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## Letter From Dr. J. V. Scott

The 3rd installment of an interesting letter from Dr. J. Vinton Scott, formerly a well known dentist of St. Johns. Owing to its length and the shortness of our space it will be published in installments:

Continued.

After a ride of eight and a half hours we arrive at the city of Nanking. This city is the old capital of China. About five hundred years ago after a very severe battle at which time the densely populated city was reduced to a mass of ruins, the capital was removed to Peking. At the present time the city is not much more than a collection of villages surrounded by massive wall. At night the gates to the city are closed and no one may go in or out until morning. Our friends met us at the train and we were carried away in two Nanking public carriages, and as we stand at a distance and cast our eyes over these conveyances we are struck with awe and we touch the vehicle and caress the animal with reverence as for the moment we think they are relics and last surviving creatures of the old Ming Dynasty, but on close examination we find that they are not old but well worn.

Before going to the home of our friends we are driven through the city to see a few things of interest. As we pass the homes we stop and look in. They are dirty as usual, with chickens, ducks, dogs and pigs running in and out. We see in front of a little window a woman or girl weaving with an old, and the crudest kind of a loom the most beautiful silks one would ever wish to see, and in the most delicate shades. How these silks are kept from getting soiled is a surprise to us.

We pass through the city now through the great gates leading out to the Ming tombs. As we pass through the gates we meet men with burrows on which are loaded great bundles of grass being brot in to be used for fuel. Just on the outside of the gate is a humble home, but in the yard is a stone mill at which the mother and son are working. It is the same kind of a mill used in grinding flour, but here they are taking a native bean called the Soy bean and are grinding it up preparatory to making bean curd, a very common dish among the Chinese. I tried to take their picture at work, but these people are very superstitious and I ran away, but the jangling of a few coppers before their eyes allayed

## Community Club Meets 18th

Tuesday evening, January 18th, the St. Johns Community Club will celebrate its first anniversary in befitting style at the club rooms of the Portland Woolen Mills. Walter Jenkins, Portland famous song leader, will take part in the celebration as will also a noted speaker and reader. Dinner will be served and a rousing good time will be enjoyed. New membership cards will be issued at this time. Keep the date open and be sure to attend. Bring your friends. It will be well worth while.

their superstitions and I was able to get a fairly good picture. To be continued.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Holmes of 302 Fessenden street were hosts to a large number of guests at a New Year's party Saturday evening. Guests included B. M. Castillon, E. Gasion, Roque Rivera, George Cabal, George Esquerro, A. Guemare, Enos Aguirinaldo, J. Reverdia, F. Quisio, Marcelo, Martinez W. Cermouais, William Lucion, K. Eutaquo Billa, Max Oro, G. M. Ignacia and Leopoldo Teodoro, all members of a Filipino orchestra, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Burley, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fasset, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Emerick, H. Smith, Miss Isabel Smith and Mildred and Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Kellow, Tessie Kellow, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Blew, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Milhon, Vivian Milhon, Mrs. Susan Holmes, Miss Annie Holmes, Miss Teresa Smith, Francis Holmes, Miss Pearl Emerick and Fred Benedict.

"In some parts of Africa a man doesn't know his wife until after he has married her," said Mrs. Gabb, as she looked up from the newspaper she was reading. "Hub" replied Gabb, "why mention Africa specially?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Dickson had been absent from his office for several days and on his return a friend insisted on knowing where he had been.

"Out to see a friend of mine who has a still," confessed Dickson. "And did you sample the stuff?" the friend demanded. "I guess I must have," he sighed. "there are still two days I can't account for."—Los Angeles Times.

## Dental Clinic in Local Schools

Patrons of the various schools of this section are aware that through the agency of the Junior Red Cross a dental clinic is held every school forenoon, and that many of the pupils have been the recipients of extensive dental work. The clinics commenced in October at the Portsmouth school where 600 pupils were examined and 213 were operated upon. The Sitton school came next, and the George school completed the term before the holidays, adding 510 examinations and 128 patients to the above figure. In all more than 1000 separate operations have been already completed, including cleanings, fillings and extractions, and hundreds of children have been referred to their local dentists. The clinic now in operation at the Williams school is in charge of Dr. W. D. McMillan, who was for thirteen years a practicing dentist at LaGrande, and who is now a resident of Portland with offices in the Oregonian building. He is greatly interested in this class of work and reports the utmost interest on the part of his patients. In many instances he reports that the children clamor to be the next victim, and the efforts of his nurse assistant are required to untangle the disputes. Miss Verna Haskell of St. Johns is the nurse assisting and her acquaintance with the local little folks is an important factor in the work. Dr. McMillan requests the cooperation of parents in the important work now being carried on and an invitation is extended to those interested to visit the school and see what is being accomplished. Mr. Blough, Miss Stevens and Mr. Williams, principals respectively of the Sit-

ton and George schools, are loud in their praise of the clinic, and were only regretful that it could not remain longer with them. The school dentist will be glad to advise with any parents who may desire information as to the dental defects of the children. Dr. McMillan, besides being vice president of the State Dental Association, is secretary of the State Board of Dental Examiners, and as such is well known to the local members of the profession.

A teacher in a primary grade was using her most ingratiating manner to make the subject of physical geography attractive to her pupils. "Now can anyone tell me what shape the world is?" Joseph arose rapidly as his hand unfurled to the summons. Please, ma'am, he said, my father says it's in a h—l of a shape. —New York Evening Post.

Two knaves walked past a galloves; said the one: Now Pedro, where would ye be if you galloves had its due?

Second Knaave.—Walking alone, Adolphus, walking alone.—Huston Post.

Susie—"Papa what makes a man always give a woman a diamond engagement ring?" Her Father—"The woman"—Edinburgh Scotsman.

First Tramp—It's no good calling at that there house, them people's vegetarians. Second Tramp—That so? First Tramp—Yes; and they've a dorg wot ain't.—London Ideas.

The Pilgrim Fathers, we are told never made any Christmas presents. There are some ways in which we have to hand to those old fellows. —Boston Transcript.

"Let me have sleeping accommodations on the train to San Francisco," I said to the man at the window. "For a single passenger?" he finally said. "No," I replied; "I'm married but I'm not taking anybody with me. A single shelf will answer." "Upper or lower?" he asked. "What is the difference?" I inquired. "A difference of ninety cents," came the answer. Our prices to San Francisco are \$3.60 and \$4.50. You understand, of course," exclaimed the agent, "the lower is higher than the upper. The higher price is for the lower berth. If you want it lower you'll have to go higher. We sell the upper lower than lower. In other words the higher the fewer." "Why do they all prefer the lower?" I broke in. "On account of its convenience," he replied. "Most persons don't like the upper, although it's lower, on account of it being higher, and because when you occupy an upper you have to get up to go to bed and then get down when you get up. I would advise you to take the lower although it's higher than the upper for the reason I have stated that the upper is lower than the lower because it is higher. You can have the lower if you pay higher; but if you are willing to go higher it will be lower."—Ex.

We editors are at heart a truthful bunch of fellows. And yet when death overtakes some skate we have to pay glowing tributes to his virtues when we know darned well he is shaking hands with the devil. —Everett (Pa.) Republican.

A man should give his wife something for Christmas that she wouldn't buy herself. "That's my idea," "What have you selected?" "A shot gun." —Louisville Courier Journal.

A lot of Democrats had just got their feet under the pie counter in Washington when some smart guys passed around the toothpicks. —Brush (Colo.) Republican.

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