

A Chinese Wedding

The following letter, printed in the Myrtle Point Herald last week, was written by Miss Helen Whitaker, a missionary in China, to her mother, Mrs. Belle Whitaker, of Myrtle Point. It is a very interesting account of a Chinese marriage which she recently witnessed:

We have quite a strong wind today and oceans of sand. There must be a sandstorm on the Gobi desert.

This is the week-end for all the school girls to go home for over-night—they get to do this once a month. Today only about 30 girls are left in the dormitory, so it is rather quiet.

I was fortunate in being able to attend a Chinese wedding this week. Miss Fang, one of the Chinese teachers, was the means of my getting an invitation. I believe you'd like to hear about it in detail.

The bridegroom is a shop-keeper and about 35 years of age. His first wife died two years ago. He used a "middlewoman" instead of a "middleman" and had a regular old-fashioned Chinese heathen ceremony. He is not Christian. The middlewoman chose the girl and made all arrangements between all parties concerned. The bride and groom had never seen each other before the ceremony.

Last Tuesday was the day set because it is a very auspicious day of the Chinese calendar—the omens and signs are all good. There were hundreds of weddings in the city that day.

At 9:00 a. m. the bride left her home. She was dressed in a red satin dress heavily embroidered in bright colors. Her silk shoes were also red. Her head-dress was very elaborate, made of seed pearls. In her home she was put into this huge canopy chair, covered completely with-embroidered red satin, and carried on the shoulders of four men through the streets to her new home. A brass band preceded her down the street.

At the door of the bridegroom's home just as the bride's chair arrived a chicken was killed by a servant, so that the evil spirit which preceded the chair might be appeased with fresh blood.

In the reception room back of the shop the bride was coaxed from her chair. She must be reluctant to come forth in order to do honor to her own home which she has just left. Over her head-dress and face she had a red satin covering so that no one might view her before her husband got to see her. She was led at once to her future bedroom. There all the women guests were congregated, waiting for her. Up until that moment the bridegroom had not dressed for the occasion. He had to act very indifferent (according to custom) to show honor to his dead wife. The entrance of the bride was the signal for the bridegroom to begin to dress. About six elderly women dressed him. I was in the doorway between his dressing room and the bride's bedroom. I was awfully disgusted that he wasn't ready. The poor bride was dreadfully nervous. The old women brought his silk garments from the wardrobe in the bride's room, his shoes, also, and hat. In a few moments he was ready, with a few red ribbons draped across his chest. He came into the bedroom. Not another man was present. The ceremony began.

First, the bride and groom bowed to each other, then to large burning candles representing his ancestors, and then to the bed. Then the middlewomen led them to the bed where they sat on the edge. She gave them each tea to drink. After they had sipped once she poured some from each bowl into the other, to signify union. Following this, the same was done with wine. Then as they remained seated on the edge of the bed, the curtains of the bed were pulled around them for two or three seconds, while he took the satin covering from her face and got his first glimpse of his new wife. Then the curtains were parted again. That ended the first part of the ceremony.

The bridegroom left the room. The women all gave the bride the "once over" for sure—talked audibly about her good and bad points. The poor bride never raised her face at all, both from modesty and the weight of her head-dress. During this lull we had light refreshments.

We were then ready for the important part of the ceremony in the reception room before the family shrine. After much bowing and chanting to the ancestral tablets, the couple were pronounced married.

Miss Fang and I were unable to stay for the feast, for we had classes to attend. Only married women (not concubines) can wear red satin skirts at a wedding, so the married women were proud of their red skirts.

Miss Fang and I were asked to sit on the bed beside the bride, which is equivalent to catching the bride's bouquet at home.

Following the first ceremony a gold ring was put on each hand of the bride by the middlewoman.

It was all fascinating. The feasting likely lasted all afternoon and

evening. The bride has to have a great deal of courage to go through the rather coarse-jeating that comes during the feast after the men have had considerable to drink. At the close of the evening she must have been rather tired, because she must wear her head-dress all day.

