

CHINA'S FIRST LOCOMOTIVE.

Wily Old Li Hung Chang's Rebuke That Was Linked With a Wink.

There is a curious story concerning the first locomotive ever seen in China. Li Hung Chang was given permission to construct a railway from the sea to his mines upon the condition that steam power should not be used, and for several months the cars were hauled by mules.

Then Mr. Kinder and some of the foreign machinists secretly constructed a locomotive out of such material as they could find in China. It was a rude affair, and it was never able to make more than five or six miles an hour, but it was a great advance over the mule teams, for it could haul seven or eight cars of coal at that speed, where it took four mules to haul one.

But when the mandarins at Pekin learned that foreign devils were using a fire eating monster on the railway they immediately made a tremendous fuss about it and called Li Hung Chang to account for violating his concession.

The old gentleman took it very coolly and pretended not to know anything about it, but he afterward restored himself in favor by issuing an order rebuking Mr. Kinder and his associates for their presumption and forbidding them to introduce any more new fangled foreign notions into China. Shortly after he secretly patting them on the back and raised their pay.

The excitement quieted down and was soon forgotten. Then Mr. Kinder got up steam in his clumsy old engine again and was allowed to run it without interference. Later a couple of regularly made locomotives were imported from Europe and have since been hauling the coal trains on that road.

ELECTRIC SPARKING.

Light on a Puzzle That Has Worried Many Car Owners.

It is a sad and common experience to men in motorboats, automobiles, etc., to find that something is wrong with the spark. Often it is the case that when the spark plug is taken out and tested in air it shows up all right, and will ignite gasoline poured around it, but when put back into position it will not work. This is a puzzle to a great many people today.

The reason lies in the simple fact that the spark, when it takes place in the cylinder, has to spark in compressed gas, and when in the air it doesn't. It is a well known scientific fact that the pressure of the gas determines how far a spark will jump under a given voltage. If the spark jumped a quarter inch in the open air and was placed in a vessel with most of the air pumped out, it would jump several inches; and, on the other hand, if placed in compressed air it would not jump more than a fraction of the quarter inch. Of course the thing to do in the circumstances is to get new batteries, and if so situated that that is impossible the two little terminals of the spark plug should be pushed closer together. Then the spark will pass in the compressed gas inside the cylinder.

If explosion does not take place then the spark is probably so small that it is wholly immersed either in air or in the gasoline vapor, and to have an explosion it must be immersed in a mixture of the two. The carburetor should then be tinkered with. The probabilities are that a part of the time explosions will take place and will be sufficient to keep up a forward motion at reduced speed.—Chicago Herald.

Literary Inspiration.

It is enough to stun and scare anybody to have a hot thought come crashing into his brain and plowing up those parallel rails where the wagon trains of common ideas were jogging along in their regular sequence of association. A lyric conception hits me like a bullet in the forehead. I have often had the blood drop from my cheeks when it struck and felt that I turned as white as death. Then comes a creeping as of centipedes running down the spine, then a sudden flush and a beating in the vessels of the head, then a long sigh and the poem is written.—Holmes.

Sad Camels.

It is a well established fact that even young camels never play. They are born sad, and thereafter their life is one protest against being made to work, although work has been their portion since the beginning of the memory of man. How largely they have been domesticated from the earliest times we know from the statement that Job possessed 6,000 camels.—London Opinion.

The Clock Was All Right.

A man went into a clock store and handed out the pendulum of a clock, which he wished to leave for repairs. The clockmaker asked him why he didn't bring the whole clock. "The clock is all right," was the reply. "It's the pendulum that won't go. As soon as I pulled that out the rest went like the very dickens."—Judge.

Equal to the Occasion.

"Did you ever try to board a train?" asked the facetious man of the boarding house lady at breakfast. "Oh, yes," said the lady without a suggestion of a smile. "A man named Train stopped here at one time."—Yonkers Statesman.

Coming Back.

It was the beginning of their wedding trip. "Dear," she inquired anxiously, "in the excitement of leaving did you say 'I do' to papa and mamma?" "No," he replied. "I said as usual."—Pack.

A Typical Letter From the Author of "The Story Beautiful"



Saint Mary's Cathedral

Michlin, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ellison - Can we have electric light on all of our Chautauques - or is it all gas or are they mixed? In the work in this direction?

