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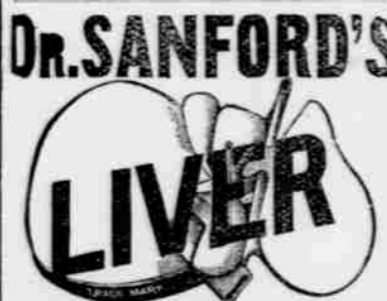
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THE HEATHEN CHINEE.

They Kept Two Skunks in the Cellar.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—A horrible discovery was made in Chinatown to-day. Information was given to the city coroner that a frightful stench was being emitted from a cellar on Pacific street. He went and forced his way in, and found the floor covered with human skulls and bones, partially covered with flesh in the last stage of green putrefaction—among the decayed mass worms were crawling, while the floor was wet and slimy with liquid exuding from the remains. In an inner room the coroner found a number of Chinese engaged in boiling down the remains of other bodies, while other Chinese were engaged in scraping the boiled bones and packing them in boxes for shipment to China. It is estimated that the cellar contained over 300 dead bodies, which had been taken secretly from various cemeteries throughout the state. As an instance of Chinese ingenuity, it is stated that those in charge of the operations, fearing the stench from the boiling pots would be so great as to attract attention outside, procured two living skunks, so that the odor of the latter might overcome the former. The coroner confiscated all the remains.

The discovery this afternoon of the horrible wholesale practices the Chinese have committed under the very nose of the city authorities has created deep and intense excitement. The knowledge that such a mass of putrefaction was lying exposed in the very heart of the city, while at the same time the drainage and sewers of the city are known to be in an unwholesome, filthy state, created a feeling of fear for the health of the city. After all the boxes containing the remains of dead Chinamen had been removed to the morgue, the coroner interviewed in regard to the matter, stated that when he arrived at the cellar in which the boxes were stored and the putrefied remains which had still to be boiled were lying, he set to work with a hatchet to break open the boxes. There were some sixty boxes in all. Each of them contained a tin case, in which were rolled up in oiled cloths a number of human bones. The smaller bones and long strips of skin were wrapped up in separate parcels and placed within a larger one. On the outside of the box was a label in Chinese characters, indicating the name of the person while living, so that the remains could be claimed by relatives on arrival in China.

After having opened several cases the coroner concluded to seize the whole lot and remove them to the morgue. Express wagons were called, and while the cases were being placed on the wagons some of the boxes rolled off to the pavement, breaking them and leaving the bones exposed to view. The crowd who had assembled having learned the cause of the excitement, jumped on the bones and in their indignation trod them under foot. Police officers quickly interfered, and the loading was continued without further interruption. The remains were removed to the morgue. Most of the boxes containing remains were, on examination, found to have come from cities in the interior of the state. The remains were shipped from there to San Francisco in common boxes. Those that came from the interior are boiled and prepared before shipment, so that no odor is perceptible enroute. Only those removed from San Francisco cemeteries have flesh still on them when brought to the preparation cellar.

It was the intention to have shipped all these on the steamer City of Peking, which sails Saturday next. It is rumored that the Chinese six companies will bring action against the coroner for the removal of the boxes and remains.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—General Logan's book is now in the hands of the publishers. A title for the work was only decided upon last week, and it is one that gives an excellent idea of the contents of the work. It is "The Great Conspiracy, Its History and Origin." The book is a study of the causes which brought about the secession of the south from the Union, dating back to the time of the revolutionary war.

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THE CALIFORNIA AND OREGON.

The monopoly organs are trying to manufacture a fictitious public opinion against the forfeiture of the California and Oregon land grant. This grant was made twenty years ago, and the time for the construction of the road long since expired. The Central Pacific people were indifferent on the subject before the Northern Pacific was completed, but when that road was opened and began to cut into their business, they determined to go to work and build the road. One of their first aims was to try to resurrect the unearned land grant, and for this purpose the monopoly at the last session of the California legislature got an amendment passed to Munday's resolutions praying for the forfeiture of all unearned land grants, exempting the California and Oregon grant from the list. The amendment was carried by the votes of the railway retainers. It has gone to the interior department as an indication of California sentiment on the subject, the idea being that Mr. Lamar knows so little of California that he may believe that they express public opinion in that state. Next December it will go to congress, and the railway satellites are doing a good deal of whooping in order to make it seem that California wants the grant saved for the Southern Pacific of Kentucky. They dwell upon the argument that without the grant the road will not be built; with it will.

This is all bosh. For twenty years the monopoly could have got the grant by building the road. They did not do so. Now they are forced to build the road to protect themselves against the Northern Pacific, and they will build it whether the grant is forfeited or not, because they can't help themselves. The only question is whether the lands in Shasta and Siskiyou counties which the building of the road will bring into the market and make valuable shall be reserved for the citizens of those counties and new settlers, or whether they shall be given to the Southern Pacific of Kentucky. We are of the opinion that the citizens and settlers have the best right to them and that it would be an outrage to steal them for the benefit of a bloated corporation under cover of a dead land grant. We shall therefore see with pleasure the forfeiture of the grant, which will not be long delayed after congress meets.

A year ago it was stated at the office of the railroad company that connection would be made with the Oregon and California before June, 1885. When the monopoly's finances became deranged by the troubles in Wall street last May its money gave out and work stopped, the henchmen and newspaper hirelings of the monopoly being instructed to say that the stoppage was caused by the communist raid upon railway property at the extra session at Sacramento. They have now got some money and work is going on, and will go on until the Southern Pacific of Kentucky can fulfill its threat of carrying goods from Chicago to Portland via the Central Pacific cheaper than the Northern Pacific can carry them direct. The forfeiture of the land grant will involve no delay.

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