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THOUGHTS ON SUGAR

CHINESE WARES ARE USED.

But Apt to be Unclean. Public Interest Should be Aroused, Therefore on the Subject of Beet Sugar Production.

It is the duty of the press so far as it is possible to educate the public in regard to questions of common interest, although they may be very commonplace. When it comes down to a matter of household economy, every one is familiar with the fact that little things are the occasion of the greatest losses, and but few know the proper value of the goods they buy, in many cases reckless through the help at the back door.

The principal sources of sugar supply are refineries situated in the different parts of the U. S.; but a very large portion of the stock that is manufactured by these refineries is imported from Germany, Sandwich Islands and West Indies. Another point of importance for refined sugars is China, but the sugar from that country are only used in any quantity on the Pacific coast. Not less than \$1,500,000 was sent to China for sugar consumed on the Pacific coast during the year 1894, and the business threatens to increase.

Now there are two very important factors to the development of this Western country. The first is to produce those articles that are in demand, and which can take the place of imported products for which our money has to be sent away. The second is to encourage the population in our immediate section to consume those articles that are produced as far as possible on the coast. There are two beet sugar factories in California doing a large business. The Western Sugar Refining Company expended in operating expenses in 1894, \$1,650,000, of which \$500,000 was for labor. While there is room for other factories, there is plenty of sugar produced here to supply the demand; and the importing of China sugars has been carried on simply because there is a tendency on the part of our own people, consumers and merchants, to buy the cheapest article that is offered, irrespective of quality. We do not think the consumer is altogether to blame for this. The retail grocer takes that sugar which will afford him the greatest profit. Unless the consumers are watchful, they cannot be sure that they are not eating sugars that are manufactured by the cheap coolie laborer of the Orient, where hand labor, though nasty, is so cheap that there is no inducement to use machinery. Custom-house figures absolutely show that there were imported into the Portland and Port Townsend (Oregon and Washington) districts in 1894, 11,000,000 pounds of refined sugars from Hong Kong, and all of this sugar was hauled in a surreptitious way by our retail grocers (for our wholesalers will not buy it, the retailer getting his supplies direct from the importer's brokers), and sold as American sugars. Ask any grocer in Oregon if he handles China sugars, and he will answer "No." What has become of the 11,000,000 pounds imported? It probably goes without saying that the Eastern, or Oriental countries, are hotbeds for development of all kinds of horrible, loathsome human diseases: cholera, smallpox, leprosy etc. In one instance, in 1882, the steamer Palmas, which brought 2000 to 3000 bags of China sugar to Victoria, had smallpox on board, and there were later cases of the same disease among the stevedores who helped to discharge the vessel. In 1894, the great sugar refineries of Hong Kong were compelled to cease operations for lack of labor due to the plague, and now we are told that the black plague has broken out this spring. In view of the introduction of quantities of Chinese sugar, it may be as well that the public be informed on the very highest possible authority, of the danger that may be attended upon their use. Prof. Cameron, public analyst, Dublin, a gentleman who has made it his special business to re-examine all kinds of foreign sugars, refined and other, says that certain kinds of them should never be used. He states that they contain great numbers of disgusting insects, which produce disgusting diseases.

Probably enough has been said here to awaken some interest in this subject and it is hoped readers of this article will stipulate when they order sugar that it is produced on the Pacific coast, and show that they want sugars made by home refineries, which employ white labor only. Statistics show that this country has sent abroad in a single year \$116,000,000 for sugar alone. Of this immense consumption, 1,700,000 tons was foreign sugar, and yet it has been asserted by one of the most prominent men connected with this business that California alone, if the interests were properly developed, would produce enough raw beet sugar to supply the demand of the entire U. S. What a boon it would be to Oregon if we could locate in the central portion of our territory a refinery for making beet sugar. While it is not possible for consumers in general to contribute to an industry of this kind, it is possible for them to make it interesting to capitalists by proving themselves enthusiastic on the subject of patronizing home industry. This is an opportunity in everybody's way, and a little thoughtfulness if made use of will result in an unbounded benefit to our country.

The following was written to the editor of the Oregonian and signed "Home Industry." We publish it by request.

