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AN AMERICAN TELLS OF CHINESE LIFE

A Good Description of Conditions and Life in the Orient—Japs Drilling Chinese Army.

Canton, China, June 2, 1905.
After spending several months in a highly civilized country, it made such a deep impression upon me that I will give a brief sketch in the Courier, of life and conditions here, presuming that the article will interest my friends in Grants Pass.

How wonderful! It seems as a nightmare and as I re-enter its narrow streets, a chill creeps over me when I think what would happen were I to lose my way. It is hard to conceive of a more ghastly dream than to be lost in this frightful maze of crooked streets. Everywhere it is dark, cramped and shut in from the light of day. These streets seem to lead on for miles and miles so that one might wander for days before the outer wall and the green rice fields are reached. The streets are corridors in a prison, like subterranean trenches, like tunnels in a mine. The high walls on either side seem to be creeping in upon you and your fear is that you will be crushed between their greasy surfaces.

The stench in the air is as unbearable as gas. The alleys are full of a sallow crowd, some in dingy clothes, others in gorgeous silk, some with bare yellow skins. Their shaven heads and grinning teeth strike fear into your heart as you hurry by, like a bunted thing, from lane to lane. They all stare with curious faces, then there comes to you a memory of their devilry and of their murderous risings, and of their fiendish cruelty. You are filled with alarm and you imagine you are imprisoned, as your nerves run up to their highest tension. You are seized with a great desire to escape before the walls, bedecked with joss paper, crush you and the stench stifles you, or the growing crowds trample you in the muddy streets. There is no sound about the place like our cities, only a muttering in an unknown tongue, and the muffled tramp of thousands of padded feet.

It seems like a dream that I have been away from here six months, and during that time I have traveled two-thirds of the way around the world and have seen modern civilization in all its perfection.

The weather here has been intolerable for the past few weeks, smoky, overcast and generally dreary. Viceroy Shun, of Canton, thought he would bring a change in the conditions of the elements, so he ordered all furs, in and about the city, to constantly fire their guns night and day, so during the three nights that I was there, sleep was impossible, there was a continual cannonading resembling the noise to be heard on a battlefield. The air became impregnated with a dense smoke and the fumes from the powder would almost smother you.

Owing to the present conditions in the "East," you hear a great deal about the "Yellow Peril" and the possibility of its development, which can only be realized by those who are here on the ground and note the constant changes. Japan's deep laid political scheme is to influence China against the whites. Even now in Canton there are over 1000 Japanese serving among the Imperial troops to give them military instruction, while several pieces of field artillery have been introduced by the Chinese officers at Canton. Everywhere you go you will see these yellow upstart Japanese wearing a queue and dressing the same as the Chinese. The great military success of Japan has inflated the Japanese with such an overwhelming pride, and such a very false impression of their powers, as a nation, that they now aspire to nothing short of becoming the dominant power in China. To this end they are secretly working among the Chinese stirring up hatred for the white race, using as an argument the success of Japan to illustrate the possibilities of China if guided and directed by Japanese.

While in Nagasaki, Japan, the other day, I saw many hundred Russian soldiers and officers, who were taken prisoners at Port Arthur and who were awaiting transportation to their home country. As I mingled among them I realized that with all their faults they were white men and there came upon me a full realization of the difference between the white and the yellow race.

I believe the evils of war and stress of conflict is quite necessary, which must come at given periods to bring about certain necessary changes, which conditions demand for the betterment of the world; yet one can but deplore the terrible waste of life and the suffering of the brave during the present terrible combat in which their respective governments have engaged them. The continuance of this conflict seems to be necessary for the cleansing of much corruption in high offices in the Russian Empire,

still death in all instances is better than dishonor. War cannot be a greater curse than a long bondage of tyranny and oppression laid upon a great people. This war in the far East will have a wider and more beneficial result to the Russian people than the average man can foresee.

The Viceroy of Canton has instituted terrible reign of terror amongst his people. He is decapitating thousands of people every month for the slightest offense. The day I was in that city I saw 10 poor devils being carried through the streets to the execution ground where their heads would be cut off without any ceremony. The people are in terror; robbery, piracy and crime have increased to such an extent about Canton and on the West River, that one's life is constantly in danger. The Delta of the Canton River appears to be the happy hunting ground of all the criminal classes in China. In time of poverty or famine it is the rendezvous of the most desperate dogs of the Chinese race. And these outcasts of society, whose heads are at a premium, find with the pirate bands of South China a safe and profitable asylum. The Imperial troops never molest these bandits, for they are always well armed and desperate characters, who will fight like demons when attacked. Once in a great while one of the leaders is captured, and it amounts to nothing for he is soon released and the official is richer in pocket.
CHARLTON B. PERKINS.

BLACK SAND SAMPLES WANTED

By U. S. Geological Survey Experiment Station at Lewis and Clark Fair.

An experimental plant, for testing black sand for values in platinum, gold and other metals, is being installed at the Lewis and Clark fair by the United States geological survey bureau. The tests will be made free of charge and miners are asked to send samples, which should be addressed to the Director, U. S. Geological Survey Experiment Station, Lewis and Clark Fair.

Nearly every placer mine in Southern Oregon black sand is found in more or less quantities and not knowing whether it contains platinum or other valuable metals many miners have allowed the sand to run off with the tailings. At a few mines a systematic effort has been made to separate the platinum from the black sand and in some instances with profitable results.

There is every indication that Southern Oregon is quite rich in platinum and when once all the miners learn how to save it this district will become one of the big producers of this valuable metal. The demand for platinum in electrical and other uses is increasing rapidly in recent years, and as a consequence the price for the metal is advancing and it is now quoted at about \$21 an ounce. The government reports show that for the year 1904, there were mined in all the United States 110 ounces of platinum. It is quite certain that the amount for 1905 will be more than 200 ounces, for Josephine county alone will produce 30 or more ounces this year.

