

CHINA'S GRAND OLD MAN

INTERESTING REMINISCENCES OF LI HUNG CHANG.

Thought President Dole's Salary a Huge Joke—Insurance Companies and Chinese Boarding Houses.

Appropos of the death of Li Hung Chang, C. J. Hutchings of this city cites some interesting memories of his interviews with the Grand Old Man of China.

"I was in China in August '96," said Mr. Hutchings "on an insurance trip and mentioning my intention to George Bromley of Fuzoo once American Consul at Tientsin then 83 years of age, he gave me a letter of introduction to Li which afterwards afforded me an interview that I would not have missed for a great deal."

"I sent my letter to Petibek, the Pennsylvania man who was English secretary to Li Hung Chang for a long time and he made an appointment with me for the following morning at ten o'clock to meet the viceroy. My impressions did not differ very much from my preconceived ideas except that I was agreeably surprised at his affability."

"On first entering I made the remark that I congratulated him on being the survivor of the three grand old men of the age. Bismarck had then just died after outliving Gladstone, and the remark seemed to tickle Li's vanity. He said that he did feel lonely now that the others were gone, although he had always expected to outlive them."

"Li Hung was supported by two attendants during the interview, having lost the use of his lower limbs at that time. He was dressed in Chinese robes with rich silks and a skull cap on his head, which he frequently threw off as he did his shoes. His face was so lined that his nationality was merely a remark of old age that summed up his face and through which his piercing eyes gleamed like jewels. His head seemed enormous with its withered gray queue straggling behind."

"He shook hands with me and was evidently a good humor. After asking me innumerable questions about my family and my ancestors, the talk drifted to travel and the Hawaiian Islands which he said he had always wanted to visit. 'He had heard,' he said 'that Chinamen were paid princely salaries down here and asked for my cooperation. I told him \$12 gold a month and he said that that was a salary beyond the dreams of avarice for people in their condition.'

"He asked after the king forgetting for the moment that we were a republic at that time. Asked to describe President Dole I did so and, commenting on his personal appearance, spoke of his luxuriant beard at which Li, with a mock grimace stroked his own diminutive imperial. Telling him that the President's salary was \$12,000 a year, he seemed to think it a huge joke and, laughing and pounding the table with his hands said that 'if he had that position and those long whiskers \$12,000 would not be enough to keep them in order.'

"The conversation came round to insurance and he asked me if I was willing to insure him. I told him that personally I would take the risk but that as he was seventy five years old I did not think the company would do so. Your insurance companies are like the Chinese boarding houses," said he, "at which everybody roared. This I found meant that the Chinese boarding houses did not like to take the risk of having an old man stay over night lest he should die and make a bad job."

"Li refused to be insured, breaking the only two English words in the interview when he said that the was 'too poor.' He afterwards signed an application for a million taels and I insured his son who was a splendid fellow, an excellent risk."

"Li is an inveterate smoker and used a magnificent carved cigarette holder which was constantly holding a cigarette. When the coup d'etat came he sent me saying that if I was nervous to come up to the palace where Petibek would be glad to entertain me. I did not go then but afterwards had an interview with the old diplomat in which I thanked him for his courtesy and when he gave me a photograph with his signature on the back."

WILL PAY OFF THE DEBTS

WRIGHT'S OFFICE OWES HALF A MILLION.

Pratt Says the Income Tax Delinquent List Will be Published in a Very Short Time.

"The income tax delinquent list will be published in a very short time," said Tax Collector Pratt this morning. "The list of those who are delinquent in other taxes will take some time to prepare and will probably be published about the end of the year. The income tax list, however, can be prepared easily and it will be published as soon as we can get it up."

The tax books closed last night and all who failed to pay taxes up to that time are now liable to a ten per cent increase of the amount assessed. The sum paid in aggregate over half a million dollars. "This is over twice the amount paid in at this time last year. The increase is largely due to payments on the income tax, which is a new tax and was not in effect last year."

There was about \$400,000 in the vaults of Pratt's office last night when the office closed. It was well safe-guarded. The vaults have two steel doors of ponderous weight, the outer one with a time lock and both of the very latest and strongest make.

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Treasurer Wright is waiting for figures from Pratt as to the exact amount of money available. He stated this morning that about \$500,000 was due on outstanding warrants that remained unpaid. These would be paid as soon as arrangements were perfected.

Wright's estimate is that there will be about \$200,000 left in the treasury on January 1, with all debts of the government paid. Until the returns from all the islands are received, this estimate cannot be verified.

SOME VERY BAD MILK

DR. SHOREY GETS A STARTLING SAMPLE.

Tests Indicate the Fluid to be Over Half Water—Worst Sample for Many Months.

