

JOHN AT HIS BEST

The Heathen Chinese is a Western Necessity.

HIS WONDERFUL INDUSTRY

And Perseverance Lead Him to Wealth. What His Accomplishes—Portland and Its Magnificent Advantages.

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The people of Portland desired especially to secure a visit from the National Editorial Association and worked faithfully and persistently to that end. The result was that about 400, one-half of our party, went up from Sacramento, while the other half took different routes towards home.

At Oregon City, located at the falls of the Willamette river, and the head of navigation for river boats, we were met by a committee of business men from the city of Portland, who escorted us to the steamer Harvest Queen.

The trip down the Willamette to Portland was about fifteen miles and was made in about an hour. On our way down, the Oregon committee distributed supper tickets and the National Editorial Association was notified that the press badges would pass all to the elegant Marquand Grand opera house after supper, where "The Power of the Press" was to be presented for our edification. The Presbyterian synod of the United States being in session in Portland the magnificent hotels were nearly all filled and most of the editors were obliged to sleep in their cars. The coaches were run up to the fourth track, near the center of the city, and made the accommodations delightfully pleasant and convenient.

To the Parks and Hills. A trip on the cable cars and carriages to the park on the hills west of Portland, from which a fine view of town through the valley of the Willamette is obtained, was the early morning program. We were on top of the hills early enough to witness a most brilliant sunrise from over the mountains. In the evening we again took a trip upon the beautiful heights to see just as grand a sight in the setting of the sun. Everything in the power of the Portlanders was done to rival the people throughout California in their generous hospitality.

Measure trips were given us on the steamer Harvest Queen down the Willamette and up the Columbia rivers, music and refreshments being constantly supplied on these trips by the Portland committees.

Visit to War Ships.

Visits were made to the fine United States war ships which were lying near Portland. Every attention was shown us by the officers of the gun boats. We were received and bid farewell with music, song and cheers. The good and generous people of Portland would have been glad to give our party further entertainment, but as arrangements had been made for all to leave that night, it was not possible to accept more of their hospitality.

Portland is a substantial, wealthy and delightful city. It has all the advantages, cable, electric and horse cars, fine bridges across the river, fine

residences, handsome business blocks, fine public buildings, well regulated streets, extensive manufacturing industries, excellent parks on the hill-tops, which are now being beautified, and a large home and foreign coast commerce.

Great Railroads.

It also has the advantage of competitive railroad communication with the entire east, the Union Pacific, the Central Pacific and Northern Pacific railroads all having lines terminating in a union depot. Next to San Francisco Portland is the great commercial city on the Pacific Coast, and is likely to advance fast. Its growth has been steady and substantial. Its business men operate mainly with their own capital. Business is steadily increasing, prosperous and remunerative, though no great boom.

There is a keen rivalry in business between Portland and other cities along the great Puget Sound, in which the former has many advantages. Probably the time is not far distant when the entire Puget Sound country will sufficiently develop to render all its cities as prosperous as they were once, for the resources along the sound are great and capable of supporting a much greater population than these towns and cities now have.

Tacoma and Seattle.

When the time comes Tacoma and Seattle will most assuredly make themselves felt. They are great cities now, especially when we take into consideration their youth. These two cities were undergoing a period of depression from which they will, however, recover with renewed life, strength and energy. They have grown a little too fast for their age and in advance of the surrounding country, but a little rest will not hurt them. They will be the stronger and better for it in the end. Their country's arable soil is not as yet one quarter cultivated. Their forests are comparatively untouched. They have timber, water, coal, iron, gold, wool, fish and meat. They can raise hemp, hops and other substances used in various kinds of manufactures, but at present they import the greater part of what they consume. They need the men, money and ability to make at their own houses everything they use, and to export rather than import. But all this will come in time. Patience, perseverance and labor will accomplish it all.

Chinamen are a Necessity.

Much has been said and written concerning the Chinamen and the particular pains to question as to the advantage and disadvantage of their presence, and have come to the conclusion that the Chinese are an absolute necessity to that country. We found them everywhere, and always at work. They form no combine to raise the price of labor when the fruit picking time comes. They do not strike, but are always on hand, to work when wanted. This is exceedingly important to growers of cherries and like fruits.

