

# IN BANGKOK



A View in Bangkok.

At Singapore the traveler bound for Siam quits the liner and embarks upon one of the small steamers which take the mails to Bangkok. The steamer makes for the low mangrove-fringed shore which marks his destination and presently enters the muddy Bangkok river, writes P. A. Thompson in "Siam." On either side stretch salt marshes, soon hidden behind the luxuriant vegetation. Here on the oozy banks are fern-like atap and rank tropical growths, half submerged, while rising from the firmer ground behind are the slender trunks and graceful fronds of areca and coconut palms. Bangkok is twelve miles from the coast in a direct line, but so tortuous is the river that it is fully three hours before we arrive. Here a score of small steamers are anchored in mid-stream. Others lie alongside the wharfs, together with sailing vessels of all descriptions: merchantmen from Europe, rice boats from up country, and fishing boats from the gulf. Everywhere we see Chinese toiling. Boats ply to and fro between the banks, and every now and then the little vessels are set dancing and plunging in the wash of the steam launches which tear by. At length we, too, draw in to a wharf and land amidst piles of goods.

### Motley Throng in the Street.

Behind the wharfs and mills which line the river on its eastern side, we come upon a long street, white and dusty in the dry months, and in the rainy season a lane of mud. Here at all seasons a motley crowd of Chinese, Siamese, Malays, Hindus and Mahomedans jostle each other, while coolies toil along at a foot pace with "rickshaws" in the last stages of dilapidation. A crazy gharry, bearing a distinct resemblance to a London growler and drawn by a diminutive pony, bumps over the uneven surface, and on one side of the road electric trams, packed with natives, are screeching along the ill-laid track. None of these methods of locomotion appeals to us, nor do we feel inclined to mingle with the throng of pedestrians. However, if we are lucky we may find near by a rickshaw, at which we may hire a pair-horse gharry, a sort of miniature victoria. We will not look on while the ponies are being put in, for it is not well to know exactly how much string is used in the composition of our harness. It is certain that the proportion is large, but if only the reins hold out we must be thankful.

On either side are rows of one-storied wooden houses. The shops on the ground floor are quite open to the street, and we can see Chinese carpenters, tailors and bootmakers at work inside, while elsewhere cheap cotton goods and hardware are displayed. Now and then we pass a Chinese joss-house with fantastic roof-ridge, and through the open door we see an altar decked with tinsel and peacocks' feathers.

### Official Quarter and Royal Palace.

Our driver expects us to direct him at every step, so if we say nothing he will keep straight on and we shall presently come to the old city wall, white-washed now, and much disfigured with telegraph wires, but with picturesque battlements shaped like the leaves of the sacred Bo tree. Within we are at once sensible of a great improvement as we bow over the well-kept surface of a broad avenue, planted with plane trees, and bordered by neat rows of brick houses. As we cross a canal we catch a glimpse of trees reflected in the water, and trim lawns, and beyond them pagodas blazing with pure gold in the sunlight. This is the official quarter. Here, too, is the Royal Palace, whose brilliant roofs and iridescent spires are seen over the dazzling whiteness of the outer wall.

Just outside the city wall is the Golden Mount, a bell-shaped mound, faced with brick, but so overgrown by trees that it has the appearance of a natural hillock. On the summit is a little shrine surmounted by a pagoda, and to it leads a flight of steps, winding about a hill. From here we look down upon a forest of palms and plane trees, through which break the red roofs of the houses. Everywhere rising above the trees are graceful spires and the manifold roofs of temples,

with their tiles of rich orange or deep purple, great splashes of color against the clear blue sky. To this place we may often return to watch the dawn stealing over the paddy fields, whilst at our feet the palm trees rise through a veil of purple mist; or when at evening the pink rays of the setting sun are shooting halfway to the zenith we may come up here and see the thousand pinnacles of Bangkok, outlined in the rifts between low-lying clouds against a smoky orange sky.

### KEEP BUSY AND LIVE LONG

Notable Examples of Longevity Among Men Who Have Elected to Remain in "Harness."

Maybe it used to be that "the good die young," but it doesn't look as though they're doing it now.

Take, for instance, Rev. Albert Vogel of Jeunette, Pa.

He's one hundred and two years old. He's never smoked or chewed tobacco or drunk intoxicating liquor. Never quarreled or fought with another man. Always trying to do good and to persuade others to behave themselves.

Rev. Mr. Vogel is the oldest active minister of the gospel in the United States.

Hard work, lots of walking and an occasional fishing trip is his formula for a long and happy life.

And this reminds us that Rev. Dr. Aaron E. Ballard is president of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting association, New York, and is ninety-eight years old.

"I never would have lived to this age," Doctor Ballard said, "if I had retired at sixty and commenced twirling my thumbs in idleness."

So it seems the good don't die young—if they keep busy.—New York World.

### SAYINGS OF CARNEGIE

Educate man and his shackles fall.

I hope Americans will some day find more time for play, like the wiser brethren on the other side.

Immense power is acquired by assuring yourself in your secret reveries that you were born to control affairs.

The day is coming and already we see it dawn, in which the man who dies possessed of millions of available wealth which was free and in his hands ready to be distributed, will die disgraced.

Labor, capital and business ability are three legs of a three-legged stool; neither is first, neither is second, neither is third; there is no precedence, all being equally necessary. He who would sow discord among the three is an enemy to all.

The first and most seductive peril, and the destroyer of most men, is the drinking of liquor. (Mr. Carnegie himself was a total abstainer, and gave his employees at Skibo castle a 10 per cent advance on their wages every year they reported that they had not touched liquor).—From the Books and Public Addresses of the Ironmaster.

