

**JAIL SWEETS
BETTER AFTER
GOOD CLEANING**
Sheriff Hammel Has
Model Prison

Has a Thorough House Cleaning in
the County Bastille, and Demands
That Prisoners Keep Them—
selves Clean

Los Angeles county has now the cleanest jail in the entire world. From one end to the other of the county jail building there is not a speck of dirt nor a finger print nor a scratch on the polished wood work, and Sheriff Hammel with a sigh of satisfaction gazed over his domain last night and murmured words of thanks. Since his first day in office, January 7, Sheriff Hammel has been working with the jail. Prisoners and trustees, officers of the jail, a dozen wood work experts, carpenters and painters have been employed day and night within the walls of the great steel cage and the stupendous work was completed last night when the last piece of wood work had been finished and the last brushful of paint applied.

And the jail was a sight to behold. Not a single kitchen in the city of Los Angeles—not even the kitchens of the best class of hotels and cafes—can boast a culinary department superior to that of the jail building. Since the kitchen is always the eyesore of any public institution Sheriff Hammel has paid closest attention to it.

There are no unseemly creatures hiding in the cracks and crevices of the wood work of the kitchen; no cockroaches bask in the warmth of the great ranges, and no mice scamper about in the bread boxes. All that is a matter of long ago.

The tables in the kitchen on which the ordinary bread slicing and light work is done are marvels of cleanliness. They are sandpapered and spotless as fresh linen. The great ranges have no mark of rust nor grease. The huge copper kettles and pans in which the soups and meats are cooked for the prisoners are so shiny and spotless that one can see his face in them.

The cook was preparing the evening meal for the prisoners, and there are now nearly two hundred in the jail, when Sheriff Hammel made his final inspection of the jail yesterday evening. From the copper kettle in the middle of the kitchen there arose a delicious odor and the sheriff dipped a spoon into the contents and tasted it. From his expression of satisfaction the taste must have been pleasant. The trenchers from which the prisoners are served in their cells were spotless. The cook was preparing ribs of beef on the chopping block and the meat was carefully cut and cooked with relishes and dealt out in bountiful supply to the prisoners.

Death Cell Changed
One of the horrors of the county jail since its beginning has been the death cell on the top floor. There the poor wretches doomed to die and awaiting transportation to the gallows have leered through the bars during the night or tossed about in fitful sleep, trying to forget themselves but haunted by the terrible dread of what would soon be their fate.

The cell caused creepy feelings among the other prisoners. The wild nightmare of one of the inmates of that cell would keep the other prisoners nervous a week after. But that cell has been done away with. In the spot where it stood Sheriff Hammel has established a commissary department. Most of the commissary department is soap in various forms, for that is Hammel's pet hobby. Aside from soap there are hundreds of cans of tomatoes, a tin lined bread box, two tin lined bins filled with onions and potatoes, and other groceries and vegetables.

As for the rest of the building, it is spotless. It is the one jail in the country that does not smell like a jail. There is a clean, sweet odor coming from it that shows cleanliness far above the ordinary.

On the top floor of the emergency tank, where the giant negro Fleenor tore out the casings in his desperate attempt at freedom, all traces of the attempted break have been removed and repaired. All the cells on that floor are in perfect shape. In place of many of the gloomy like torches Sheriff Hammel in many places has installed incandescent lights, causing a white light to pierce the cells, and as a result the prisoners have a better chance to get into their bunks and read instead of ruminating and brooding and planning devilry of some sort.

The prisoners show the effect of the change. Their clothing fits better and is cleaner. They are compelled to bathe often and have more time for exercise in their tanks.

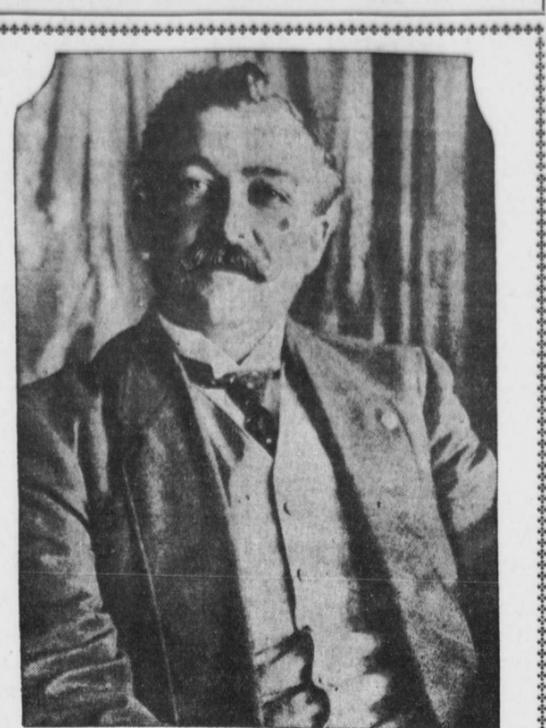
On the first floor, where the vile holes in which the Chinese prisoners are kept awaiting deportation, there has been a marvelous change. Sheriff Hammel, who has reached the heart of his house cleaning, found that there were more than forty Chinese awaiting deportation, and he promptly deported them and got them out of the jail. Before any other Chinese arrived he cleaned the Chinese tanks thoroughly—so thoroughly, in fact, that the place now looks too clean for Chinese to live there.