This was the opinion from the employers standpoint. But the patient, hustling Celestial receives more curses than praise, but he does not allow this to bend him with grief, or to savor his hair. Amid all the contumely and reproaches from "Truthful James" and others, John Chinaman continues an almond-eyed squint upon the goal of success, and thus keeps on with his everlasting daily hustle, and nightly gambling, until he has played his limit.

Many Sided John Chinaman.

Of the latter we made mention in "A Trip Through California and Chinatown," which revealed the

"Heathen Chinese" in many sided lights. He was seen as a laundryman, as an innkeeper and a gambler, as a waiter, as a dealer in the seductive pleasures of opium, as a nod carrier, a barber, a business man, salesman, a landscape gardener, a cook and a waiter. As a lottery manipulator he is no novice. As a surfer, he makes the wilderness bloom as the rose, and the waste places give forth abundant and profitable fruitage.

His success, in whatever he undertakes is phenomenal; his industry proverbial, his skill remarkable. Ordinarily he swarms in flocks of numbers, and one not accustomed to guileless, gentle, almond-eyed John, sees a highlander in every Chinaman.

The "Six Companies have brought over an army of men to our shores, many of them drawn from the very lowest dregs of Hong Kong and Peking. Women are few indeed, and seldom ever seen. This immense surplus of men have brought with them many nameless vices. Of the mentionable failings of John Chinaman, gambling is the most prevalent, its methods varying from the innocent domino to poker's most obscure mysteries. The gambling a Chinaman fails to get out of the ordinary methods, finds an outlet through lotteries and policy shops innumerable.

Thrifty Celestial.

That John Chinaman is thrifty is evidenced by his possessions through out California and Oregon. In San Francisco he owns the finest of property and blocks in the very heart of the city. In Portland he owns several squares in the heart of that city's business center, and transacts the largest business, and he keeps it with a tenacity not altogether pleasing to his less fortunate Caucasian neighbors, who lacked foresight and confidence in the northwestern metropolis. In Los Angeles he holds forth in a scarcely less favorite portion of the original town, and bursts upon the beholder in all the glory of his heretypical colored red signs and demonstrative colored wares. In Sacramento they are right in the central portion; they are numerous and aggressive. It would be difficult to fully express ourselves, in the language of Sacramento's highest bluff upon "A Sin," et al.

In Stockton they are off at one side and there flourish as the green bay tree is reputed to flourish.

At the beautiful city of Santa Rosa, a place of about 6,000 or 7,000 inhabitants, the assurance was given that there were only a few Chinamen. "How many?" was inquired of our brother editor, with whom we had the pleasure of driving after a fine span of Californians. "Only about 800 or 1,000," was his reply. They are at Passadena, at Riverside, at Redlands, at San Diego, in fact they are everywhere. A Chinaman is seldom a drone; he lives cheaply when he wants to, and he generally wants to.

John is an Epicure.

He will carry burdens that would stagger a pack mule; he works on and on, thoughtfully, faithfully, persistently and painstakingly. One need not think that John's diet is rice alone. His stores show that he is very partial to chicken, ham and eggs, hot biscuit, etc., and a wide range of vegetables, meats, etc.

We need not think that John Chinaman is considered an undesirable intruder in the cities of the coast states; while some object to him and hate him there are others who consider him a necessity and a person without whose aid the great agricultural and fruit interests of California and Oregon could never be developed. Irrigating brings with it great addi-

tional labor, and Chinese do not seem to realize that there is a burning sun. They work on and on, and give California as fine looking orchards, vineyards, vegetable and flower gardens as man ever laid his eyes upon. A Chinaman needs no second lesson in tree-planting, or the care of the beautiful hedges that are found in their perfection. He needs no "boss," his best moral regulator is the highlander, whose work is quickly and thoroughly done.

No Vote; No Influence.

He has no vote to give, no influence to sell, no political interest in national, state or town affairs, but only to be let alone and he'll do the rest. All Chinamen are not laundry men, though that would be the first impression. He occupies a sphere of extensive activity, usefulness or worthlessness, as the case may be, and the surroundings in his locality where he is numerous, may lead him to. "The heathen Chinese" is with us a many sided light, and he sees it to his own good advantage.

