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THE AWAKENING OF CHINA.

There seems to be a number of disturbing features in the awakening of China. Back in the realms of an alleged higher civilization in the European countries, there are vague murmurings of a possible world to await the world when this long slumbering giant has its eyes thoroughly opened. This giant was a tractable creature so long as it rested in a semi-comatose state, and when its objection to the white man's religion took the form of a conflict of ideas, it was averted from the Mauers of shells from the eight-inch guns generally silenced the objection. But China, to be an expression of the street, has been "wised" to the advantages of that higher civilization. Keen observation of its workings in the European Kingdom has taught her the financial advantages of the new golden rule of "get all you can and keep all you get." It has also taught that in a contest with Satan a handiwork will be suffered unless it is maintained by a strong arm. These are the reasons why China is abandoning the stick-pot and short sword, and preparing to adopt the same weapons which have proved so effective in the hands of the foreign devils who have been playing football with the Chinese for many years. This sudden display of independence has caused considerable nervousness in Europe. Why should ancient, decrepit, out-of-date China leave her idols and make an attempt to collect her own customs duties, or manage her own affairs, or become a free power? The immediate cause of the meeting of the representatives of the foreign powers at Peking Saturday was the proposed change in the Chinese customs administration by which the services of Robert Hart, Director General of the Chinese Customs, were to be reinforced by appointment of a Chinese Minister Superintendent of Customs Affairs with an associate vice-minister. While this is a pronounced departure from former methods, it is not clear why it is necessary to have the stipulations which provide that the customs revenue will be devoted to payment of the foreign debt.

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THE GREAT SARAH TO VISIT AUSTRALIA.

Mrs. Bernhard, instead of sailing for France next month as originally planned, has closed arrangements with her manager, William F. Connor, whereby she will curtail her tour in the Pacific Northwest and sail direct for Australia. She will make a tour of the theater under the control of J. C. Williamson. For several weeks negotiations have been in progress between Messrs. Connor, Williamson and it has been settled that before she returns to France Mrs. Bernhard will have appeared in all of the principal cities in Australia. At Mrs. Bernhard was opposed to making this long ocean voyage, but after some consideration decided to undertake the tour to the Antipodes, where there has always been a great demand to see the famous French actress.

ATTEMPTED AN OREGON MONOPOLY.

T. T. Geer, W. J. Furnish, H. M. Calk, Walter Toose, W. J. Clark, Ralph Hoyer, E. Carter, E. A. not one of these names are all supporting the Republican ticket this year because it's the ticket named by the people. By the way, who named Chamberlain and Geary and the other Democratic candidates?

and acts do not accord with the judgment and desires of his own constituents. Let the bitter and partisan Democratic press howl that The Oregonian is "wielding the party lash." Wielding the lash consists in exposing the sham, chest and fraud of the Democratic contention that they are engaged in anything but a Democratic campaign, for party advantage and for nothing else; and we shall wield it to the end. Party is not fetich with The Oregonian; yet it understands the vital importance of party and party politics to the stability of our Government. When there shall be no party, there will be no republic; for there will be nothing to strive for, since no man will deem any governmental principle worth bothering about and contending for.

THE SHAM OF NON-PARTISANSHIP.

The real purpose of the Democrats in their demand that politics shall not be figured in the state election is plain from the fact that they are arguing the election of the entire Democratic ticket. If the Democrats can claim support for their candidates upon the ground that they are non-partisan, they cannot the Republicans do the same? Is not a Republican as non-partisan as a Democrat? Let it be granted, for the sake of argument only, that party lines should not be observed in the election of a Governor, not the Republican Party, but the Democrats, who support as the Democratic candidate?

The Democrats think they are "smooth" and that they will deceive many Republicans into believing all this talk about a non-partisan Governor. If it means the election of Noble Chamberlain in as much a partisan as anybody is. He is a partisan Democrat and hopes to see a Democrat elected President of the United States in 1908. He would like to be Governor of Oregon when a Democrat occupies the office. He is a member of the State Bar, and he and his state chairman, Sewek, could dictate the appointments to Federal positions in Oregon. He would like to fill Oregon postoffices with Democrats. Oregon Democrats hope to see that change brought about.

POPULATION OF CHINA, AND THE RAPIDITY WITH WHICH A NEIGHBORING YELLOW RACE WITH EVEN POOR OPPORTUNITIES HAS DEVELOPED INTO A WORLD POWER.

The Chinese army which next takes the field in defense of what the Chinese regard as their rights will be no such straw-stuffed effigy or scare-crow as formed an easy mark for the Japanese a dozen years ago. The excellent outlook for all kinds of crops makes it probable that the annual State Fair this fall will be one of the best in the history of Oregon. The extensive improvements made last summer place the State Fair Grounds in the best possible condition, so far as equipment is concerned. The buildings have been repaired, painted and repaired. The exhibit stands, show cases, etc., were increased in number by the transfer of much material of this kind from the Lewis and Clark Exposition to the State Fair.

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For several years the Germans, with the marvelous Deutschland, have held the speed record on the Atlantic, and until last year they were also for a few years possessors of the largest steamer afloat. Then came the gigantic Baltic, the first steamer with a greater length than 700 feet. The British had apparently temporarily abandoned the race for the speed record, but the Baltic made no pretensions to being a scorcher, but with her great size and palatial accommodations, was regarded as a triumph of the shipbuilder's skill. She was 709 feet long, 75.5 feet beam, 52.6 feet depth of hold and registered 23,378 tons. But the Baltic's prestige as the largest ship in the world was comparatively short-lived, for on Saturday the latest production of the German yards, the steamer Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, 775 feet long, 78 feet beam, 52 feet depth of hold and 25,500 tons register, with a displacement of 43,000 tons.

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STEAMER LIKE MODERN HOTEL.

The Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, which has sailed from Dover on her maiden voyage to this country, is the biggest ship afloat. She accommodates 550 first-class, 350 second-class and 2200 steerage passengers, has one deck more than the America, giving her eight "stories" known as boat, or shelter deck; sun, or upper promenade; Kaiser, or main promenade; Auguste Victoria, or lower promenade; promenade, or upper deck; Union, or saloon deck; Broadway, or main deck, and orlop deck. On the Kaiser deck, about the smoking-room, is a palm garden, exposed to the sky and the sea.

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