

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Rockefeller says he is not responsible for the rise in kerosene, yet he profits by it and has given the Chicago University another gift of over a million. That is the people of the country pay for it and John gets the credit. The stock brokers got up a deal in cotton a short time ago, and the insiders cleared several millions. Now over 80,000 cotton-mill hands in Massachusetts alone had their wages reduced as a result of this gamble. And from the poverty stricken homes of the toilers goes up the cry: "How long, dear Saviour, oh how long!"

Race suicide may be one of the unfortunate tendencies of the near future, but we doubt if miscegenation is the proper remedy. Therefore it pleases us little to learn that Roberta Lang, San Francisco Sunday school teacher, has married Lum Sat Lee, a Chinese actor, with whom she eloped from New York, about December 16th. Miss Lang's parents are wealthy and prominent and feel highly indignant over their daughter's action. The fault lies with the parents in permitting the association with the Chinese in the first place, on the mistaken idea of reforming them. "For ways that are dark, and tricks that are vain, The heathen Chinese is peculiar, which the same I am free to maintain."

Lebanon had its little touch of metropolitan life the other morning. A fire occurred which destroyed a large amount of property. It started in a store where two partners were closing out a bankrupt stock. The cause was credited to spontaneous combustion by the friction of a \$500 insurance policy against a seventy-five dollar stock of goods—a frequent occurrence in large cities. The youngest partner under the persuasive eloquence of a tightening rope around his neck, confessed to setting the place on fire. The two partners are now in the hands of the law, and are trying to say they didn't mean it. What Lebanon needs is a little more justice—and less bankrupt sales.

The Russians are credited with preparing a "Merry Christmas for the Jews of Kishinef." A massacre is planned that will be complete in every detail and result in a thorough extermination of all the Jews in the province. No people in the world are so strict in their observance of Christmas day as the Russians. Every neighbor greets his neighbor with the salutation, "Christ is born." "He is born, indeed!" responds the neighbor, and then they kiss each other. Czar or peasant, priest or slave, all are equal in this ceremony during the glad Christmas day. Why should the cruel, unsympathetic world begrudge them the added joy of annihilating the unbelieving Jews. Go to, ye scoffers, Christmas comes but once a year. Let us keep it in the good old way.

The Yellow peril is assuming shape in the East. Prince Suh, a high Chinese official, has formulated the doctrine by which China can win back Manchuria from the Russian Bear. He believes China has but one policy open to her, and that is to admonish Russia to leave Manchuria. Should the Russians refuse to acquiesce, China's alternative is to gain possession of Manchuria by force of arms, joining her strength with that of Japan. With Japan's intelligence and skill and China's unlimited millions a power could be created that would be a menace to civilization. Prince Suh has shown the way. China is naturally a peaceful nation. It should be the policy of America and Europe to keep her so. Let our government study the situation, and find out the causes that will eventually make her our enemy, if not remedied. Then take the drastic measures that will be necessary. China's trade is worth more to America than her conversion to any creed.

RURAL MAIL SERVICE.

Free Delivery in Danger Unless Pay of Carrier is Increased.

Postmaster Johnson places the matter in a correct light in the following letter written to the Postoffice Department at Washington. We hope the request will have due weight with the proper authorities, and the advance in pay be granted:

Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, Division of Rural Free Delivery, Washington, D. C.: Dear Sir—The three rural carriers from this office are becoming dissatisfied with their earnings, and, unless there is some prospect of an increase in their pay they are likely to resign. This is a rolling country, and at this season of the year the roads are very bad in places so that the carriers require at least two horses with which to make their trip. In fact, two of the carriers are each feeding three horses in order to keep a team in condition to do the work. They tell me that it costs at least \$8 per month to keep one horse, so that all three of the carriers are at a monthly expense of \$16 for horse feed; while the two carriers who are feeding three horses are paying \$24 each in order to keep teams in condition. Board and lodging cost each of them \$15 to \$20 a month, and, with clothes, horseshoeing and repairs there is nothing left.

As you well know, efficient service cannot be maintained if there are to be continual changes of carriers and this is bound to happen if the carriers are unable to make something above expenses. I have three carriers whom I have taken considerable trouble to instruct in their duties and they are giving excellent service. In point of intelligence they will compare favorably with city carriers and ought to receive as much pay; and, in addition, they should receive enough to cover cost of horse feed and something more because of the investment of \$250 or \$300 that is made in the team and vehicle.

While my ideas have not been solicited in this matter I have had some opportunity to see the present workings of the rural service and of forming some idea of its needs if efficiency and permanency are to be considered, and I submit in all candor that \$600 is mighty poor pay for the service required. In my judgment the salary the first year ought not to be less than \$750; and, with a view to encouraging and promoting permanency, I would make the pay \$800 the second year and \$850 third, at which figure it should remain. This plan would place the carriers on a basis where they could make something above expenses, and, as a result, resignations would be very infrequent.

As my carriers are threatening to resign I trust you are in a position to give me some encouragement as to the probability of an increase in pay. If some hope can be held out to them along this line I think it will be possible to keep them, otherwise not.

Respectfully yours,
B. W. JOHNSON, P. M.

Notice of Guardian's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Lincoln County, Oregon, (in probate) made on the 23rd day of December, 1903, and entered in the probate journal of said court, Vol. 13, page 23, the matter of the guardianship and estate of Melissa Whitney, Mary L. Whitney, and Ruth Corvallis, minors, and heirs of Laura Whitney, deceased, duly licensed and authorizing the undersigned guardian of said minors to sell their interest in the following described real estate, the undersigned Guardian of said minors will offer for sale and sell at public auction on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1904, at the hour of 11 o'clock, a. m., at the front door of the County Court House, in the City of Corvallis, County of Benton, State of Oregon, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said minors and each of them, in and to lots numbered four, five, six, seven and eight in block number twenty, in the County Addition to the City of Corvallis, County of Benton, State of Oregon, the same being an undivided three-sixths interest therein.
Dated December 23rd, 1903.
M. T. WHITNEY,
Guardian.

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the estate of L. Diller, deceased, notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of said estate that said administrator has filed his final account in said estate and that the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, in probate, has appointed Monday, the fourth day of January, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court room in the County Court House in the City of Corvallis, in Benton County, State of Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account and the final settlement thereof.
T. L. CHARMAN,
Administrator of the Estate of L. Diller, deceased.
Dated December 23rd, 1903.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Or., November 18, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 8, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber land in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as amended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1899, Philip H. Johnson, of Monmouth, county of Polk, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6127, for the purchase of the E 1/4 of S 1/4 of Sec. 18, in Township, No. 18 S. R. No. 6 West, 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 Victor P. Moses, Clerk of Benton County, Oregon, at Corvallis, Oregon, on Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1904.
He names as witnesses: Charles Newman of Inavale, Oregon; Hiram Newman, Fred Hubler, Frank Fisher, all of Monmouth, Oregon.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 22nd day of January, 1904.
ALBION S. DUBESSEK, Register.

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We have in our office an 11x17 California Reliable job press which has been very little used, and which we will sell at a price considerably below what it would be held at by the dealers. It is in good shape, and will do the best of work. It has long shaft for steam fixtures but not fixtures or fountain. Let us quote you price.

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