Some of our good western friends raised the alarm that California was suffering "a girl famine" in every large town in the state. With the exception of Alameda, there is a lamentable paucity of the gentler sex. In Los Angeles the male population exceeds the female by 2,000; in San Jose and Stockton by 1,000; in Fresno by 2,400; in Sacramento by 4,000, and in San Francisco by the startling number of 40,000; in Portland, Ore., about 6,000. Perhaps half of the excess in these cases is due to the Chinese population, which consists mainly of adult males; but after making liberal allowance for this element, there still remains an immense preponderance of Caucasians of the sterner sex. The same thing is true of all the new western states where there are as yet but few Chinamen. Unless this peculiar disparity in numbers is soon rectified, thousands of men in that section of the country will be doomed to lives of involuntary bachelorhood. The reverse is the case, though not to so large an extent, in the eastern states.

C. G. S.

Of high or low, or rich or poor, None would foul teeth or breath endure. If they but knew how sure and swift Was Sordodont, that priceless gift, In giving beauty, life and tone To every charm the mouth can own.

Masonic Notice.

A special communication of Grand River lodge, No. 34, F. and A. Masons, will be held at Masonic hall on Sunday, January 23, 1893, at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Mark B. Cook, to which all master Masons in good standing are invited to be present. By order of CHARLES M. NORTON, W. M. L. A. ROGERS, Secretary.

To the Friends and Patrons of the Columbian College of Commerce:

It is with pleasure that we announce to our friends and students that our school will be in session Monday, after having been closed one week, caused by the recent fire in the McMullen block. Other rooms have been taken in the same building until repairs can be made, and the work will begin and continue as before. Very respectfully, HEAD & DILLINGHAM.

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One of 13 Persons in this country can have a Columbian half dollar. There are 5,000,000 coins and 65,000,000 people in the United States. Better get one early at THE HERALD office.

To die; to sleep; perhaps to dream; was the thought that troubled Hamlet. But that occurred before ingenuity commenced to lecture, and then, besides, it was only fiction after all. To live; to work; to persevere to eat, is what bothers us now. And whether our journey be for pleasure or from necessity, whether we are visiting 50 or drummers are, there is no engagement so binding, no pleasure so attractive, no sorrow so profound, but that we calculate—if ever so little—where we will get the next meal. And so, in building the Fort Street Union Station in Detroit, provision was made for the satisfaction of the stomach; therefore every facility in the dining room, kitchen, pantry, etc., is of the most modern, and the materials used of the best the market affords. The management recognizes that the great bulk of travelers comes from those of moderate means for the reason that those who have moderate means compose the great bulk of the population. A dinner at 50 cents is the proposition. A good dinner at 60 cents is one of the requirements which the management obliges Mr. Warner (who has leased the restaurant) to supply. Keep this in mind when you go to Detroit; keep it in mind when you return from Detroit, and insure yourself a pleasant trip by going both ways, via the Detroit, Lansing & Northern. GEO. DELAVER, General Passenger Agent.

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THIRD FLOOR.

We believe every article on this floor is a bargain as compared with prices in hardware stores. We certainly sell Tinware, Granite and Blue and White Ware, Wooden Ware, Cutlery, Stoves and many other articles at surprisingly low prices. This week our special bargains are:

- Every sample Electric Stove on the floor at wholesale cost. A few more \$10.00 New Electric Gasoline Stoves at \$12.00. Three Brand Knitting Machines at \$7.00. Five-gallon Pump Oil Cans, worth \$1.75, for \$1.00. Half-gallon Glass Oil Cans, worth 25 cents, for 10 cents. Copper Bottom No. 7 Bunkers, worth \$1.50, for 75 cents. Motion Picture Book Boxes, 95 cents per set. Smaller Size Irons, \$1.14 per set. A large number of Book Covers at half price.

SECOND FLOOR.

After taking inventory we find many goods on this floor that have been with us too long, and in order to make room for the new goods that will be coming in a few weeks we have made a bargain counter. Now is the time to buy bric-a-brac. You certainly need a new piece for your mantel or cabinet. Here are a few prices:

- Toll Adley Vases, \$1.97, down from \$4.50. Hungarian Jug, \$3.48, down from \$9.00. Candelsticks Leads, 89 CENTS, down from \$1.50.

You must see these pieces in order to appreciate them. Space will not permit us to describe them more fully.

Chamber Sets have taken a tumble! Some 25 sets that are slightly imperfect, perhaps one of the small pieces chipped. These we have marked down.

FOURTH FLOOR.

This floor is interesting at all times and is full of bargains. At present we have on exhibition the most beautiful line of BABY CARRIAGES

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