Demands Cleanliness
"A man has to be clean to remain in this jail," said Sheriff Hammel. "As soon as a man is brought in he is turned over to Martin Aguirre, the jailer, who has been working day and night following out certain plans in regard to the reconstruction of the jail system, and Martin certainly sees that the man gets what's coming to him. The prisoner is bathed by two trustees. If he looks clean he is given an ordinary bath; if he appears to be a tramp then he gets a rub down with heavy stiff brushes, and you get the dirt comes off quick. After that he is given a suit of clean prison clothes, fresh out of the laundry, and he is compelled to air those clothes at night by hanging them on the line. He is compelled to bathe twice a week. Water never hurts any one and least of all a prisoner."

"There are now no vermin of any kind in the beds and there is a reward for the prisoner who finds any kind of a bug in his bed. If a prisoner is sick, instead of being scrubbed, he is sponged and kept clean anyhow."

"Los Angeles has without a doubt the cleanest jail in the world at the present time, and I intend to keep it just that way. I buy clean, good food for the prisoners and it is well cooked. A man who is clean and has a good meal under his jacket is not going to spend his time planning devilry, especially if he has light enough to read by and divert his mind. That is our system and we believe it will do plenty of good."

GOOD SHERIFF WHO IS ALSO A GOOD HOUSEKEEPER



"BILLY" HAMMEL

**OCCIDENTAL PUPIL
TELLS OF CHINESE**

FORMER LOS ANGELES STUDENT IS PROFESSOR

Finds Everything in China "So Different"—But Few Americans Engaged in Business There

Prof. George Nye Steiger, who was formerly a popular student of Occidental college, graduating from that institution last year, and who is now occupying the chair of history at St. John's college, Shanghai, China, writes interestingly of his first impressions of the Flowery Kingdom. Prof. Steiger went to China as a missionary of the Episcopal church and has become very much interested in the future of that country and the work of education being carried on.

The impressions of China from the standpoint of a Los Angeles young man are best given in his own language:

"First impressions are often very confused and hazy when written, and it is only after having given them several months to clarify, as it were, that I venture to write a few of them.

"So Different"
"Were it my object to put into one terse phrase the impressions of a newcomer I might go far to find a better epitome than 'so different.'"

"Coming here from Southern California, with its mountain scenery rivaling the Alps in grandeur, stopping in the rugged, picturesque beauty of Hawaii for three weeks and passing along the coast of Japan, with its green mountains and thousands of rough, thickly wooded isles, the coast of China is at first sight one of the most desolate and discouraging things I have ever seen. Indeed my first and almost only touch of homesickness was during the run up the Yangtze river to Woosung, where we landed to continue by train to Shanghai, twelve miles away.

Sun's Rays Dangerous
"Hardly less striking, in coming from Southern California, was the difference in climate. Although a short stay in Hawaii to some extent prepared me for what I found, it seemed strange to one coming from a climate where it is possible to go bareheaded in the sun with the thermometer at 105 degrees, to be told that he must wear a pith helmet whenever he ventured out—and that with the mercury at about 85 or 90 degrees.

"And then the people. The third great 'difference' to which every new arrival in China must learn to accustom himself. The first thing I did on arriving was to make some purchase and order them sent out to the college—they came eight days later, after I had sent two notes to the store and had finally stopped in myself and tried to impress them with the fact that I really wanted the things—that was a Chinese store.

"I have been told that there are three things out here that make foreigners break down in health, the monotony of the country, the humidity of the atmosphere, and last, but by far the greatest, the immobility of the people—a man who tries to hustle the Chinese is lost.

Few Americans in Business
"This last may account for the fact that there are so few Americans in business out here in Shanghai; before coming I naturally believed that there, as in all other places, it was the Americans who were doing 'things'; as a matter of fact the American 'bongs' or firms can be counted on your ten fingers, while in some of those almost all the foreigners employed are English, it may be that the Americans cannot stand the pace—it is too slow; the English, however, are not afflicted in that way. I bought a hat in an English

store last week and after waiting three days, sent a coolie for it.

