

CHINESE LOTTERY.

Its Unmolested Spread in This City.

Seven Companies With Two Drawings a Day.

Tickets Displayed and Sold Openly on the Streets.

A Short Description of the Drawings and the Different Ways of Marking the Tickets.

The Chinese lottery business is thriving just at present, in fact it appears to be about the only thing that is going on in Chinatown. A day or two ago a visit was made to that favored locality and it was found that in every store the sale of tickets was going on openly, in fact some of the stores announced to the world at large that they had tickets for sale by pasting them in their windows. Copies of the latest drawing were found in open boxes on the street in various places and scattered in all directions were seen tickets of old drawings, thrown away as useless. Inside the stores the Chinese store-keepers sold the tickets over the counter and all the books and records of drawings were kept in plain sight. In other cities on the Coast where Chinese lotteries are going on these things are kept hidden from the general public and the police, and it is only possible to obtain a ticket after the purchaser has passed through a number of doors which are unbolted by the guard who carefully inspects all strangers and refuses them admittance if their appearance is suspicious. In Los Angeles these precautions are unnecessary because the police have not been in the habit of arresting Chinese lottery ticket dealers. It is stated that the reason why the police are not active in this direction is because the cases are so slow in coming to trial in the Police Court. Several arrests were made about a month ago and a few more recently, but they have not yet been tried, the motions for postponement having been granted. The police, it is said, are also reluctant to make the arrests, because the Chinamen are allowed to go on bonds by the court and to take back the cash bail which the police exact. When arrested, the Chinamen are required to deposit \$50 cash for their appearance in court, and then the court allows the money to be withdrawn and bonds to be furnished instead. These are some of the reasons given for the failure of the police to suppress the open sale of Chinese lottery tickets.

An inquiry in Chinatown revealed the fact that there are at present seven Chinese lottery companies, each with two drawings a day, in full operation in the city. There are the Foo Tai, Bow Tie, See Chung, Fook Tai & Co., Wing Lee Yuen, Ching Chun Wing and one whose name could not be translated. On a sign board on Alameda street, near Marchessault street, copies of the two latest drawings of all these companies were pasted for the benefit of all the passers and immediately after a drawing it was surrounded by a large crowd including Chinese, negroes and Caucasians, all anxious to compare their tickets with the drawing and ascertain whether they had been fortunate.

A communicative Chinaman stated that an immense business was done for each drawing every day and that the trade was extending at a rapid rate among the white people. For some time past the Chinese vegetable peddlers have carried tickets from house to house for sale and other Chinamen have established regular routes over which they go twice a day. Then the Chinese laundries in various parts of the city have been made agents and according to the talkative Chinaman "soon every one buys China lottery ticket. Much better Louisiana lottery. What's matter China lottery. If people want to gamble, let them gamble!"

Playing Chinese lottery is a very fascinating way of gambling. The fact that as small an amount of money as ten cents can be invested with a possible return of about \$300 induces a good many to purchase on the ground that the losses are not great. Then to those who like the excitement of gambling, the drawings twice each day are preferable to those which come but once a month. The drawings generally occur at 4 p. m. and 11 p. m., so that purchasers may live continuously in the hope of gaining a large sum by the investment of a small amount. Unfortunately, the gamblers are not limited to the 10-cent expenditure. A single ticket in some of the companies can be made to cost as high as twelve or more dollars, and it don't take many of these to eat up the wages of the workman or the clerk.

The tickets are innocent enough looking affairs. They are nothing but pieces of manila paper, 6 inches long by 5 inches wide, which are printed eighty Chinese characters. The translation of these characters would not indicate that the tickets were lottery tickets. In a case in San Francisco the translation was made, and it was found that the characters represented poetical ideas entirely foreign to lotteries or gambling. These characters were placed on the ticket for the purpose of evading the law so as to make a conviction on a charge of selling lottery tickets an impossibility. It was held that if there was nothing on the ticket to show that it was a lottery ticket, no conviction could be obtained. A means was found for proving that they were lottery tickets, but the characters remained the same.

