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## HONG KONG KOLUM

## CHINA BOY

SAYS:



BEN FLANKIN SAY WELL  
DONE TWEE DONE CHINA  
BOY SAY NO CAN TELLE;  
MAYBESO GET ALESTED  
FLOR BIGAMY!

FROM VAUDEVILLE  
(John and Mae Burke)

"Are you a soldier?"  
"You bet I'm a soldier."

"What kind of a soldier are you?"

"I'm a boy slouch. But you say  
you are a soldier, too."

"Yes, there are 5000 women in my  
army."

"Five thousand women. I want  
to join. I'm a home guard."

"What are the duties of a home  
guard?"

"Why, I stay home and take care  
of the regular soldiers' wives."

"Were you ever in a regular bat-  
talion?"

"I lived with my mother-in-law  
two years."

"That wasn't a battle."

"No, that was a riot."

"Are you brave?"

"I should say so. I hadn't been  
in the army two weeks before I  
saved the entire regiment."

"You did? How?"

"I shot the cook."

Police Judge—You say the pris-  
oner struck you a violent blow. Have  
you any witnesses to prove it?

Prosecutor—Yes, your honor, I've  
got an eye witness!

Physician—This man's condition is  
not due to drink. He's been drugged.

Policeman (turning pale and speak-  
ing timidly)—I'm afraid you're right  
str. I drugged him all the way—a  
matter of a hundred yards or more.

A prominent New York theatrical  
man tells this story of how he was  
once foaled in a western city.

We had a melodrama and besides  
paying the leading role, I acted as  
booking agent and business manager.  
As we made a hit I was in for  
some share of popularity. At that  
time there was an autograph craze.  
I found myself signing photos and  
cards many times during the day.  
Finally, one Saturday afternoon, I  
slid into the theater to find a  
long row of people waiting for me,  
each bearing a small card. Rapidly  
I autographed each card.

What was my consternation when  
the next performance when I found all  
these cards in the cash drawer! On  
each one was written—"pass bearer."

A certain girl in Scotland had the  
reputation of having a splendid echo.  
An Englishman visited the place, and  
asked his guide about the echo.

Just about, "Two bottles of  
whisky," said the guide.

The Englishman did as requested,  
and after waiting for several min-  
utes he turned to the Scot, and said:

"But I do not hear any echo."

"Maybe, no," chuckled the Scot,  
"but here's the lassie comin' wi the  
whisky."

I wonder if it is a real diamond,"  
mused Dorothy as she contemplated  
the engagement ring Jack had given  
her.

You needn't worry about that,"  
replied her dearest friend. "I had  
it tested when Jack gave it to me."

Mrs. Jones—How nicely you hold  
the darning cotton, Mr. Brown!

Mrs. Brown—Oh, yes, you see, my  
husband is used to telling fish stories  
of about that length!

## RAILROAD LAND GRANT LANDS

PORTLAND seems intent upon dictating the disposal of the O. & C. land grant lands without reference to the wishes of the counties containing the land. Little of the land is situated near Portland. The bulk of it—and by far the most valuable portion, lies in southern Oregon, which is most vitally concerned.

The southern Oregon counties have suffered most from the blight of railroad ownership and curtailed development. Southern Oregon, more than any other portion of the state, needs the proceeds of these lands in its development. Southern Oregon should have a voice in the disposal of the lands.

Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Curry counties comprise the largest mineral zone in Oregon—the region that has already produced the most gold and will eventually produce much more, a region rich in many other minerals, and destined to become one of the great copper-producing belts of the world. This mineral development has been stifled by the do-nothing, sell-nothing policy of private ownership.

Left alone, the government will place most of the timber lands in the federal reserve, thus withdrawing from taxation a large area of the four counties. Non-timbered tracts will be opened to settlement and the counties benefit little. The four counties should get together and unite upon a definite program for the disposal of the lands to benefit materially the regions involved.

The following is offered as a suggestion:

First, a survey of the lands to determine their character and a cruise of the timbered lands and an appraisement of the agricultural land.

The segregation of the mineral lands and the restoration of the title of the lands in the mineral districts to the government, so the same would be open to the prospector, explorer and miner for all time to come.

If the mineral lands are in the timbered section provision should be made for the sale of the timber, while the title to the land would remain in the government and be open to the prospector.

The timber land should be sold according to its cruise. The agricultural lands sold according to its appraisement. There is no reason for presenting anyone with a \$5000 timber claim for \$400, or a valuable farm free.

The proceeds from the sale of these lands should reimburse the government for the purchase price of \$2,500 an acre from the railroad. The surplus should be used in development projects in the region in which the land is located—in highway construction and in irrigation.

All of the southern Oregon counties need aid in building roads and in constructing irrigation systems. Proceeds from the sale of the grant lands will provide this needed aid.

## Undermining of Family by Intemperance

(Published by request of W. C. T. U.) Does intemperance undermine the family? First let's see what the Bible tells us about this matter. Paul tells us in Col. 2:21 that we must touch not, taste not, handle not. This applies not only to drink, but to many other ways in which we may be intemperate, but I think whisky is the greatest foe with which our people have to combat. I think King Alcohol has undermined more families than any one thing in all the world today. Proverbs, 28:1, tells us wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Sisters, stop and think with me for a moment of our mothers, wives, our precious God-given children.

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