

OLD CHINESE LOOK WITH SADNESS ON PASSING OF ANCIENT CUSTOMS

Last Celebration of New Year Will Be Tinged With Pang That It Can Never Be Again—Splendor and Pomp to Be Greater Than Before, but Much of Religious Element Will Be Lacking.



NEW YEAR'S COSTUME OF SAIL SILK DUE FOR THE MONTHS AFTER THIS YEAR.

BY ROBERT DOBLE.
CONFUCIUS had 1000 disciples; only 12 of them reached the True Word. So are we; few know on what rocks we are going and where the empire and the republic are likely to bring us. As for me, I am an old man, and I have not been back to China for 23 years, and I may be wrong, but it seems to me that with a change of government, the old customs that were beautiful go—just as with you Americans—when a republican government comes. We are a republic, they say now, and it may be for the better, but the old customs—they are lost.



MAN'S COSTUME, NEW FOR THE MONTHS DISCARD.

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CALLING CARD FOR NEW YEAR VISITS INTRODUCING THE BUSINESS AT THE BOLD FESTIVAL.

The eyes of the gray-haired Chinese merchant glared as he looked across Second street to where a red, white and blue flag of the baby republic fluttered in the breeze, outside the door of a joshouse. "Now, no more New Year," he added, sadly. The old man panted the sleeve of the silk shirt he wore, between his fingers, tracing the embroidered dragons on the arms, and the centered dragon head upon the bosom of the shirt. "The beautiful things, when we become civilized, they all go away. The old customs, the manners of two, three thousand years, that were ours before your civilization ever started—all changed in a minute because we have become a civilized nation. That is not civilization; that is not the result of a long series of events; it is taking someone else's trousers to fit our legs. The trousers are too short and we look bad."

as in China, February 17, 1912, will be celebrated as the New Year, with the old customs. One more celebration before the change the old men asked for, and it was granted. The younger spirits will observe the new calendar, but the older will for the last time keep the 4695-year-old anniversary just as they have in past years. Portland's Chong Hwa, comprising the representatives of the 400 odd business houses in the two Chinatowns, will be formally called a week or two before February 17 to decide upon the celebration, but the feeling of both old and young is for the last celebration, and it is likely that the merchants' association will sanction it. Fireworks and a general bustle to buy all the things necessary for the proper celebration of the New Year will mark the night of February 15. Candy, grapefruits, cakes of Chinese manufacture, will be bought, lanterns will be hung before the stores, and the 2000 Chinese will prepare for the breaking of the great day.

on which his name is written, will visit the stores. Presenting his card as introduction and uttering the conventional words of New Year greeting, each will introduce himself, sup a friendly cup of tea or bowl of wine and depart, to go further on the rounds, which sometimes take several hours. Before the picture of Gar, Geon, placed on a table in the store, the heaps of candied fruits, ornaments and candy for the delectation of visitors are placed, and the representation of the largely mythical divinity will be bowed to by the entering visitor. On the streets, the children, each togged out in a new dress, gaily and brave with embroidery, will demand the wrapped-up coins that their elders will give as a gift of the New Year. All the stores of the year will be laid aside for the time and the pleasure of the moment made the most of. What will be done to celebrate the dawn of 1913 is a matter of conjecture to the old-time Chinese, whose little world has so fallen about their ears in the past twelvemonth that they are glad to get up for the day of their National unity is built. With the home empire started into a republic in 200 days, with a grudging Bum-Jai festival followed the loss worshipers only after many deaths had scared the superstitious, and with the same losses desecrated, they think, by the hands of the modern republican men, the best old man with the silk coat, the padded slippers and the dangling forms and ceremonies of the old life have lost their meaning to the younger generation, which is impressing its activity on the race, and they have given up the modern civilization with peep trousers and bonbonnières "many things that are beautiful and old," as the old man said.

HOSPITAL FEEDS MANY DURING "SILVER THAW"

St. Vincent's Cares for From 300 to 600 Hungry Men Every Day of Storm. Portland Epworth League to Hold Third Quarterly Rally.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL fed from 300 to 600 men a day during the recent "silver thaw." The long tables on the first floor were spread three times a day for the city's hungry and destitute. Before the cold snap began from 20 to 40 men appeared at the hospital each day asking for food. With the coming of the cold weather the number rapidly increased until, when the cold was at its worst, 600 men applied for food in one day. "The hospital always keeps open house for those in absolute need," said Rev. E. V. O'Hara, of St. Mary's Cathedral, yesterday. "If these men had not been fed during the cold snap they would have been driven by hunger to find something to eat, and might have gone about the city holding up people. A few of them worked to pay for their meals, but the majority did not."

