

SLEEP RUBBED FROM EYES OF CHINA

Oldest Kingdom Is Planning to Educate Children, Change Money System, Build Railroads and Take Leading Place in World.

Within three years China will have adopted a system of compulsory education, railroads will be penetrating the vast domain from border to border in the near future and the monetary standard will have been changed from silver to gold.

These predictions are made by Captain Robert Dollar of the Dollar Steamship company, who has been spending a few days here after returning from a nine months' visit in the orient. Captain Dollar is exceptionally well posted on affairs in the Flowery Kingdom, having watched its development for years. His recent trip to China being his tenth. Not only is he intimately acquainted with the leading business men in China but he has also many friends among the officials and leaders of government.

China Is Waking Up.
"China is not the old, sleepy nation it was some years ago," said Captain Dollar. "It is waking up and I venture to say that in three years they will be educating children and giving them a chance to rise from the ranks in which formerly the ignorant were compelled to remain from birth. Compulsory education, it is expected, will result in wonders for the nation, because it will serve to uplift the masses."

But China needs a revision of its monetary system, a change of standard because it is now the only nation on a silver basis and as the price of silver fluctuates annually, it is most difficult to transact business with foreign countries. Many of the Chinese are aware of this themselves and have taken up the matter of a change. To adopt the gold standard will be a difficult matter because China is not a gold producing country, but it has been devised which appears feasible, and the time will soon come when China, too, will be on a sound financial basis.

Great Railroad Development.
"China is a coming country of railroads and they are being built and owned by the government. Twelve years ago or so China had but 10 miles of track and road in operation. Today it has 5000 miles and 4700 miles are building or projected. Within a few years these miles of road will have been completed and then the country will begin in earnest and commerce will assume proportions heretofore undreamed of."

The building of these large railroad systems will naturally call for lumber from the Pacific northwest and orders for large quantities have already been placed.

The Dollar Steamship company owns and operates the Dollar line of steamships, three large freighters being employed in the trans-Pacific trade and a number of smaller craft plying in the coastwise trade. The large freighters flying the British flag and the smaller ones the American. The steamer Bessie Dollar is now here loading lumber for China to be used in railroad construction and the steamers Hazel Dollar and M. S. Dollar are to follow her soon. The company's headquarters are in San Francisco.

STATE BUILDING

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Governor's Speech.

Governor Benson's speech follows: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I have listened with interest to the kind and sincere remarks of the president of this exposition national in its character. Our people, realizing the splendid results of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and desiring to return in some slight degree the cooperation manifested by the state of Washington on that occasion, decided to erect a building upon these grounds and make a proper display of the various products of the state. The building is one of the most creditable state buildings, and the Oregon exhibit speaks for itself. Our most ardent wish is that the people of the state should feel the dignity of our great commonwealth.

The history of Oregon, the parent state of the Pacific northwest, is rich in story, in adventure, in the history of interest to all students of society and government. It is filled with materials for the student of history. The story of our people and inspire them to higher and nobler efforts along the lines of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and with prophetic vision, foresaw the future of this great Pacific northwest. With that great spirit of enterprise and the American people, those brave men who have made their names across the plains, conquering from the wildest savagery that great territory that now comprises the rich and prosperous states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Our valleys were fertile and our landscapes beautiful, but to capture the fruits of the soil and to bring from the bosom of mother earth first a livelihood, then comfort, and finally a competence under circumstances that tried men's souls was the lot of the Oregon pioneer. One by one these pioneers of Oregon are passing away, but they leave behind them a monument more beautiful than marble, more enduring than time, and their story will live on through the ages. Their history, to inspire and to uplift—a precious heritage to generations yet unborn. Putting the pioneer's history in the hands of the people, the history of the Indians and their struggles with the white man, a period of peace, prosperity and progress. The soil was cultivated, the mills and factories established, precious metals were dug from the earth and flocks and herds appeared upon the hills. The other word of progress began to develop its resources. During this period we have witnessed the coming of the railroad and the opening of new arteries of trade. The artisan and the captain of industry have borne their burden in peace and comfort and have moved forward together in the march of progress.