Judge Humphreys came down this morning with a bottle of milk under his arm. It was not for baby members of the bar, but for Dr. Shorey and his assistant Myhre, to be examined as to its quality. It proved a startling for Shorey, who found out in a few moments that it was extraordinarily bad milk and someone will probably have to stand trial for selling it.

The first test made was as to gravity. It indicated 50 per cent of water. Dr. Shorey was a good deal surprised and at once began further tests. The color test showed a somewhat blue tint. The test for fats was something like that of gravity. There was only about half the normal amount of fats in the milk.

"It is the worst milk I have seen for a long time," said Dr. Shorey. "The tests indicate that about half the so-called milk is water. We have not seen a sample like this for many months. It reminds me of some of the samples I used to see when we began to go after the milkmen."

The milk will be traced to its source and proceedings begun against the man who sold it. Dr. Shorey is of the opinion that 50 per cent of water was deliberately added.

THE PASSING OF TOMA ABE

DOUGHTY JAPANESE OFFICER "BROKEN."

Tried to Consume all the Liquor at Moana Hotel and Losses His Star in Consequence.

Officer Toma Abe is no more. He is now citizen Toma Abe. From the proud role of star Japanese soldier and attendant extraordinary on the district court, Toma has been reduced to the menial position of being a mere tax paying citizen but his fall was memorable. It was a sad end to a life of high achievement as one of the grandest figures ever put up by a policeman, previous to being bounced from the force. Toma's downfall began yesterday afternoon. It was not finished until this morning and he struck the ground with a thud that will either drive him back to drink or else wild goat hunting in the Waiakoa mountains.

Previous to yesterday Toma was one of the brightest stars in the constellation of copdom. Always alert, he was the terror of evil doers, his name had become a household bugaboo among his erring countrymen, the Japanese, and whenever anybody had to be found immediately or some paper served without delay, Toma was generally selected to do the leg work.

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But though Toma's watchword was duty, he had a kind heart. At no time, was Toma happier than when relieving his poor countrymen. The spectacle of seeing some long suffering Jap thrown into jail on some trivial charge for lack of bail money would be more than tender hearted Toma could stand. With tears in his eyes, Toma would out of pure philanthropic motives put up the bail and secure the release of the prisoner. Of course, in insisting that he be paid 25 per cent interest for the use of the money for about twenty four hours, Toma would maintain that he desired simply to instill into his benighted countrymen the kind of philanthropy which actuated him.

By his kind heart, and incidental thrift, Toma succeeded in amassing about \$10,000 while connected with the police force. During his career though, Toma got into considerable trouble and was often in the hands of the law. He was useful in attending the police court and officiating as interpreter however, which, together with his kind hearted bail money, made him desirable about the police station so he was always employed.

Yesterday proved his Waterloo, without the water, Toma says it was gin, the people at the Moana Hotel think it was swipes, while Hackman Charles Dunwell thinks it must have been gunpowder and blood. Toma was drinking for the Japanese officer, tried to make a meal of Dunwell's fingers.

Toma was sent out to the Hotel to serve a paper. What happened is not clear. He got mixed up some way, and when the scurrage was over, Toma found he had exchanged \$5.00 in cash for a highly ornate and commodious jag. He telephoned for a hack and Dunwell answered. Toma got tired of waiting however, and started in on a street car. He met the hack near Thomas Square and got inside and rode back to town.

When the pair reached Merchant street, a dispute arose as to whether Toma should pay the fare. A fight resulted during which Dunwell's left hand went into Toma's mouth and the latter began to make an impromptu meal thereof. At the corner of Fort street, High Sheriff Brown saw the row and grabbing Toma, threw him out of the rig and ordered him to go to the police station. Instead of doing so, Toma smoked home and when Officer Joy was sent for him, was engaged in donning his best suit of clothes.

Helmet, white vest with elaborate buttons and big checkered trousers completed the outfit, in which Toma made his re-appearing before the high sheriff. Sheriff Brown was as indignant as a man can be, when confronted with laughter. Toma was sad and repentant.

"Oh please Mistah Brown, forgive me this time, I am a pleader. I no get drunk for one year and fifteen days. Why that's wonderful, wonderful. "And say Judge Wilcox," he added, "if I get up before you, you no soak it to me. I goods a man, only a little bita drunk."

Toma was in court this morning and pleaded guilty to assault and battery. High Sheriff Brown acted as prosecuting officer and asked that a severe penalty be inflicted on Toma, the ex-policeman. Toma trembled in his leggings when Judge Wilcox was pronouncing sentence. When \$50 and costs was named as the cost of the row, Toma felt better as he had feared being sent to the reef to cook for a couple of months.

DEPARTING. Saturday, November 16. S. S. American, Morrison, for Seattle at 5 p. m.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY. IN CHICAGO.

TRUST SHOULD GO HOME

WILLIE HALL IS A SPENDER SAYS CARTER.

