FARMERS TOOK IT ALL IN

ABOUT 150 VISITED STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

They Went on Invitation of Southern Pacific—Tendered a Reception by City.

CORVALLIS, Or., June 27.—About 150 well-known farmers, dairymen and orchardists of Western and Southern Oregon, spent the day at the Oregon State Agricultural College on the invitation of the Southern Pacific Company. Every county in the state traversed by the company's lines was represented. Especially was this true of the Rogue River Valley. The faculty of the college set aside the day for entertainment of the visitors to whom opportunity was given for familiarizing themselves with the experiments pertaining to modern methods of intensified farming, stock raising and dairying. Every visitor seized the opportunity and fairly overwhelmed Dr. James Withycombe, the agriculturist and vice-director of the station, with questions while they devoted four hours this afternoon to inspection of the farm. Among dairymen the main topic was silos and silage. Among general farmers chief interest centered in rotation of crops. C. H. Markham, general passenger and freight agent of the Southern Pacific, was showered with thanks and praise from all hands for extending the marked and unusual favor.

Tonight a public meeting was held in the assembly hall of the college. Dr. Withycombe presided. Mayor M. S. Woodcock delivered an address of welcome. M. L. Jones, of Brooks, responded. "Farmer" C. L. Smith, of Minnesota, spoke on "Diversified Farming." Later in the evening a banquet was tendered to the visitors by the citizens of Corvallis at the City Hall.

CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

Dr. Dungan Spoke on Higher Criticism—Sunday School Work.

TURNER, Or., June 27.—Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the attendance at the Bible Institute to listen to Dr. Dungan on "Higher Criticism" was large. The Doctor read from Voltair, giving 14 reasons why the Penteteuch could not have been written by Moses. He said in part:

"We have been accustomed to thinking of Voltaire as an infidel, and yet his statements are no stronger than our modern critics are making. The basis of our criticism must be historic, not theory or hypothesis of any kind. A hypothesis can be assumed by which we can prove that the Declaration of Independence was not written in 1776, nor by Thomas Jefferson. The Declaration of Independence affirms the freedom of all men, and slavery was in vogue in this country when Thomas Jefferson lived, and for many years after, and he could not make such an affirmation, for he was a truthful man."

After the address, the State Sunday School opened its first session with devotional exercises by A. E. Gardner. Rev. Mrs. Clara G. Esson, president of the convention, being absent on account of illness, Rev. Elmer Patterson, of Eugene, presided and announced the following committees:

Auditing—A. E. Gardner, Turner; C. R. Moon, Brownsville; Miss Mae Jones, The Dalles;

Nominating—J. W. Jenkins, Hood River; J. F. Trout, Ashland; A. Barnes, Albany; Mrs. J. S. O. Humbert, Corvallis, Jessie Hunter, Coquille.

Enrollment—Miss Bessie Ghormley, Portland; Miss Lottie Stewart.

Future work—J. B. Holmes, Albany; W. W. Bristow, McMinnville; Alice M. Smith, Eugene; C. A. Dotson, Portland; Albyn Esson, Monmouth.

Resolutions—W. A. Elkins, Eugene; W. T. Matlock, Dallas; Anna Powell, Monmouth.

Mrs. Arnold Lindsey, of Portland, delivered an excellent address on the Sunday School Teacher. She said the teacher must be prepared, first, in love for the work; second, in preparation for the work; third, in devoted prosecution of the work. Dr. Dungan then delivered a sermon on "Christ, As Teacher, Worker, Lover and Sufferer for Others."

The afternoon session was opened with devotional exercises led by Rev. C. R. Moon. This convention is exceedingly fortunate in having present Dr. G. R. Wagoner, of Kansas City, a man of National reputation in Endeavor and Sunday School work, and Rev. C. A. Dotson, the field worker for the Oregon Sunday School Association. Dr. Wagoner dwelt on the denominational and inter-denominational features of the Sunday school work. Rev. Dotson stirred the convention on "Reaching the Children." Miss Della Osborne, of Salem, rendered a solo with splendid effect.