Yours truly, J. J. MacCorry

HERE is shown an important letter, reproduced to show the genius and order and originality that characterize this brilliant orator. It was written to the general manager of the Ellison-White Chautauqua Systems, which are supplying the talent for the assembly here. Father Patrick J. MacCorry is a Paulist father, which marks him as an orator and a powerful missionary. He is a man of wide renown in his church for his brilliance. Using his wide influence, he has managed to secure faithful reproductions of paintings by great masters. To fully carry out the spirit of the scene a great baritone will sing appropriate songs, making a feast of the senses not often experienced.

ORIGIN OF A PHRASE.

Greeley Was Not the First to Say, "Go West, Young Man."

Who said, "Go west, young man?" The phrase has often been credited to Horace Greeley, but he was not the first to use it and once denied that he said it. It was written by John B. L. Soule, a brilliant young man who edited the Terre Haute Express in 1851-3. Richard W. Thompson of Terre Haute advised him to go west and grow up with the country, adding, "Why, John, you could write an article that would be attributed to Horace Greeley if you tried."

Soule modestly doubted it, but Thompson insisted, and Soule promised to try. The result was an article in the Express on the opportunities offered to young men by the west, which began by saying that Horace Greeley could never have given better advice than that contained in the words "Go west, young man." It was a supposititious quotation from Greeley, but the article was copied, and pretty soon the supposititious phrase was attributed to Greeley himself.

After it had received wide circulation the New York Tribune came out with a reprint of the Express article, accompanied by a footnote by Mr. Greeley saying that he was not the author of the expression, but he fully endorsed it and joined in saying, "Go west, young man; go west."—Indianapolis News.

AN ALCOHOLIC ENIGMA.

Fewer Persons Seem to Drink, Yet More Liquor Is Consumed.

It is the testimony of the internal revenue receipts of our own government that, notwithstanding the noteworthy extension of the dry areas by reason of state wide prohibitions and local option laws, consumption of alcoholic liquor has greatly increased.

In addition to the dry areas established by political action (we use the term in its broad sense) there has been wide promotion of personal abstinence because of rules against drinking established by large employers of labor, who realize the wisdom of guarding the safety of employees and the public against accident, as well as promoting general efficiency.

We know that in addition to these powerful influences there has grown up a social opposition to intemperate habits that has a wholesome effect against overindulgence in intoxicating liquors and in favor of total abstinence. In any circle of acquaintances the persistent drinkers—the men who "make a business of it"—do not appear to be numerous.

The question naturally arises in consequence, Where does all the liquor go, and who uses it? Increase of population in the wet areas does not account for all of it.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

An Earl's Duel With a Butler.

About the middle of the last century the Lord Rosebery of that time was in Paris, and in paying a call one day he was received so rudely by the butler that he complained to his friend of the servant's conduct. But the butler had been a non-commissioned officer in the French army, and as such he challenged Lord Rosebery to a duel. The earl accepted, and two shots were exchanged without result. But Lord Rosebery was angered at his own conduct and afraid his antagonist might lay aside his military rank and resume his duties as a servant, thus exposing an earl to the reproach of having fought with a butler. So he settled an annuity of £250 on the man on condition that he did not return to domestic service. The condition was faithfully observed on both sides.

Shops Go on Shorter Time.

The Southern Pacific company has reduced the number of working days in the local shops from five and a half per week to four days, the order to obtain indefinitely, according to workmen employed at this institution. No reason is given for the shut-down which, it is thought and hoped, will be only temporary.

Twice-a-Week Observer, \$1.50 a year.

lem, Oregon, says: "My kidneys were disordered and my back seemed to lose its strength. Short use of Doan's Kidney Pills soon fixed me up all right. I know that Doan's Kidney Pills are a fine kidney medicine and I willingly recommend them."

Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Wint had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

BULLETIN

ONE CENT A WORD, 'PHONE 19.

The charge for advertisements under this head is one cent per word for each insertion. No discount for successive issues. If you have anything for sale or exchange; if you want to rent or lease a house or business building; if you want help or a job of work; if you have lost or found anything; if you want publicity of any kind, try this column. You are sure to get results—others do, why not you. Telephone your "want ads." or address all communications to The Observer, Dallas, Oregon. Count the number of words to remit with order. Telephone No. 19.

FOR SALE—On place first-class second growth cord wood. Apply Anne Ladstock, phone 1802. June 30.

LOST—A grey mare, weight about 900 pounds, last seen between Dallas and Falls City. Please pasture and notify F. C. Thomas, Rocca, Ore. 22-2t.

ESTRAY—A dark bay mare came into our enclosure, east of Fern Station, which animal the owner is requested to call for, pay charges, and take away. Phone A. D. 25.

FOR RENT—Nice newly furnished 3-room apartment; bath, electric light, \$12 a month. Apply Imperial hotel. 20-tf.

