# THE EXCLUSION ACT CONSTITUTIONAL.

## The Chinese Must Go as the Supreme Court Would Not Stultify Itself.

**Great Excitement Among Pacific Coast Chinese.**

Special to the Guard.

PORTLAND, May 15.—The Supreme Court decision confirming the constitutionality of the Geary Chinese exclusion act was handed down today, the opinion being by Gray, Brewer dissenting. The news created great excitement among the celestials of Salem, Portland and San Francisco. The Vice Chinese consul at the latter place says the law will not be carried out right away, owing to the lack of appropriations and that the treaty with China is no longer a contract.

**The Exclusion Act Will Stand.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 15.—The supreme court of the United States in a decision handed down by Justice Gray has sustained the decision of the New York courts in favor of the constitutionality of the Geary Chinese Exclusion act. Three Justices dissented. It is the most important decision rendered since the Dred Scott decision before the rebellion.

Justice Gray, in announcing the judgment of the court, said the power of this nation to restrict or prohibit the immigration of aliens into this country or require such aliens to remove therefrom, was a well-settled principle of internation law, confirmed by an unbroken line of decisions in this court. The legislatine power of the government is not transcended in any of its constitutional limitations in the act under consideration.

Justice Brewer dissented on the ground that if upheld there would be no guarantee that similar treatment might not be accorded to other classes of our population. Justice Field also read a dissenting opinion. Chief Justice Fuller also dissented from opinion of court. After the court concluded its announcement of opinions, Ashton of counsel for Chinese, moved a rehearing and argument before full bench at next term. At present the court stands five to three in support of the law. Justice Harlan being absent, the court took the motion under advisement, the effect of which is to postpone proceedings under the judgment announced today.

## ANOTHER ACCIDENTAL DROWNING

**Lane County Adds Another to its Annual List.---George Ort the Victim.**

While a party of six miners were en route to the Bohemia mines Saturday they came to a ford in the Frank Brass creek where the waters are very swift. The guide swam the pack mules across all right, but two of the party preferred to walk up the creek a mile to a foot log rather than undertake the ford. The other four, however, as the sequel shows, with more valor than discretion, started across. The first three succeeded in gaining the opposite bank in safety, but the last one, George Ort, had got within about 10 feet of the bank when his horse stumbled and both it and rider lost control of themselves and were swept down stream. The stream at that place is about 25 yards wide but the water runs so swift that no assistance could be rendered to the drowning man. The body was recovered about half a mile down the stream and the horse was taken out some distance further.

The deceased was a single man, 33 years of age. The body was brought to Cottage Grove by his comrades in the party and will be embalmed and sent to his parent's home, at Frostburg, Maryland.

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

**This Department of the Oregon I. O. O. F. in Session Today.**

The grand encampment of the I. O. O. F. of Oregon assembled in annual session at the Odd Fellows temple in this city at 10 o'clock this forenoon.

The report of the Grand Patriach, K. Kubli, of Jacksonville, was read showing a prosperous state of the patriarchal branch, and that two new lodges were instituted during the year.

A. N. Gambell submitted his report as grand scribe. The whole number of encampments within the jurisdiction are 32. Initiated during the year, 239. Total membership December 31, 1892, 1214. Increase during the year, 318. Amount paid for relief, $1544.25. Annual receipts, $9682.57. Assets of encampments, $22,611.00.

After the repoits of grand officers came the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Wm. Pfunder, of Portland, G. P.
R. L. Harris, Dayton, G. H. P.
A. C. Marks, Roseburg, G. S. W.
A. N. Gambell, Portland, G. S.
John G. Wright, Salem, G. T.
James Cunaming, Portland, G. J. W.
J. J. Walton, Eugene, G. Rep.

**The Law Is Outrageous.**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—Lyman Mowry, attorney for the Chinese Six Companies here, was seen today. He says he predicted that the Geary law would be found constitutional. That is why he was not employed to fight the case in Washington. He thinks the law is outrageously unjust. It will cost $10,000,00 to deport the Chinese, and thinks no immediate action will be taken. The president will probably defer actingon the matter until congress convenes, when the law doubtless will be repealed.

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ARRAIGNED.—Leroy Ellmaker, who was arrested last week for larceny by bailee, vas arraigned in Justice Kinsey's court this morning and his examinatin set for Wednesday morning at 9 o'lock.