The reports of the district managers showed great gains in every way. Rev. Elmer Patterson is the newly elected president of the convention. The song service under the direction of Professor Wirtz in the evening was the most inspiring thus far in the convention. Dr. Dungan delivered the evening sermon. Rev. J. F. Ghormley, pastor of the First Church in Portland, has been promised by Dr. Dungan that he will speak in Portland Monday evening, July 1. He will deliver his great lecture, "The Land and the Book."

WILL IMPROVE NEHALEM RIVER.

Portland Company Will Clear Stream for Floating Logs.

ASTORIA, June 27.—The New York & Oregon Coal & Timber Company, of Portland, filed in the County Clerk's office today a declaration of its intention to improve the Nehalem River from the point of its intersection with the boundary line dividing the counties of Clatsop and Tillamook, up stream to the point where the river intersects the line between Clatsop and Columbia Counties; also to improve the Humbug, West Fishhawk, Northrop and Buster Creeks, and the north fork of the Nehalem River. The improvements contemplated consist of clearing the streams so they can be used for floating and transporting logs.

Oregon Fishermen's Licenses.

There have been 900 individual fishermen's licenses issued in Oregon this season and the number is sure to reach 1200 before the year is out. There is no definite information as to the number issued on the other side of the river, but it is believed to be about 600.

Eels Being Canned.

Seufert Bros., The Dalles cannerymen, are experimenting with canning eels, as they are caught in great numbers in that vicinity. Several of the local cannerymen have received samples of the canned article, and they pronounce it equal to the imported product.

Meeting of Packers' Association.

The annual meeting of the Columbia River Packers' Association was held this afternoon, but no business was transacted except the re-election of the old board of directors. No dividend was declared.

$15,000 Fire at Rosalia.

ROSALIA, Wash., June 27.—Fire starting at 3 o'clock this morning destroyed the hardware store of D. F. Anderson & Son. Loss on the building $2000; on the stock $13,000; insurance $8500. Leonard's drug store and the bank building were slightly damaged, and had a narrow escape. The origin is unknown. The town has no fire department, but the citizens turned out and did good work in stopping the spread of the flames.

Attractive Linn County Circular.

ALBANY, Or., June 27.—Work on a 10,000 edition of a Linn County pamphlet for distribution in the East was begun today. On the cover, which is in two colors, a young woman is reaching for a limb of red apples, while near her feet are a sheath of wheat and a Chinese pheasant, and in the background a picture of the cantilever bridge at Albany. The inscription is: "Where Rolls the Oregon, Linn County, Heart of the Far-Famed Willamette Valley, The Garden Spot of Oregon."

Monroe Farm Notes.

MONROE, Or., June 27.—Reports from all sections indicate that crops of all kinds will be immense this year. Little damage has been done by pests, and, while the season has to some extent been a backward one, growing crops are in excellent condition. Many fruitgrowers report that the trees are heavily laoded, and in many instances the branches are breaking..

A large Kurtz dryer is being erected by Wilhelm & Flynn at the Excelsior prune orchard. Work is to be completed in 40 days.

About 90,000 pounds of wool has been delivered to one firm here this season. The same buyers expect to get about 30,000 pounds more.

Of Dangerous Possibilities.

Albany Herald.

The newspapers of Astoria have made a great mistake in opposing the improvement of the Columbia betwen Portland and Astoria, and Hon. C. W. Fulton is right in condemning such a short-sighted, petty policy. The people of Oregon should work together for the building up of the whole state. It is time petty jealousies were laid aside and all earnestly work for the improvement of our rivers and harbors, so that Oregon may meet the new conditions and steadily expanding commerce of the Pacific Coast, and reap some of the benefits.

Notes of Monroe.

MONROE, Or., June 27.—The work of locating the division line between Benton and Lane Counties is almost completed. Large oak stakes, eight inches square and four feet high, mark the line at intervals of one mile.

