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STUDY CHINESE IN NEW YORK

Group of Philosophers Live in Bamboo Forest and Teach Lore of Far East.

SCHOOL IN A TEA GARDEN

But a Foreign Language May Also Be Learned by Dancing, Head Philosopher Finds—Comes From Famous Family.

New York.—Not many people know that among the many interesting things which develop in New York city is a group of Chinese philosophers who dwell in a bamboo forest. Knowing that the forest is on Macdougall street helps, for many interesting things come out of Macdougall street.

The head of the philosophic group is Dr. Liu Tien Tao, who received degrees both in China and at Columbia, and who, once a week, may be found imparting knowledge of Chinese language, philosophy and poetry to a group of students. These include artists, writers and Chinese students. The Chinese in themselves are interesting, for they come from different parts of the world, where they have lived since leaving their native land. One speaks French and does not understand English; another speaks Russian.

Teach Chinese.

Chinese is taught by Doctor Liu in a semi-popular way, much as the European languages are taught. It is comparatively simple to obtain a slight working knowledge of the language, the students find. The delight of writing mysterious characters such as those which grow on tea chests is one of which the pupils never tire. In time they expect to a certain extent to read Chinese poetry and philosophy. In the meantime they imbibe it from Doctor Liu, who later is to arrange special courses in Chinese poetry and philosophy, with the aid of lecturers from Columbia.

Doctor Liu believes that his work is valuable in promoting mutual understanding between Chinese and Americans. He thinks each country can obtain of the other something of value which it needs—that China can get practical business methods from America and America can feel the quieting influence of Chinese philosophy.

In the meantime, the American students of Chinese are absorbing knowledge literally in a bamboo forest. It is something like Shakespeare's "tongues in trees, books in running brooks." At the Bamboo Forest the students read—if they can make it out—Chinese poetry written on lacquered tables, some of it by great national poets and other verses contributed by Doctor Liu himself. Big decorative Chinese characters signifying "happiness" or "wisdom" cover the walls or the bamboo poles which form the forest.

In Bamboo Forest.

This forest is a Chinese tea garden which, with American business vision, Doctor Liu saw would have to pay overhead charges while he was carrying on his chosen work and gathering around him as applicants for Chinese wisdom little coteries of interested philosophers and friends. The tables covered with Chinese characters were all decorated by the head philosopher himself.

The Bamboo Forest is indoors in a basement of the little old Macdougall street house in winter, but in fair weather extends to a more real bamboo forest in the open at the rear.

Doctor Liu is a philosophic philosopher. He takes the American world as he finds it and adopts its customs and habits. He attended the recent ball of the Independent Artists at the Waldorf dressed as a prince of the old Tang period. But he danced American dances with the rest of the American world, an accomplishment he learned while at Columbia.

The head philosopher of the Bamboo Forest comes from a family of both students and warriors. His father was president of a Chinese college, and an uncle, the famous Gen. Hwang Hsing, led the republican forces in the revolution in China in 1912.

Young Hog's Great Weight.

Green Bay, Wis.—J. Gabriel Town of Brazeau, exhibited at the Farmers' Institute in Klondike a strip of flesh from a twenty-month-old hog raised on his farm that tipped the scales when alive at 1,017 pounds and when dressed at 717 pounds. The strip was cut from the back of the porker and was eight inches thick without the bone. The hog was a cross between a Poland China and a Chester White. The hog was fed only corn the last two months it was alive.

Lightning Kills Trout in New York State Pond

Washington.—An interesting letter was received by the fisheries bureau the other day from B. H. Norton of Syracuse, whose ponds were stocked with trout fry by the bureau a while ago. It reads:

"We have been very successful in raising the trout allotted to us. The only loss we have had was one trout that was struck by lightning."

TEACHERS AT THE COLLEGE

The following interesting facts about the Kentucky teachers enrolled at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, have recently been prepared for THE BOURBON NEWS:

Of the one hundred and six teachers in attendance from the State of Kentucky, fifty-eight are college graduates. Representing Berea College is one graduate; Bethel College, Mopkinsville, Ky., one; Bowling Green State Normal School, twenty-one; Carson-Newman College, Tennessee, one; Chicago, Ill., Kindergarten School, one; Danville, Ky., College for Women, one; Fresno Cal., Normal School, one; Georgetown University, three; Kentucky State University, one; Lanier University, Ga., one; Livingston, Ala., State Normal School, two; Logan College, three; Louisville Kindergarten Training School, one; The Middle Tennessee State Normal School, one; Millersburg, Ky., College, one; George Peabody College for Teachers, two; Richmond, Ky., State Normal School, five; Vanderbilt University, two; Wesleyan College, one; Western College, Ohio, two.

The majority of the students enrolled from the State of Kentucky are experienced teachers. During the school year twenty-eight of these men and women are administrators of public education; five are college instructors; thirty-four are teachers of high school subjects, and seventeen are teachers of primary and grammar grades. Seven did not mention the type of work they are doing; and fifteen failed to indicate that they are teaching.

TWENTY-SIX COUNTIES LACKING TAX RETURNS

Twenty-six of the 120 counties in Kentucky, either have not sent in their tax returns for the year, or have failed to meet increases ordered by the State Tax Commission, it was announced at the office of the commission, in Frankfort. Recapitulations from 11 others have not been approved, pending the outcome of appeals from the assessments made by the tax supervisors.

It is regarded here as probable that some of the counties which have not yet made their returns to the Commission were awaiting the recent decision of the Court of Appeals in which it was held that the counties must meet increases ordered by the Commission. All of the counties which "revolted" against the commission and backed the Fayette county suit, are among those still out.

The counties from which returns have not yet been received are: Adair, Anderson, Ballard, Bath, Bourbon, Boyle, Carlisle, Clark, Crittenden, Fayette, Graves, Hardin, Knott, Larue, Madison, Marion, Marshal, McCracken, Mercer, Montgomery, Owen, Pike, Powell, Scott, Union and Webster.

LIBEL SUIT AGAINST LEXINGTON HERALD

Circuit Judge William C. Halbert filed suit at Catlettsburg, Saturday, against the Lexington Herald Company and Desha Breckinridge, president of the company and editor of The Herald, for \$50,000.

The suit is based upon an editorial in The Herald of June 28, headed, "Let the Judge Answer at the Bar of Justice." Attorneys for Judge Halbert are George B. Martin, of Catlettsburg, and S. S. Willis, of Ashland.

The editorial was in regard to the trial of the Clayhole election cases. The cases were transferred from Breathitt county to the Boyd county Circuit Court and Judge Halbert presided over the trial of the election cases.

RACING COMMISSION FILES FALL DATES

The Kentucky State Racing Commission Saturday allotted fifty one days for the fall Kentucky race meetings to be held at Louisville, Lexington and Latonia.

Ten days were allotted to Louisville, opening August 30, continuing until September 9. Lexington with ten days will start Saturday, September 16, and close September 27.

Latonia is given thirty-one days, the opening day being September 30, closing November 4.

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Assisting Miss Stolofsky will be George Imbrie, noted baritone, together with an accomplished pianist. The program will be one of unusual variety, selections of worth, both vocal and instrumental, being interspersed with favorite lighter numbers.

Well-Known Collegian Male Quartet Here at Chautauqua



The well-known Collegian Male Quartet will be one of the popular attractions at the coming Redpath Chautauqua here. The members of this notable organization are exceptional singers, but they are also splendidly accomplished as a brass quartet. They have had long experience together and their ensemble singing and playing are exceptional. They are capital entertainers and the programs presented by them are sure to be a musical and entertaining treat, which will be long remembered by Chautauqua audiences.