WATERLOO RUMORS.

Rumor has it that the butchers are losing cattle and we trust the thief will be found. Several men have been charged with that style of stealing hereabout in time past and with a vast amount of proof against them; they still are suffered to run a large. It is time for an investigation to be made and a thorough one at that.

Sundays in Waterloo have been quiet this spring. Some slight excitement was created two weeks since by the Santiam and Waterloo ball games, but resulted as usual in favor of Waterloo.

We had in view a brief write up of the "Bicycle as she is rode" by the cycling womanhood, but spare forbids this week; next week we will give the law on the subject, also the terms of the meat market folks for delivering four cents worth of beef.

We have not yet received an invitation to "do" the factory or mill, and until such invitation is extended the public will have to content itself with what few scraps we here outside the walls, for without a passport it is dangerous to intrude. SAGGERS.

Sweet Home.

Several of our young people went to the picnic at Lebanon last week.

W. J. Grimes came from Albany last week.

J. M. Ware and wife are at Oregon City on a visit.

Miss Addie Hughes, who has been attending school at Oregon City, came home last week.

A. Phelps intends to start for Prineville this week.

W. Scott went to Crawfordville on his wheel and had a breakdown.

Walter Van Horn has returned from eastern Oregon.

Children's Day passed quietly.

There will be a basket social at A. C. Buck's Friday evening for the benefit of the Sunday school.

S. Evans and family leave for eastern Oregon this week.

Paul Preston has moved into the mountains.

Charles Simons bought S. Evan's household furniture.

Dick Malone purchased the property where the saloon now is. OBSERVER.

Tennessee.

Martha Crowder of this place is now working at Sodaville.

James Blacklaw has bought a new buggy.

Lost Sunday Goods and Tennessee played a game of ball. Tennessee was defeated. An unusual large crowd was in attendance.

Strawberries at Frank's.

Ovillie Swink visited this place last week.

There will be a picnic at the close of school.

Clyde McKnight was a visitor here Sunday.

Potato growers have finished planting.

Obe Wallace is staying in these parts.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKnight visited this vicinity Sunday.

Sunday school at the schoolhouse 4 p. m. OREGON.

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REUNION AT ROSEBURG

THE PIONEERS PLAYED BALL And Enjoyed Themselves. After Parade and Addresses, They Fought Over Again the Battle of Table Rock.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 15.—The pioneer reunion was held here today. There were many campers at the grove, and all trains from the north brought many more. Early this morning teams containing old and young came by all the roads into the city. There were 5000 people in attendance, notwithstanding it was showery at intervals the entire day. The procession formed in front of the court house at 9:30 a. m., headed by the Knights of Pythias band. In the parade the Oregon National Guard, Army of the Republic, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Ben Holladay's coach with six mules, two ox teams of six oxen each, hauling emigrant trains and followed by citizens in carriages and wagons, forming a procession one mile in length. After arriving at the grove, the Hon. Stephen Stants, president, delivered the address, and Judge Loughery the annual address in a most eloquent manner. After some music, Governor Lord and Binger Hermann made short speeches. Dinner was served during a heavy shower, after which the pioneers played a game of ball, to the amusement of all. At 2:50 p. m., the sham battle of Table Rock took place on Mount Nelo, in West Roseburg. Captain F. G. Hamlin commanded the militia, and Captain G. W. Peters, of Oakland, the pioneers. The Indians were attacked from the west side of the mountain and driven to the river on the east side and, then were taken to the east side of the river, where the pipe of peace was smoked. The day wound up with a dance in the armory.

A Fatal Explosion.

FALL RIVER, Mass., June 14.—The worst catastrophe that has visited this city since the Granite mill fire occurred this morning. In Langley's harness shop, a four story building, on County street, a new boiler exploded in the basement, blowing out the entire side of the structure and allowing the upper floors to settle into a mass of ruins. There were about forty-five persons, most of them women, at work in the shop, of whom only Henry J. Langley, the proprietor; George E. Davol, the foreman, and seven other employes had been rescued alive up to 9:30.

