

CHINESE GIN COMES UP FOR INVESTIGATION BY OFFICIALS

Chemist to Make Analysis of Deadly and Mysterious Liquor.

CHINESE SELL IT BUT NEVER DRINK

Liquor Wrecks Men Easily and Habit of Drinking It Is Hard to Break—Some Effects It Has on Persons Who Use It.

Just what "China gin" is composed of will be revealed by the chemical analysis now being made by H. V. Tartar, chemist of the state food and dairy commission.

Commissioner Bailey has at last been brought to recognize the harmful effects of drinking this concoction. Yesterday he visited the city hall to request the liquor license committee to revoke the license of the Chinese saloonkeepers who peddle this drugged men to white men.

Although this so-called gin is sold all over the Pacific coast it is apparent that no official has thought enough of the question to have an analysis made. Consequently Mr. Tartar is working in the dark, being forced to presume that certain ingredients have entered into the mixture and then to test for each one.

That "China gin" is a man-killer has long been known. The wrecks of who have been brought to their present state by drinking the mixture form the larger percentage of the steady borders of the city jail. The county jail has its quota also.

Unlike every other liquor it is this gin that not only makes a man drunk with startling rapidity, but it sets him crazy, so inflamed does the mind become.

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Chinese know of what it is made and decline to insult their buddies by pouring the stuff down their throats.

There are five Chinese saloons in the city where gin may be bought, two drinks for 5 cents. It is its cheapness which has proved the attraction to the white man. For 5 cents a man may become drunk and the effect will stay by him for hours.

Six Chinese groceries are licensed to sell liquors by the bottle. The Chinese establishments pay the same license fee as do the white man's saloons and groceries. Though they trade in 5-cent goods the business is profitable.

A visit to a gin shop reveals the work of the murderous gin in all its ghastly effectiveness. There may be two Chinamen behind the bar, but the patrons of the place are white men—degraded beings in the last stages of dissipation.

They earn their drinks by carrying in wood for the Chinese proprietors, who take a drink from curiosity or attracted by its cheap price, they have steadily sunk farther and farther. Blear-eyed, puff-bellied, and with shaking limbs they haunt the gin-shop day and night. There is no hope for them—no escape. The habit of gin drinking is declared to be harder to break than the opium or morphine habit.

How Some Was Obtained. Mr. Tartar recently tried to buy a bottle of the stuff. The wily Celestial sized him up as an official and "had none just now." So a gin-fiend was employed to buy enough for several experiments.

When he returned with the bottle he was given a drink. The police on the floor, a hideous demonstration of the effect of the gin, even upon a hardened fiend.

It is expected that fusel oil, which generally enters into adulterated white keys, will be found in the gin. Fish-bones, with which natives of India poison fish, will also be found in all probability. A touch of morphine is looked for.

Miller Murdoch, attorney for the Municipal league, accompanied Mr. Bailey to the city hall yesterday. The league will give the commissioner its moral support in his crusade against the gin.

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DIPS RED HOT IRON IN CAN OF KEROSENE

Standard Oil Manager Demonstrates Some Facts to Three City Councilmen.

FEDERAL DECISION IS AGAINST ENGLISHMEN

Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars Is Largest Sum Ever Awarded in Any Action of This Kind in Montana.

COPPER KING MINE SOLD TO SPOKANE MAN

RIOTERS TO BE TRIED FOR TROUBLE ON CAR

MEN WHO RAISED ROUGH HOUSE SUNDAY NIGHT ARE TO APPEAR IN COURT TODAY.

CARROLL CITED IN CONTEMPT OF COURT

RECOMMENDS DISMISSAL OF CADET FOR HAZING

DIVORCE CAUSES DOCTOR TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE

FRESH OUTBREAKS ARE OCCURRING AT ODESSA

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WIDOW HAD RUSSIAN COUNT FOR VICTIM

Dipping a red-hot soldering iron into a five-gallon can of kerosene, George C. Flinders, local manager of the Standard Oil company, this morning showed three councilmen that the oil tanks on the east side are not as dangerous as their enemies claim.

Messrs. Preston, Shepherd and Belding, as the members of the special committee appointed to investigate the proposed removal of the oil tanks to Portsmouth visited the plant of the company at the foot of East Madison street this morning.

Miller Flinders showed them tables of specific gravity and so forth, but the argument he advanced in the minds of the councilmen for a long time was that of the soldering iron.

"I'll show you that this oil can bear the heat of a red-hot iron without exploding," said Mr. Flinders, and without giving the committee time to run he seized the soldering iron and struck it through the cap of a full can.

A cloud of thick white smoke ascended, but there was no explosion. The councilmen admit the welder's work and that if more time had been allowed they would have been still more scared.

The special committee is holding a meeting this afternoon at which both sides of the controversy are presenting their case. The committee has already filed a complaint against the tanks and tank cars come from implement and warehouse men of the east side.

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TEAPOT TEMPEST DOES NOT STIRRED UP

Chief-Inspector-Captain Bruin Is In the Midst of It Once More.

