

**IN CORVALLIS.**

**TALES OF STRANGE CHINESE TOLD BY BISHOP.**

**They Believe Air and Earth to be Full of Devils—Death of Jacob Whitaker—County Bills Ordered Paid—Other Local News.**

In China, when a child is dying, the parents carry it out of the house and leave it out-side to perish alone. The monarch of that country has power over the life of every man, woman and child in the empire, and if he wants a subject, no matter how high or how low, out of the way, he makes his wishes known to such subject and the latter at once committs suicide. If a murder or theft is committed in one house and the footprints of the assassin or thief can be traced over the property of a neighbor, the latter is held responsible for the crime.

These and many other strange customs of the Celestial empire were told to a big audience at the Methodist church by Bishop Earl Cranston, in an address Sunday evening. The bishop spent some time in China a few years ago, and in telling of his experiences, he held his audience charmed for an hour and a half Sunday evening. The reason the Chinese parents carry out their dying child, is that they think death is caused by a devil, and if it is to get the devil out before he does other harm, the child is carried out to die alone.

**FULL OF DEVILS.**

The Chinese think the air, the soil and the water is filled, each with its own kind of devils, and that when everything is quiet there is a nice adjustment between them, and that when there is no such adjustment, there are earthquakes, thunder storms, pestilences and other calamities. That is why they object to railroads. They think that the turning up of the soil in grading will liberate ground devils which will get into trouble with the air devils and that earthquakes, and all manner of troubles will result. That is why they do not dig out the immense deposits of coal, iron, gold and other minerals with which their country abound. A Chinaman fell heir to a mountain of coal, and according to the advice of foreigners, began to sink a shaft. The people of the adjoining city were thrown into consternation, and they begged him to desist in his digging. He refused, and they made up a huge purse, and paid him tribute for a number of years on his agreement to dig no more coal.

The poor superstitious heathen think these devils, which they call "feng-shui" fly in straight lines, and they build, in many instances, a high board wall in front of the building to keep them out of the house. On these walls they sometimes put up a written prayer, begging the "feng-shui" or devils to stay out. Every disease in that country is supposed to be caused by a certain devil or divinity. A model of this divinity is kept in the temple, and when a Chinese doctor practices on a patient, he operates with this divinity. If the patient has a boil on his hip, the doctor's treatment consists in placing a plaster on the hip of the divinity.

**THE MIND IS IN THE STOMACH.**

The Chinese do not think the seat of the mind is in the brain. Once a distinguished American in China, discussed the subject with two Chinese dignitaries. "Of course the seat of the mind is inside the skull," he was saying, when one of the Chinese scientists nudged his companion and shook his head, with an incredulous grin. "No, not in the skull," replied the distinguished celestial; "the seat of the mind is in the stomach."

The Chinese believe an eclipse of the sun or moon is caused by the attempt of a great, invisible dragon that flies about in the air to swallow these orbs. Bishop Cranston was in China when an eclipse of the moon occurred. As the dark spot began to appear on the edge of the moon, the Chinese beat cans, tom-toms, fired bombs and other explosives, and contrived in other ways to make all the noise possible. By that means they hoped to scare the dragon away, so he would not swallow the moon, and when the eclipse finally passed away, they thought they had accomplished their purpose. They have lived under the cloud of this superstition and made noises to frighten the dragon away with each recurring eclipse for thousands of years.

**SAWING CHINESE CHILDREN.**

In Chinese school rooms there are always displayed horrible pictures. Sometimes it is a man with a huge saw, sawing the body of a Chinese child in pieces. Sometimes it is a child being boiled in a caldron of boiling water. Other times it is the limbs of a child being pulled from the body. All are of horrible design. They are displayed in the school rooms to keep constantly before the pupils the horrors of disobedience to parental authority. An effect of this rule by fear, is that regardless of age, majority, or other influence, every Chinaman obeys the will of parents as long as the latter live. A Chinese father buys for his son, a wife from another Chinese father. The transaction is carried on through an agent, the father of the son accepting that girl who brings the biggest dowry. Neither the bride nor the groom have ever seen each other. The bride goes to the home of her mother-in-law, where the latter's treatment is often so severe that thousands of young wives are soon driven to suicide.

**HAS FAITH IN FUTURE CHINA.**  
Bishop Cranston's narrative of Chinese customs and superstitions was listened to with deep interest by his big audience. The story of what the missionaries are doing to remove these prejudices and educate the ignorant caused many who have held prejudices against foreign missions to take a favorable view of the work the churches are doing in foreign lands. The effort together with a powerful sermon from the same pulpit Sunday morning have elicited many a favorable comment for Bishop Cranston. The bishop is one of the most pleasing pulpit speakers in the country, with elegant diction, fine personal appearance and a voice that charms the auditor. He has faith in the future of China, and believes that the education now going on among the masses will result in time in the rout of Chinese prejudices, the overthrow of present heathenish customs and the ultimate coming of the empire into its own and long delayed heritage of civilization. He has immense faith in the Chinese mind, whenever it is freed from those barbarous influences that now hold it enthralled.