Didn't Want to Be Guardian, But Has Seen Enough to Convince Him That Trust Was Needed.

George R. Carter, guardian for William A. Hill, spendthrift, this morning filed an answer to his ward's petition to have the trust terminated. Carter has only been guardian a short time, but he has become convinced that Hill is not fit to handle his own property. He does not know whether it is true or not that the defendant avoids drink and gambling and debauchery, and says he leaves Hill to prove that such is the case. At Hill's conduct as far as Carter has seen it is the latter says:

"That your respondent verily believes from what he has seen of petitioner since his appointment as petitioner's guardian that if left without restraint petitioner will squander and waste his estate so as to expose himself to want and suffering."

Carter says he has advanced \$100 to Hill since the trust was established, and submits an account showing that amount due. The large portion of it is for attorneys' fees and court expenses. There are some of Hill's I. O. U's and a pol bill of \$18. Carter asks that the court order the money paid to him, if it is decided that the trust shall be terminated.

HE MAY BE EXTRADITED

LAWYER LENNON MAY BE WANTED IN UTAH.

Sheriff Andrews of Hilo Thinks Lennon is the Man Who is Wanted by Eastern Authorities for Crime.

Sheriff Andrews of Hilo is of the opinion that M. C. Lennon who is now serving twelve months in Oahu prison for gross cheat, is wanted by the authorities at Provo, Utah, for a triple murder at a place called Pelican Point, in 1895. Already the official has notified the authorities at Provo to this effect, and has asked that they forward requisition papers in order that he may take the prisoner back to stand examination.

Sheriff Andrews' suspicions were aroused some months ago by the receipt of a description of the murderer sent out by a Cincinnati, Ohio detective agency. About that time Lennon was arrested by the local authorities on a warrant charging him with gross cheat. Andrews showed the keenest interest in the prisoner, for he wrote to High Sheriff Brown and requested a description of Lennon. The officer did not make known to Sheriff Brown his reason for desiring the description but subsequent events have helped Sheriff Brown to understand the matter.

Lennon was arrested on July 3 last as he was leaving on the Zealandia for San Francisco. Chester Doyle and Officer McKinnon making the arrest. Lennon was arraigned subsequently in the police court, three charges of gross cheat being made against him. He was accused of giving J. H. McDonough the \$1000, a bogus check for \$100 on the Bank of Hawaii, another for \$30 on the First Bank of Hilo to E. H. Card and a third for a similar amount to the Club Stables. To all of his victims Lennon represented that he had funds at the institutions and secured the full amount of checks. In addition he did up a number of well known people, including Joe Cohen, for several hundred dollars. Lennon also helped himself to Mr. Hankey's law office during the later afternoon. Lennon was convicted on the charges and sentenced to serve six months on each by Judge Wilcox.

Sheriff Andrews evidently thinks that Lennon is the man who answers to the description of the man wanted for the triple murders, although the Hilo officer has not yet any photograph of the man. Sheriff Brown will try to have a picture taken of Lennon and sent to Andrews next week.

The murder in question occurred about six years ago and was very atrocious. Three young men were living in a cabin at Utah Lake near Provo, Utah. One morning their bodies were found mutilated and shot. Albert Hayes, a step father, was convicted of the crime but subsequently a woman was alleged to have confessed and implicated a man named Wright. Hayes being subsequently released. The description of the alleged murderer Wright tallies very closely, Andrews thinks with the appearance of Lennon and the Hilo officer thinks they are the one and the same. No advices have been received from the Provo officers regarding the requisition papers.

FUNSTON TO RETURN. KANSAS CITY, November 14.—It is stated that General Frederick Funston will shortly apply for leave of absence from the Philippines and return to the United States on a visit. It is said he is recovering rapidly from the operation for appendicitis recently undergone at a Manila hospital. General Fred D. Grant will, it is said, likely succeed General Funston in command of the San Fernando district.

THE LATEST FAD. Evening parties at the "Tea House" on the Heights is the latest fad.

TRAMWAYS CO. OF LONDON

WHO APPEARS FOR IT IN HONOLULU?

Judge Esteé Orders Counsel to Prove Their Authority as Well as That of Pain.

Judge Esteé this morning directed Attorneys J. Dunne and T. B. Pain for the Hawaiian Tramways Company, to come into court Monday and show their authority to appear for the company, and the authority of Manager Pain, or someone else to represent the London corporation in the Territory of Hawaii.

This action was taken as a result of the Rapid Transit company's motion asking that the attorneys for the main company be ordered to show their authority to appear and act. The motion was based upon the fact that in its pleadings in the present case, the Hawaiian Tramways company repudiated the proceedings had in the Supreme court here, when it was represented, according to the record, by Holmes and Stanley. The pleadings state that the company never appeared at all of took part in the court proceedings, though manager Pain was in court, with counsel.

