

JUNKS IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

Many of the Curious Craft Built and Shaped by Chinese. San Francisco Chronicle.

Of all the craft that plough the waters of San Francisco Bay none are more curious or more picturesque than the Chinese junk.

The greater part of this Oriental fleet in Occidental waters is employed in the shrimp fishing industry.

The junk is built on a keel of planks, built along lines that have remained practically unaltered for hundreds of years.

The Chinese junk is in itself an illustration of the characteristic Oriental ingenuity to all change.

A junk is built on the beach by Chinese shipbuilders. During last summer a new one was constructed.

Spouting of race prejudice. I should like space to mention a few things that have come within my notice during a brief residence here.

RECEIVERSHIP HEARING. Special Master Seawell Hears Testimony in the Matter of Robert L. Forrest and Others Against W. J. Edwards.

MARINER'S UNUSUAL DEATH. Captain of a Coasting Schooner the Victim of a Fatal Accident in Pamlico Sound.

HELEN FOIL. Boston, Dec. 10. Death of Miss Elsie Eskridge at Shelby.

MOORESVILLE MATTERS.

Death of Mr. Moore Brown—Quarterly Meeting at the Methodist Church Personal.

Correspondence of The Observer. Mooreville, Dec. 11.—The first quarterly meeting of the Methodist church at this place was held last night.

Several white women of questionable character and a number of negroes were brought to town from near Shelby.

Rev. W. M. Walsh, of Charlotte, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rankin for a few days.

Mr. Clarence E. Furr arrived at his home here last night from Encampment, Wyo., where he has been for the past months engaged as an electrician.

OXFORD SOCIAL EVENT. The Social Club Entertained by Mrs. Cannady—Reception in Honor of a Visitor.

Correspondence of The Observer. Oxford, Dec. 11.—Friday afternoon, December 9th, from 3 to 5, the Social Club was entertained by Mrs. H. M. Cannady.

Thursday afternoon, December 10th, Mrs. W. D. Bryan entertained in a charming manner in honor of Mrs. Harry G. Williams.

Special to The Observer. Lumberton, Dec. 12.—The receivership hearing in the matter of Robert L. Forrest and others, against W. J. Edwards, was resumed.

White Man Stabbed by Negro. Special to The Observer. Newbern, Dec. 12.—Captain J. F. Mann, master of the tug-boat Irvy Blaine, was killed Saturday morning in a strange manner.

GODS AND HAIR.

Divine Dedication Customs Practiced by the Ancients. Fortnightly Review.

According to Lachar, youths as well as maidens were forbidden to wear long hair until they had sworn their hair in honor of Hippolytus.

At Panamara, in Caria, men dedicated locks of their hair in the temple of Zeus. The locks were enclosed in a little stone box, some of them fitted with a marble lid or shutter.

SMALL FIRE AT GOLDSBORO. A Two-Story Frame Building Partially Destroyed—New Postoffice to Be Occupied Shortly.

Dress of the Jungle Woman. The low caste Siamese of the jungle have few wants, and live like animals, eating chiefly wild fruits and rice.

Tarboro Emerges From Gloom. Special to The Observer. Tarboro, Dec. 12.—After a fortnight of darkness caused by the burning of the power house and machinery of the electric lighting plant two weeks ago, Tarboro is again illuminated with brilliant lights to-night.

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RIVER GIVES UP ITS DEAD.

Bodies of John H. Gore and John Brewer Recovered by a Searching Party of Pythians. The Unfortunate Men Drowned in Three Feet of Water.

Special to The Observer. Wilmington, Dec. 12.—Weighted down with their gunning paraphernalia and partially buried in the mud, cold and silent in the embrace of death, the bodies of former Governor D. L. Russell of this city, and John Brewer, 21 years of age, of Franklin, Va., a brother-in-law of Gore, were found this morning five miles down the river, where they fell exhausted clinging to their capsized boat while returning from a duck hunt during a squall early Saturday night.

TRIVIAL FIRE AT SPENCER. The Champion Firemen Make a Good Run—A New Enterprise Begins Business.

Believe a Cotton-Picker Practicable. To the Editor of The Observer: Noting an article in your paper on the subject of a successful cotton picker, written by Wilton R. Capps, of Newark, N. J., December 3rd, we take the liberty of sending you by mail under separate enclosure copy of The Evening Journal, of this city, containing therein quite a number of testimonials from our prominent and most substantial citizens in regard to the advantages of the cotton picker which was recently exhibited near here.

Lenoir Topic Changes Hands. Special to The Observer. Lenoir, Dec. 12.—The Lenoir Topic, owned by Mark Squires and the oldest of this county's papers, was sold Saturday to J. E. Mattocks, A. E. Wolts and C. C. Weaver.

Wedding at China Grove. Special to The Observer. China Grove, Dec. 12.—Mr. W. B. Laseley, cashier of the bank and Miss Pauline Thorn, of this town, were married this evening at 7 o'clock.

Read what Mr. L. A. Ames, of Prospect, Maine, says: "I have used SEVEN BARKS for the past twenty years and can honestly say it has saved me many a doctor's bill." Read what Mr. L. A. Ames, of Prospect, Maine, says: "I have used SEVEN BARKS for the past twenty years and can honestly say it has saved me many a doctor's bill."

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Rain Trees of Kansas.

Kingman (Kan.) Leader-Courier. There are a number of trees in this city, which at stated periods give off a distinct and perceptible mist from the points of their boughs, and in some cases the amount of water given off is quite noticeable.

EXCURSION TO HAVANA, CUBA. JANUARY 4TH. The Seaboard announces a very low rate of one fare, plus two dollars, for the round trip, from all points in Virginia, North and South Carolina, including Washington, D. C., to Havana, Cuba, and return—rates including meals and stateroom on steamship between Port Tampa and Havana and return.

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