

CHINESE CARVINGS BROUGHT BACK BY PORTLAND WOMAN

Mrs. C. S. Little Tells of Wonderful Work Done by Coolies, Who Opposed All Machinery.

Wood carving, one of China's most expressive, but least known phases of art, is done by the coolie class to augment their meagre pay in an attempt to eke out an existence. Mrs. C. S. Little discovered on her travels in the Orient.

Mrs. Little has been with the American school at Shanghai for three years. That is, she was there until she was forced to take a year's furlough and return to the States to recover her health. She is stopping at her home in Portland, No. 207 14th street.

In the Orient Mrs. Little made a comprehensive study of wood carving, a subject which she found intensely interesting. She was successful in bringing back 30 specimens of the work; a feat in itself, for the carvings are very fragile and easily broken. The carving were carried all the way across the Pacific in a hat box handled by no one else besides Mrs. Little.

COLLECTION LARGE
As a result the specimens came through with no damage. They are now on exhibit at the Central Library. People who are familiar with the work say that Mrs. Little's collection is one of the largest ever shown in the United States. When the fragility of the pieces is seen it is easily understood how this might be.

"Wood carving is one of the earliest of China's arts," Mrs. Little said, as she carefully brought the carvings from the glass case that the camera man might photograph them.

"While its actual source is not known, it undoubtedly originated in the religious circles of the old empire. It is in the temples where the most perfect examples of carving are to be found. Some of the carvings have all the beauty of a well-balanced picture in oils.

PRICES LOW
"The wood carvers were kept by the emperors of the many dynasties of China. They labored solely on the decorations for the palaces, temples and public buildings. Their work was memorialized in teak, rose wood and sandal wood.

In the work for the temples the sandal wood was used almost exclusively. The shavings were burned as incense and the dust made into joss sticks."

Since its origin wood carving has passed into other circles than the professional carver, Mrs. Little said. Now the coolie has taken it up as a means of earning a little more money for food and the bare necessities of life. The carvings are made for tourists from the Occident and sold at a price that is cheap when compared to the time and skill required to complete one of the smallest pieces.

MACHINERY MISSING
"The coolie has a continual struggle for existence," Mrs. Little continued. "So bitter is this struggle that every attempt to introduce machinery into China meets with great opposition."

