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## THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

The directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad company, at their meeting in New York last Saturday adopted the following plan for relief:

As there is now required to provide for the present refunded debt, beyond the cash means available, the sum of \$9,450,920, and as an additional sum of \$5,500,000 will be required to complete the construction of the main line now under contract, including bridges and tunnels, and to provide and pay for all equipments required and contracted for, therefore,

Resolved, Unanimously, that this board, subject to the approval of three-fourths of the preferred stock, authorizes the execution of a second mortgage for \$20,000,000 on all properties, subject only to priority of the present general mortgage. This mortgage shall be similar in terms and condition to the general mortgage, subject only to the liens of said mortgage.

Resolved, That the finance committee be directed to open negotiations for the sale of the second mortgage bonds, and report their action to this board.

Resolved, That a meeting of the preferred stockholders of this company be called, to be held at the office of the company in New York the 20th day of November

to vote upon this question and the issue of \$250,000 of second mortgage bonds, and that, in accordance with the plan of reorganization, the secretary give notice of said meeting at least thirty days prior thereto; and that for the purpose of said meeting the transfer books of the preferred stock of this company be closed the 20th day of October at 3 p. m. and remain closed until the 20th of November at 10 a. m.

Resolved, That the officers of the company be requested to publish, with all dispatch, for the information of the stockholders, a circular giving full particulars of the funded and unfunded debt of this company and of the present condition of the operating and land departments, including in the latter cancellation of bonds with the proceeds of land sales.

The directors have re-elected the old board of officers, and authorized the issue of \$20,000,000 second mortgage bonds, subject to the approval of the preferred stockholders. It will require the consent of three-quarters of these shareholders, and it is thought no serious objection will be made to the issue. The proceeds will wipe out the floating debt, and will also be applied to the completion and equipment of the line.

## A New Chinese Cry.

It is easy enough as a general rule to find out what a foreigner thinks of a Chinaman; but what a Chinaman thinks of a foreigner, is owing to their seclusion and a certain obscurity about the mean of their tea-chest and firecracker literature, much harder to get hold of.

However a handbill recently distributed through one of the Chinese provinces is, if correctly translated, not difficult to comprehend. It is candid in tone and does not beat about the bush in its criticism of Europeans. It says that Europeans do not belong to the human race; that they are the descendants of apes and geese; their appearance resembles that of apes; their heart that of the devil; for this reason they are called "kouitise" (European devils). This race of savages worship neither Heaven or earth, does not honor its parents, has no reverence for its ancestors. Among them the

sancity of family ties is unknown. A veritable herd of dogs and pigs, their talk is only of equality; they know no distinction between father and son, King and subject.

The English are the worst of them all—"a small tribe on an island not bigger than your hand." The reason that they can make steamers, railways, watches, etc., is because, under pretext of preaching religion, they come to snatch away the eyes and brains of the dying, to extract blood from children; and with these eyes, these brains and this blood they make medicinal pills, which they sell in their country, and so acquire ability to do all these things. Only those who have eaten our Chinese substance have their eyes opened sufficiently to make the discoveries of which they are so vain.

It is then urged that Europe be divided into districts, and at a given signal all rise "like one man" and "drive out these savages." The name of the Chinese Denis Kearney who wrote this appeal is not given, but is evidently a poor translation of his war cry; "The Chinese must go." Only in this case it is the Europeans who "Must go."

## Huge Oyster—Big Yarn.

"How's that for an ister?" said the skipper of an oysterman, pointing to an enormous shell that laid on the deck. "It ain't not only a big shell," he continued, "but it's got a powerful big yarn that goes with it."

The shell was certainly four feet long, large enough to serve as a bath-tub for a small boy and must have weighed over 250 pounds, as the reporter could not move it with one hand. It was one of the largest bivalves known, the tridacna gigas, more properly allied to the clams, but passing as a very respectable oyster.

"The yarn? Well, Gillis was one o' those speculatin' chaps, always lookin' for the main chance, swappin' knives, clothes, anythin' to make a cent, and cute as they make 'em. So, when the ship struck the Straits o' Sunda and kem to, off he goes with a couple o' niggers what came aboard to git coral and things. Wall, they was wadin' along, as Gil said, haulin' the canoe after 'em, and pickin' up chunks of coral and conchs and such, and all at once Gil see what looked like a flower, all pink and yellow, and not knowin' what it was, up he goes and gives it a kiek with his foot. The next minute he felt somethin' close over his foot like a vice and was gripped as ef he'd took root, and lookin' down he see his foot nipped in one of those ere shells. Pull and haul every way he would he couldn't move, and as they couldn't get at the critter, as it was buried in the coral and the tide on the flood; it rises about six feet in that country. Wall, they thumped the critter with their oars and hauled away for awhile, all to no puppus, and curus enough, Gil had left his knife aboard and the only thing to do was to go for it. So one of the coons started off for the bark, and she a lyin' two miles away. The other chap stood by Gil in case he gev out, and there they was, the tide a risin' every minute; but in about three-quarters of an hour the ship's cutter came along. The boys gev Gil a cheer that kind o' braced him up and skipper had sent his grog. Overboard jumps the mate, with one o' these spades they use in whalin', and in about a minute the critter was all cut up and Gil yanked aboard; but I'll

be dogged if the water wasn't most up to his chin. The next day they went at low tide and got out the critter's shell, and that's the yarn and there's the shell," said the skipper in conclusion.—Philadelphia Times.

## Try Them With Cake

I know a nice old Yankee lady who always applies a certain test to any young man who "pays attention" to one of her granddaughters. After a certain time she offered him some of her home-made cake. If he eats it with avidity he mutely gives consent, if not, she instantly begins to oppose the match, not as one would suppose from wounded vanity, but she has a theory that "Men who like cake never drink or smoke or lead dissipated lives of any sort. 'Give me,' she says, 'a man that loves ginger bread; it's a sure sign he isn't fond of whisky.'"

The young lady may not be always right, but I think there is a grain of truth in her fancy. At least it is a very easy test to put your suitors to, and you might try it. Only don't give them notice before hand, for as the old lady says, when Ezra came courting her youngest daughter Jane, she told her mother's views, and the quantity Ezra ate was surprising. Once married all was changed. He never touches it now, and he keeps a demijohn in the pantry." So, girls, take warning and be very sly.



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