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AN ECCENTRIC'S FREAK.

One can never tell just what turn eccentricity will take. We have all heard that Li Hung Chang, China's big statesman, travels around, preceded by a very handsome coffin, which is to be the resting place of his mortal remains when he takes his journey to a very distant country. People are quite frequently found who have their coffins all made and ready for occupancy. There is nothing objectionable in any such custom, though it seems a little ghastly, and some people would not fancy the idea of eating a meal with an empty coffin staring at them from under the table.

Perhaps one of the most inconsistent things in our all inconsistent lives is the pomp and display we make at a funeral. That is an occasion when the extreme littleness of mankind is strikingly illustrated, yet it is the time many of us choose, to put on a great deal of fuss and feathers.

An old chap in Ohio is going in for a somewhat novel experience. He is to celebrate, some time this month, his "Funeral Jubilee." An exchange furnishes us with the following outline of this interesting celebration in which Lorenzo Dow, aged 80, is about to appear as a hearty old man, and a lifeless corpse, one and the same time.

"I shall be 80 years old on June 17," said he to-day. "I, long ago made up my mind that if a man was ever going to amount to anything he would show it by the time he was eighty. And I decided that when I got to my eightieth birthday I would have a funeral sermon preached. The ministers could tell the people what I had accomplished just about as well as they could when I died, for my life work would be pretty near done. All I do after I am 80 can be put in a mighty small postscript, anyhow. I'll throw that in free.

"The way a funeral sermon usually goes, a man's neighbours have all the fun, and he lies there like a bump on a log and don't know anything about it. It don't do him any good to have the minister tell the people what a grand man he was and sum up his good deeds.

"My funeral will be different. I will be there on the front seat, the coffin will be brought in just as if I were in it, and all the neighbors will be there. It's the only funeral jubilee they will have over me, for when I die my remains are to be put into my coffin, forwarded to Cincinnati and cremated. The ashes are to be put into a place I have ready beside my monument and sealed over with a glass top.

"The next Sunday after June 17 is June 21. I picked that date because that is the longest day in the year. You see I want to give the minister all the chance he needs for his oration. I am not having this done to be queer, or for notoriety. The Bible says that the days of man are three score and ten, and I have lived long enough to consider myself dead."

Mr. Dow must be an eccentric of the first water.

High Political Standards.

It is to be hoped that Canada will soon be denominated by higher standards of political morality. After a general campaign the Government of the day wins nearly every bye-election chiefly through the desire of the electors to have a supporter in Parliament of the reigning executive in order, by influence and intrigue, to secure official position or legislative grants. It is at present customary to keep certain offices vacant for months or years so as to ensure the party zeal and loyalty of numerous applicants. Members of Parliament resign their seats at times calculated to be most harmful, because of not having been appointed customs officer in leading a commercial centre, or utter dire threatenings if not, within a stated time, made wardens of penitentiaries. "Boodle" brigades deliberately steal from the public treasury, and apparently expect the thefts to be viewed as acts of commendable virtue. Ladies and gentlemen of wealth and standing, clergymen even, and church pillars without number, smuggle innumerable articles from foreign lands, and in the hearing of friends recount their exploits with laughter and evident pleasure. Prominent citizens and partisans withdraw their political allegiance and then pose as martyrs or noble-hearted Independents because their vanity has not been gratified, their selfish demands granted, or their unbounded assurance or wilfulness been met with deference and submission. Canada needs men who love morality more than money, virtue more than vanity, and honesty and patriotic purposes more than ill-gotten gain and selfish aggrandizement.—Peterboro', Saturday Afternoon.

Won't Have Chinamen in the U. S.

MALONE, N. Y., June 4.—Deputy Collectors Porter and Shuffet of Malone, assisted by Special Inspectors Delaney and Sessions, captured three Chinamen just this side of the Canadian line, in this country, last night, as they were trying to steal their way to New York city. The Chinamen were in charge of F. M. Peters of Moira, N. Y., and M. Eaton of Montreal. They were lodged in jail to await a hearing before Commissioner Badger.

The Cable Conference in London, after to-day's meeting will be postponed for three weeks, to allow some of the delegates to attend the telegraph conference at Buda Pesth.

THEY ARE TWO HUSTLERS.

That is the Opinion of the Public who want Groceries.

When two active, pushing young men, having experience in their line of business, and enjoying the respect of the community, form a partnership, they are mighty apt to succeed, and such is the case with regard to the grocery firm of Noble & Trafton, who succeeded A. J. Marsten on the 1st day of May, 1895.

Experience is necessary in every line of business, not less in the grocery trade than in another.

Harry Noble has been in the grocery business for the past seven years. He clerked for A. J. Marsten and also had an experience in the large firm of Rhodes Bros., Boston, which puts him in a position to judge keenly regarding first-class articles. Nor is his partner less posted in the line of business that they have undertaken. In a period of wandering in the desert of the west, Percy Trafton held a position in a grocery store in Seattle. So both men are experienced, and this is one of the main reasons that they are getting such a large run just now.

Among the special lines in which Noble & Trafton excel may be mentioned essences and spices of which they keep the purest and the best. Canned goods from the most reliable manufacturers are kept in great variety. Among them are canned corn, Delhi peach, tomatoes, rhubarb, salmon, tongue, corned and roast beef, potted ham, dried beef, oysters, etc. In teas there are to be found in this commodious and well arranged store, Oolong, China, Blend:—in coffees, Old Government, Java and Mocha, Java, Cocos are represented on the shelves by Baker's (American) and Bendorps (Dutch). Of gelatine, an article much in demand, they have the two excellent varieties, Plymouth Rock, (American) and Cox's (English.) Tapioca of the purest kind, either Minute or Pearl is kept in good quantities.

To mention everything in the store would fill columns, and is unnecessary. Attention may be directed to the full line of crockery-ware, and all the things which a customer expects to find in a first class grocery store will be found at Noble & Trafton's. The proprietors are active workers themselves. They wait promptly on their customers, give them the best articles at lowest prices, and send them with lightning speed wherever it is wanted they shall be sent. Such young men we want to keep in this place, and they will stay as long as the public appreciates them.

The Wheat Supply.

A. Wood Davis, the crop statistician declares that the current reports that the world is full of wheat, and that Europe will produce this year 100,000,000 bushels more than in 1895, is absurd. He sums up the present conditions as follows: Drought has prevailed to a damaging extent in Western central Europe, except in Belgium and France. Russia's spring wheat will not be a full crop; Indian's wheat crop will be deficient one-third; the South African crop is but half what it was last year; North America was visited with a destructive drought; the South American crop is below last years average, Canada's crop is poor with a reduced average, and in the United States, except in the Pacific coast States, there is a general decline in the condition of wheat.

The Black Plague.

The black plague is gaining alarming proportions in the Orient. The disease is spreading in all quarters. The Japanese officials are doing all in their power to keep the disease out of that country and so far seem to have met with success.

A despatch from Pretoria to the Pall Mall Gazette, London, says the four leaders of the Johannesburg Reform Committee, Lionel Phillips, Col. Francis Rhodes, George Farrar and John Hays Hammond, whose condemnation to death was recently commuted to fifteen years imprisonment, have been released on parole. Mr. Hammond is about sailing for the United States. It is reported that each of the four were fined £20,000.

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Woodstock Woollen Mills Co.

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