"JOY RIDING" IS A PASSION IN CHINA

Train Trips Great Source of Pleasure—Three Distinct Classes of Passengers—Ever Present Train Boy—Passenger Rates Low.

American business men and manufacturers, ever alert to secure new business from other foreign countries, do not take interest in the immense trade that can be developed in China. Only two American institutions are represented in the Chinese empire—the Standard Oil company and the American Tobacco company. These concerns are more than making good, but the European countries are receiving the bulk of business along other lines. Tomorrow Mr. Haskin will tell of the American trade situation in the empire and the lax methods employed by the American merchant to secure Chinese trade.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

Washington, Sept. 16.—Civilization and commerce depend upon methods of transportation. The invention of the steamship brought the nations of the earth close together, but it has been the railroad which has brought the people of each nation close to each other. The Chinese people are beginning to get acquainted with themselves by virtue of the railroads.

Passenger Traffic Exceeds Freight.

The Chinese like to travel. The passenger traffic of the Chinese railroads yields three-fourths of the profits of the Chinese railway systems, and freight traffic is the smallest concern of the management. This reversal of conditions in America is due partly to the greater population of China, partly to cheaper rates, and partly to a Chinese propensity to enjoy riding on railroad trains.

Rates ½ Cent a Mile.

Take, for example, the railroad which runs from Shanghai to the old Ming capital of the empire, Nanking on the Yang-tze river. The third class coaches, on which one may ride for less than ½ a cent a mile, American money, are crowded to what would be the point of suffocation in an occidental country. But the Chinese appear to possess the faculty of living without breathing, and they seem to like it very well. It is traveling.

Before the railroad came this same passion for travel was indulged, to some extent, but now one may "go abroad" and see the world by taking a two-hour trip on a train, the same trip which used to take four days by the winding canals, or a week over the dim paths that do duty for the long since vanished cart roads. The railroad is quicker, cheaper, and its lure is such that it will tempt an intrepid traveler to venture even 100 miles away from home.

Sees New Country.

When he has gone that far he meets a strange people, who speak an alien tongue. They are Chinese, like the traveler himself, for they wear the same queue, the same kind of clothes, have similar manners and customs, and write with the same characters. But there are many strange things besides the unintelligible dialect, and the traveler returns to his home—poorer by $2 or $3, "Mex.," for his excursion, but richer in his broadened knowledge and riper experience. Travel is a wonderful thing!

But not all the Chinese travelers go third class. Innumerable second class coaches are filled with prosperous merchantmen bent on the pursuit of business or pleasure, and each one sure to combine the two whatever the chief purpose of his expedition. The second class coaches, taking the Shanghai-Nanking road as an example, present an interior appearance similar to that of an American western tourist car, just like a Pullman except that there is no plush. There is no arrangement for sleeping, but the seats face each other, two and two. Between the seats is fixed a table, with collapsible sides.

Ever Present Train Boy.

Every few moments the train boy passes through the aisle ready to serve Chinese tea to any passenger who may feel the need of refreshment, and as the Chinese drink tea almost constantly, the boy is never idle. Sipping their tea and fanning themselves idly, the men chatter together in high voices like a convention of magpies. Everybody is laughing and joking, and everyone seems ready to echo the sentiment of the late John G. Saxe, who sang in the youth of the railroad age: "Bless me, this is pleasant, riding on a rail."

They Have Refreshments.

Tea served, the train boy disappears for a moment and then returns bearing a huge wooden bowl filled with what looks like a week's wash just ready to be hung out on the line. Hot steam is rising from the bowl and hides the face of the boy, but every Chinese in the car straightens up in his seat with the pleasure of anticipation. The bowl is full of steaming hot towels dashed with perfume. Each Chinese passenger takes one, passes it over his face and head, washes his hands in its folds, and leans back in his seat with a sigh of content. He is much refreshed now, and will be perfectly happy for 15 minutes. Then he will have another dish of tea and another hot towel. There is no redium, no drumming of fingers, no impatient looking at watches among the Chinese travelers on a railroad. They are enjoying themselves, and they have to keep busy to keep the train boy from having a half-minute's rest sometime.

First Class Coaches Grand.