## THREE-LINK BROTHERHOOD.

**A Rewiew of The History of the Order---Its Phenomenal Growth.**

**They Are the Guests of Eugene.**

The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Oregon, meets in Eugene to-morrow for the first time since 1864, when delegates were few and the order was weak numerically in the state. Since then the lodges have increased from less than a score to considerably over a hundred. A short sketch of the history of this almost distinctively American order may be interesting. 74 years ago on April 26th last, marked the day of the birth of the great brotherhood in the United States. The first lodge was organized in the old aristocratic city of Baltimore, by Thomas Wildey, a young English mechanic, assisted by four companions.

HOW IT HAS GROWN.

Beginning thus with one lodge of five members, it now has one sovereign grand lodge, the supreme head of the order in the world, four independent grand lodges (Australasia, German empire, Denmark and Switzerland), 63 grand lodges, 52 grand encampments, 9807 subordinate lodges, 2357 subordinate encampments, 721,146 lodge members, 124,553 encampment members, 2596 Rebekah lodges, 73,280 brothers in Rebekah lodges, 81,736 sisters in Rebekah lodges, 648 cantons of Patriarchs Militant, with 22,788 canton members. From 1830 to 1892 there were 1,785,588 initiations, 1,621,065 members relieved, 196,661 widowed families relieved, 158,775 members buried, and total paid for relief $57,019,127.47. Official reports show that during 1890 there were lodge initiations 80,939, encampment initiations 15,655, paid for relief $3,064,720.80, or $255,383.40 every month, $58,936.94 every week, $8,419.56 every day, $350.81 every hour, $5.85 every minute. The Manchester Unity, of English Odd Fellowship, reports 695,688 members, which, added to the American or Independent order, makes the total in the world, including Sisters of Rebekah lodges, 1,498,568, the largest secret benevolent society in the world.

American Odd Fellowship exists in all the provinces of British North America, Australia, Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, France, Japan, Chili, Cuba, Mexico and other foreign lands. The sun never sets on its halls or membership.

DIVISIONS OF THE ORDER.

The order is divided into—first, subordinate lodges; second, subordinate encampments; third, cantons; fourth, Rebekah lodges; fifth, state grand lodges; sixth, state grand encampments; seventh, the sovereign grand lodge, which has supreme legislative and judicial authority. To join a subordinate lodge the applicant must be a free white male, 21 years old, of good moral character, sound health, have some visible means of support, and must believe in the existence of a supreme being. To join a subordinate encampment he must be a third degree member, in good standing, in a subordinate lodge. To join a canton he must be a member in good standing of both a lodge and an encampment.

THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE.

All third degree members of subordinate lodges, their wives, widows, unmarried daughters and sisters eighteen years of age are eligible to membership in Rebekah degree lodges. All past grands in lodges, and past chief patriarchs in encampments are eligible to membership in the state grand bodies, respectively. All members may pass the chairs and become members of the grand bodies where they are eligible to any office. The order is democratic in its government, but not in a political sense, and the majority rules. It is a fine school of oratory, and a good place to learn parliamentry law, and presents a broad field for usefulness and improvement to young men.

DEGREES—CANTON—REBEKAHS

Subordinate lodges have three degrees besides the initiatory. Subordinate encampments have three degrees.

The canton is a military branch of the order, and its members wear a beautiful uniform not surpassed by any military organization. Cantons have but one degree, with a nominal fee, usually very small.

Rebekah lodges are especially designed for the benefit of ladies, although men may be members also. All offices may be filled by ladies.

ALL ON EQUAL TERMS.

Lodge meetings are usually held weekly or semi-weekly, thus bringing the members often into intimate association. All meet upon a common level, and social and fraternal ties bind them into a common brotherhood. The poor meet with the rich and the illiterate with the cultivated, and each is blessed by the association. The order is confined to no special class—all honest white men are welcome. None are rejected because they are poor, nor admitted because they are rich. All honorable trades and professions are represented—farmers, mechanics, merchants, lawyers, doctors, clergymen, Jews, Christians, Catholics, Protestants, and men of all political creeds. The order teaches the highest morality. It is the friend of religion and the handmaid of the church, but is not sectarian. It teaches patriotism, but not politics. It is the foe of vice, the friend of virtue, and the protector of the innocent and helpless. The ritual of the order is one of the most beautiful in the world, yet simple and easy understood.

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CORVALLIS ELECTION.—At the Corvallis city election yesterday, the law and order organization elected two councilmen. As the new council stands the mayor and six councilmen will favor the laying and improvement of the old water works system of that city, hence the work will probably be begun soon. The contest was a hot one and involved the expenditure of a number of thousand dollars in bonds recently voted.