Mrs. Lingle and Margaret France are expected this coming Tuesday. Mrs. Lingle comes back with the title of Vice President of National Christian Council.

All indications now are that the present government is firmly in the saddle, or better, "automobile," as that seems to be the exclusive way "it" rides now. (So our friends from Nanking tell us.) There is a feeling of security that was less marked a few weeks ago. The government is making progress and in view of the immense problems it faces, both within the party and without, they are doing well indeed. It looks as if it had the best men the country can produce at this time, quite a few of whom are good Christians. I have heard that a group of these meet regularly for prayer over their problems.

In the capital (Nanking) many new roads are being built. This is fine, but homes are being ruthlessly wrecked and torn down to widen streets and no remuneration is given.

Andrew Peterson Obituary

Percy H. Peterson, of Arago, returned last Saturday evening from attending the funeral of his brother, Andrew Peterson, at Lakeport last Thursday.

The deceased, who was born at Myrtle Point, had not lived in Coos county for 20 years, but was well and very favorably known to the older residents of the Coquille valley.

The following obituary notice is taken from the Lakeport, Calif., Bee, where he had conducted a service station and store for the past five years:

Wednesday noon of last week, Mr. Peterson's condition became serious and he consented to advice of friends to go to the hospital at Ukiah but insisted on going alone and driving his own car. While enroute from Upper Lake he became desperately ill in his machine. He was found unconscious two hours later by passers-by and hurried to the hospital. X-ray pictures were taken which disclosed one lung filled with water and his condition was so far advanced that nothing could be done to relieve him: He died in a chair in his room at the hospital, believing he could breathe better sitting up.

Mr. Peterson was a native of Myrtle Point, Oregon, and was 47 years of age. He had been a resident of Lake county for the past five and a half years and conducted the Junction store for four years. He was formerly engaged in business in Oakland and Stockton.

The deceased is survived by a son, Russell, who resides in San Francisco, and two brothers, Percy H. and David F. Peterson, both residents of Myrtle Point, Oregon. An aged mother, Mrs. Ella Peterson, died about a year ago in the same Oregon town.

The son was notified of his father's serious condition but was unable to arrive in Ukiah before death had ensued. Percy Peterson came down from the north on learning of his brother's death.

Mr. Peterson is leaving behind a host of friends in this county who deeply regret his passing. He was of kindly disposition and his purse strings were ever open for all charitable and civic enterprises. He was extremely interested at all times in the progress of the county and gave up much of his time and money in aiding in many ways to accomplish various improvements.

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Eastside Mill to Reopen

Lease of the Eastside mill, owned by the Coos Bay Lumber company, by the McKenna Lumber company of Marshfield, was announced Wednesday by M. J. McKenna, who said that his firm plans to start cutting spruce by May 1 of this year and that the McKenna Lumber company has an option to purchase the mill any time within the two year period covered by the lease.

The announcement was made from Bandon where Mr. McKenna made public terms of the lease, as president of the McKenna Lumber company.

One side of the Eastside mill, which has been closed down for several months, will be operated to employ about 75 men. Its production will be entirely spruce lumber, the logs coming from the South Slough camp of the McKenna firm. About 45,000,000 feet of timber is to be cut in the mill and the lease insures the employment of 150 men in the mill and camp for the next two years.

The mill lease leaves only one idle lumber manufacturing plant on Coos Bay, that being the Stout Mill B, which is also equipped to saw spruce.

Mr. McKenna said that very few changes and repairs will be necessary in the plant to make it ready for cutting spruce as it is already equipped with band saws.