REFUSED TO BOOK MAN UNDER ARREST

Let Man Go Because No Warrant Had Been Issued, Though Police-Man Saw Assault and Arrested the Offender—Attorney Scores Him.

A teapot tempest has been stirred up by Attorney Yankevich over the refusal last night of Captain Bruin to book a man arrested by a private citizen without a warrant.

This morning to criticize Bruin in a florid address made in open court to Judge Cameron. Bruin retaliates by casting aspersions on the character of his accuser and so the case bids fair to develop into the sensational.

It appears that Thomas Antonelli, a dashing member of DuRoi's Royal (oaks) band, was assaulted at the corner of Fourth and Oak streets last evening by an unknown man who claimed that Antonelli had been seeking to alienate the affections of his wife.

About this time Yankevich and former Special Policeman Mat hove in sight and the attorney rushed to the aid of his musical friend, white Mott captured the assailant. Upon the arrival of the quartet at the station the matter was reported to Captain Bruin. The prisoner admitted having been charged but claimed that he was entirely justified by Antonelli's attentions to his wife.

After hearing the details of the case, Bruin refused to book a man under arrest without a warrant. Yankevich stormed about the station and declared that it was not optional but compulsory for Bruin to have the man booked. He called the attention of the inspector to the law providing for arrests to be made by any citizen. Bruin was obstinate, however, and advised Yankevich to swear to a complaint.

This was done this morning and the warrant placed in the hands of the police for service.

Just before the adjournment of the municipal court Yankevich struck a Napoleonic attitude and after relating the circumstances of the case up to the time the police were called, the prosecutor delivered himself of the following outburst of oratory punctuated with deliriant gestures:

"Then Captain Bruin, the hero of 100 alleged battles in the Philippines, came majestically on the scene with his royal ruff and assuming the duties of police judge refused to allow this man to be booked. I want Captain Bruin to be booked before the court and asked to explain his conduct."

Judge Cameron declared that he would investigate the matter at once to see if any one had usurped his authority. When the matter was reported to Bruin, he seemed to be considerably amused. He said he had refused to order an arrest because of the character of the complainant.

MASHED NOSE AND BROKEN TOOTH TELL STORY

And Because of Them Judge Cameron Fines J. O. Wren Twenty-Five Dollars.

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RESIDENTS DECLARE CHINESE WITH LOATHSOME DISEASE WANDERS ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD

Residents Declare Chinese With Loathsome Disease Wanders About Neighborhood.

VISITS HOUSES AND FRIGHTENS PEOPLE

City and County Quarrel Over Question of Diseased Man's Care While He Walks About Placing Citizens in Grave Danger.

Every day the protest of residents of the vicinity against the presence of Wong Sue, the leper Chinese of the Tanner creek gulch, increases. Complaints to the health authorities of the city and of the county have been in vain.

It is declared that the leper does not keep himself in his own shack in the old gardens, nor even among other deserted cabins, but that he wanders about the city, in the city freely and any hour of the day the action to walk takes him.

He visits houses in the neighborhood frequently. The children are impelled by curiosity and shyness, and their curiosity is stronger than their fear.

Meanwhile nobody seems to have definitely determined whether Wong Sue is a leper or not. Captain McDowell, a former sea captain who lives nearby, says he has seen a number of lepers in well-ventilated ports and that Wong Sue has a special case of the loathsome disease.

Physicians Are Undecided. Dr. Wheeler, city health officer, is inclining to the opinion that it is contagious blood poison. Drs. Geary and McCormack, the county health officers, have not visited him, as they claim all contagious diseases are under the jurisdiction of city authorities.

The city health department has no money to provide a suitable place for the afflicted Chinese, and can do nothing. Dr. Wheeler has appeared before the county court several times and requested that an appropriation to cover the expense of building a small house and caring for the leper be made out of the county's money.

The commissioners seem loath to spend money for the purpose, but they are sure that he is contagious disease.

"I told them it wasn't a matter of county, but of the community," said Dr. Wheeler today.

Mrs. James Mackenzie of 573 Main street, who is a hair-raising experience around the old gardens fears a spread of the disease. The afflicted man is a disgusting sight at night, and so great is the opinion of leprosy that the statements of the doctors that it is not a contagious disease in the true meaning of the word are as nothing against the determination of the neighbors to get rid of the presence of the Chinaman.

MAKING PLANS FOR STATE IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Board of Trade Committee on Legislation Will Hold Meeting Tomorrow Night.

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BITTER FIGHT IS EXPECTED BY ALL

Hill Declares railroad Has Been Purchased and Is Being Prepared for Railroad Purposes and Is Not Subject to Condemnation.

Built to condemn ten blocks between Ninth and tenth streets from Kearney street to the river was filed in the circuit court yesterday afternoon against the Portland and Seattle Railway company by the Northern Pacific Terminal company.

The complaint alleges that on August 13 the plaintiff company offered to purchase the Portland and Seattle company for the sum of \$1,000,000. The defendant company says it wants this property to extend its terminal tracks.