Benton County's new gravel loader is in operation a few miles south of here. The machine does the work of a dozen men, in scooping up the gravel and depositing it on the wagon.

Cadet to Annapolis.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., June 27.—Randolph Scudder, son of H. B. Scudder, of North Yakima, has been named by Hon. W. L. Jones as cadet from Washington at the Annapolis Naval Academy. There were but two applicants, and both were from here. Young Scudder will go to Seattle to take the test examination before Dr. Heg.

Two Masked Men Rob Saloon.

REPUBLIC, Wash., June 27.—Two masked men entered the Fashion saloon at midnight, covered seven men with their guns, and took everything in sight, about $75 in cash and $150 in jewelry. They overlooked the bank roll of $300, which was covered with a towel. The robbers escaped, and are believed to be residents of Republic.

Largest Gold Brick on Record.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 27.—The largest gold brick on record is to be sent from British Columbia to Glasgow for exhibition there during the Summer. It weighs 1000 pounds, and is valued at $200,000. It comprises the year's clean-up of the Cariboo Hydraulic Company.

Killed By a Train.

EVERETT, Wash., June 27.—Jack Spiaund, a shingle weaver, was struck and instantly killed today by a westbound freight on the Northern Pacific at McMurray.

Received at the Penitentiary.

SALEM, Or., June 27.—John Gates was received at the penitentiary from Lane County today to serve a three-year term for forgery.

Oregon Notes.

The electric light and water company of Lebanon is having a new water tank put up. The new tank will be only about half as high as the old one.

Last Friday a young man named M. P. Evans hired a wheel at Albany and failed to show up again. He pawned the wheel at Woodburn for 50 cents and started for Oregon City, where he was arrested.

It is reported from Lakeview that a crew of shearers last week went on a strike for 7 cents per head. The current price in the county is 6 cents. Mr. Hartman would not acede to the 7-cent demand and the shearers left the pens.

Ccleridge McElroy and Oren Howe, of Eugene, who have leased the John Sellars ranch of 900 acres, at Cloverdale, about 10 miles from Eugene, will place thereon some time in August about 700 head of sheep, besides a number of cattle and goats.

There is good evidence that dynamite is used in Rogue River for the destruction of fish, says the Grant's Pass Observer. A chinook salmon that would weigh between 40 and 50 pounds was found dead in the river just above Savage Rapids, and the river is full of smaller dead fish, eels and suckers.

Mrs. William Jennings was injured recently by the explosion of a can of prunes, says a Lakeview paper. The fruit was on the stove and in a can with the lid tightly screwed on. The can burst and the hot prunes and liquid spurted out and burned Mrs. Jennings about the face.

The new flouring mill building at The Dalles is being rushed to completion. The roof is ready for the tinners, the entire outside is weather-boarded, and about two-thirds of the flooring has been laid. By the end of the week all that will remain unfinished of the carpenter work will be the windows.

M. H. Burkhalter, Orrin Thompson, C. W. Martyn and Charles Chandler, of Ashland, have filed mineral oil locations upon lands in the Antelope district, north of Ashland about eight miles. The discovery of deposits of asbestos which are expected to develop great value were reported some time ago in the vicinity, and these locations are supposed to cover these deposits.

A. M. Elam was kicked and seriously injured by a stallion at Milton last week. His left arm is shattered below the elbow, and it is feared he has sustained internal injuries. Mr. Elam was leading the horse from the stall. When outside in the barnyard the animal wheeled suddenly and kicked out with both hind feet, striking the unfortunate man in the stomach and arm.

T. J. Martin, a Colorado mining man, who has been prospecting in the Sampson Creek district, southeast of Ashland, for a month or two past, has made some locations of gold-bearing quartz lodes which he thinks will prove of great value. The locations are within a mile of the Barron & White Free Silver property, on Sampson Creek. He has bonded 40 acres of land from the Barrons, and purchased 80 acres from the railroad company. He has also secured a bond upon a promising quartz claim from R. Blanton, in the same locality, and adjoining the other claims located, making a group.