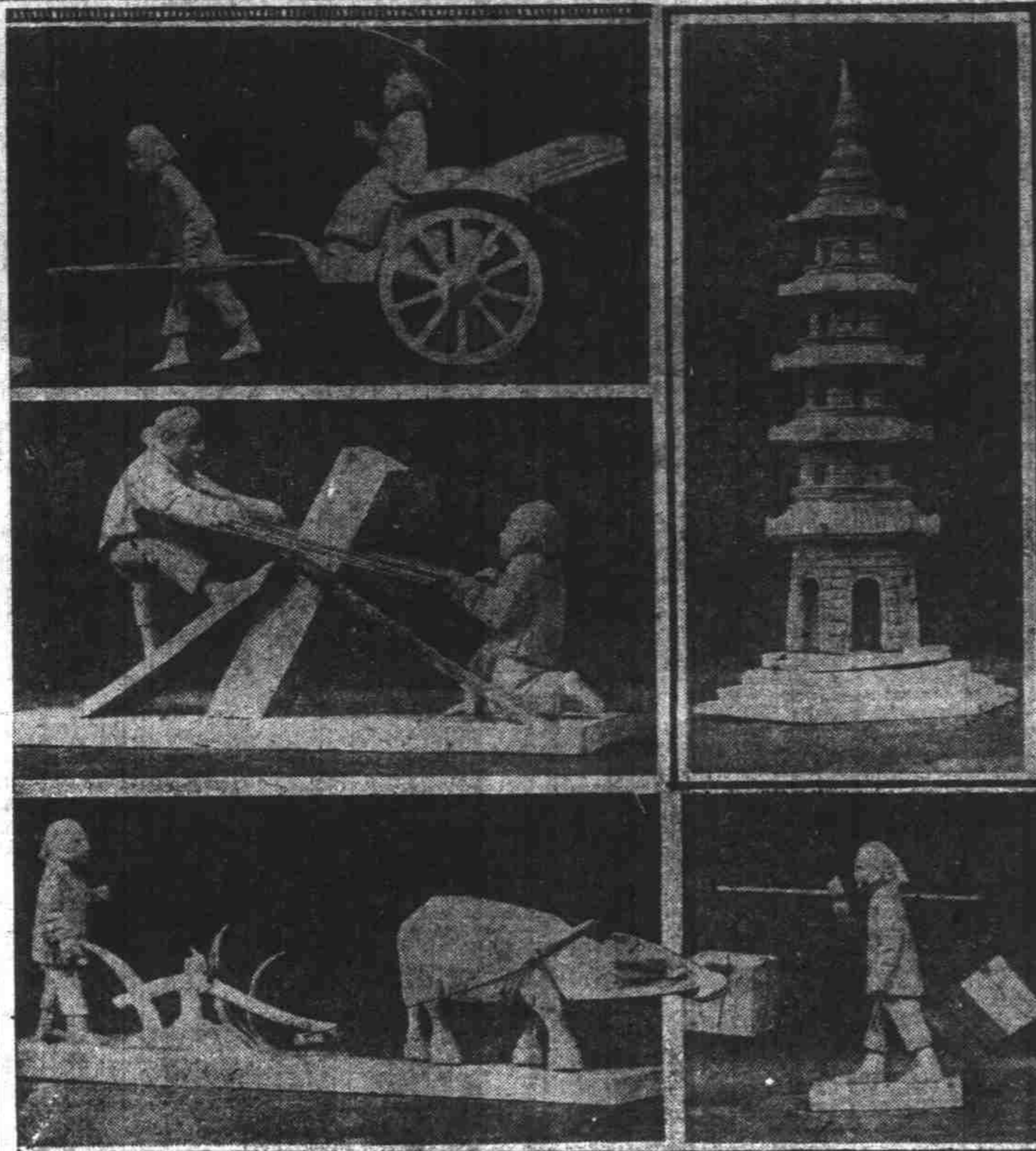
"Recently an enterprising American started a saw mill near Shanghai. The coolies watched the building being constructed and the machinery installed. When the mill was almost completed it was announced that on a certain day the machinery would be started.

"The night before the mill was to be started every bit of machinery disappeared. The building likewise was taken away and what is more, no trace was ever found of either. The officials did nothing, for they realized that the coolie was merely trying to protect his own rights and do away with an invader that threatened him with starvation because of lack of work.

WORK PERFECT
"In odd times the coolie does the carving," Mrs. Little went on. "They have no idea of the machine as we conceive of it, but they do have great imitative ability. The work they do is perfect in detail and that is what makes it so fragile."

"Being bound by the stern battle for a living, the coolie has practically no knowledge of life outside of his own

CHINESE WOOD CARVINGS EXHIBITED



Exquisite wood carvings brought from Orient by Mrs. C. S. Little were placed on exhibit at the Central Library last week. Left, top—The wambasta, or jirikikisha. Center—Chinese sawmill. Below—Plowing with the water buffalo. At right is a carrying of a pagoda and a coolie tea merchant with his wares.

circles. The carvings depict various phases of this life as they exist today."

In the collection being shown by Mrs. Little the carvings are of many different activities of the coolie class. There is a carving of the primitive Chinese sawmill, the olden cotton flail, fishing with cormorants from sampans and rafts; the wambasta, which is called the jirikikisha in Japan, plowing with water buffalo, a rice mill, a tread mill and joss worship.

CARVING EXQUISITE
Each of the tiny carvings is complete in detail. In the rice mill carving the grains of rice are shown between the upper and nether stones. Done by hand, the carvings are exquisite in appearance, as the seawood, a Chinese evergreen of such cheapness that the coolie can buy it, has a whiteness that almost approaches the hue of bone.

While stationed at Shanghai Mrs. Little has been able on her vacations to make tours into many parts of China and Japan. She has picked up a great store of information and anecdotes of the Orient.

One of the stories she tells is of the origin of the jirikikisha. In the days of old, she said, the mode of transportation was by a mandarin chair borne on the backs of coolies. The wheeled carriage for human travel was something the Oriental did not think of until the needs of an American consul in Japan were put into effect.