There are many ways of marking these tickets, so many in fact that most of the principal agencies keep large books in the Chinese language explaining them and giving the price. The ordinary manner of marking a ticket is what is called the "straight." The purchaser of the ticket is allowed to mark ten of the characters on the ticket for 10 cents, and if five of them happen to be drawn he wins 20 cents, six \$2, seven \$18.75, eight \$92, nine \$160, and if all of them draw, the prize is in the neighborhood of \$300. If twenty cents is paid for the same ticket the winnings are twice as large, and so on upward to the limit, which is different with the different companies. Some companies fix the limit at \$3,000 for the highest prize, while others have been known to pay \$15,000. The chances of winning the highest prizes are about as small as they are in the American lotteries, but the chance of winning the money invested back is figured by experts to be about one in three.

The drawings are very simple. The heads of the company place in a cup or bowl 80 blocks of wood the size of a lotto

block, bearing characters similar to those on the tickets. These blocks are mixed and are drawn out one by one until twenty have been spread on a table. The men conducting the drawing then punch out the characters on the ticket represented by the twenty blocks and the drawing is over. Copies of the drawing are then sent to each of the agencies, where the purchasers of tickets may compare and if lucky draw his prizes.

There are other ways of marking a ticket that are quite common. A ticket that counts three ways and costs 30 cents, and a ticket that costs 60 cents and counts six ways are the general favorites. A purchaser may mark every spot on the ticket and yet may not win anything, for in such a case the ticket has to be divided by lines, so that no more than five spots can be contained in a division.

The study of the Chinese lottery game is very interesting, and unless more active measures are taken to stop its spread, it is liable to take more money out of the city than the Chinese could earn by working on public improvements.

THE WESTERN BOUNDARY.

Taxpayers Want to Know Where the City Ends.

City Assessor Fischer has been somewhat puzzled to know where the western boundary line of the city runs. There are three to five surveys along there, zigzagging one through the other, so that confusion is worse confounded. Mr. Fischer asked for a new survey, but that motion was not thought good for the reason that it was likely to make one more element of confusion. Then the Assessor went to the City Engineer, and asked his advice as to what line to follow, and was told, so it is understood, that the line known as the Reynolds line is the proper one. This diverges widely at points from what is known as the charter boundary, and hence property heretofore thought to be in the country will be assessed for city property, while some heretofore considered in the city will be left out in the cold. The owners can well endure the Assessor's giving them the go-by, but there are other things not so pleasant about this outlook.

SOLEMN TRIDUUM.

A Celebration in Progress at St. Vincent's Church.

Yesterday at St. Vincent's church the celebration of the Solemn Triduum, in honor of "Blessed" John Gabriel Perboyre, was commenced. Bishop Mora conducted the pontifical mass at 10 a. m., and Rev. Rooney preached the sermon. Today Rev. J. Adam, vicar-general, will conduct a solemn high mass, and tomorrow Bishop O'Connell will officiate in a pontifical mass. Services, including vespers, sermon and benediction will be held each evening.

A Midnight Fire.

At 12:30 o'clock last night an alarm was turned in from box 62 by Officer Steele, for a small blaze at the works of the Los Angeles Electric Company, on the corner of Alameda and Banning streets, to which the department responded. The fire, which was confined to a few rafters in the roof, was speedily extinguished, and the damage sustained was very slight. The blaze originated from the proximity of the boiler to the wood-work of the roofing, the heat from the former having caused the ignition of the rafters. This was the first alarm that had been turned in for seventeen consecutive days, and the firemen hailed it with delight as a relief to the monotony of their existence.

THE NIGHTINGALE'S CHILDREN.

Hark, a voice that cries and calls, As the summer twilight falls; Deep with longing, keen with pain, Sobbing through the summer rain.