In the first class coaches the same thing is done over again, except that it is done on a much grander scale. The first class coaches, still referring to the same railroad, are fitted up with the grandeur and display of a Pullman palace car. Half the car, perhaps, is given up to the high-backed, Pullman fashion seats, facing two and two, with the inevitable table between. The other half is divided into compartments.

Abas the Chop Sticks.

Gaping tourists and bored globe-trotters fill the plebeian outside seats and march up and down the narrow side corridor to steal peeps through glass windows at the grand beings within the compartments. A Chinese official of high rank attended by a retinue of aides, occupies one of them, perhaps. In another two rich merchants talk business over a table d'hote dinner served foreign style—English fashion—and each pretends not to notice how awkward the other is in handling the strange and alien implements called knife, fork and spoon, with which the white barbarians eat their food. It is no longer fashionable to eat with chopsticks when one is a rich traveler and goes "first class."

The buffet is capable of a six course meal, breakfast, tiffin or dinner, at any hour of the day, and few dining cars in the world can equal it for excellent cooking and well selected menu. It is also capable of furnishing anything in the "refreshment" line from plain whisky-and-soda and the abominable gin cocktail of the far east up to the best vintage champagne.

It all spells progress, no doubt, but one is tempted to curse civilization and take sides with the Boxers when he sees a fastidiously dressed, beautifully colored, painfully crippled little Chinese woman taking tea foreign fashion, with sugar and condensed milk in it, and trying not to make a wry face at the horrible taste of the concoction. She must do it, for she is riding on a railroad train and she is riding "first class," and she must submit to the decree of fashion which declares that a Chinese rich enough to pay one and a half cents a mile for a first class railroad ticket must suffer the horrors of European food and drink.

Disadvantage of Long Finger Nails.

Sometimes there are little things which go wrong. For instance, one fine old gray haired, twinkly eyed gentleman was on the first class coach only two hours. It was early in the morning and he was prepared to submit himself to the six course breakfast, which differs from tiffin and dinner only in that the first course is porridge and not soup. He wasn't willing to let any other Chinese see that he wasn't used to eating foreign meals in the foreign fashion. He had dined out, and he knew how. Therefore did he have white wine with his "paritch," red wine with his omelet, and rich "bubbly water" champagne with his curry. But he is an exception to the rule, for most Chinese "first class" passengers do not attempt to do anything until they know how to do it correctly. But two-inch finger nails do get awfully mixed up with knives and forks, somehow or other.

Everybody Smokes.

Of course everybody smokes all the time. The older men, even in the "first class," stick nobly by their national pipe, a pipe which holds but one tiny puff of tobacco. Some of them even cling to the ancient steel edged pocketbook with its separate compartment for the bit of flint, the twist of tinder and the precious tobacco. The younger men, however, puff away at cigarettes, compounded of the "purest Virginia leaf" and sold to them through American methods by the British chartered oriental branch of our own American "trust."

Different Languages Employed.

On this Shanghai-Nanking railroad the language of the train is English, as it is on all the roads operated by the Chinese. From Hankow to Peking on the Franco-Belgian line, the train talk is French, and up in Shantung province it is German. A coolie who had gathered unto himself an outfit of pidgin English, pidgin French and pidgin German became angry over some alleged insult put upon him by the train conductor, and made an appeal to the tourists assembled at the Nankou station in such wonderful terms that the souls of the builders of Babel must have been racked with envy.

It is interesting to study the Chinese travelers in China. They are legion, and the railroads have difficulty in providing for them. They are seeing each other, and the passion for travel is having much to do with the rebirth of a national spirit in China, a spirit killed by the provincialism induced by centuries of staying at home.

COLORED MAN GETS DAMAGES

Sacramento Theatre Must Pay Him for Ejecting Him From House.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 16.—Despite the fact that a $5000 damage suit against Alexander Pantages, owner of the Pantages theatres of this and other cities, went by default in favor of Ulysses Holland, a colored man, Manager W. W. Ely of the local theatre, says the fact that the Pantages' five attorneys here did not defend the action removes any worries that he and the theatrical magnate might have. It is said the suit was brought against Pantages, while a corporation owns the theatre. It is said, however, that the corporation filed its articles after the suit was brought.

Holland brought the suit because he was ejected from the dress circle of the theatre here, and Judge Shields is today deliberating as to the amount of the judgment to be awarded.