of the first hour's programme. At 9 o'clock a social session will be held, in charge of Woodstock Chapter. Miss Mary Hepburn, a deaconess, will be the chief speaker of the evening. She will tell about the mercy and help department work, with special references to the aid of sick and the administration of attention to the needy. Mrs. Sweetland, who is a member of Laurelwood Chapter, will explain how to organize an ideal mercy and help department in a local chapter so that the needs of any community may be attended to by the young people. Delegations from every chapter in Portland will be present. The Luther Leaguers of St. James' Lutheran Church held a social and business meeting at the church last Tuesday evening, which was largely attended. The Young Ladies' Guild and the Young Men's Club engaged in an interesting debate. Refreshments were served. Brougher Holds Revival at San Diego. SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Dr. J. Whittom Brougher, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles, closed an 11 days' evangelistic meeting here last night in the First Baptist Church. "It is the common opinion that these meetings have been the most remarkable religious services ever held here," said Rev. W. H. Galt, pastor of the First Baptist Church, tonight. "From the very first day the audience-room of the church could not accommodate the people, and the lecture-room being filled every evening. The interest manifested has been great, and over 300 persons have manifested a desire to be in the Christian life."

on the evening of January 17. All women in Portland Methodist churches have been invited. Numerous incidents are told by the workers in the Travelers' Aid Department of the Y. W. C. A. of the manner in which girls, especially foreigners, have been assisted. Mrs. Lola G. Bandy, in speaking of some of these girls, said: "One Judith, a Swedish Finn, came to Portland one Friday night, expecting to go on to Mexico, but arrived too late for the train which connects with the stage at Drain, and there was no Sunday stage. So I persuaded her to wait in Portland until Sunday night, rather than in Drain, where there would be no one to look after her. "She could speak a little English, and got along well, but dreaded the stage trip. She did not have money enough for the boat, and barely enough for the stage fare. We did not charge her for her room and board while here, and on Sunday night I started with her to the depot, but found she was so worried she was almost sick, so I asked her if she would like me to lend her the money she needed to buy a boat ticket. She was so delighted that her whole appearance changed. She assured me her sister would send me the money 'right away.' So I brought her back to the association and kept her until Tuesday night, and put her aboard the steamer, a happy girl. Her sister sent sufficient money to cover all the expense of her stay, as well as of her ticket. "Mary Smith, 17 years old, from Toronto, Canada, arrived in Portland one Sunday night. She telegraphed from Chicago to her mother, saying she would arrive Monday morning at 8, but took a shorter route, arriving Sunday night. The mother could not be found, and the girl did not have her street address. A boy friend who was on the same train, however, called at two months. All real estate offices listed in city or telephone directories were visited or called up on the telephone by department workers. The telephone light offices were visited, in the hope that a contract might have been signed by Mrs. Smith. There was none. Then the newspapers were resorted to, and an advertisement inserted, which brought the mother to the Young Women's Christian Association the same morning. She had been sick and unable to mail her money, so had not received either Mary's letters or the telegram."

Arrangements have been completed for a reception to be given next Wednesday in Columbus Hall, on Morris street, in St. Mary's parish in Albina, for the benefit of orphans. The reception will be held between 2 o'clock and 5 o'clock in the hall. The entertainment will consist of cards, a musical programme and luncheon. Proceeds will go for the care of orphans in the parish. The reception committee for the affair is composed of Mrs. I. F. Mahoney, Mrs. W. Lillis, Mrs. L. Walsh, Mrs. Joseph Noonan, Mrs. C. E. Lee, Mrs. A. Mompier, Mrs. James Lacey, Mrs. A. Marper, Mrs. William Bailey, Mrs. H. Aliehoff, Mrs. J. C. Hayes, Mrs. W. J. Moran, Mrs. E. Casse, Mrs. E. Wells, Mrs. F. Wascher, Mrs. E. McEntee, Mrs. N. L. Miller, Mrs. E. Scott, Mrs. H. L. Cox, W. V. Miller, Mrs. J. Stokan, Mrs. J. Shannon, Mrs. J. Costo, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. W. Graham, Mrs. B. Morita, Mrs. James Kirby, Miss Mary Chambers, Miss Alta Cox, Miss Frances Brady, Miss Genevieve Ward and Miss Crodillo.