LATER—Mayor Green announces that ten persons were killed. Three are still missing. Only about thirty persons were in the building when the explosion occurred. There are a number of injured and several may die. Engineer Lepage was arrested. He says the boiler was five years old and had not been inspected for a long time. He says he put water in the boiler some time before the catastrophe.

He Lost His Dignity.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—Justice of the Peace Groezinger jumped through the window of his courtroom today to escape the wrath of an irate lawyer who wanted his blood. Justice Groezinger heard the suit of A. S. Newberg against Police Captain Douglas for \$229 damages. During the Durrant examination Newberg was forcibly ejected from the courtroom by Captain Douglas. Newberg claimed that as an attorney he had a right to be in court, and he accordingly brought suit. Groezinger dismissed the case today. When Newberg heard of it he threatened to shoot Groezinger. The matter was reported to the Justice, and latter, when Newberg tapped at the glass door of the courtroom, Groezinger, seeing who it was, jumped through the window and sought safety in flight. Newberg was calmed by friends and has buried the hatchet.

A Jealous Man's Crime.

ST. FRANCIS, Kan., June 15.—A horrible tragedy was enacted about nine miles northeast of St. Francis this morning. Frank Williams, a farmer, in a fit of jealous rage, attempted to murder his wife and Miss Alice Smith and William Smith. He beat the brains out of his two children, a girl aged five and a boy aged nine years, with a hatchet, after which he blew his own brains out with a revolver. Williams lost his first wife last September, and in May was married to Mrs. Anna Kennedy, formerly Miss Dixon, who lived near by, and who had assisted in the housework for some time. Their married life was very unhappy, and after about four weeks of turmoil the woman left him and went to live with a man named A. Swanson, a neighbor. During the passed week Williams went to the house of Swanson several times, flourishing a revolver and threatened to kill his wife and Mrs. Swanson. This morning the Swanson family and Mrs. Williams started to come to St. Francis for the purpose of having Williams arrested. On the way they stopped at the house of G. O. Smith. While there Williams appeared and proceeded to settle the differences between his wife and himself by drawing a revolver and beginning to fire at everybody in sight. William Smith was shot through the cheek, the bullet knocking out two of his teeth and tearing away a portion of the jawbone. He was also shot twice in the back, and may die. Miss Smith received a bullet in the breast, but fortunately her corset arrested the bullet, and she suffered but a slight flesh wound. Mrs. Williams, the wife, received a bullet in the mouth, but was not seriously hurt. Williams then rode home, where he completed his work by smashing the brains of his two children with a hatchet and shooting himself through the head. When the sheriff arrived Williams and the children were dead. The coroner was summoned and held an inquest. Great excitement prevails through the neighborhood.

San Francisco Will be Happy.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—A Washington special to a morning paper, says that if the views of prominent members of the republican national committee cannot be taken as a criterion, San Francisco is the leading city now actively in the race for the next national republican convention. Up to the present time Thomas H. Carter, chairman of the republican national committee; Joe Manley, of Maine, chairman of the executive committee; General Clarkson, national committeeman from Iowa, and Robert G. Evans, republican committeeman from Minnesota, are in favor of the Pacific coast metropolis as the next convention town. Manley and Clarkson have all along favored San Francisco, and now National Committeeman Evans, of Minnesota, says he favors San Francisco. It will be seen from the names given that the most prominent men on the committee favor San Francisco for the convention.

The Black Flag in It.

HONG KONG, June 15.—It is stated that the Black Flags are threatening to cause serious trouble in Formosa, and foreigners on the island are in a critical condition. In view of these facts the commander of the British cruiser Spartan has landed a detachment of marines, and the British cruiser Rainbow has left here for the scene of the trouble. The Japanese cruiser approaching Ah Ping was fired upon without effect.

In Salem Schools.

SALEM, June 14.—The commencement exercises of the academy of the Sacred Heart were largely attended this afternoon, and Reed's opera house was crowded at the graduating exercises of the public schools in the evening. Dr. Byrd, of the school board, presented forty-six diplomas to public school graduates. The address to the class was delivered by H. J. Biggar.

Spring has come and now is a good time to have some photos taken. Drop in at the Lebanon Art Gallery and get prices.