George H. Small of Silver Lake, arrived at Eugene this week with a band of horses, having come across the Cascade Mountains by the old military wagon road. Saturday, while driving the horses, 27 in number, across the Hills Creek bridge, about 45 miles from Eugene, the bridge gave way, precipitating the horses to the rocks and water below, some 15 or 20 feet, killing six fine animals outright and crippling three more. Mr. Small's loss is about $450. The bridge, which is about 60 feet long is an old one, and has been in a bad shape for some time. The stringers, which have been in use for over 16 years, were rotten. Some time ago the county ordered the bridge repaired, and about $90 worth of work was done on it, but the work seems to have done no good.

WANT BOYCOTT TO CEASE

RESTAURANT KEEPERS GO INTO THE COURTS.

Also Seek Removal of Union Pickets Who Patrol Walks in Front of Their Places of Business.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—A new move was made today in the cooks' and waiters' strike, which has been on in this city for several weeks. The Restaurant Proprietors' Association filed an application for an injunction in the United States Circuit Court restraining further boycott on the part of the San Francisco Labor Council and others. The restaurant keepers are seeking the removal of the union pickets who daily patrol the sidewalks in front of their places of business.

TO MEET CONGRESSMEN.

Vancouver Citizens Will Greet Rivers and Harbors Committe.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 27.—At a meeting of the Vancouver Commercial Club last night State Senator Rands and E. G. Crawford were appointed a committee to meet the rivers and harbors committee in Portland and accompany the members to Vancouver. Arrangements are being made to have the committee visit the Columbia River between Vancouver and the mouth of the Willamette, the Government work at the head of Shaw's Island. It is also desired that Vancouver barracks be visited. Senator Foster is expected to be here at the same time.

SCAFFOLDING GAVE WAY.

One Man Was Fatally and Another Badly Injured.

PULLMAN, Wash., June 27.—While a force of carpenters were at work on D. Westerdyke's Bank, three miles southeast of here, the scaffolding on the steep roof gave way. Sam Vanderwest and John Bell slid off and fell to the ground, 30 feet below. Bell struck on his face, broke his nose and right cheek bone and bit his tongue nearly in two. He is fatally injured. Vanderwest had his wrist broken, was badly bruised and shaken up. Bell came here from Tennessee two months ago. He has a wife and childrne.

Quotations of Mining Stocks.

SPOKANE, June 27.—The closing quotations of mining stocks today were:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Amer. Boy ..	7¼	8	Morrison	3¾	3½
Blacktail	11½	12	Prin. Maud..	1¾	1⅞
Butte & Bos..	1¼	1⅝	Quilp	21	26½
Crystal	6¼	6¾	Ramb. Car ...	33½	34
Conjecture ..	5⅝	6	Republic	8¾	10
Deer Trail ..	2½	2¾	Reservation ..	2⅛	2½
Dewey	2¼	5	Ross. Giant ..	3¾	3½
Gold Ledge ..	1½	1⅝	Sullivan	7⅛	7⅝
L. P. Surp...	6⅝	7	Tom Thumb...	12⅝	13⅜
Mtn. Lion	28	31½	Waterloo	½	¾
Morn. Glory..	3¼	3½	Wonderful	3¼	3⅝

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—Official closing quotations of mining stocks:

Alta	$0 04	Mexican	$0 22
Andes	5	Occidental Con ...	13
Belcher	10	Ophir	89
Best & Belcher...	24	Overman	15
Caledonia	35	Potosi	9
Challenge Con ...	18	Savage	10
Chollar	8	Sierra Nevada ...	21
Confidence	65	Silver Hill	27
Con. Cal. & Va...	2 15	Standard	3 50
Crown Point	6	Union Con	16
Gould & Curry...	13	Utah Con	3
Hale & Norcross.	20	Yellow Jacket	8