FOR SALE—Empire cream separator No. 43, 650 pounds capacity; nearly new. Davis & Horn. 19-tf.

FOR SALE—Hay, at Derry warehouse. Address H. W. Thirsen, Independence, R. F. D. 1, or call at Thirsen farm, Rickreall. 19-tf.

FOR RENT—Modern five-room house. Inquire Bolman & Staats. 18-tf.

FOR SALE—Nice light buggy as good as new, price \$20. Cost \$135. Have no use for it. F. K. Hubbard, Falls City. 19-tf.

FOR SALE—Gasoline range, 3 burner, \$10. Davis & Horn. 19-tf.

FOR SALE—Matthews' New Universal combined hill and drill seeder, No. 22; nearly new. Price \$9 at Davis & Horn's.

FOR RENT—Three-room apartment, newly furnished, bath and electric light. Apply Imperial hotel. 20-tf.

WANTED—Machine, cast and stove plate iron, brass and copper, zinc and rubber, and rags of all kinds; in fact, junk of all kinds. A. N. Hallock, Monmouth, Oregon. 8-tf.

FOR SALE—Complete clover hulling outfit. Apply at The Observer office. 8-tf.

FOR SALE—One 5-horse kerosene engine; excellent condition. Guaranteed. A bargain. Dallas Warehouse company, Barham & Son, proprietors. 6-tf.

WANTED—Your lame horses to shoe. Williams, the horseshoer, Monmouth, Oregon. 8-tf.

WANTED—Carpet cleaning and window washing, both business and residence. Milo V. Woods, phone 1173 or 1092. 11-tf.

FOR SALE—Light driving horse, or will trade for motorcycle. Apply to L. V. Macken, city. 18-tf.

FOR RENT—First-class furnished housekeeping rooms at 318 Levens street. Phone 774. 19-tf.

FOR SALE—3 1/2 acres, well improved, good land, one mile from town, good road. Will take city property in part payment, terms on part. Fred E. Wells, Dallas, Ore., R. R. 2. 19-4t.

WANTED—Milk customers for rich milk from four fresh cows; 6 cents quart or \$1.50 per month. Deliver twice a day. Phone Brown 152. Florence M. Bird. 19-3t.

FOR SALE—Good dry summer cut second growth fir and oak wood, will sell in woods or deliver. I. L. Smith, phone 1404. 22-8t-x

FOR SALE—A good family driving horse, good traveler. Mrs. L. A. Dickinson, phone 8 53. 24-4t-x

SPECIAL SALE—Fertilizer, for lawn and garden. While it lasts at cost. Phone 321. Saphren Warehouse. 24-2t.

Notice to Contractors. Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that bids will be opened by the County Court of Polk County, on Tuesday, the 15th day of June, 1915, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the construction of three reinforced concrete bridges and one mass concrete pier. Plans and specifications are on file in

the County Clerk's office. A certified check for 5 per cent of the amount of the bid must accompany each bid.

The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. B. TEAL, County Judge.

May 25-June 11.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk.—In the Matter of the Guardianship of the Estate of Irene Westfall, a Minor Child.

It appearing to this Court upon the verified petition this day presented and filed by Mary F. Westfall, the guardian of the Estate of Irene Westfall, minor child, praying an order of sale of certain real estate belonging to her said ward, viz: An undivided one-ninth interest in and to the following described real premises, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, and the E. half of lot 3, in Block 3, in Catron's Sub-division of Out Lot Number 5 in Monmouth, Polk County, Oregon.

That it is necessary and would be beneficial to said ward that such real estate should be sold; on motion of Walter L. Tooze, Jr., Esq., attorney for the said guardian.

It is hereby ordered that the next of kin of said ward, and all persons interested in the said estate, appear before this Court on Tuesday, the 1st day of June, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the Court Room of this Court, in the County Court House in the City of Dallas, in Polk County, State of Oregon, then and there to show cause, if any they have, why a license should not be granted for the sale of such estate.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published at least three successive weeks before the said day of hearing in the "Polk County Observer," a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon. Dated April 26th, 1915.