"There is no country in the world, however, utterly lacking in beauty, no climate that does not sometimes give us delightful days, and no nation without admirable characteristics. So even in the first hour spent in Shanghai while I was moaning in spirit for the beautiful mountain scenery of home, I was compelled to admire the picturesque attractiveness of the road along which we were passing in our drive to Jessfield, that part of Shanghai in which St. John's is located. Curving and twisting with apparent disregard to all considerations of haste, the Bubbling Well road threads its way among many imposing residences with their well kept grounds, shut in, in English fashion, by high walls, over our heads the great trees arched their branches, making a delightful avenue which at every turn presented some pleasant change. And then the college grounds 'the compound' occupying a long strip of land of about thirty acres, around which the Szechow creek—Shanghai's great waterway to the interior—sweeps in a deep 'V,' forming a silver girdle to the peninsula. Our approach was by a narrow tortuous lane, the only outlet we have to the main road, but a moment later I forgot all about the lane in gazing over the wide expanse of lawn set with trees and shrubs and surrounded by its cordon of buildings, on the extreme left the college church, in front and to the right the three large college buildings, while at the 'center,' partly hidden by trees, there were a couple of foreign houses—residences of the workers.

Inspiration for Poets
"And many times since that first day, when in my walks along the countryside I have come upon some little village by the side of a stream, its rustic stone bridge standing arched over the calm waters, as it has stood for centuries and will stand for centuries yet with its fine old trees overhead and its simple picturesque country people at their homely tasks, many times have I felt that here also could a poet find inspiration and an artist see the picture painted by the hand of nature's God.

"So, too, as the days went by and the late summer became autumn and the sun's rays lost their terror, we had beautiful days in which the genial warmth of midday was so earnest that all through the long afternoon we would be able to enjoy the balmy air of an Indian summer day, and even later when the weather came cold and crisp, the sparkling white of the morning's frost would give place at midday before the power of that same sun which we so resented during the long summer, and when at last the snow came, as it did two or three weeks ago, transforming the landscape for two brief days, we were treated to even greater beauties than before.

People Noble in Character
"And so, too, the people immobile as they are and irresponsive to the earnest efforts of those who are trying to rouse them to higher planes of life and thought, so that the people are possessed of nobility of character, even as Carlyle called 'John Bull' noble, in that he was conservative. When you consider how many centuries have passed over the heads of the Chinese people and left them unchanged, you liken them to the massive pieces of ancient architecture which, built away back in the days of some long forgotten dynasty, will be standing when our grandsons' grandsons are passed away, and you realize, if never before, the quality, where behind that yellow mask is the quality that can conquer worlds—endurance.

"So, indeed, my first impressions of the Chinese were favorable, nor has five months' work among Chinese boys and young men done anything but strengthen my conviction that the Chinese are great people. In St. John's college, where that work has been, most of them of course in the preparatory department, but the orderly way in which they go into and out of chapel, their behavior in class rooms and study hall, and their industry and anxiety to learn, would put to shame many an institution of similar rank at home. A number of our old students have gone to America from time to time and some of them have entered Yale and other of our foremost institutions, and I have yet to hear of one who has failed to acquit himself creditably.

Efficient in Athletics
"On the athletic field, which is also a novelty in this part of the world, they are becoming more and more efficient and although all the foreign-taught schools around Shanghai are working on the introduction of physical exercise, among the Chinese, our boys here as yet always held the supremacy in athletics and now require absolutely no encouragement to make them take that amount of exercise which is necessary if we ever hope to bring the Chinese scholar to the ideal condition of 'mens sana sano in corpore.'"

"Of equal interest is it to see by what motives they are actuated and what ideals of life they hold. In a recent composition class the graduating students handed me papers on the question 'In What Walk of Life is

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China Most in Need of Young Men?
In which they advocated almost without exception the callings which they had respectively chosen, giving as their reasons, however, though expressed in different ways, the one idea that they were preparing to be of use in the new China, which must some day come and in which there would be need for men in many lines of activity, of which they believed their own choice to be the most important. And the same idea seems to be strong in the minds of all our students, there is a new China coming which will have need of their best abilities and for the day when the opportunity comes they are preparing.

"My first impressions might run into volumes and still give only an imperfect picture of this great country and its people who have withstood for countless ages the inroads of time and change, and will no doubt withstand for centuries more the influence of outside nations. It is only from within that China can ever be changed, and it is only by helping in the education of those who will some day hold the helm of the ship of state that we can ever hope to have a hand in that change."

WORLD'S BUTTER RECORD: HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN QUEEN
FOND DU LAC, Wis., April 13.—In a sixty day test, just completed, under the personal supervision of a representative of the Wisconsin experimental station, a Holstein-Friesian cow owned by W. J. Gillett has broken the world's butter record by forty pounds. The official test shows 5326.7 pounds of milk and 205.5 pounds of butter. The cow gave birth to a calf December 19 and the test was commenced on the fifth day of her period of lactation. The test was continued for sixty-four days, during which the quantity of milk weighed and samples taken and tested by a representative of the experiment station.

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