CITIZENS TO BUILD MOUNT HOOD ROAD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hood River, Or., Sept. 16.—Hood River citizens believe the wagon and auto road to Portland will be built. At the last meeting of the Commercial club, J. Adrian Epping, C. K. Marshall and Charles Bell were appointed a committee to enlist interest and capital for the completion of the road along the bank of the Columbia river between the two cities. The railroad will be required to replace those portions of the wagon road which were removed when the railroad was constructed. It is thought that $50,000 will rebuild the wagon road to the Multnomah county line. Several Hood River business men have pledged themselves for $500 each.

WENATCHEE SCHOOLS SHOW INCREASE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Wenatchee, Wash., Sept. 16.—School opened in Wenatchee Monday with an enrollment of about 1000. The enrollment is a 20 per cent increase over the first day's attendance last year. The new high school building will not be ready for occupancy until January 1.

Free to Men.

Dr. Taylor's $10,000 museum now open; admission free. 234½ Morrison st. *

THESE SPECIALS Are only an index of the many good values to be found at this busy store.

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THE BEE HIVE Has planned to wake things up a bit and has summoned its trusted friends—Quality, Service and Value.

Three Days' Sale Friday, Saturday and Monday

New Fall Suits
Values to $35 Now
$19.85
Exquisite Fall suits in all the most wanted materials, seven different styles to select from; the colors are Blue, Green, Smoke, Tans, Browns and Black; the materials are Homespuns, Broadcloths, Serges and Mannish and Hard Twisted Worsteds. Remember they are values to $35 and will be sold while they last at
$19.85 SUIT

Hair Goods at Almost Half Price

$3.50 and $4.00 Real Hair Puffs Now $1.95
The very latest Hair Puffs, in four different styles and in all colors. The regular $3.50 and $4.00 kinds. Now on sale at, each..... **$1.95**

$6 and $7 Real Hair Switches Now $3.95
Wavy Switches of real hair, 24 and 26 inches long, full and fluffy, sanitary made. Actually sold at $6.00 and $7.00 each. Now only..... **$3.95**

50c Hair Rolls Now 35c
Yes, they are sanitary made, washable, and as light as a feather. They come in all colors. The usual 50c kinds, now only... **35c**

Save Money On Ladies' Skirts
Don't buy until you see these.

$12.50 Chiffon Panama Skirts Now
$6.75
Swell Chiffon Panama Skirts in blue, browns and black, in the most wanted styles. Some trimmed with silk bands, others with folds and straps of self-material; also button-trimmed. They are values to $12.50. While they last, only..... **$6.75**

$7 and $8 Panama Skirts Now $4.95
All-Wool Panama Skirts, tailor-made, in blue, brown and black, neatly trimmed with straps and buttons, all sizes, and a perfect fit guaranteed. Values to $8.00, now only..... **$4.95**

$12.50 Embroidered Silk Waists Now $5.95
Beautiful Silk Waists of the new soft taffeta, hand-embroidered fronts, in gray, greens, navy, brown and black. Values to $12.50, now only..... **$5.95**

85c and $1 Ladies' Union Suits 50c
Ladies' Bleached Union Suits, nicely fleeced, mended seconds, all sizes. Values to $1.00, now only..... **50c**

85c Ladies' Underwear Now at 48c
Ladies' Cream Ribbed Vests and Pants of finest Egyptian cotton, nicely fleeced, all sizes. Values to 85c, now only..... **48c**

$3.00 and $3.50 Heatherbloom and Hydegrade Petticoats Now $1.95
Real Hydegrade and Heatherbloom Petticoats, elaborately trimmed with wide flounce, beautifully embroidered and deep dust ruffle, all sizes. Values to $3.50 now..... **$1.95**

Big Savings on Ladies' and Children's Stockings—20c and 25c Values Now Only 12½c Pair
Ladies' Fancy Hose in pretty patterns, in pin dots, polka dots, stripes, checks and fancy colors. They are full seamless and double heels and toes. Values to 25c, now..... **12½c**

25c Boys' and Misses' School Hose Now 12½c
Boys' and Misses' School Hose in tans and blacks, mended seconds. Biggest bargain ever offered. Values to 25c, now only, pair... **12½c**

SEVERAL INTERESTING ARTICLES IN BULLETIN

Judge C. H. Carey has the leading article in the October number of the Chamber of Commerce Bulletin. Writing on "The New Oregon Country," Judge Carey describes the attractiveness of eastern and central Oregon which are being opened up by the railroad construction up the canyon of the Deschutes.