### Fish That Spin Silk.

Silk stockings are very expensive nowadays, says Pearson's Weekly. The most costly of all this kind of hostery, however, is made from silk which is not the product of the silkworms, but a species of shellfish called a puina.

The puina makes its home in the warm waters of the Mediterranean round Sicily. It has an odd little tube at the end of its tongue.

Out of this tube, spider fashion, or silk-worm fashion, it spins a silk thread with which it fastens itself to any rock to which it wishes to adhere.

When the puina moves on to fresh feeding grounds its silken cable is left behind. This cable, which is called byssus, the Sicilian fishermen gather. Byssus weaves into the softest, finest, sheenest of fabrics; but it is very rare, and the stockings woven from it consequently are—as has been said—exceedingly expensive.

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## Items of Interest

Mark Conklin of Tacoma was a visitor with his parents in this city the first of the week.

Mrs. William Williams of Lewisville was a visitor in Monmouth Saturday.

Fred Smith has his fall crop about all in, having run his tractor night and day and in addition worked two and sometimes three teams.

Fall sown grain in the vicinity of Monmouth is looking well.

Mrs. C. C. Lee is visiting in Benton county.

The cement bridge near the post office in Independence on the road leading to the river suffered a cave in during the recent flood.

Mrs. Sullivan of Independence died last week. She was born in Canada and was eighty-five years of age.

A gentleman named Hill from Oklahoma it is reported is to operate a meat market in the Smith building on Monmouth Avenue.

Citizens of Pelee are circulating a petition to have that community restored as a post office.

W. J. Mulkey has been entertaining that most disagreeable of relatives, a carbuncle, located on the side of his head.

A dancing party will be held in the gymnasium of the Normal School, Saturday night. All on the social list of the Normal are cordially invited to attend.

The Normal Seniors and Juniors will again play basket ball Friday evening of this week, it being their third encounter. Admission 15 and 10 cents.



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Frank Haley of Portland, who visited with his brother, A. J. Haley and renewed acquaintance with old friends here, returned home last week.

The Stump farm at Saver, being a part of the state game reserve, a man named Golden of Salem was arrested last week and fined \$50 for shooting a pheasant thereon.

Dr. Thompson is now making regular visits to twenty one Valley towns, in which, he has scores of satisfied patrons. He takes every precaution known to Optical Science, to assure his patrons absolutely correct glasses.

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They tell a story of one of the Normal girls, in a class inspecting agricultural operations. A red pig hove into sight and the maid turned to the instructor and queried, "Is that a Rhode Island Red?"

E. E. Sharon, beloved of Oregon Odd Fellows, grand secretary of the order for the state of Oregon and with one or two exceptions, the grand secretary of longest tenure of office of any in the United States, will be a visitor in the local lodge Monday night. It is planned to make the evening an event. The lodge will put on the initiatory and a feed of ample proportions will follow.

Mrs. Ivan Rhodes and daughter, who have been visiting with her mother, Mrs. C. Stengel, expect to start soon with her husband, for Riverside, California, where they will help Mr. Rhodes' parents celebrate their sixtieth wedding anni-

versary. Mr. Rhodes has accepted a position in Y. M. C. A. work at Columbus, Ohio, where, while he will have less territory to cover than in his past mission in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, will come in contact with more people and will be better paid.

The home which the Ostroms have bought is on the Oregon City car line and consists of one and a fourth acres, highly improved with modern seven room bungalow and sleeping porch and all modern conveniences. Mr. Ostrom will not go to Florida as planned at least for the present. They plan to move soon to their new home where the latch string is always out to Monmouth friends.

P. O. Powell was a visitor at the International Pacific Livestock exposition this week. The exposition building, one of the largest in the country, covers seven acres of ground and it takes quite a while to go through and see all that is in it. The exhibits consist of cattle, horses, sheep, goats and pigs and draw spectators from a wide stretch of territory. Among local exhibitors are the Stumps, Riddells, C. E. McCaleb and F. Loughary.

### Baptist Church Notes

The usual services Sunday with timely messages by the pastor morning and evening. The musical part of the service is strengthened by the addition of several instruments to the piano making the beginning of a small orchestra.

All of the families of the church and congregation are invited to join in the Thanksgiving dinner in the social hall Thursday noon, each family participating to bring a basket with dinner for his family and one extra. Rev. F. H. Divine, D. D., of New York City is expected as the guest of honor, and while here he will pass upon the plans and other details of the proposed new church plant and equipment.

### Evangelical Church Notes

Sunday, November 23. Morning worship at 11. Subject: "Wayside Hearers". Evening worship at 7:30. Subject: "Wells that never run dry."

Sunday School at 10. Y. P. A. at 6:45. Subject: "How may we practice Thanksgiving". Leader, Mrs. Grimes.

Midweek service, Wednesday, 7:30. Ladies' Aid on Tuesday and Wednesday p. m.

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Oregon City made woollens Wool socks in different weights and qualities Wool shirts, Corduroy pants Kenosha Klosed Krotch wool union suits, Mixed sweaters for every day wear, Aquapelle pants, leggings and coats, Towers Fish Brand coats and pants, Ball Band and U. S. rubber boots, bootees with leather tops, Bergman and Barker brands high cut shoes.

Prices on present stock are based on the lower levels which prevailed last Spring. Manufacturers in many instances named us prices in anticipation of lower costs on raw material than they were able to realize. This advantage is yours on our present stock. Come in and let us fit you out today.

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