ADAPT IDEA
This consul, so the story goes, was in need of a baby perambulator, but the import duty on such a vehicle was so high that the consul could not afford to send for one. Yankee ingenu-

ity, a pair of discarded wheels and a tea box combined to make the perambulator needed by Uncle Sam's representative.

The Oriental, being imitative, took to the idea, and by stages of progress built the present-day jirikikisha, or wambasta, as it is called in China.

"Another strange thing to the Occidental is the use of the milk of the water buffalo for food," Mrs. Little said in closing.

"The milk is very rich, and the missionaries use it diluted with water. It is cheap and that is the great need of the missionary, for the pay is but \$50 a month. Of course, food and lodging is provided, but that is all."

Mrs. Little plans to return to China to take up the missionary work once more as soon as she regains her health.

Senate of Chile Censures Minister

Santiago, Chile, Aug. 12.—(U. P.)—After many days' debate, the senate today passed a motion censuring Foreign Minister Barros Jarra by a vote of 20 to 7. The vote is not believed to be the effect of the Washington protocol, but is believed to result from personal objections. The protocol is expected to pass. The president, who has been awaiting the result of today's vote, is expected to organize a new cabinet immediately.

Wheat, the principal crop of North Idaho ranches, is a near-failure this year, and it is predicted that not more than a 50 per cent crop will be harvested.

Woman Named to Gladstone Office Husband Had Held

Gladstone, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Carrie N. Parker has received her commission as postmaster of Gladstone, signed by the president,

which appointment followed a few months after a second examination was called, following the resignation of the incumbent from fourth to presidential class.

Mrs. Parker has been acting postmaster since the death of her husband, A. F. Parker, last fall, and was deputy at the time. She passed with a high average in the civil service examination.

Mrs. Parker is one of the best known residents of Gladstone, being actively identified with every civic endeavor.

Father Is Blamed By ex-Convict in Story Told Judge

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 12.—George Martin, alias George Strickling, charged with robbing the store of R. W. Carmack at Camas, pleaded guilty today and was sentenced to from three to 15 years in the penitentiary by Judge Simpson. He admitted that he had served in penal institutions in Minnesota, Montana, California and Washington, and was afraid that an "habitual criminal" charge might be filed against him, which carries a life sentence in this state. The story he told was of a father that beat him without mercy, and whose example was far from good.

He admitted committing more than 40 burglaries, mostly of stores and pool halls, and said he planned, when in jail, to steal enough to soon be released to make up for lost time, but he now saw that he was wrong and would not steal again. He was given from one to five years in the California penitentiary for breaking jail at Modesto and served 14 months. He was sentenced in Tacoma to serve from one to five years and paroled after serving one year. He is 23 years old.

Hospital, Not Jail, To Get M. J. Keelan

Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 12.—Instead of punishment, Michael J. Keelan, who attempted to make away with the Bungalow cafe cash register, is to receive treatment. Judge Simpson postponed the case indefinitely and Keelan will be turned over to authorities of the hospital for disabled veterans. At Keelan's hearing it developed that he is suffering from disability on a commercial basis. He believes that a piece of swamp land in the vicinity of his farm would become a veritable mine. Considering that ret pelts are now worth \$2.25.

FARMER RAISING RATS

La Grande, Aug. 12.—While hundreds of thousands of dollars is being spent annually exterminating rats, one North Powder farmer, William Motley, has started raising rats on a commercial basis. He believes that a piece of swamp land in the vicinity of his farm would become a veritable mine. Considering that ret pelts are now worth \$2.25.

DANCE TONIGHT!

Boat SWAN
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GRESHAM FAIR WILL BE OPEN ALL DAY SUNDAY

Owing to Moist Weather, Promoters of Show Induce Exhibitors to Remain Day Longer

Larger and better exhibits, along with excellent and varied excitement, has featured the Multnomah county fair at Gresham this past week. The show will remain open today, to allow those who would not brave the moist weather during the latter part of the week, or whose duties kept them away, an opportunity to see the full fair. Virtually every exhibiting was induced to remain over for the Sunday session.

Each and every department, from the livestock to art exhibit, was chock full of the best in the county. In the vegetable and fruit displays the exhibitors were handicapped because of the early date of the fair, which allowed only the earlier varieties to be shown, but permitted a few kinds of produce to be brought out that is usually past its season at fair time.