**IN THE GRAVE.**

**Death and Burial of Jacob Whitaker, an Oregon Pioneer.**

There is a new made grave in Crystal Lake cemetery, and beneath the mound lie the remains of the late Jacob Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker died Friday at the family home nine miles south of Corvallis after a lingering illness, aged 66 years. The funeral occurred from the late residence, and was attended by all the old neighbors and friends of the family. The remains were brought to Corvallis, Sunday and interred in Crystal Lake cemetery, where there was a brief burial service, conducted by Rev. Frank L. Moore. The deceased resided on the same farm in Benton County for more than fifty years. He was born in Ohio, and in 1853 crossed the plains by ox team to Oregon, and settled in Benton. He was married in 1865 to Miss Nancy Housley, who with five children survive. The children are, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Campbell, John S. Whitaker and Miss Fannie Whitaker. The deceased was a brother of Hon. John Whitaker and Mrs. Riley Hurlburt. He was a just and honorable man, a good citizen, and is mourned by a wide circle of friends.

**At Philomath.**

The Woodmen of the World and the Circle had a joint installation at their hall last Thursday night and had a fine supper and games afterwards.

Rev. Hewey of Guy, Washington, also Revs. McBride and Nash, and other local ministers, are helping Rev. Crooks in his revival meeting.

Miss Myra Davis, late of Philomath, was married Jan. 6, at Eugene, to H. Love, of Junction City.

Mr. Mathany of Wren, who has been living in Philomath, during the winter for the purpose of sending his son to college, has been very low with pneumonia, but is slowly recovering.

Miss Mabel Cronise of Corvallis, has been elected teacher of vocal music at the College of Philomath. Also Prof. W. T. Wyatt has been added to the corps of teachers.

**PHILOMATH.**

**Special Piano Sale.**

A special sale of pianos is now on at Dilley's. Among the goods is a Weber and a Bush & Gerts, as well as many other well known instruments. The lot was purchased at greatly reduced prices, and buyers can have the benefit of the reduction. The sale will continue for 10 days only.

**BILLS ALLOWED.**

**List of Claims Ordered Paid at January Term of County Court.**

The following bills were allowed by the County Court at its regular Jan. term 1904, to-wit:

M M Waltz	precent jury list	\$ 3.00
A Larkin	assist	2.00
S C Starr	"	2.00
Corvallis Times	printing del tax	60.60
I F Irwin	work on tax roll 1903	54.00
J D Wells	janitor	49.25
P S T & Co	telephones	4.50
Worrell Mfg Co	disinfectant	C H
Samuel Reader	sawing wood	6.00
E Bennett	county physician	23.00
Mrs. D Huggins	care co poor	126.46
Graham & Wells	stationery	4.00
Corvallis Times	printing	28.50
C A Gerhard	stationery	3.95
Glass & Prudhomme	election supplies	57.77
P L Henkle	gravel	7.00
W M Clark	bridge work	10.00
C W Price	blacksmithing	4.00
C O Hartless	rock	2.00
J C Prickett	road work	5.25
Alex Bayse	"	12.00
A W Watkins	"	5.00
J B Field	"	4.50
Lafe Stewart	"	20.10
C L Blakeslee	"	12.00
M A Mills	"	33.00
R M Gilbert	"	49.50
F G Hefner	"	6.00
John Mills	"	6.00
M H Young	"	16.50
R W Jones	"	30.00
R M Wade & Co	"	5.50
M A Dixon	"	9.00
A H Campbell	"	4.50
G Hodges	powder roads	3.70
Victor Bros	team hire	2.00
G T Vernon	donation road wk	125.25
No 13		
H D Busfun	running L Tom ferry	20.00
J E Michael	running Cor ferry	49.10
Ross Barclay	gravel	2.88
John Whitaker	"	1.71
John Beach	gravel	22.50
Ecker & Jones	road work	6.00
Alpheus Howard	draw jury list	2.00
John Carpenter	"	2.00
J T Carpenter	"	3.00
Mitner & Wellsher	mdse poor	9.85
A Wilhelm & Sons	"	6.05
J D Mann	supplies ch	2.20
W J Howell	care poor	3.00
Alice Tully	land for road	105.00
Art Metal Co	vault c se	148.50
J N Hogue	J E fees state vs Steeprow	5.15
Elsie Banton	const fees State vs Steeprow	14.55
Nellie Adams	wit fees J P court	2.20
C E Banton	"	2.30
Archie Herron	"	1.70
W M Hopson	road work	16.00
Ben Harris	"	45.50
L E Brooks	"	17.25
C Miller	"	9.00
C C Calloway	"	13.50
S E Beal	"	16.50
W M Rickard	"	13.50
B Potts	"	13.50
John Custer	"	3.00
A Miller	"	32.25
F Seabrook	"	2.25
R Wiley	"	3.00
W M Haight	"	3.00
H Rust	"	3.00
City Transfer Co	drayage	1.55
J R Smith & Co	road supplies	3.45
W C Belknap	lumber	5.00
T C Baker	road work	1.50
John Beach	gravel	29.30
J M Porter	"	3.20
J N Hogue	jury list	3.00
J E Banton	assist jury list	1.50
G S Goodman	"	1.50
R S Irwin	salary com	10.00
W A Jolly	"	13.50