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THE SECOND REGIMENT.—The official roster of the 2nd Regiment, O. N. G. is kept as complete as possible so that in case of active service the regiment will be in working order. During the absence of Col. S. L. Lovell at Portland, the senior captain of the regiment, Sherman, of B Company, is in command. Major G. O. Yoran, being also absent at Chicago, Capt. H. S. Stoddard of E Company, is temporarily filling that position.

## THE LADIES MEET.

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The seventh annual state convention of Rebekah lodges I. O. O. F. commenced in the Odd Fellows temple in this city this forenoon. The following list of officers were present:

Exercises were opened in due form with music, and prayer by the chaplin, Sister Linda Salmon.

The secretary called the roll of officers and the following were found present:

Mrs. Sarah O. Barnes, President, Albany.
Mrs. E. A. Nichols, Vice President, Baker City.
Mrs. W. J. Plymale, Secretary, Jacksonville.
W. I. Vawter, Treasurer, Medford.
Mrs. M. E. Kellogg, R S P, Portland.
Mrs. Pauline Kline, Conductor, Corvallis.
Mrs. Elizabeth Gould, I G, Portland.

On motion of the secretary the proceedings of last convention were approved as published. The president appointed the following standing committees:

Committe on credentials—Sisters Pauline Kline, Litson, of Drain, Smith, of Tryphena.

Committee on Distribution—Sisters Hyde, Taylor, Haultine.

Committee on Finance—Sisters Abrahams, Montanye, F. Luy.

Committee on Resolutions—Brothers Booth, H M. Beckwith, W. A. Kirk; Sisters Gates and Stillwell.

Committee on Memorial — Sisters Daniels, Parker and Robinson.

Committee on state of the Order—Sisters Prichard, Kerr and Ralyor.

Committee on Legislation, Sister Weatherford, Brothers Rayber and Coles.

A recess of 30 minutes was declared to give committee on credentials time to report. (See report.)

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Columbia No. 3, Mrs. M. E. Kellog, Mrs. Linda Salmon, H. M. Beckwith, John Rabyor.
Ruth No. 4, Mrs. Francis Luy.
Hebron No. 6, W Cabel Hazeltine.
Baker City No. 8, Florence Atwood, Mary E. Hyde.
Rachel No. 9, G. V. Standist.
Friendship No. 12, Sister G. A. Booth, M. M. Daniels.
Hope No. 14, Miss Lizzie Taylor.
Cottage Grove, No. 24, Hattie Thompson.
Western Star No. 27, Ida Patterson.
Sunrise No. 29, R. Deardorff.
Acme No. 32, Anna Cole, M. E. Pritchard, E. L. Crozier, M. E. Phillips.
San Souci No. 33, W. A. Kirk.
Alpha No. 34, Mrs. A. E. Knight, Pauline Kline.
Beulah No. 35, Annett Weatherford, Kate B. Montanye.
Tryphena No. 38, Mrs. E. L. Smith.
Crescent No. 39, Martha Barker, Elizabeth Gould.
Roseburg No. 41, Julia Abrahams, Winnie Graham.
Mt. Olive No. 45, Vina Letsons, W. M. Ellenburg.
Miriam No. 46, Eva. S. Kerr.
Morning Star No. 52, Sarah Stillwell.
Banner No. 53, Ella J. Gates.

The president read her annual report which was referred to the committee on distribution.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and referred to finance committee.

Convention to meet at 2 p. m.

## THE REBEKAHS.

**This Degree Still in Session---Routine Work.**

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The convention met at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and spent the time in secret work and discussing matters pertaining to the improvement of this branch of Odd Fellowship.

EVENING SESSION.

This was held in the old Odd Fellows hall, on the corner of Willamette and Ninth streets. Convention met at 7:30 o'clock, called to order by the president. The time was mostly occupied by routine business. A motion that the annual election of officers for the ensuing year be set for Tuesday at 2 p. m. was carried and afterward reconsidered; and the motion to proceed to the election of officers at once was carried.

Under the head of new business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Ella A. Nickols. Baker City Rebecca Lodge No. 8.
Vice President, Mrs. W. J. Plymale, Ruth Rebecca Lodge No 4.
Secretary, Mrs. Winnie Graham, Roseburg Rebecca Lodge No. 41.
Treasurer, Mrs. Linda Salmon, Columbia Rebecca Lodge No. 3.

VISIT THE UNIVERSITY.