NEW YORK, June 27.—Mining stocks today closed as follows:

Adams Con	$0 15	Little Chief	$0 13
Alice	40	Ontario	8 25
Breece	1 60	Ophir	80
Brunswick Con ..	15	Phoenix	9
Comstock Tunnel.	6	Potosi	6
Con. Cal. & Va...	2 05	Savage	6
Deadwood Terra..	50	Sierra Nevada ...	20
Horn Silver	1 35	Small Hopes	40
Iron Silver	59	Standard	3 65
Leadville Con	5		

BOSTON, June 27.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 21 37	Osceola	$ 89 00
Bing. Min. Co..	22 50	Parrott	51 50
Amal. Copper..	121 75	Quincy	172 00
Atlantic	36 00	Santa Fe Cop....	7 12
Cal. & Hecla...	790 00	Tamarack	338 00
Centennial	29 50	Utah Mining	31 00
Franklin	16 75	Winona	2 50
Humboldt	25 00		

Northwest Lumbermen Meet.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 27.—The Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association met here today in monthly session. Membership in the association includes lumbermen from California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. A proposal was submitted at today's session to establish uniform selling rates throughout the territory represented in the association. The matter was fully discussed, but on account of the various interests involved and the different conditions prevailing in the several localities, action on the proposition was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

Founder of Dawson City.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., June 27.—Joseph Ladue, the founder of Dawson City, Alaska, is dead at his home in Schuyler Falls of consumption. Mr. Ladue had not been well since his return from Alaska, and spent last Winter at Colorado Springs in a vain search for health. He is survived by a wife and one son.

Four People Drowned.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., June 27.—Advices from The Needles say four persons were drowned in the Colorado River at that place last Sunday. Domenico Sena, an Italian employed at the Santa Fe roundhouse, went in bathing, and, venturing too far, was lost. About the same time, but one mile farther north, three Mojave Indians met death in a similar manner.

Elected Goddess of Liberty.

ROSE ROSEBURG, June 27.—Mrs. J. D. Hansbrough was victorious in the voting contest for Goddess of Liberty for Roseburg's Fourth of July celebration. She was elected by 3000 majority.

Off for Portland.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., June 27.—The rivers and harbor committee completed its examination of the rivers and harbors of California today and left at midnight for Portland, Or.

Logical Effect of Astoria Contention.

The Dalles Chronicle.

Astoria papers are making themselves supremely ridiculous by contending, not only in effect but in words, that "Government appropriations to enable sea-going vessels to ascend the Columbia River to Portland are a fraud upon the rights of every producer in the Columbia Basin." As the Spokesman-Review well says:

The producers of the Inland Empire have slight concern in the rivalry between Astoria and Portland. If the little city near the mouth of the Columbia can build up a great ocean commerce, well and good. But whether the produce of the Inland Empire shall take ship at Portland or at Astoria, the interests of the interior will be benefited by the improvement of the Columbia River. The deeper the channel from Astoria to Portland, the cheaper our wheat will be carried from Portland to Astoria by ship; and the cheaper the ships can carry it, the lower the rate the railroads must make to divide the haul between those towns. If there were no river, the railroads would have all the haul, and would set their own rates on the service.

Instead of subscribing to this novel doctrine of the Astoria papers, the people up this way regret that it is not practicable to ask for Government appropriations to enable sea-going vessels to ascend the Columbia and Snake Rivers to the grain fields and ranges of the Inland Empire.

Emigrants for Hawaii.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 27.—Seven hundred Porto Rican emigrants sailed for Honolulu today on the steamer Colon.

Idaho Notes.

Caldwell citizens have decided to hold a county fair.

Twenty-six carloads of sheep were shipped from Hailey Sunday, and 52 carloads have been ordered for shipment next Sunday.

The first carload of timothy hay shipped out of the Pierce City country left Greer Saturday for the Spokane market. The timothy was raised at the ranch of Pat Kane, six miles from Greer.

