression of the dilettanti. M. Duran has caught the salient charm of the Russell personality in the presentment of the artist. His portrait reproduces the glorious tints of the Russell complexion, but what is more, counterfeits her beautiful expression, which is the well-spring of the marvelous charm this woman possesses.

There is no more eloquent exponent of the director's gown than Lillian Russell. She wears three different dresses in her racing comedy, "Wildfire," this season, and all are of the latest mode being Miss Russell's ideas of the combination of the Parisian effects suited to American taste. Miss Russell has so completely worked out her ideas that she has been the recipient of the sincerest form of flattery; namely, her critics have said that the prevailing fashion of director's gowns suits her perfectly. "The shoe is on the other foot." She has made the fashion as far as her gowns are concerned.

NOTICE TO PAVING CONTRACTORS.

My the City Recorder. Bids will be received for the paving of West Main street from the east line of Laurel street to the city limits; for the paving of South Oakdale avenue from Seventh street to the city limits; for the paving of East Main street from Bear creek bridge to the city limits; and North Oakdale avenue from Seventh street to the south line of West Fourth street until 4:30 p. m. April 27th, 1909.

Profiles may be had by making application to the city engineer and the above work to be done according to the plans and specifications for the paving of Seventh street, now on file in the city recorder's office.

A certified check equal to 5 per cent of the estimated amount bid for must accompany each bid, made payable to the city of Medford to be forfeited if the bid is accepted and the bidder fails to contract therefor.

The city council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

A bond will be required of the successful bidder equal to 80 per cent of the contract price.

Dated April 7th, 1909.

BENJ. M. COLLINS, City Recorder.

Advertisement for Robertine skin cream. Text: "Sallowness Transformed to Dusky Beauty. A dark skin becomes fascinating when delicately soft, and spreads with the radiant glow which only comes a healthy, active skin. Robertine keeps the skin refined, soft, and keeps pores free from clogging matter and stimulates the tiny capillaries to contribute the color which gives blonde and brunette alike a glowing complexion. A certain protective action against sunburn and freckles is applied to the face by exposure to sun or wind. Spreads like an imperceptible veil of gauze over skin surface, keeping it cool, stimulating and preserving a delicate, luminous beauty." Includes image of a woman's face.

Prepaid Railroad Orders. "Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be forwarded at the same time." Includes image of a child with a ruler.

Medford Time Table

Table with columns for Southern Pacific Railway and Rogue River Valley Railway, listing routes and times for Northbound and Southbound services.

Advertisement for Modern Sweets, featuring a circular logo with the text "MODERN SWEETS".

Advertisement for Portland Seed Co. featuring a diamond-shaped logo with the text "ASK FOR DIAMOND BRAND PORTLAND SEED CO SEEDS".

Advertisement for Medford Pharmacy, "Near Postoffice," advertising a complete line of new stationery and wax.

Advertisement for J. G. Mack & Co., "HARMONY IN YOUR NEW HOME," advertising color blending of furniture and home furnishings.

Advertisement for W. W. EIFERT, THE PROGRESSIVE TAILOR, with the slogan "HERE'S OUR RULE." and a list of services.

Advertisement for Jackson County Bank, "Highest Attainment in Systematic Banking Service," listing capital and resources.

Advertisement for J. A. Kreuzer & Co., "Importers and Tailors," featuring an illustration of a man and woman in formal attire.

Advertisement for Doan's Kidney Pills, "REACHING THE SPOT," describing relief for various ailments.

Large advertisement for "LOW RATES TO OREGON DAILY" during March & April, listing rates from Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha, and Kansas City.

Advertisement for Union Pacific Railroad, "TO THE LADIES," and "TO THE PUBLIC," advertising furniture and real estate.

Advertisement for "FOR SALE" property near Phoenix town, Oregon, and "YOU CAN PREPAY FARES" for rail travel.