A conference which has been attended by C. N. Levey, president of the Portland and Seattle Railway, Judge Charles H. Carey, J. Couch Flanders, Judge R. S. Grosscup of Tacoma, L. C. Gilman, counsel for the Great Northern at Seattle; James B. Kerr, assistant division counsel for the Northern Pacific, who has been attorney for the defendant company for the past six months, has been in progress in Judge Carey's office for the past two days, determining upon a course of action for the north bank road to pursue in the coming litigation.

The Hill view of the matter is that they have an absolute right to the ground which the terminal company is seeking to have condemned. The Northern Pacific people say that they have purchased the land and that they are using and preparing to use it for railroad purposes and that it is not subject to condemnation proceedings.

It is evident from the actions of the Northern Pacific representatives that they expect a hard fight, although they claim that with a perfect title there should be no grounds for a controversy. They refer to the millions of dollars they have spent in securing the land and in the manner which the Harriman interests have tried to impede the progress of the new road.

The meeting of the Hill representatives commenced early yesterday morning and was attended by all those present today with the exception of Judge Grosscup, who was called from Tacoma last night. The morning's meeting lasted until after the noon hour and was adjourned until 7 o'clock this morning and was still in session at a late hour.

The terminal company is owned by the Northern Pacific and Harriman interests. The latter own 60 per cent of the stock and the Hill people the remainder. The Hill people contend that they have made every advance possible to satisfy the claims of the Harriman lines.

HEAVY LOSS.

Fire at Wedding, Now Under Control, Did Great Damage.

YOUTH BATTLES IN WATER WITH BIG RATTLESNAKE

Reptile Buries Fangs in Toe of Boot and Clings on in Deep Pool of Water.

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PRETENDS FIRE ALONG BUILDING STILL RAGING SIX STORES

Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Oregon's Finest Timber Is Being Destroyed.

TOWN OF BERRY IS NOT ENTIRELY DEVASTATED

Detroit in No Immediate Danger and Campers Are Safe—Conflagration Caused by Sparks From Railroad Engines.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., Aug. 14.—The fire up in the Breitenbush country is still raging and has destroyed thousands of dollars worth of the finest timber lands in Oregon. It is following a course up the Breitenbush river and unless a heavy rain should come will be difficult to check in its course of destruction.

The town of Berry has not been altogether destroyed, the hotel and most of the bunkhouses of the loggers being saved, together with the engines. The town of Detroit is in no immediate danger, as the timber surrounding it has not been burned and destroyed. At the present time from reports brought directly from the burned district the fire is sweeping eastward on both sides of the railroad, devouring thousands of feet of timber owned by the Curtis Lumber company and private parties. The Hoover mill is in no danger at the present, although they are preparing to fight the flames about the approach to that place.

The camping party of the James, Young, Linn and Nelson families is safe and they are now safely quartered at Nigra, where they are preparing to camp and continue their interrupted outing. They were forced to abandon the original camp site and temporarily seek safety in Detroit. It is thought that the government hatchery established on the Breitenbush has been severely damaged if not destroyed. Some cars of the Corvallis and Eastern railroad were burned and nothing remains but the wheels and gears.

The cause of the fire is thought to be and its source of origin is laid to sparks from the engines of the railroad company and not from the camp fires of careless campers or fishermen.

Much blame is laid to the forest ranger, it being thought that they are negligent in the performance of duty and are incapable. The making of so many paths and trails is a danger to the timber and gives kind campers an opportunity to leave the beaten paths and penetrate the denser forests into which they would not penetrate heretofore, being afraid of leaving the established course of travel.

WILL MAKE ALTERATIONS.

Plans are being prepared for the Meyer clothing company, for alterations to its store at the corner of Third and Oak streets. The entire store-room will be remodeled and finished in an up-to-date manner.

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Plan to Make New Structure Seven Stories High Has Been Changed.

WHEN LEASE EXPIRES MORE MAY BE ADDED

Residences Going Up in Large Numbers in Suburban Districts—Resistance Property Throughout City in Great Demand at Good Prices.

The falling building at Fifth and Alder streets will be six stories high instead of seven, as had previously been announced. The floor for the seventh story, however, will be finished, so that additional stories can be added when the present lease expires. The decision to change the height was made on account of the lease, which was taken by the Honeyman Hardware company. All they needed for their use were six stories and the building is to be made to conform to this lease, which runs for 10 years. At the expiration of the lease the plan is to add to the building. It has been so constructed that six additional stories can be added without any trouble.

The J. M. Ashcom company has sub-leased from the Honeyman Hardware company one half of the first and second floors. This lease calls for 100-foot frontage on Fifth street and 50 feet on Alder. The Ashcom company has also leased for 10 years the adjoining 50 feet on Fifth street and on this site will build a three-story building. The company will occupy part of this site as an entrance and a place for an elevator, and the upper portion will be used as a factory. There will probably be other stores located on the first floor and there are already applicants to lease them.

South Sunnyside Waiting Up.

South Sunnyside is enjoying quite a movement at present. Eight or ten houses are being erected and others are planned. Hartman & Thompson report the sale of a lot to Dr. J. J. Fisher for \$500, who will build a home. Reed, Fields & Tynan have recently sold lots in this district to D. J. Byrne and Mrs. M. Roberts, who will build homes.

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