"Wake, wake, wake! Ere my heavy heart doth break!" "The bird of silver tongue, Singing summer leaves among, Calling on her children dead With the wet leaves overhead; In the living, leafy wood, Calling on her silent brood, Ever still and lifeless born To the nightingale forlorn.

"Wake, wake, wake! Waken ere my heart doth break!" Nightingale of golden throat, Sobbing forth thy silver note, Were it ours, thy charmed skill, Might we raise our dead at will, Is there aught we would not give? Would we leave, so they might live, Aught unventured, aught unsold? Could they wake, the dreams be dead? —[Longman's Magazine.]

Theodore Surprised Them.

Theodore Thomas's approaching marriage to Rose Fay causes a good deal of commotion, because it was thought that the great conductor's tender eye was fixed in another direction. Rose Fay is the person who edited that charming little history of music and study in Germany, which was written by her sister, Amy Fay, who was a great favorite not only of Liszt, but also of Papa Schuman, and who was pronounced by the German conservatory the most accomplished of American female pianists. —[From the New York Cor. Philadelphia Times.]

Dandelions for "Greens."

The grass lawn in the parks are sprinkled these days with boys and girls and some older people who have a basket in one hand and in the other a knife. Every few steps they kneel down, jab viciously in the ground with the knife, pick up something, put it into the basket and move on. There is nothing mysterious about it; they are simply gathering dandelions for "greens" and salad. —[New York Sun.]

The Russian.

Let it be clearly understood that the Russian is a delightful person till he tucks in his shirt. As an oriental he is charming. It is only when he insists upon being treated as the most Easterly of Western peoples instead of the most Westerly of Eastern that he becomes a radical anomaly extremely difficult to handle. The host never knows which side of his nature is going to turn up next. —[Rudyard Kipling.]

Popularity of Photography.

That photography has not lost its charms for the amateurs is indicated by the fact that it is impossible to buy in New York certain popular sizes of one of the best known make of cameras for amateur use. Orders for them are refused by all the dealers or taken only on condition that there will probably be a delay of several months in filling them. —[New York Sun.]

Put Up Your Subscription.

A Georgia editor says that a man who would cheat a country editor out of a year's subscription would give a nickel with a hole in it to the foreign missionary fund, and might because the hole was not bigger than the nickel. —[New York Sun.]

An Eastern Editor's extensive Knowledge.

Chicago and other rural towns are glad because two New Yorkers, uncertain whether hickory nuts grew on trees or bushes, wrote to a newspaper for enlightenment. Those towns think we are humiliated by the fact; but we are not. Quite the contrary. This is a real metropolis, and you can walk around and up and down for a terrible while before you get to any undrained swamps or hickory trees. In fact, you must go to hickory, cross a mighty river and take the steam cars to escape from the strictly genuine metropolitan surroundings of the metropolis.

And anyhow, we call attention of West to the fact that the New York editor was able to answer the question correctly and without hesitation. —[New York Sun.]

A Pathetic Accident.

WESTCHESTER, Pa., May 4.—Willie and Clara Fitzpatrick, aged 8 and 6 years respectively, and two other children, were perhaps fatally injured by being thrown from a carriage today. Mr. Fitzpatrick had just placed the children in the carriage, when the horse ran away. Fitzpatrick was dragged a long distance and badly hurt. Mrs. Fitzpatrick has been driven insane by the tragedy.

Smelters Close Down.

CHICAGO, May 4.—A special to the Times from Helena, Montana, says: The Helena and Livingston Smelting Company, located at East Helena, and the Great Falls smelter have closed down. The cause of the suspension is difficult to get at, but from what can be learned, the chief factor in closing down is the exorbitant freight rates on ore to this point, as compared with rates to Omaha and other Eastern smelting points.

English As She Is Wrote.

I recently came across the following literary gem in Magoon's "Westward Empire," which is worthy of Sir Boyle Roche, and may interest you if you have not seen it before: "If we trace the march of scientific knowledge through the dense strata of departed ages to its root, it will doubtless be found in the remote East, while all prolific growth is toward the West." —[Critic.]

Reason for It.