The session this morning was a short one as the convention adjourned at 10 o'clock to visit the university. An invitation had been extended by the board of regents and the faculty, so the Rebkahs turned out in a body and took the street cars for that institution under the escort of the local committee. Arriving there they were entertained in the usual cordial manner by President Johnson and the faculty, and the rest of the forenoon was spent in looking through the various departments and listening to the interesting explanations of Professors Carson, Condon, Hawthorne and the others.

THIS AFTERNOON

Convention met at 2 p. m. and was called to order by the president.

The afternoon was spent in routine work. The president requested the secretary to read from the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, all law relating to the Rebekah degree.

Resolution from Roseburg 41, asking for the number of rejecting ballots refered to committee on resolutions and reported unfavorable.

**Card of Thanks.**

We take this means of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation for the courtesies extended to us by the people of Eugene, and especially the Masonic lodge on this occasion of the death of our brother, George Ort.

WM. GRIFFITH,
DANIEL JONES.

DEEP SNOW.—We have heard it stated by parties from up the McKenzie that a man recently came across the Cascade mountains finding about 15 feet of snow at the deepest point. It will be the first of July before travel can be resumed across the Cascade range.

**County vs. Circuit Court.**

The county court of Douglas county cannot agree with Judge Fullerton. Here is the decision it has arrived at: "Whereas, J. C. Fullerton, judge of the 2nd Judicial District, has promulgated an order directing S. C. Miller, sheriff, among other things to open and furnish the office, now occupied by the county assessor, for the use of attorneys and also, attempting to assume control and directing the manner in which the court house shall be used, and it appearing that that room for attorneys is entirely unnecessary and denying the authority of the judge of the District Court to control county property in any case whatever. It is further ordered and decreed by the court that the said S. C. Miller, sheriff, is forbidden to open or furnish said assessor's office or any other room, or to attempt to prevent any assemblage of people in the court house, except by the order of the county court or county judge. It is further ordered that the court room be furnished as heretofore designated by this court and under the instructions of the county judge. We also protest against the practice of the circuit court allowing fees to attorneys for defending accused persons. We further protest against the appointment of unnecessary bailiffs for the circuit court and the allowance of fees greatly in excess of service rendered. We further protest against the action of the circuit court judge in ordering a warrant drawn by the county clerk on the county treasurer for $64 without authority of law, and the county treasurer is hereby directed to refuse payment of said warrant No. 1893, dated April 24, 1893, to Ben. C. Irwin & Co., and the county judge is hereby authorized to employ all legal means to prevent the payment of said warrant."

**Real Estate Transfers.**

SPRINGFIELD.

Springfield Lodge No. 70, I. O. O. F. to Mrs. N. W. Dean, lot in Laurel Grove cemetery, $1.

EUGENE.

W. A. Curry to Albert Roberts lot 10 in Cross platt of land on Blair donation claim, $800.

COTTAGE GROVE.

S. K. Hanson to Amanda Morustaff, 100x50 feet, $300.

JUNCTION.

T. A. Milliron to J. H. Day, lots 6 and 7, block 2, Milliron & Washburne's addition, $150.

COUNTRY.

Lizzie Hamilton, et al, to Sarah A. Newcomb, 40 acres, t 2 s r 3 w; $700

Albert Mason executor to Wm Kyle, 49.40 acres, t 18 s r 11 w; $500.

Henry A. Boring to M. E. Lambert & Co., 120 acres in t 18 s r 9 w; $300

Frank Hartley to Charles Hartley, 40 acres in t 18 s r 10 w; $125.

W. S. to Frances S. and Sarah Bryan, 319.4 acres in t 16 s r 4 w; patent.

State of Oregon to R. H. C. Pierce, 40 acres in t 15 s r 5 w; $80.

State of Oregon to J. B. and W. J. Carty, 120 acres in t 15 s r 5 w; $240.

**A Horrible Accident.**

The Junction Times give the following account of the terrible accident to Morgan Holt: "Morgan Holt, a brakeman, whose run is from this place to Portland met with an accident that may cost him his life. The train arrived here about on time and he jumped off to fly-switch the caboose. The caboose was so close that the fly could not be made, and Mr. Holt attempted to board the front steps, but missed his footing somehow and fell forward in front of the caboose, the wheels cutting one leg off all but a shred and horribly mangling the other. Kindly hands carried him to the residence of John Baker, where everything possible is being done to relieve his sufferings. He is a young man in the prime of life. He was born and raised near here and has friends without number."