Yee Ah Kip, a Chinese merchant of Hailey, better known as Sam Wah, got on a big drunk several days ago and for a little while had the whole of the Chinese street on the run. He procured a gun and went after several of his fellow celestials. He is now in the toils of the law.

The State Board of Examiners has had under consideration for several weeks the allowance or disapproval of the deficiency claims held against the state (for which warrants have been issued) for the years 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900. The last Legislature passed a bill authorizing the payment of these warrants by the issuance of $117,000 in state bonds. The Governor, in giving executive approval, cut out items amounting to $7552 82, leaving the amount $109,447 18.

Dave Orr met with a peculiar and nearly serious accident Sunday night. He had been out on the range near Nampa gathering up his horses, and late in the evening started homeward on horseback along the railroad track. His horse became entangled in a fallen telephone wire, ran away and finally collided with a trestle, throwing Mr. Orr to the ground and rendering him insensible. It was 10 o'clock at night, and he did not regain consciousness until the next morning.

M. C. Murtagh, superintendent of the Idaho Consolidated Placer Mining Company's properties on French Creek, has been directing the transportation of a big hydraulic elevator plant from the railroad station at Greer to Pierce City, where it has been temporarily stored, awaiting the completion of a section of wagon road, when it will be taken to French Creek and installed. The road will be completed in about three weeks. The placer is located about eight miles from Pierce. The plant, which has a capacity of 1200 yards daily, will be the largest in Idaho.

F. W. Kettenbach informs the Lewiston Tribune that the flax yield throughout the reservation country will be fully as large per acre as that of last year, when the general average was about 70 bushels. He estimates that between 35,000 and 40,000 acres have been sown in flax, about double the acreage of last year. The yield on these estimates will reach between 350,000 and 400,000 bushels. The wheat acreage, Mr. Kettenbach says, is slightly increased over last year, but the material increase has been in flax and oats. The wheat yield promises to be heavy. In the lower altitudes the crops are fully as good as last year, while in the higher belt the prospects are much better.

WILL AGAIN SUCCEED HIMSELF.

REV. MORTON L. ROSE, PRESIDENT OF OREGON CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

TURNER, Or., June 27.—Rev. Morton L. Rose, of Eugene, who has just been elected presiding officer of the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention for the fourth time, is a graduate of the Bible College of Drake University, at Des Moines, Ia. He has held some of the most important pastorates in the West. He has been pastor of the church at Eugene nearly six years. He holds the chair of pastoral theology and methods of church work in the divinity school at Eugene.

TARIFF IS A BARRIER

DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF TRADE, WITH CHINA.

Mr. Yerex Points Out How These May Be Overcome and Profitable Commerce Established.

HONG KONG, May 11, 1901.—(Special Correspondence.)—As in Japan and North China, so in South China, there is an overstock of imports. One and a half millions represents about the number of barrels of flour at present stored in South China. The export business, however, is in a much more healthy condition here than in the north owing to the absence of military operations. The natives in this district are not losing much sleep over the discomfeiture of the Boxers. It is quite apparent that they prefer commercial to political power as they are attending strictly to business. In any case the Chinese (as those of the south are called) do not entertain the most exalted opinion of the Manchurian.

The South China imports that are of interest to Portland and the northwest, are flour, lumber, beer, butter, lead, soap, doors and windows, hops, salmon and dried fruits. Portland flour and lumber dealers are already quite conspicuous and as a consequence a good business has been established in those products. If the same energy were displayed by dealers in other products as is manifested by the lumber and flour merchants, is is quite probable that a profitable business could soon be developed. In order to create a demand for such goods, that will guarantee satisfactory returns in a reasonable time, a considerable expenditure would at first be necessary. There is no doubt about ultimate success provided the undertaking is conducted in a conservative and aggressive manner. Australian and California exporters have done well here in similar goods and I fail to see wherein they have any advantage over Portland, especially in the articles above enumerated. In fact, after personal investigation, I can safely say that Portland has the advantage. In discussing this matter with importers here I learn that losses are anticipated, provided for, and usually occur during the introductory period of any new article or brand of produce. Little or no attention is given them until some special inducement is offered to effect a start. Even flour was not introduced without considerable risk and heavy loss.