From the beginning, Oregon and her sister states have been served by able men. The names of Baker, Nemith, Williams, Lane, Stevens and Ferry decorate the pages of our history. The northwest has given to the nation the best that was within her. In the dark days when the clouds of civil strife obscured the country's horizon, the northwest stood solidly by the union and supported and advanced in every way the cause of human liberty and freedom. The people of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will ever recall with pardonable pride the fact that the influence of this section of the country was against a dissolution of the union and extension of the slave power, and we have now "Hine" under the blessings so dearly bought should consecrate themselves anew to the services of our common country—a country that knows no north or south, or east or west.

We are heirs to that spirit of freedom and self-reliance that has made this country what it is, and we should pause for reflection upon the achievements of those that have made our civilization possible. We are told that inspiration of today comes from a just and noble sense of heirship. What heirship, my fellow citizens, could be more magnificent than that of ours?

With a due regard for all portions of our common country we take a pardonable pride in the Pacific northwest—the land of splendid opportunity. With our

resources in their infancy, with water sufficient to irrigate countless acres of desert waste and power enough to turn the wheel of every loom in New England, with more standing timber than any other section of the world, with an ocean west of us that brings the commerce of the orient to our doors, and with the Panama canal in the process of construction, what wonder is it that our future looms up big with promise? These neighboring states have much in common, and will move forward in the race for western supremacy, not in a spirit of enmity, but as friends, as potent factors in the great development of our common country.

And so Oregon does homage to Washington's splendid effort in showing to the world this great exposition. This fair will take rank among the greatest ever held, and will turn toward the setting sun the faces of thousands of homeseekers in the overcrowded portions of the east and middle west, and will excite the prophetic vision of Lord Berkeley when he said:

"Westward the course of empire takes its way,
That far as falls already passed;
The fifth shall close the drama of the day,
Time's noblest offspring is the last."

WINS WIDOWS ONLY TO ROB

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representative Mrs. Threthway freely discussed the entire affair. That the man of many wives was an artist in the story told by his stockton wife, from whom he already succeeded in securing the sum of \$50. Had he remained here a day longer without being discovered he would have obtained the money.

"He loved children," said Mrs. Threthway, "and how much he thought of them. When he called in the afternoon his hat and clothes were always of the latest style. If he had his finger and toe nails manicured and his face and hands massaged every day. He called me the most endearing names. I was his 'little wife,' 'dear,' 'baby,' and all such stuff. I was to do nothing but take life easy."

Mrs. Threthway showed the newspaper men a letter which she received from Johnson, written from Byron Hot Springs, before their marriage. "Then he addressed her as his 'dear little wife.'"

"I can hardly stand it any longer without you and the children," he wrote.

"While writing to me he was probably just about to leave with some other woman," said Mrs. Threthway. "He asked me to get ready for our trip."

"We were to go to his home on the Hudson and later to Europe. Later my son, who was to be given a college education. Everything that money could buy was to be ours."

"He was on the porch and I was working around his room. He was curious more than anything else that led me to take a letter from his pocket. It was to Mrs. Ida Mitchell, at Inglewood. When I read it I was furious. He had addressed her as 'my dear little wife.' When I faced him I was furious. He got down on his knees and begged me for 48 hours in which to prove his innocence. He cried, then he tried to hypnotize me. I told him to pack his things and get out."

Mrs. Threthway has received pitiful letters from Mrs. Ida Mitchell of Inglewood, telling how he all but trapped her into a marriage. He endeavored to induce her to sell her home to secure money to pay insurance on a valuable horse he purchased.

ALLEGED RECORD OF MAN WHO MAY BE 24 TIMES A POLYG

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, July 9.—Twenty-four women are involved in the strange case of Christian C. Johnson, alleged polygamist, whom the police believe to be John Madison, with wives in most of the large cities of the country.

Ten widows have been found who believe they have been married at various dates in the past four years to the man held in jail here awaiting trial on a charge of bigamy. Seven other women think he is the man who swindled them through promises of marriage and the police are seeking the identity of seven more who have been connected with the case in various ways.

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