**W. R. C. Entertainment.**

Last night the ladies of the W. R. C. gave an entertainment at Rhinehart's opera house with the dramatic, Miss Carrie Rudolph, as the principal attraction. Miss Rudolph rendered eight selections which were rather flatly received, although with the rainy evening and the lodge meetings the audience was not large enough to afford any great amount of applause. Miss Lillian Rhinehart opened the program with a selection on the piano, and during the evening Misses Theresa Friendly and Myra Brown each pleased the audience with a vocal solo. Little Arthur Frazer also sang a solo. Frazer's Juvenile band was present and discoursed several selections during the evening.

AN UNUSUAL INCIDENT.—Last Saturday afternoon M. Levinger of this city and and Fred Meinzer, late from Caledonia Center, Wisconsin, were up on Skinner's Butte, watching the goverment snag boat working in the river below town when Daniel Shindoll came up to where they were sitting, and the three engaged in conversation. Mr. Shirdoll has been in this part of Oregon for about 15 years. As is natural in such conversations, Mr. Shindoll inquired of Mr. Meinzer regarding his home in Wisconsin. Mutual explanations then developed that the two men had been raised boys on adjoining farms in that state and had seen each other last before when the war broke out in 1861. Thus by peculiar coincidence old neighbors meet after a third of a century has passed.

**Fatal Accident.**

ALBANY, Or., May 14.—Guy Thompson, a young man aged about 18 years of age, while playing ball at Goltra station, six miles from Albany, yesterday, was accidentally struck on the head with the ball causing hemorrhage of the brain. He died this morning.

**The Feeling at Tacoma.**

The Tacoma News, in commenting on the fact that the United States troops have been ordered to Puyallup, says:

The men who have been at work grading for the railroad projected by Colonel Ross will be ordered off the land. If they refuse to go peacefully, they will be chased away at the point of the bayonet. If either action be taken the whole trouble will be taken to the courts and there is no doubt that Colonel Ross will be granted permission to build the railroad as he has been doing. The land upon which the grading is being done is owned in severalty by the Indians. It is their land. These Indians are citizens. They vote and exercise all the rights of citizenship, with the single exception that they cannot sell the lands which the government gave them.

The land, however, belongs to the Indians and they claim the right to otherwise do with it as they see fit. If they desire to build houses upon it they claim they have the right to do so. If they wish to plow it they claim they have the right. In fact, the Indians claim that they can use the land as they see fit, and if they wish to build a railroad upon it the government cannot stop them. The Indians are building the road for Colonel Ross, and if they are forced to quit, they will, according to some lawyers, have good cause for damages against the government. No matter what the outcome may be, there will be many interesting and important legal points raised if the controversy gets into the courts: When Colonel Ross was seen he said: "If the United States troops come we we will find out by law or otherwise, whether we as American citizens have a right to go ahead and improve the country. Times are hard, and if every man that has loose money, or who has influence inducing outside capital to invest a few million dollars in railroad building and the improvement of the country, would assist us, they would be great benefactors to the large number of laboring men in the country now unemployed, as well as the people in general. I am going as far as I can in trying to pull out the plug of hard times, and setting the ball of prosperity rolling now instead of waiting for a long and uncertain time—may be years. If all join with me we will see a change for the better, and that soon. I hope these things will set the people to thinking, so we may all act together.

## THE REBEKAH LODGE.

**A Social Organization for the Benefit of Wives, Daughters and Mothers of Odd Fellows.**

The order of Odd Fellows was first introduced into the United States in the year 1819, but it was not until 1840 that the ladies, or Rebekah degree was originated. The first conception of the plan of allowing women an entrance to a secret order was written by Schuyler Colfax, afterward vice president of the United States. Operations under this addition to the I. O. O. F. ritual continued for several years. In the course of time the Rebekahs had increased to such an extent that the workings under the original conception were remodeled, and this body made a separate and distinct branch of Odd Fellowship called the Rebekah degree. Although now, as under the original plan, men may become members of this degree, the work has been turned over to the women and practically is altogether under their control.

**SMUGGLING CHINESE**

**A British Yacht Engaged in the Business.**

PORT TOWNSEND, May 13.—The steamers Cascades and Milton, fined $500 each by the government for carrying an excess in number of passengers, absconded into British waters without paying their fines. The vessels plied between Everett and Seattle, and on a recent excursion carried a larger number of passengers than allowed by law. They were allowed ten days to pay the fine in. Information was received by the customs authorities tonight that a British steam yacht came over from Victoria and landed thirty-two Chinese in the United States and escaped back to the British side without detection. The revenue steamer and officers are partrolling the shores but are unable to get any trace of the Chinese. Part of these Chinese were recently refused a landing at Portland.