T. B. Neuhausen has an interesting article on "Oregon Timber" which gives some interesting information about the timber and the various kinds of buyers. Vice President Whitney of the Chamber has an article on the exhibit of resources and the monthly statistics are brought up to date in the information columns of the Bulletin.

$1.50 Salem and Return.

Tomorrow (Thursday) the Southern Pacific will run a special train Portland to Salem and return. Leaving Portland (union depot) at 9 a. m.; returning leave fair grounds 6 p. m. Round trip $1.50. *

Mexico's National Holiday.

City of Mexico, Sept. 16.—The ninety-ninth anniversary of the beginning of Mexico's independence was celebrated as a holiday today throughout the republic. In the capital the observance was particularly enthusiastic. The decorations were on a more elaborate scale than ever before, and the entire populace devoted the day to festivities and merry making. The federal congress convened in annual session this evening and was formally opened by President Diaz.

To Sell Canal Zone Junk.

Washington, Sept. 16.—At the offices of the Panama canal commission bids were opened today for the sale of what remains of the old French company's machinery in the canal zone. The amount of this junk is estimated at over 100,000 tons, and includes old locomotives, dump cars, barges, dredges and miscellaneous junk left on the isthmus by the French, together with a quantity accumulated there since the beginning of operations by the Americans.

Special Train—Saturday—Clatsop Beach.

Special train leaves union depot, Portland, Saturday 2:30 p. m., returning arrives Portland, Sunday 10:15 p. m. Parlor cars and first class coaches. Round trip fare $3. *

Gevurtz' Fall Style Show in Women's Tailored Suits

$25.00 **Worth $35.00**

An Inspiring Display of Tailor-Made Suits—a Splendid Line Purchased for This Event and Just Arrived From the East. Every Size in the Assortment—Splendid Materials, Every Wanted Color. With the Fall Fashions Firmly Established YOU WILL PROFIT BY BUYING NOW.

$25.00 **Worth $35.00**

Prunellas, Diagonals, Wide Wale Serges

No less important than the millinery showing, this Fall event in new suits will attract hundreds of women who love good clothes, correct styles and who utilize their money to secure clothes that are right at no unnecessary cost.

We speak particularly of these values at $25.00, because they are just in, because in them you will find the latest ideas of master cutters carefully worked out, because the styles are correct without being extreme—they are, in short, the suits that give permanent satisfaction. We could find nothing better in a careful search of the Eastern market—you can find nothing better here—the longer you search, the more carefully you examine, the more you will be impressed with the truth of the claim. The first showing comes tomorrow.

YOUR CREDIT IS GOOD

Worsteds, Homespuns and French Serges

The materials were carefully selected by experts in the New York market, and taken only when we were satisfied as to the quality of the cloth and its suitableness for Portland women. The suits were made up in wholesome, clean factories, where a pride in the work done was shared by each individual worker on the garment, resulting in a suit perfect from the hem of the skirt to the collar. Such are these suits we offer tomorrow. Originally being made as sample suits, they received such extra care and attention as is always given to the suits upon which the manufacturer bases his reputation and from which he secures his orders.

The coats are long and graceful, and silk or satin lined; the skirts plaited. Colors—navy, peacock, medium and dark green, medium and dark gray, cadet, terra cotta, stone, reseda and black.

BUY ON EASY PAYMENTS

Tailored Waists
$2.00 VALUES
$1.15
In plain white, figured and striped madras, lawns and linette, a variety of patterns, in all sizes; worth regularly $2.00, placed on special sale Friday and Saturday at only, each..... **$1.15**

FREE Alterations for Friday and Saturday

GEVURTZ & SONS
First & Yamhill Second & Yamhill

Ladies' "Ideal" Kid Gloves
95c
We place on sale Friday and Saturday regular $1.25 "Ideal" Kid Walking and Dress Gloves, in tan, brown, gray and black, 2-button, at the very low special price of, per pair..... **95c**