J. B. TEAL, County Judge.

A true copy: WALTER L. TOOZE, JR., Attorney for the Guardian. May 4-25

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION OF FORECLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution issued out of the circuit court of the State of Oregon, for Polk county, on the 4th day of May, 1915, and to me directed upon a judgment which was enrolled and docketed in the office of the clerk of said court on the 17th day of April, 1915, in a certain suit then pending in said circuit court wherein I. Mendelsohn was plaintiff and George A. Looney and Clara Looney, his wife, were defendants, a judgment was rendered in favor of the above named plaintiff and against the above named defendants, George A. Looney and Clara Looney, his wife, for six hundred eighty-seven and fifty one-hundredths (\$687.50) dollars, with interest thereon from said 17th day of April, 1915, at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum, and the further sum of twenty-two and fifty one-hundredths (\$22.50) dollars costs of suit and accruing costs; and whereas it was further ordered and decreed by said court that the following property should be sold by me to satisfy said execution, I will on Saturday, June 5, 1915, at the hour of one (1) o'clock p. m. of said day at the front door of the court house at Dallas, Polk county, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand on day of sale, all the right, title and interest and estate which said defendants or either of them have, and all persons claiming under them have in or to the hereinafter described premises, and every part thereof. Said property is described as follows: Lot one (1) tract "D" containing 4.45 acres, in Monmouth Walnut Tract, more particularly described as lot one (1) tract "D" of the southwest quarter, of the southeast quarter, of section thirty-one (31), in Township eight (8) south, range four (4) west of the Willamette Meridian.

Said sale being subject to redemption in the manner provided by law and as provided in said decree. Dated this 8th day of May, 1915.

JOHN W. ORR,

Sheriff for Polk County, Oregon. May 9-June 4.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given, that Conrad Staffin, the administrator of the estate of W. H. F. Manston, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and that Wednesday, the 9th day of June, 1915, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the Courtroom of said County Court, in the Court House in the city of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published, May 11, 1915.

CONRAD STAFFIN,

Administrator aforesaid.

OSCAR HAYTER, Attorney. M.11-J.5

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that bids will be opened by the County Court of Polk County, on Tuesday, the 15th day of June, 1915, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the crushing and putting in the bunkers at the Spring Valley quarry of 1500 yards of rock, more or less, according to specifications on file in the office of the County Clerk. Also for hauling and delivering same on county road at points to be designated by the Court. Furthermore, bids will be received for setting up crusher, building bunkers, and opening quarry.

The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids. May 25-31 J. B. TEAL, County Judge.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Under and by virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, on the 18th day of May, 1915, upon an order of sale and decree of foreclosure given and made by said Circuit Court on the 5th day of May, 1915, in a suit then pending in said Court wherein Theodore Lengele, was plaintiff and Mrs. B. McN. Moore, J. M. Hanslmair, George O. Sloan and Daisy A. Sloan, were defendants, (Register No. 4628) and to me, the undersigned, Sheriff of the County of Polk, directed, I am commanded to sell, at public auction in the manner prescribed by law, the following described real property, to-wit:

The southwest quarter (1/4) of Section fourteen (14) the North half (1/2) of Northeast quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22) and the North half (1/2) of the Northwest quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), all in Twp. 7 South Range four (4) West of W. M.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 19th day of June, 1915, at one o'clock p. m. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House, in the city of Dallas, in Polk County, State of Oregon, I will, in obedience to said execution and order of sale, sell the above described property, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 18th day of May, 1915.

JOHN W. ORR,

Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.

S. M. ENDICOTT,

Attorney for Plaintiff. M21-J18

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Do You Know

That we have opened a butcher shop in the old Lewis building at Airlie? Well we have, and we want to get acquainted. Call and see us. And don't forget to watch this space. It will pay you to do it.

Airlie Meat Market C. W. SPRING, Proprietor. Airlie, Oregon.

City Transfer

W. R. COULTER, Proprietor. The world moves itself; We move anything else. Piano and Furniture Moving a Specialty. Stand—Kersey's Confectionery. Phone 1061. Residence Phone 1202.

BICYCLE RIDERS ATTENTION

Do you realize that this is the beginning of the season for riding bicycles. The man who has his wheel overhauled in early spring economizes for the reason that he accomplishes two things at one cost of labor—his bearings properly clear and oiled—had bearings replaced at same time (if any) at practically one cost. Otherwise one thing goes wrong here, another thing there at different times which makes it inconvenient for you and also adds to cost of repairs. We are well prepared to meet your demand in this line. Work guaranteed. Bicycles from \$22.50 to \$45.00. Tires from \$4.50 to \$10.00 per pair. Bicycle and motorcycle sundries, baseball and athletic supplies. Indian motor cycle agency.

L. B. HIXON, JR. 315 Main Street.

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A snow white medicine, soft and soothing to the skin, applied every hour at once relieves and soon cures POISON OAK. Price 25c. and 50c. For sale by all druggists.