Before discussion of the case began Judge Esteé called attention to a Hawaiian statute which requires that foreign corporations shall have a representative in Hawaii, upon whom processes may be served, and he intimated that the defendant had a right to know who was the person, in the case of the Hawaiian Tramways company of London. Dunne said that this was a new point, raised by the court, which he wanted time to meet, but it soon developed in the discussion of the motion made by the Rapid Transit Company, that there was no need for further argument on either question. The court was quite positive that it was the duty of the company to fix their authority authorized to act. At some future date the tramways company might come into court and say that it had never appeared, the present attorneys never having been authorized to act. McManahan said that he did not mean in any way to suggest that counsel were not acting in good faith, but he thought that their authority to appear for the London corporation should be shown.

Dunne replied, contending that the court had no jurisdiction for such a motion. He held that the authority of counsel was presumed. "I never before heard of a practitioner being so called upon to show his authority to act," said Dunne. "The authority of an attorney is presumed until disproved." Judge Esteé interrupted Dunne in the midst of the argument, with a question which plainly showed the court's idea. He wanted to know what injury it could do to the defendants to be compelled to establish the authority of its representative and his counsel. Dunne had a kick to make against being interrupted, remarking that he wanted to present his argument in his own way.

"There is no question about one thing," remarked the judge in passing, "and that is that the court will interrupt you or any other attorney with questions at any time, the object being to get at the truth and the law."

The court went on to say that Pain appeared in the Supreme court and now says that there was no authorized appearance for the Tramways company. He had not been able to find anywhere in the present pleadings that Pain had stated that he had authority now. "The court will hold that you will have to show the authority of Mr. Pain or someone else to appear for the company," said the judge "and your own authority to act for him."

The attorneys for the tramways company were given until Monday to make the required showing. Dunne noted an exception.

TROLLEY IN TROUBLE. Rapid Transit car No. 33 had a collision with an ice wagon of the Oahu Ice Company at about half past ten this morning that fortunately resulted in no loss of life and little damage beyond the demolishment of the car's fender. The car was going towards Liliha street on King, when their horses attached to the wagon became frightened at the trolley car and getting beyond the control of the driver crashed into the car. There was a good deal of excitement but no serious injuries resulted to man or beast.

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MODEL YACHT CONTEST

MINIATURE REGATTA REVIVÉ OLD TIME MEMORIES

Cup Was Presented by Queen Dowager Kapiolani—Day Celebrates Birthday of Kalaikaua.

The miniature yacht race went off with great zest this morning under the supervision of Princess David and Cupid this morning. The day is one of celebration generally, among the retainers of the Kapiolani Estate and is held as a holiday in celebration of the birthday of his late majesty King Kalaikaua, the founder of the line and the estate.

Today with its custom of racing, the toy yachts is one of the links that join the monarchy of the past with the democracy of the present. All the natives who own and sail their model yachts today are voters under the American constitution but participate in a race, the prize for which is a cup given first by the Queen Dowager Kapiolani, with all the zest and eagerness that the inborn feudalism of generations must infallibly master. There are cash prizes besides all of which are presented this evening at the big luncheon at Waikiki on the grounds of the residence of the prince.

The Wilke, Vice Commodore and Prince David Kawananakoa's yacht was dressed in gala array this morning for the occasion and from its deck the races were started. Eight little models of racing yachts in keeled and elaborately rigged, of the Valkyrie and Defender racing type, were carefully brought down testing in miniature try docks, each surrounded by its owners and the family, all as anxious over the success of their craft as the millionaire owner of a crack racing machine.

The race started on a line drawn from the Honolulu boat house to the light house following the regular racing course around the near buoy and home. The contestants followed their craft in towing boats setting them on the different tracks and steering them as well as every extra tack or jibe race was but a handicap in the race.

The little fleet of eight sailed splendidly with many an exciting tussle. All carried racing sails and slipped through the water like their larger brethren. Names were not painted on the sides but every contestant had a lengthy title and a string of endearing epithets with which he urged on his craft. The boats are all well made, one being of polishedkoa and would credit to waters never devoted to model yacht racing. Every body concerned was excited and interested over the result, the judges following the models in a launch in regular regatta fashion.

WILDER IN PARIS. Gerrit Wilder was in Paris last month and was one of the witnesses of the famous balloon trip over Paris of M. Santos Dumont, in competition for the Deutsch prize of 100,000 francs. Wilder watched the trip from top of Eiffel tower and was one of those in the hero club to meet Dumont after his utterly remarkable success with his flying machine.

AMERICAN SAILS TODAY. Owing to delay in discharging, the American did not get away on time this morning. She was not sailed for Provo, Nainimo and back at 7 o'clock today but the men failed to discharge the vessel on time so she had to postpone sailing. She will get away at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

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