The question of who will superintend mill operations has not been decided. President McKenna was connected with the sawmill department of the Moore Mill and Lumber company of Bandon for more than 20 years. He acted as treasurer for many years. Other members of the firm, including J. T. Conlogue, Wm. McKenna and J. P. Dillon, are all experienced timbermen.—Coos Bay Times.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administratrix of the estate of Lewis A. Pinkston, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County, her final account as such Administratrix and the said Court has appointed Saturday, the 26th day of January, 1923, as the day for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

Inez M. Pinkston, Administratrix of the estate of Lewis A. Pinkston, deceased. 5075

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until 5 o'clock P. M., on the 21st day of January, 1923, and thereafter publicly opened at 8 o'clock P. M. on said date by the Common Council of the City of Coquille at the Council Chambers in the City Hall in said City for an issue of negotiable, coupon bonds of the said City of Coquille in the sum of \$5,000 in denominations of \$500 each, said bonds to be dated January 1st, 1923, shall be ten in number and shall be numbered consecutively from one to ten, both numbers inclusive and bond number one shall be payable January 1st, 1931, and one bond payable thereafter on the 1st day of each succeeding year according to their respective numbers, each of said bonds except bond number one shall contain a clause making it optional with the City to pay and redeem such bond at any time after one year from the date thereof and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 5 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, principal and interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer of said City.

There bonds are issued to pay outstanding special fund warrants issued by the common council of said City to pay for rebuilding the Henry Street Bridge.

The sale of these bonds shall be subject to the preferential right of the State Land Board of the State of Oregon, to purchase the same if not sold for more than par.

Each bidder will be required in his bid to state the rate of interest which he expects such bonds to draw according to his bid.

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish at his own expense suitably engraved bonds, and the approving legal opinion of such attorney as shall be satisfactory to such bidder.

Bids must be unconditional except as stated herein and shall be accompanied by certified check in the sum of \$250.00 to be forfeited to said City in case such bids shall be accepted and such bidder shall refuse to purchase said bond in accordance with his bid.

The Common Council reserves the right to repurchase any or all bids.

Dated at the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, this 28th day of December, 1922.

F. G. Leslie, City Recorder.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator with the Will annexed of the estate of Caroline M. Myers, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Coos County, his final account as such Administrator and said Court has appointed Saturday, the 19th day of January, 1923, as the day for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

J. J. Stanley, Administrator with the Will annexed of the estate of Caroline M. Myers, deceased. 4975

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of W. L. Mast, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County his final account as such Administrator and the said Court has appointed Tuesday, the 29th day of January, 1923, as the time for the hearing of objections to

the said final account and the settlement thereof.

Hardy Mast, Administrator of the estate of W. L. Mast, deceased. 4975

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of J. W. Mast, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County his final account as such Administrator and the said Court has appointed Tuesday, January 29, 1923, as the time for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

Webb Mast, Administrator of the estate of J. W. Mast, deceased. 4975

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON the 5th day of January, 1923, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the front door of the Court House at Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described real property: Lot Ten (10) and the South 20 feet of Lot Eleven (11), Block Nine (9), Sengstacken's Addition to the City of Marshfield, according to the duly recorded map and plat thereof on record, in Coos County, Oregon.

Said sale is made under and by virtue of a writ of execution issued out of the Circuit Court for Coos County, Oregon, and a decree of said Court all to me directed in the case entitled Benefit Savings & Loan Association, a corporation, plaintiff, versus V. A. Biderback and Aitna F. Biderback, husband and wife, Sara T. Morse, H. E. Bell and Jane Doe Bell, husband and wife, defendants, and said sale will be so made under and by virtue of said judgment order, decree and writ of execution.

W. W. Gage, Sheriff. 4715

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Said sale is made under and by virtue of a writ of execution issued out of the Circuit Court for Coos County, Oregon, and a decree of said Court, all to me directed in the case entitled Benefit Savings & Loan Association, a corporation, plaintiff, versus C. C. Fowler and Eida M. Fowler, husband and wife, Sara T. Morse, L. J. Scott and Gertrude M. Scott, husband and wife, defendants, and said sale will be so made under and by virtue of said judgment order, decree and writ of execution.

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