ATTEST:  
VICTOR P. MOSES,  
County Clerk.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 13.—C. L. Caldwell, who disappeared in his automobile on Tuesday night, January 5, was found dead today in a field some distance from the Coaption road, south of this city.

The automobile had been consumed by fire from an explosion of gasoline, presumably, and Caldwell's body was found lying across the front of the vehicle, burned to a blackened mass.

The supposition is that Caldwell lost his way and the machine became unmanageable in the field where it was found, and that an explosion directly beneath the feet of the driver rendered him unable to escape from the flames that followed the igniting of the gasoline.

**For Sale.**

New and second hand hacks and buggies. Also two stock cows, and 3 acres of land or lots. Will sell cheap. Call on or address R M. Cramer, Corvallis.

Dr. Wells, the Albany V S will be at Fruits livery stables every Friday of each week. Bring your horses and have them examined free of charge.

**Notice for Publication.**

Timber Land Act June 3, 1873. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon. January, 18th 1904. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress June 3, 1873, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Barney I. Carey of Falls City, county of Polk, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No 6817, for the purchase of the Lots 1 & 2 of Section No 2 in Township No 13 S, Range No 7 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Victor P. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1904. He names as witnesses: Jacob L. Henkle of Philomath, Oregon, John W. Hyde " " " " Frank Spencer " " " " Michael Flynn " " " " Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 30th day of March 1904. Algonron S. Dresser, Register.

**Corvallis Man Abroad.**

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retains its foliage. This is the driest time of the whole year. As compared with Southern California's winter climate, Tucson and its vicinity are far superior in every respect, according to the statement of those who have tried both places.

It is a city that will ever be an object of intense interest to the student of an inquiry, though its early aspect is fast disappearing under the hand of modern civilization. The old adobe walls are fast giving way to the modern brick and stone structures, and where a few years ago were sun-dri walls crumbling away, today stands establishments that would do honor to far greater cities. Entering the city's limits, mills and foundries, stock-yards, round houses, machine shops, and commodious freight warehouses line the approach, while away on the heights of the north may be seen the Territorial University and Indian school. Tucson has a population of about 15,000, fully two-thirds of which are Mexicans and the remainder Americans, with a few foreigners, a few Chinamen and Negroes.

Postmaster Johnson has received the following letter with reference to R. F. D. routes, which is explanatory: "I notice in the Corvallis Times of recent date that plans are being discussed by Corvallis R. F. D. route No. 1 are contributing to their carrier to assist him in adding over the winter months. This action I heartily endorse, and I hope the patrons of route No. 3, will take a similar view of the situation, and do something in like manner to assist their carrier. I enclose herewith 50 cents, to start the list for January, and agree to give a like amount for February and March." The letter is written, and the contribution made by J. I. Appleton. It is understood that a plan for similar action on R. F. D. route No. 2 is being discussed by patrons.

**Lost.**

One 3-inch flat key. Finder please leave at this office.

**Portland.**

Wool 17 to 18  
Wheat valley 78 to  
Flour 3.75 to \$3.85 per bl.  
Potatoes \$ .70 to 80 per sack  
Eggs Oregon. 27 per doz.  
Butter 20 to 22 c per lb.  
Creamery 27 to 30 per lb.

**Corvallis.**

Wool 15  
Wheat 71 per bushel.  
Oats to 28  
Flour c 1.05 per sack  
Butter 15 to 25 per lb  
Creamery 70 per roll  
Eggs 25 to 27 c per doz  
Chickens 15 per pound  
Lard 13 per lb

**DR. C. H. NEWTH,**  
Physician & Surgeon  
Philomath, Oregon.

**Sheriff's Sale.**

On the 13th day of February, 1904, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. at the front door of the Court House, in the City of Corvallis, Benton County, State of Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot number 12, in Block number 3, in County Addition to the City of Corvallis, in Benton County, Oregon. Said sale is made under an execution and order of sale, in my hands issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County, in the suit of Mary H. Whitby, Plaintiff, and certain John M. Osburn and William Groves, defendants, proceeding to foreclose of a certain mortgage. Dated this Jan 16, 1904. M. P. BURNETT, Sheriff of Benton County, Oregon.

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