

SIGN OF THE PAWNSHOP.

Few persons seeing the signs of the vast wealth of our avuncular relatives in most thoroughfares in London pause to consider their origin. Of course it is the ball of gold to which we refer.

Not only may they be taken as indications of wealth but as a sign that pledges are received. But the balls do not indicate what they really are. They are the arms of the Medici family.

Whoever has visited Florence will recall the three balls alternated with the red lilies. But how comes it that the decorations of the Tuscan palace have found their way to London?

The first gold changers to settle in London, as in Paris, were the Florentines or Lombards. They chose Lombard street as the place where they would carry on their business. These early settlers are perpetuated today by the bankers.

In the early days the inhabitants counted among their number some of the Medici family and to inspire confidence they exhibited their family arms, to which they had a perfect right. The family of Medici is extinct today, but their arms survive them, the present users thinking the respectability of the origin too great to be dispensed with.—Ex.

WORLD'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER

The Tching-Pao, the official gazette of Peking, recently celebrated its one thousandth anniversary and claims to be the oldest newspaper in the world. Ever since its conception a copy of each edition has been carefully preserved in the archives of the Peking palace.

A love for accuracy has evidently been the keynote of its success, and in order to bring about this happy state of affairs it is affirmed that a number of journalists

on its staff have paid the penalty with their lives for the responsibility of mistakes printed in its columns. This, of course, was carrying things rather far.

In any case, it must have required no little courage in those days to embark upon such a perilous vocation.

LOCALS

Andy Walker is again at the school, having arrived from his home in Tacoma, Wash., since our last issue.

Lillie, Roy and Ralph Braden arrived at the school on Tuesday evening from their home in Eastern Oregon.

President Taft was in Salem for a few hours yesterday and naturally there was an enormous crowd of people in the capital to see the chief executive of the nation and hear him speak. According to our information his remarks on this occasion were confined largely to events of world-wide importance, such as the building of the Panama Canal, the movement toward universal peace, etc. The vast majority of the students of Chema-wa and many employes went to Salem on this memorable occasion and joined in honoring, by their presence, the first man of the land.

SOCIETIES

The Reliance Literary Society convened last Thursday evening, October 5, in the school chapel and reorganized the society and elected the following officers: President, James Minesinger; Vice-President, Alex Davis; Secretary, Luther Clements; Treasurer, Thomas Powers; Sergeant-at-Arms, Frank Paratrovich; Reporter, William Bassett. After the election of officers the house adjourned. WILLIAM A. BASSETT, Reporter.