"I wonder why it is," remarked old Spoodle, "that I should be continually visited by commercial agencies in reference to my financial responsibility. I am not asking credit anywhere."

"True," said his friend, "but your only daughter is now 18." —[From Society.]

His Own.

"There is one face that is always before me," said Clarence, as he stroked the golden store-locks of his month-old wife.

"And that is?"

"And then the timid creature hung her dainty head while the heartless wretch whispered: 'My own.'" —[Yonkers Statesman.]

Deep Frozen Ground.

Between the Spral and the Okhotsk seas, there is a spot half as large as the State of Michigan, which is frozen ground to the depth of ninety-four feet. That is, it has never thawed out since the world was created, and probably never will, and even if it should nobody would have any use for it.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

S. WHITE, PLAINTIFF, VS. SAN JOSE LAND and Water Co., Defendant. Sheriff Sale, No. 12,008.

Order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale. Under and by virtue of an order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale, issued out of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, on the 31st day of February, A. D. 1890, in the above entitled action, wherein S. White, the above-named plaintiff, obtained a judgment and decree of foreclosure and sale against San Jose Land and Water Company, defendant, on the 31st day of February, A. D. 1890, for the sum of \$14,939.45 in lawful money of the United States, which said decree was, on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1890, recorded in judgment book 15 of said Court, at page 142. I am commanded to sell all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and bounded and described as follows:

The east half of the east half of section twenty-four (24), in township one (1) north of range nine (9) west, San Bernardino base and meridian, excepting 1.1 acre, covered by defendant to R. J. Wilson by deed recorded in book 228, at page 299, of deeds, Los Angeles county records, containing one hundred and fifty and 9-10 acres.

Also the northeast quarter of section thirty-five (35), in township one (1) north of range nine (9) west, San Bernardino base and meridian, excepting twenty (20) acres reserved in a deed from M. G. Rogers to defendant, recorded in book 212, at page 291, of deeds, Los Angeles county records, containing one hundred and forty (140) acres; also all the pipes, flumes and canals, and all the water belonging to said lands.

Public notice is hereby given, that on Saturday, the 4th day of April, A. D. 1890, at 12 o'clock m., of that day, in front of the Court House door of the County of Los Angeles, on Spring street, will be offered for sale, under and by virtue of an order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale, all the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, with interest and costs, etc., to the highest and best bidder, for cash, lawful money of the United States.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 1890. Jones & Carlton, attorneys for plaintiff. ap3-thu-4t

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

W. H. MANSFIELD, PLAINTIFF, VS. HERBERT E. KRONICK, Defendant. Sheriff's sale, No. 12,210.

Order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale. Under and by virtue of an order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale, issued out of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1890, in the above entitled action, wherein W. H. Mansfield, the above-named plaintiff, obtained a judgment of decree of foreclosure and sale against Herbert E. Kronick, defendant, on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1890, for the sum of \$2,014.85, in lawful money of the United States, which said decree was, on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1890, recorded in judgment book 17 of said Court, at page 156. I am commanded to sell all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and bounded and described as follows:

Blocks numbered thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32) "The Palms," in the Rancho La Ballona, Los Angeles County, California, as per map recorded in book 13, pages 1, 2 and 3, and book 21, page 45, miscellaneous records said county, except thirty feet of southerly side of block thirty-two (32), and thirty (30) feet of the northerly side of block thirty-one (31).

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining. Public notice is hereby given, that on Monday, the 26th day of May, A. D. 1890, at 12 o'clock m., of that day, in front of the court house door of the County of Los Angeles, on Spring street, will, in obedience to said order of sale and decree of foreclosure and sale, sell the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, with interest and costs, etc., to the highest and best bidder, for cash, lawful money of the United States. Dated this 1st day of May, 1890. M. G. AGUIRRE, Sheriff of said County. By A. M. THORNTON, Under Sheriff. JONES & CARLTON, Attorneys for Plaintiff. ma3-fr-4t

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