BENCH WARRANT.—A bench warrant was issued from the circuit court of Lane county on an indictment made by the October term of last year. The warrant was for the arrest of Andrews and Arnold, the two Redford horsethieves, who were convicted a year ago and sentenced to the pen, and the indictment is for the malicious injury of county property. Just before leaving for Salem to serve their sentence they tore up the bed clothing and demolished the loose furniture in the jail here. Their term expires today and Deputy Sheriff Day went down on last night's overland and will arrest the offenders immediately after their discharge from prison and bring them up here tonight where they will be kept in the county jail until tried at the next term of court in June.

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WILL CONTINUE WORK.—Mr. Stevens, who was up Saturday afternoon making the regular monthly payment to the men working on the U. S. snag boat, also carried orders from Major Handbury for Captain Hatch and his crew to continue work on this part of the river. The captain states that in an interview he had recently with E. W. Hadley, receiver of the O. P. R. R. Co., in which he asserted that as soon as the boat had accomplished the work between here and Harrisburg, the company would run a boat regularly to this city. If not the Messenger it would be Hoag or Three Sisters or some boat better adapted to upper river navigation.

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IMPROVING.—News received from the wounded man, Morgan Holt, at Junction, state that he is so far improved as to be able to take nourishment, and that he is resting comparatively easy.

MARRIED.—On Monday, May 15, at the residence of Wm. Wiles, Mr. E. F. Ream and Hattie E. Deadmond, all of Lane county, Oregon, Rev. W. W. Sharp officiating.

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The people of the Pacific coast will view with satisfaction the decision that the Geary law is constitutional. The Chinamen have now found out that they have no mortgage on this country.

When it comes to good wholesome rain do not leave the Willamette valley out. The rain of last night and today means many thousands of good dollars, gold, silver or paper, at par, to the farmers.

Eugene extends a hearty welcome to the visiting members of the grand lodge I. O. O. F. The beneficence of that order has won for it esteem and respect throughout our country. May its future be as prosperous as the past.

Dr. E. C. Spitzka, of New York city, is the latest prominent convert to the appointment of a board of experts to act as witnesses in criminal cases. The Society of Medical Jurisprudence, of which the doctor is a prominent member, is earnestly in favor of a change of the present system and is agitating the matter to accomplish that result. The present system must go.

The American residents of China are wholly missionaries and merchants. The latter, with few exceptions, are confined to seaport towns. Their deportation from China would have no effect on our prosperity as a nation. The deportation of Chinese from the Pacific coast would leave a vast field for white labor and would result in the upbuilding of many homes that would add to the general prosperity.

A Chinese merchant of Portland says there are 5000 of his race laboring in that city. The grubbing in the city it is supposed has long since been finished. The Oregonian's demand for 40,000 more of the Mongols for grubbing purposes is emphasized by this candid statement. The business depression in Portland can be attributed to this vast army of cheap labor that absorbs the wealth of the country but does not return it into the circulating channels of trade.

Buffalo will be relieved of the strain upon its grain elevators by the opening of Erie canal. The Western grain market can now avail itself of its accustomed means of reaching Eastern ports. The Welland is open on the north, thus opening the way to Montreal, and the Erie affords a means of shipment to New York without breaking bulk. It is at this time in the year the people of New York appreciate the value of the Erie as a commercial factor. Later, perhaps, as they have heretofore, they will appreciate its value as a political factor.

The Oregonian thus rebukes those citizens who expect a sheriff to neglect his duty in the collection of the taxes due the county and state: A citizen of Lane county writes a hot and indignant letter against the sheriff of that county because he has sent out deputies to collect taxes and adds charges therefor. We suppose the taxes are delinquent, and that the sheriff is acting strictly according to law. Section 2975 of the general laws provides that the delinquent may pay within 30 days at the county seat, but if he fails to pay within 30 days and the sheriff visits the delinquent's residence the sheriff may collect in addition to the tax 10 cents a mile, going and returning. It is partly against this charge of 10 cents a mile, and partly against the refusal of the sheriff to wait till the residents on the upper McKenzie have got the money on sawlogs they had cut during the winter, that the Lane county man makes this protest. But, in fact, it is the duty of the sheriff to collect the taxes at the proper time, and he has no right or authority to await the pleasure or convenience of the taxpayer. Payment of taxes is one of the most unpleasing duties of man, and almost as few would be ready for it if their pleasure were consulted as are found ready for death.