

A Description of Mukden.

Mukden, the city to which General Kuropatkin's army fled after the great battle of Liao Yang, and around which both the Russians and the Japanese are maneuvering, is a city of many names.

It was known as Tsingchou by the Chinese 4260 years ago, and it had several other names before it received in 1630 the Manchu name of Mukden, "prosperity." The Chinese called it Shengking or Shenyang, and its official Chinese name is Fengtien, so that it has today four names.

In 1620 it was a very prosperous Chinese city with a well armed garrison of 70,000 men, notwithstanding whom the half savage Manchu took it by strategem in 1621, all efforts by the Chinese to recapture it being unsuccessful. Manchu influence spread rapidly and within a few years they occupied the places with which the present war has made us familiar, Liao Yang, Hai Cheng, Kin Chou, Kai Ping, etc.

Magnificent palaces resembling those of Peking, though on a smaller scale, sheltered the Manchu chiefs. Along the well laid out streets, paved with stones, there were numerous and splendid shops, in which Chinese silks, the finest furs, valuable gems, and other rich treasures were placed before the opulent passerby. Beautiful gardens, temples and cemeteries surrounded the city and on the western side a Lama temple was constructed in 1638, on the decoration of which much gold and silver were lavished. In this the idol, Makhsala, the defender of the faith, found a fitting home.

Mukden remained very dear to the hearts of the brave Manchus though they were now established in Peking. There were the historical associations recalling the days of their struggle for recognition. But more dear to them was the tomb of the founder of their dynasty, which was located only a few miles from the city walls, now in the midst of a beautiful grove of giant pines, in one of the most peaceful spots ever dedicated to the dead.

The Mukden of today is an ordinary north China town, a little dirtier, perhaps, than some Manchurian towns, far inferior to Lia Yang in its streets, shops and sanitary arrangements. The beauty of the Manchu tombs, however, seems to make up for the sordidness of the city; the city wall and towers are imposing, only excelled by those of Peking. Some of the palaces, too, in the imperial city are still handsome, but many of them have collapsed and are still collapsing from age and neglect.

Especially notable are the imperial storehouses, which contain thousands of pieces of imperial porcelain, bronzes, embroideries, and other treasures sent from Peking to be taken care of. No one is supposed to see or touch or appreciate these treasures, which are destined some day to meet utter destruction by the fall of the wretched building, which is as old as several completely ruined structures nearby.

Mukden has been losing much of its trade of late years, having been cut out by the more energetic and less heavily taxed citizens of Kuan-chengtsse and Tieling.

But it is splendidly situated, with excellent facilities for communication by road, river and rail. It is the capital of one of the most fertile districts in the world, and if it is made free to the trade of the world, and the open door in Manchuria maintained, it will again become a most prosperous centre.

The ancestral tombs of the Manchus are situated in the city of Mukden, which was the original capital of the kings of Manchuria, the ancestors of the present rulers of China. When Peking was made the capital of the empire of the Manchu sovereigns in the 14th century, the imperial tombs were constructed in Chihli province, in which Peking is situated, and in process of time became known as the eastern and western imperial mausolea.

The present war having been brought so seriously near the ancestral tombs of the imperial house of

Ta Tsing, it is but natural that H. I. M. Kueang Hsu is anxious to preserve the mausolea of his imperial ancestors near Mukden from pillage and desecration—or even destruction by the torch.

The emperor has, therefore, commanded the Waipu to instruct the Chinese ministers at Tokyo and St. Petersburg to call the attention of these governments to the matter, with the urgent request that generals commanding the armies of the respective belligerents be asked to order their troops to respect the imperial tombs when they happen to be in their neighborhood.

Wonderful Statistics.

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Family of Six Killed.

The Columbia State. Gaffney, Sept. 25.—A telegram was received here yesterday announcing the death of Mr. Lee Hill at Jellico, Tenn., who was killed in an explosion in a powder mill.

The corpse was expected here on train No. 40 last night, but instead a telegram was received that the corpse accompanied by Mr. Scott Hill, his father, Lee Hill's wife and four children and a single sister, were on the illfated Southern train which was wrecked yesterday and that all the parties were killed.

The corpses of all seven of the family are expected to arrive this evening or tomorrow morning.

Children in the Schools of This Country.

The opening of the school year calls attention to the mighty force that is represented by our colleges and public schools. It has just been estimated that 17,889,000 young men and women and children have returned to their studies in the various institutions and schools of the country. This tremendous aggregate comprises 120,000 students in universities and colleges; 65,000 in professional schools; 150,000 in business colleges; 211,000 in city evening schools; 775,000 in high schools and academies; 1,125,000 in private schools; and 15,475,000 in public schools. In other words, one-fifth of the population of this country is engaged in acquiring education in its various institutions and schools. If there should be added, however, children in reform schools for deaf, blind, feeble-minded and orphan, kindergartens and other institutions it would be found that nearly one-fourth of the population of the country is undergoing instruction, which means that, in proportion to population, the schools of the United States contain to day more pupils than those of any other country on the face of the globe.

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Luck in the Letter "B."

A writer has discovered that many of the worst foes of the horticulturist begin with "W" and he instances worms, weevils, wind and other workers of wickedness. This suggests a question as to whether there are any natural groupings of letters, take "B," for example, and consider how many boons and blessings to a man begin with it. The baker, butcher and brewer bring him bread, beef and beer. For additional foods he has bacon, black bass, bream, beans, bladders, broccoli, broth, bivalves, bananas, berries, biscuits, buns and butter. After a banquet or bonnet-bouche he may bring out his "bacey" while he bestrides his bicycle. These are but few of the beneficent things included under the blessed letter "B." Now, as a contrast, take "D," and among the first words we think of are damp, dismal, dark, dreary, dank, dull, daft, ducked, dragged, dosed, doubtful, disgusted, doctor, diseased, doldrums, dungeons, depressed, despairing, dead, drunk, and so on, the very sound of which is enough to drive one into doleful dumps.

