

NEARING THE END.

S. F. Chronicle.

As time rolls by it becomes more and more apparent that the Chinese "Boxer" movement has settled the fate of China. For a while it was believed in this country that an agreement would be reached by the powers which would result in the preservation and integrity of the empire, but there never was any solid foundation for such a belief. So far as it was genuine it was the outgrowth of the desire to extend American trade relations with the Chinese. As is usual in cases in which the wish is father to the thought, no serious effort was made to determine whether the probabilities favored its gratification. Had there been it would have been seen as plainly as it is today that no plan could be devised to secure the result desired by the American advocates of what is called the "open-door" policy, simply because the European powers aiming at the dismemberment of China could be relied upon to shape the course of events so that it would be impossible for that country to preserve its status as an independent nation.

We assume that even those anxious to deceive themselves are now convinced that Russia means to hold Manchuria, and so firmly that the relation of the province to her will never be misunderstood. For the time being the czar's diplomats may temporize and cloud the issue, but in the near future all uncertainties will be swept away, and when maps are made Manchuria will be laid down on them as a Russian possession. This will happen if an attempt is made to embrace Manchuria in any scheme of taxation which the powers may devise for China. Russia may consent, doubtless she will be eager to make a treaty with the United States guaranteeing that the tariff regulations now in force in the part of China she claims shall be continued, but she will not permit the powers to extend to her any system they may wish to set up.

This refusal, which is undoubtedly looked for by the European powers, will be made the pretext for a course of action which some of them at least had long ago resolved upon. Perhaps England hoped for a different outcome, but even that is doubtful. There has been too much solicitation over the advantages that would accrue to her from making the Yang-tze basin her sphere of influence to permit any one to seriously believe that she would be greatly displeased if matters turned out so that she might peacefully plant herself in that region. As for Germany, it is preposterous to assume that she has at any time since the assassination of her minister entertained the idea of assisting in helping China to avert the fate she brought upon herself. Territorial acquisition has been the bottom desire of German statesmen who have dealt with the Chinese problem; nothing has happened since Germany's forcible occupation of the Shantung peninsula to change this line of policy. There are some who seem disposed to credit Japan with a sort of international disinterestedness which would take the concrete form of helping to build up a powerful rival, but those who entertain this idea are entirely unmindful of the fact that a very few years ago she was perfectly ready to take a big slice of her neighbor. Japan is ready to do so now. She might have been induced, had Germany, England and the United States backed her, to take a stand against Russia, but as neither of the powers mentioned is willing to engage in an enterprise of that kind, in all probability she will make the best of the situation and take part of the grab.

The indications are that this country will be the only one that will refrain from participation in the "cut-up." It is the prudent course to pursue, and in the long run will prove the most profitable. There is no reason, however, why we should not look the situation squarely in the face and make the best of it. We should not continue to fool ourselves by adhering to the belief that China's integrity will be preserved. The other more probable contingency should be considered and dealt with. If dismemberment is to be the outcome, we should negotiate treaties with the grabbers and get the best we can from them, so that we shall not lose the commercial benefits which we may derive from the change of status of the empire.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.)

WASHINGTON, March 25, 1901.

Chinese crookedness in diplomatic matters has been accentuated by the appeal of China to the other powers to assist it in refusing to put into effect the Manchurian treaty it has negotiated with Russia. This duplicity appears to have surprised our government, which naturally refused the assistance asked, but the diplomatic representatives of the other powers in Washington, merely smiled and shrugged their shoulders when asked their opinion. They were not surprised. On the contrary, they regard it as the usual thing in Chinese diplomacy. Whether cocky little Japan, which is the country most directly affected by the big Russian grab, will go to war if China ratifies the treaty, as now threatened, is as yet an open question, but it will not be surprising if it does.

This is the last week of Attorney General Griggs in the Cabinet, as his resignation has been accepted to take effect next Sunday. No other immediate changes are contemplated in the Cabinet.

Uncle Sam is now sole owner of the whole Philippine Archipelago, the Spanish minister having received a treasury warrant for \$100,000 to pay for "any and all islands of that archipelago outside of the limits named in the Paris treaty. Before Secretary Hay handed the Spanish minister the warrant for the cash, they exchanged copies of the treaty gorgeously gotten up, that of Spain being bound in red with the royal arms in gold, and that of the United States bound in blue with the national coat of arms embossed thereon. This money was appropriated by congress at the recent session.

Congressmen who have been to Cuba since the adjournment, express the opinion that it will be some time before the Cubans accept our conditions for the withdrawal of American authority, but that they will eventually do so. They also say that the longer it is the better it will please three-fourths of the property holders and business men of Cuba.