The annual reunion of the Dominican Choral Society of the Holy Rosary Church, at East Third street and Commercial avenue, was held in the parlors of the church Sunday. Dinner was served. J. Teuchner and J. Bell assisted with music and services. The choir, under the direction of J. Bell, sang an address. W. Darby presided at the piano. Very Rev. A. S. Lawler, O. P., thanked the society in behalf of the Dominican Choral Society. He spoke of the services of the members of the society who have retired and welcomed the new members. Those who attended the reunion were: Rev. W. H. Galt, O. P.; Rev. C. V. Lamb, O. P.; Rev. G. L. Sturte, O. P.; Rev. F. Schmidt, O. P.; Brother Joseph, O. P.; E. J. Alstock, O. P.; Rev. J. E. Lee, O. P.; Frank Motter, E. J. Atkinson, D. A. Morris, J. E. Malley, T. W. Sullivan, H. Sullivan, S. Charrette, F. Mahan, E. E. Fitzgerald, W. A. Casby, J. Darby, A. J. King, A. J. Kennedy, L. J. Schrub. Officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, E. J. Sullivan; vice-president, W. H. Darby; secretary, E. Fitzgerald; treasurer, Rev. C. V. Lamb, O. P. The society is the musical organization of the parish.

John P. Clum, lecturer of the publicity department of the Southern Pacific Company, will lecture at the Taylor-street Methodist church on the evening of January 17 on "California and the Pacific Coast." Motion pictures and lantern slides showing the California coast will be shown. The lecture will be a part of the programme. Views of Portland, the Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue river valleys, and the Inland Empire, also will be shown. E. P. Stout, one of the leaders of the Gipsy Smith movement in San Francisco, wrote last week that the evangelist in drawing the largest audiences brought together for religious services in San Francisco for a quarter of a century. J. J. Douglas, pastor of the church, will be in charge.

J. W. McDougall, district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is just recovering from a severe attack of the grippe.

Dr. Clarence True Wilson returned to Portland Thursday from a two weeks' temperance campaign in Montana.

Evangelistic meetings are to be held at the Woodlawn Methodist Episcopal Church for two weeks, beginning tonight. J. J. Douglas, pastor of the church, will be in charge.

Dr. J. H. Cullip, of Grace Methodist Church reports 25 new members received into the church last Sunday. He says this makes 57 new members since the last Oregon conference.

East Side Baptist Church young people will hold a rally and social Tuesday night, January 16. Officers will be elected.

Grace Montavilla Baptist Church will hold a social roll-call Thursday night, January 18.

The financial system in use at the First Presbyterian church will be discussed at a meeting of the congregation to be held next Thursday night. The funds are now raised by subscriptions and pew rentals. A trustee will be elected.

Samuel Mendelssohn will speak at the First Christian Church at 3 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. January 16, on "The Jew in Prophecy."

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FIELD PEAS TAKE WELL

O. W. R. & N.'S DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS IS TELLING. Farmers Report Arid Acres Are Made Thriving Under Plan. Alfalfa Also Profitable. Efforts of the O. W. R. & N. Company to introduce field peas and alfalfa in the semi-arid districts of Eastern Oregon have met with such success that R. B. Miller, traffic manager, under whose direction the experiments were conducted, is contemplating supplemental seed distributions in various parts of the state. Recently Mr. Miller wrote to farmers among whom field peas and alfalfa seed was distributed on the trip of the demonstration train in the Spring of 1910 to learn from them the results of their tests. The replies were most gratifying. J. K. Fisher, of Haines, said that he planted the field pea seeds in March, and the crop was harvested more than 400 pounds of peas from less than an acre of land devoted to that purpose. He gave to his neighbors all but sufficient seed from this yield to plant another acre last Spring. He turned hogs into the acre patch in the middle of the Summer and writes that he never saw hogs fatter as quickly as those did. In planting, he reports that he set his grain drill wide open and deep. R. H. King, of Grass Valley, reports that he had good luck with his alfalfa and expects to devote considerable acreage to that product in the future. Charles W. Martin, of Olex, Or., writes: "I regard growing of peas in this county both practical and remunerative, not only as a forage and pasture crop, but for harvesting for seed. It not only pays the farmer, but I am satisfied from my limited experience that it enriches the soil." Clark Benson, of Haines, said that he had done well on his sub-irrigated land. Hogs thrive on the peas. Fred E. Wells, of Hermiston, planted alfalfa on lowlands and watered it for five or six weeks. He cut one ton of alfalfa seed on a quarter acre of deep, sandy land and cut three crops of alfalfa. W. J. Townley, of Union, had success with his peas and will continue to grow them. Davis Brothers, of North Powder, planted 60 pounds of peas May 10 and reaped 37 sacks. They declare peas a profitable crop to any farmer that grows hogs and expresses the opinion that not enough Oregon farmers are in

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