South China Exports.

South China exports consist chiefly of teas, mattings, pongees, grasscloth, cassia, duck feathers and essential oils, shipped mostly from Canton, Hong Kong, Macao and Amoy. With the exception of matting, only comparatively small quantities of these articles are consumed in the northwest, nevertheless large shipments are being constantly made to interior American cities via San Francisco and New York.

An effort should be made to divert a portion of this traffic via Portland, which can only be done by the co-operation of Portland importers and the Portland and Asiatic Steamship Co.

Owing to the enforcement of quarantine regulations between Manila and Hong Kong, I am obliged to abandon my trip to the Philippines. I have made inquiry from numerous sources between Yokohama and Hong Kong, concerning the commercial and industrial situation there, and the consensus of opinion is to the effect that business is generally in a very unsatisfactory condition. The timber industry has been at least temporarily suspended on account of recent legislation enacted at Washington, hence with the exception of old established industries, such as sugar, hemp and tobacco, very little activity is observed. An attempt is being made by some recent arrivals to create a jealousy between Hong Kong and Manila. Those participating in this absurd effort are quite unfit for Eastern life and it is only a matter of time when they will be relegated to a more suitable place for men of that calibre. Their ability is about on a par with some of the Government officials referred to in my last letter. To give you some idea of the narrowness of such individuals, read the following from the New American, published at Manila:

Hong Kong has declared a quarantine against vessels plying between Manila and that point. They claim that Manila is plague-ridden, and free communication between the two points would prove a menace to their city.

The latest reports from Hong Kong, however, indicate that the Hong Kongites are no strangers to plague. They have more cases weekly than have ever been reported in Manila. It is understood that the action was taken by the authorities there as a piece of spite work against Manila on accoutn of its growing commercial importance in the East.

Since American occupation Hong Kong has been slowly losing its grip, and Manila has doubled its commerce. The fact that a great many old steamship lines had headquarters there has kept the little town on the map, but they are now menaced with the possibility of the commercial world forgetting that Hong Kong was in the East. Manila is their most dangerous rival, and the Hong Kong city fathers apparently lose no opportunity to give the Filipino capital a black eye.

The Manila health authorities are considering the advisability of declaring a quarantine against Hong Kong on account of the awful ravages of plague in that city. It is believed generally that most of the worst forms of the pest originate in that city, and that if it were not for the freedom with which the Hong Kongites are allowed to come into this city, almost direct from the infected districts, it would soon die out here. In Manila the plague is practically blotted out, and the report of the leading city of the Orient with that of the seaport of Hong Kong shows that during the years of 1899 and 1900 the former had only 271 cases and 199 deaths, with a population of 350,000, while Hong Kong, with a population of about 200,000, recorded 1486 cases and 1428 deaths.

In their weekly reports at a season when plague is not rampant in Hong Kong, and not later than last week, the Hong Kong report showed 24 cases against 27 cases in Manila, almost the only instance in the history of the plague in Manila that the report of this city exceeded that of Hong Kong. This week the Hong Kong report will double that of Manila.

On account of the three extra cases, the Hong Kong people went into hysterics and declared a quarantine. The action has advertised the true condition of affairs, and shows up the menace that Hong Kong, in its present unsanitary condition, is to the other cities in the Orient, and especially to Manila, with its clean streets and the future that is before it.

Do these remarks convey sentiments essential to the upbuilding of a colonial empire?

The Barrier in the Way of Trade.