Representative Babcock, of Wisconsin, who is now in Washington, has received so many endorsements of his bill, introduced just before the late Congress adjourned, providing for a repeal of the tariff on manufactured steel and iron, as a curb on the steel trust, that he has decided to broaden the scope of the bill and make it also provide for the repeal of the tariff on tin plate and plate glass. Speaking of the bill, Mr. Babcock said: "I am not striking at the trusts alone. I go further and say that if any individual is enabled, through the high protective tariff to impose extortionate prices upon the people, he is just as much an object for Congressional legislation as any trust. If my bill leads to a discussion of the whole tariff question, as it may do, I cannot see where harm will result. Conditions have changed very materially since that bill was enacted." Mr. Babcock is very earnest, and when he said, as he does, that he will not allow his bill to be smothered in committee. He evidently means business. It will not be his fault if the bill fails to become a law.

Senator Burrows, of Michigan, who will probably be chairman of the Senate committee on privileges and elections, when the committees are reorganized at the next session of Congress, predicts that the new Maryland ballot law will cause the whole question of representation in Congress on the basis of men who are not legal voters under state laws, to come before Congress. He says the Congressional apportionment made by the last Congress, on the census of 1900, will not necessarily stand for ten years; that every Congress has authority to make a new apportionment, if it sees fit. The congressional old library has recently acquired sixteen old manuscript books, which contain historical data to be found

nowhere else, and which are consequently regarded as priceless. They relate to the public and private life of Robert Morris, the financier of the American revolution, and were all written by him. These volumes contain records of the United States treasury department for the first three years of its existence, which are not included in the government archives. The books were accidentally discovered by the late Gen. John Meredith Read in a junk shop, and during his lifetime he would never part with them.

Dr. George D. Leetch, formerly a medical examiner in the pension bureau, who has just returned from South Africa, where he served a year as surgeon in the British army, said of existing conditions over there: "The war in South Africa is by no means ended, and it is liable to continue for a long time yet. Of course it is guerrilla, rather than actual warfare, but it is for this reason that the Boers will be able to keep up the struggle and at least greatly harass the British, probably for some years. In Pretoria, business is at a standstill, save that which is conducted by reason of the presence of military forces. The railroads are almost completely utilized in carrying stores and provisions for the army, and the large force of Boer prisoners to whom they are issuing rations. Practically, all the Boer men are either prisoners of war or are under arms, congregated in small bands in the hills and mountains. There are probably 20,000 Boer prisoners in the hands of the British."

TO THE VOTERS.

EDITOR WEST—Sir: Please allow me through your columns to thank the voters of the city for their endorsement, at the polls, of my administration of the office of city recorder.

I shall endeavor to conduct the business of the office in such a manner that they will have no reason to regret their choice, and shall, to the best of my ability, recognize the equality of all before the law and act upon the principle that I have no friends to reward and no enemies to punish. J. C. PHELPS.

The course of that Pennsylvania city in refusing the offer of Carnegie to donate to the city a large sum to found a free public library, will hardly commend itself to fair minded people. The refusal was brought about through the influence of the labor union, who opposed its acceptance on the ground that Carnegie accumulated his fortune by oppressing the laboring man, and that if children and young people enjoyed the benefits to be derived from the library they would in time come to consider as right the means by which Carnegie gained his wealth. This is a very narrow minded position to take in the matter, and will result in depriving the city of what would otherwise prove a great benefit to the place. By allowing a few unreasonable leaders to dominate their actions and vent spite on those who would try to help them in the world, it too often happens that labor unions and similar organizations lose the respect of the people and give them good cause to regard such institutions with disfavor.

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The deadly cigarette has received another body blow. Minnesota has passed a law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or cigarette paper in that state. Generally employers are doing most, though, to discourage use of the lung and nerve enemy. Business men as a rule object to their employer smoking cigarettes, while many railroads and large corporations absolutely prohibit it while the employe is on duty.

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A human body, supposed to be the remains of the late Senator A. W. Reed, of Gardiner, was found in the Umquaga river last Friday about thirty miles below where he was drowned two years ago.

The head and lower limbs were gone and the arms were off at the elbows. Some fragments of clothing remained on the body, and these with the size and general appearance were the only clues to identify. A Portland tailor said a piece of the trousers adhering to the body were of the same kind of goods as a suit he had sold to Senator Reed about three weeks before the latter was drowned.

An inquest was held and the jury returned a verdict stating that they believed it to be the body of Mr. Reed.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A Manila dispatch of the 2nd inst says Aguinaldo has taken the oath of allegiance.