CLUB ACTIVE

The boys and girls through their club work took an active part in every day's program. The work of their various club projects, including calves, sheep

swine, poultry, cookery, sewing and homemaking exhibits, were awarded prizes during the first part of the week. Judging contests, parades, demonstrations and a pageant kept fair visitors interested in this work the entire week.

Members of the boys' and girls' clubs, along with their leaders, were banqueted Saturday night by the fair board, about 200 being present. The speakers included O. M. Plummer, manager of the Pacific International and an ardent advocate of the work of the clubs; fair officials, club leaders and members of the club. This is believed to be the first time that the management of a fair has entertained its juvenile exhibitors at a banquet.

CALF IS BORN

The grand champion Brown Swiss cow, Brown Rosaline, celebrated her achievement in the show ring by presenting her owner, Theo Brugger, with a fine male calf Friday evening. Brugger is a member of the fair board and will honor C. D. Minton, the fair manager, by calling the calf for him.

The pigeon show was the largest ever put on at a county fair in the state and rivaled many of the state and interstate contests. About 300 pigeons, ranging in variety from carrier to fantail, made a very interesting display to both the fancier and the casual visitor. A native hand-jail exhibited by R. C. Hamill drew much attention.

The poultry exhibit was made up largely of fancy bred stock. The plumage was in excellent condition, even better than it will be for some of the later fairs when moulting season is nearer.

The rabbit show was the largest ever put on at this fair and the quality of the animals drew much favorable comment from the judge.

COQUILLE FILES FOR PERMIT FOR WATER RIGHTS

Walker Creek to Be Tapped for Municipal Supply; Estimate of Cost of Project is \$4000.

Salmon, Aug. 12.—The city of Coquille, through City Engineer A. N. Gould, has filed with State Engineer Cupper, an application for permission to appropriate water from Walker creek for municipal supply. The project is estimated to cost the city approximately \$4000.

Other applications for water rights have been filed with the state engineer as follows:

By William Holliston of Creswell, water from coast fork of Willamette river for irrigation of 198 acres in Lane county, at a cost of \$500.

By the Pacific States Lumber company, Marshfield, water from an unnamed stream for sawmill use and domestic water supply in Coos county, at a cost of approximately \$2000.

By C. W. Thomas and Gilbert Thomas, Milton, water from waste and overflow for irrigation of 24 acres in Umatilla county.

By J. O. Newland, Roseburg, water from a spring for domestic use and irrigation of 15 acres in Douglas county.

By H. B. Smith, Wolf Creek, con-

struction of a small reservoir for storage of water from Fisher creek. Irrigation of 10 acres in Josephine county, at a cost of approximately \$500.

By Odice L. Ashcraft, Farms, Idaho, water from Snake river for development of 25 horsepower and irrigation of 40 acres in Malheur county.

By Floyd Rossie, Wendorf, Eagle Point, water from McVell creek for irrigation of all acres in Jackson county.

By George T. Steele and S. A. Hulst, Malheur, water from Soldier spring for irrigation of 25 acres in Baker county.

By W. F. Coleman, Estacada, water from a branch of Curran creek for irrigation of a small tract in Clackamas county.

By Robert R. Colvin, Aumville, water from Foster creek for irrigation of 12 acres in Marion county.

By Annie E. Carlie, Ontario, water from Willow creek for irrigation of 104 acres in Malheur county.

By C. L. Rodin, Dillard, water from South Umpqua river for irrigation of an eight-acre tract in Douglas county at a cost of \$600.

By Mrs. May Steven, Lakeview, water from Goose lake, for irrigation of a two-acre tract in Lake county.

MEN RETURN
Ogden, Utah, Aug. 12.—(U. P.)—The first break in the tie up of transcontinental lines by "Big Four" trainmen came tonight when over 100 Southern Pacific and Union Pacific firemen in this district announced they would return to work.

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\$55.00 Vanity Dresser	\$46.85
\$39.00 Dressing Table	\$33.50
\$40.75 Full-size or Twin Bed	\$34.75
\$12.00 Night Stand	\$10.00
\$10.00 Bench	\$7.85
\$12.25 Rocker	\$10.50
\$11.75 Chair	\$10.00

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Fine-Grade Velvet Rugs
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\$55.00 Velvet Rugs, 9x12 \$38.75
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