What, after all, is the great barrier to trade in China? What is it that Europe and America are clamoring for? An opportunity to exchange products, is it not? And what is it that prevents them so doing? That is what I have been trying to determine and have arrived at the conclusion that the only obstacle is the enforcement of certain regulations known in America as customs tariffs, McKinley bills, Dingley bills, tariff for revenue, protection, National policy, etc. The name of the thing is immaterial, so long as the effect is identical. Can anything more preposterous be imagined? The greatest nations in the world offering threats and supplications to China, praying for the removal of certain trade restrictions, mind you, just the very same trade restrictions as exist in Russia, France, Germany, United States and Canada, and enforced against China, and each other and declared a blessing by the good people of those countries.

China neither excludes nor taxes foreigners when they arrive on her shores. Do her subjects meet with the same reception when seeking an entrance to those philanthropic countries that are so anxious about her welfare? She has far more people to the square mile to maintain than any of the nations appealing for access to her resources, yet her people, in many respects superior to those of the nations referred to, are refused the humblest domicile in Canada or the United States, and would be in Europe, if an attempt were made to emigrate there in appreciable numbers. Pause and think of the struggle for existence if our sparsely settled country were so densely populated as China and we were excluded from other nations. Is it likely we would be a harmonious family?

But some will say they are only Chinese. Let me direct you to an interview published in the Washington Post on March 15 last, an interview with Mr. Whitehead, of the chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, which reads as follows:

The British banking system, which I have represented at Hong Kong for the last 17 years, has carried out with its Chinese constituents commercial and banking transactions aggregating the equivalent of many tens of millions of pounds sterling. Yet in connection with that enormous business, the bank has not sustained the loss of a single coin. This statement of fact is absolutely unique, because in my experience it is not possible to say the same thing of any other nationality, either in the Western or the Eastern hemisphere. It affords me great pleasure to testify to the commercial integrity and the financial soundness of the Chinese merchant and banker. Fully 20 years' experience of the Chinese has caused me to realize that their standard of business honesty is of a very high order. Whether the root of their honesty is fidelity to fundamental convictions of right, or whether the experience of thousands of years has taught them simply that it is a prudent course for successful and permanent business, or, in other words, that "honesty is the best policy," is not easy to determine. The fact remains that a paper contract is not necessary to bind a Chinese merchant to his word, and that, speaking generally, his word is as good as his bond.

It may be considered that I am devoting an undue amount of space to extolling and defending the Chinese, but I assure you much more space is required to do the subject justice. I can scarcely refrain from bespeaking for these people a fair measure of reciprocal treatment.

To be sure, their tariff regulations (or irregulations) appear barbarous, controlled as they are by despotic mandarins, who sometimes adjust charges to suit emergencies. In such cases the unfortunate trader, who is almost invariably a Chinaman, has no appeal, and, after a mild protest, succumbs to the inevitable. I admit that a system permitting such inequalities is abominable, but what have these generous countries to offer in its place? Our methods are clothed with a kind of palatable polish, under which is concealed the most glaring iniquities. I brought with me a copy of the American tariff in case I might require to consult some of the agents of my company in regard to the amount of duty on certain articles, which were ambiguously described in the schedule. The intricacies of an American tariff as disclosed by a careful examination, certainly indicate iniquitous designs; this, combined with the numerous provisions against fraud, demonstrate that both parties to the transaction are subject to contaminating influences. Ad valorem, specific, and specific and ad valorem duties are levied. The former is more general, and affords greater opportunities for corruption. My attention was called to a case of undervaluation in Japan, whereby an American silk importer is enabled to undersell competitors, thus rendering fair competition impossible. May I ask what class of people such a system protects and encourages?

A prominent exporter to whom I loaned the tariff referred to returned it with this mark: "I would not have believed it possible for even the Medes and Persians to concoct such a voluminous and complex document."

Before leaving China let me say with emphasis, that if the plain, unvarnished facts concerning the intervention of foreign nations and individuals in China were disclosed, lovers of justice and humanity would be shocked, and their confidence in Russian, German, French and Anglo-Saxon would be severely shaken.

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