It is said an officer of the czar of Russia's household attempted to shoot the czar, but missed and then shot himself.

The Nebraska senatorial deadlock was broken March 28, by the election of Governor Chas. H. Dietrich and J. H. Millard to represent that state in the U. S. Senate. Each received the unanimous support of the republican members present.

It now appears that Binger Hermann will soon retire from his position as Commissioner of the Land Office on account of friction between him and Secretary Hitchcock. Mr. Hermann has been offered an appointment as member of the civil service commission.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, March 25, 1901.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before C. H. Holden, U. S. Commissioner, at Florence, Oregon, on May 15th, 1901, viz: Geo. F. Allen, on his H. E. No. 795, for the n.w. 1/4, n.e. 1/4, sec. 21, T. 18 S., R. 10 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: David A. Bresley, R. M. Allen, H. J. Minor and Charles Anderson, all of Point Terrace, Oregon.
J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT BY virtue of an order of the County Court of Lane County, Oregon, duly made and entered of record on the 19th day of February, 1901, in the matter of the estate of Anna Mathilde Funke, deceased, the undersigned, the administrator of said estate will on and after Saturday, the 4th day of May, 1901, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., offer for sale and sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property belonging to said estate, to-wit: Lot No. 2, in Block No. 2, in Cox's addition to Florence, and Lots Nos. 2 and 3 of Section 23, in Tp. 17 S., R. 10 W., containing 28.40 acres, all in Lane County, Oregon.
February 25, 1901. A. O. FENKE, Administrator of the estate of Anna Mathilde Funke, deceased.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, March 16, 1901.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, James E. Gibbons, of Portland, county of Multnomah, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1496, for the purchase of the n.w. 1/4 of Section No. 11, in Township No. 18 S., Range No. 9 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 29th day of May, 1901.

He names as witnesses: Burt Warren, J. H. Urban, W. M. Vail and John W. Sherman, all of Portland, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 29th day of May, 1901.
J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

CONTEST NOTICE.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
United States Land Office, Roseburg, Or., February 15, 1901.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Milton A. Nicolle, contestant, against homestead entry No. 9445, made May 8th, 1900, for s. 1/4 n.e. 1/4, sec. 18, township 18 S., Range 8 W., by Matt Mattson, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said Matt Mattson has wholly abandoned said tract and changed his residence therefor for more than six months since making said entry, and that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said entryman as by law required; that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman, or marine during the war with Spain, or any other war in which the United States may be engaged, said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on April 17th, 1901, before C. H. Holden, U. S. Commissioner, at Florence, Lane County, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on April 29th, 1901, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Roseburg, Oregon.

The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed February 15th, 1901, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
J. T. BRIDGES, Register.
J. H. BOOTH, Receiver.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Land Office, at Roseburg, Oregon, March 22, 1901.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Marie L. Ware, U. S. Commissioner, at Eugene, Oregon, on May 25, 1901, viz: Howard Pope, on his H. E. No. 809, for the s.e. 1/4, sec. 23, T. 16 S., R. 9 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Lewis Swanson, J. C. Farmer, Charles Acheson and Norton Olson, all of Alpha, Lane Co., Oregon.
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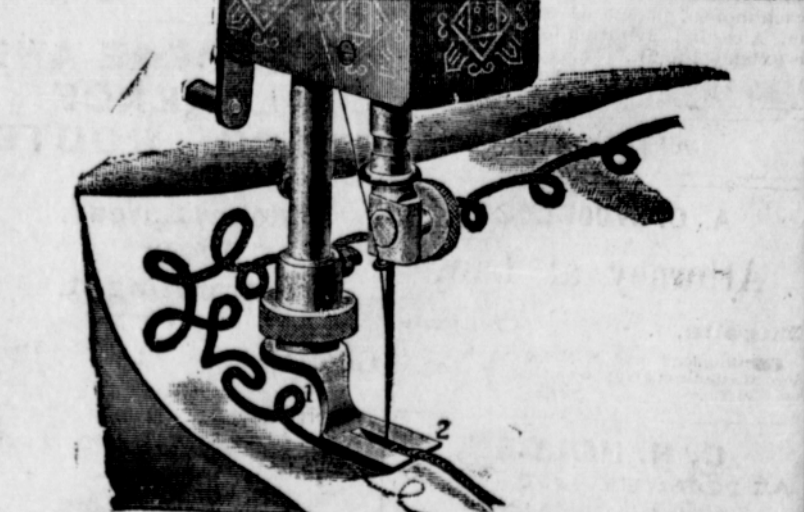
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