Elevation of Southern Oregon Towns.

Last year the U. S. Geological Survey determined the altitude above sea level of the different towns along the line of the Southern Pacific lines. In each case they represent the altitude of the top of the rail at the station. These were determined with extreme accuracy from tide water to tide water and will take the place of those given by the railroad company.

The following are the elevations of the Rogue River Valley towns and of Steinman, on the summit of the Siskiyou mountains:

Town	Feet
Steinman	3026
Ashtland	1978
Talent	1634
Phoenix	1542
Medford	1374
Central Point	1272
Gold Hill	1088
Woodville	969
Grants Pass	957
Jacksonville	1666 feet above the level of the sea.

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PORTLAND TO HAVE SANE CELEBRATION

Passes Ordinance Restricting the Use of Dangerous Explosives.

The campaign that has been carried on of late in all sections of the country for a sane Fourth of July this year is bringing the desired result in many cities and towns.

Portland last week passed an ordinance that will make that city a comparatively safe place to be in on the Fourth, and will no doubt greatly lessen the list of casualties and loss by fire on that day.

The ordinance provides that "it shall be unlawful for any person within the city of Portland to discharge any gun, revolver, pistol or firearm of any description, whether the same be loaded with powder and ball or shot, or with blank cartridge, or any kind of explosive whatever; or to shoot or discharge any preparation of chlorate of potash, mixture of sulphur and saltpeter or any mud cans, toy cannons, loaded anvils, loaded cans, or any giant crackers, Dewey chasers or fireworks of a similar nature, or any firecrackers exceeding four inches in length."

It further provides "that it shall be unlawful for any person or dealer in the city to sell, expose, or offer for sale, or in any manner furnish or dispose of to any resident of the city of Portland, or to any other person for use in the city or to any minor at any time, any blank cartridge pistol or revolver; or any explosives or firecrackers, the use of which is prohibited in the former section."

The ordinance was passed to prevent a repetition of the disturbances made on the streets of that city last Fourth by men and boys who became exceedingly reckless in firing explosives. Considerable damage to property resulted and several persons were slightly injured.

It would be a good move if the Grants Pass council would amend the ordinance governing the sale and use of toy pistols, giant crackers and other like dangerous noise producers. The fear of these deadly missiles and their attendant deafening noises is one reason why so many residents of this city have been opposed to the holding of Fourth of July celebrations in Grants Pass. With the day made more safe and more enjoyable there will be greater interest taken hereafter in getting up celebrations in this city and instead of the citizens spending the day out of town, the day can be made a big gathering of people from all parts of the country.

Cuban Diarrhoea.

U. S. soldiers who served in Cuba during the Spanish war know what this disease is, and that ordinary remedies have little more effect than so much water. Cuban diarrhoea is almost as severe and dangerous as a mild attack of cholera. There is one remedy, however, that can always be depended upon as will be seen by the following certificate from Mrs. Minnie Jacobs of Houston, Texas: I hereby certify that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured my husband of a severe attack of Cuban diarrhoea which he brought home from Cuba. We had several doctors but they did him no good. One bottle of this remedy cured him, as our neighbors will testify. I thank God for so valuable a medicine. For sale by all druggists.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WORKING IN OREGON

Will Measure the River Flows, and Make Topographic and Geological Surveys.

The United States Geological Survey bureau is having geologic, topographic and hydrographic work carried on this summer in all the states and territories of the United States. The work is divided in departments and is carried on by specialists.

A study of the stratigraphy of portions of Klamath mountains in Southern Oregon will be undertaken by J. S. Diller. D. T. Day will make a special investigation of the black sand resources of the United States, experimenting in the concentration of these sands with a plant at the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition at Portland.

The mineral statistics of the State will be collected by C. G. Yale.

W. H. Heron has charge of parties that will survey two quadrangles in the vicinity of Baker City. This work will be done in co-operation with the State of Oregon.

The streams of the State will be measured by W. C. Sawyer, assisted by E. N. Smith and others.

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HOP GROWERS TO FORM A UNION

Rogue River Growers to Meet in Grants Pass, Saturday, July 1

The hopgrowers of Oregon, having become convinced that the present decline of hops to 20 cents from 30 cents of last winter is due to a condition among the dealers, now propose to meet this combine with a union of their own, and a general movement is on in all the hop districts to form local unions, each to be a post of a state union.

With this end in view the Rogue River Valley hopgrowers will hold a meeting in Grants Pass this Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. in the Opera House. The meeting will be addressed by Conrad Krebs of Salem. Mr. Krebs is at the head of the movement to organize an Oregon hopgrowers union and he is holding meetings in all the hopgrowing districts of the state, for this purpose. Though the notice for the meeting has been short yet it is expected that every grower in the Valley will be present and that a union will be organized. Hopboycotters have their unions and the growers will have to organize too, or take the consequences of low prices, which the dealers try to force on them, while at the same time putting the price up on hops to the brewers.

Developing Cobalt Mine.

Dr. W. E. Williams, manager for the Buckeye Mining Company, came in from the Buckeye mine Monday. The Doctor brought in some very fine specimens of ore from the vein that is now being developed. The samples show gold, copper and nickel. At first there was only a trace of nickel, but as depth is reached the nickel has increased until it is now more plentiful than the copper. When the vein was first opened it was thought to be a copper proposition, with considerable gold values, but while the gold and copper are holding their own the nickel has so increased that there is a likelihood that it will become a netted producer of the white metal.

Dr. Williams has a force of men at work on the property and most satisfactory progress is being made with the development work.

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