Fall Plowing.

Fall plowing has so many advantages that it is strange it is not more generally practiced. The turning of the sod in the autumn, of course, causes decomposition, which increases the amount of plant-food for the next summer's crop. Then, fall plowing is one of the very best methods of combating the numerous worm enemies of the vegetable world.

The surface of fall-plowed fields appears dry in the spring, but beneath this crust they will usually be found to contain more moisture than those not plowed until spring. This is because the winter rains can better penetrate the loosened subsoil. The loosening of the soil by spring plowing admits the air, which means a loss of soil-moisture, so that during a dry summer there is often not enough to support the crop.

Of course, fall plowing cannot be recommended for all soils and localities, especially where there is an excess of rain during the winter months.

Will do No Harm.

Of course Tom Watson may be able to take a few votes from the Democratic party in the south; but he will not be able to get enough to do any harm.

Insomnia and Indigestion Cured.

"Last year I had a very severe attack of indigestion. I could not sleep at night and suffered most excruciating pains for three hours after each meal. I was troubled this way for about three months when I used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and received immediate relief," says John Dixon, Tullamore, Ontario, Canada. For sale by The Kaufmann Drug Co.

To Be Enforced.

The state board of control is sending out instructions to dispensers to be more careful about the law requiring liquor purchasers to file requests, and requiring that such requests be kept on record in the office of the auditor.

Challenge Declined.

The Governor's Guards have declined the challenge of the Richland Volunteers to a drill for the Calamity Cup, as they did not consider the drill necessary, and it will not be held.

Not in the Market Yet.

It is generally understood that the southern cotton mills have not yet gone into the market except for such cotton as they actually need for daily consumption. The present demand is from exporters principally.

Singing the Old Song.

Senator James K. Jones, former chairman of the Democratic party has resumed his old song of victory, and even the most loyal and hopeful of the southern newspapers can hardly repress their amusement. Poor Jones commands hardly more confidence than does John Alexander Dowie.

The city council of Richmond has recommended that the city give \$1,000 for the erection of a monument to Jefferson Davis in that city.

There are men who consider an ace the most charming spot on earth. The man who is forced to swallow his words usually chews them well.

There is always room at the top of a man's head for an ache the next morning.

Noggs—My little girl is two years old, and cannot talk yet. Boggs—Don't be at all alarmed. My wife was three years old before she could say a word, and now —!

Land Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER vested in us by the last will and testament of James F. Koon, deceased, we will sell to the highest bidder at his late residence in Hollow Creek Township, S. C., on Saturday, October 15, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m., all that tract of land known as his home place, containing 150 acres, more or less adjoining lands on the north by J. C. Amick, east by Frank W. Shealy, south by D. C. Harman and Henry Leaphart, west by A. I. Shealy and perhaps others. Terms of sale, cash. Purchaser to pay for all papers and must comply in 10 days or will be resold at the risk of the purchaser. A. I. SHEALY, Executor. September 23, 1904. 3w49.

KEEPING PACE WITH DEMANDS.

This Will Be Truly a Greater State Fair—It Begins on October 25th—Ample Arrangements.

The State Agricultural and Mechanical Society purchased one hundred acres of level land in the southern part of Columbia last spring on which to hold its annual South Carolina State Fair. This change was made necessary because the old grounds were too small to accommodate the large number of exhibitors and visitors who annually attended the great fairs, and the buildings were no longer suitable for the purposes for which they were built. On the new grounds there is room for everything and for everybody, and they are more conveniently situated to the transportation lines than the old grounds were. The distance is less than a half mile from the main union depot, and the grounds are reached by several fine roads and by the street car lines, and no trouble will be experienced in handling the large crowds that are sure to visit Columbia. Visitors will find everything brand new this year. The buildings are all modern in construction, large, airy, and comfortable, all one story, with numerous exits and wide aisles. One building is devoted entirely to the handicraft of women, and is set apart from the other buildings so that the fair sex may enjoy themselves without interruption. Another building is devoted to the agricultural exhibits and implements, and another to the commercial exhibits. Then, the poultry building occupies a very prominent location and is very large and roomy. The live stock barns are so arranged that all visitors can safely and conveniently pass through all of them and see all the stock at any time, and the management specially requests that visitors avail themselves of this opportunity.

The regulation mile race track is located in the southern part of the grounds, and is a beauty. The races may be viewed from the Fair grounds if it be preferred to do so, but a large, comfortable grand stand is located at the finish of the home stretch, where the races can be viewed to much better advantage and with more comfort. The quarter stretch is not separated from the grand stand, as was the case on the old track, but all are combined under one inclosure, thus increasing the social part of the meet.

The Midway or Pike is located near the main entrances, and will be filled with all the modern shows and attractions, with wares from every part of the world, and with people from every part of the world. The athletic grounds are located just opposite the Midway, on the other side of the entrance. Here will be played two excellent games of football during Fair week.

The railroads have offered very cheap rates on account of the first Greater State Fair, and they will run most convenient schedules from all sections of the State. In view of all the attractions that have been arranged for, there is no risk in saying that the large crowd of last year will be doubled this fall, and that this great gathering will be more easily accommodated than in any former year. Every one ought to attend the only big fair and social event in the State.

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