

10,000,000 Are Starving.

Unless immediate succor be sent to the Chinese famine sufferers in the district north of the Yenytse river the lives of 10,000,000 starving Chinese farmers will be snuffed out within a few weeks.

A communication to this effect was received in New York by E. R. Johnson, of the Christian Herald last week from a prominent civic society in China which has been soliciting aid for the famine sufferers from the nations of the world. Immediate steps will be taken by charitable institutions of this city to send relief to the sufferers.

The famine in North China is the most terrible in the history of the world, said Mr. Johnson. Not even the famines of India can compare with it. It covers an area of more than 40,000 square miles, with a population of 10,000,000. It is inevitable that this whole population will be wiped out unless relief be sent at once.

Last October and November it rained in the district for 40 days without cessation. Every crop was utterly ruined. The Chinese of that section rely for food entirely upon what they raise. They are mostly small landlords or tenants.

The whole country was covered with water, and, as there were no crops, there was no seed for a new planting. In December 1,000,000 of the 10,000,000 inhabitants were destitute and thousands had died. By February 1, the whole population was starving and the suffering was terrible. Men stripped trees of their bark for food. Women threw their children into the river rather than see them starve. Suicides were counted by the thousand.

Mothers sold their boys and girls for a dollar apiece, used the money thus obtained to provide the children with food, and then kill themselves. Older children were sold into slavery and worse, so that the money they brought might be used to feed their little brothers and sisters.

To make matters worse, smallpox and typhoid fever broke out in the famine camps and thousands died of these diseases. The cities were surrounded by thousands of shadow-like men and women from the country districts. They were almost starved to death and many of them could hardly walk. Death camps were instituted, to which the dying crawled to breathe their last.

Every possible effort is being made by the Chinese Government to relieve the suffering. Food is being brought from the southern cities and from other countries. The Red Cross Society has responded to the cry of the famine sufferers and is conveying money and provisions to China.

Dr. Lewis Klopsch, of the Christian Herald, has already sent \$36,000 to the sufferers and has promised to send \$50,000 a month for the next four months. One dollar from every American will save one life in China for a week. Millions are in the famine camps.—Ex.

Kodol digests what you eat and quickly overcomes indigestion, which is a forerunner of Dyspepsia. It is made in strict conformity to the National Pure Food and Drug Law and is sold on a guarantee relief plan. Sold by J. E. Shell, Dr. Kent and Granite Falls Drug Co.

"Call a spade," advises Plutarch. It doesn't get off that easy when one is caught to a heart flush.

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Boone Items.

The Boone baseball team will cross bats with Gordon today.

The term students of A. T. S. gave a team song at Chapel Thursday morning.

We gather this from A. T. S. There are 195 enrolled in the advanced grades and forty in the preparatory.

Rev. J. M. Parsons, of Altamont, Mitchell county, has secured twenty-five names as charter members of the Jr. Lodge. He will return soon to organize the lodge.

There are three good schools in Cove Creek township; Walnut Grove Institute, Cove Creek Academy and Mast Seminary. Each school teaches as high as the eighth grade.

People seem to be very much interested in the Appalachian Park, but know very little about it. We understand that Hon. R. Z. Linney greatly opposes it while many people believe it a great help.

The "Old Maids Convention" given by the Euterpean Literary Society of A. T. S. on the evening of February 22nd, was considered quite a success. A large crowd was in attendance and every one present seemed to enjoy the play.

For Catarrh, let me send you free, just to prove merit, a Trial size box of Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. It is a snow white, creamy, healing antiseptic balm that gives instant relief to Catarrh of the nose and throat. Make the free test and see. Address Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Large jars 50 cents. Sold by J. E. Shell.

Granite Items.

Miss Zora Bush, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. G. Sherrill, of this place, returned home Monday.

Mr. Horace Bush, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is improving at this writing.

A new industry for our town—The Granite Cordage Co.—was organized recently, with a capital of \$25,000, they will make sash, cord and braided rope, and will employ about 15 to 20 hands.

The work on the Dudley Shoals cotton mill is progressing nicely, they are building two dams across Little River and will install a complete electrical plant and run their Mill by electricity.

Mr. C. C. Musgrave, who recently moved here from Lenoir, has opened up a first-class hotel here, and is doing a nice business. Glad to have him and his family with us.

Little globules of sunshine that drive the clouds away. DeWitt's Little Early Risers will scatter the gloom of sick-headache and biliousness. They do not gripe or sicken. Recommended and sold by J. E. Shell, Dr. Kent and Granite Falls Drug Co.

Men whose work requires them to stoop all the time, to work in a bent posture, every now and then may be seen straightening themselves up taking a long deep breath of air, and looking up toward the skies. Thus their bodies are preserved in health and in erectness in spite of their work. If, however they never straighten up, they soon grow into the bent form in which they have to work. Whatever their toil or burden, men should train themselves to look often upward, to stand erect and get a glimpse of the sky of God's love, and a breath of heaven's pure sweet air. Thus they will keep their souls erect under the heaviest load of work or care.—Concord Times.

Faster and faster the pace is set, By people of action, vim and get, So if at the finish you would be, Take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea.—Sold by Dr. Kent and Granite Falls Drug Co.

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Mary—Dark circles under the eyes indicate a sluggish circulation, torpid liver and kidneys. Exercise and Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and beautiful. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets at Dr. Kent's and Granite Falls Drug Co.

Trees Mine From Missouri River Bank.

A new industry and a thriving one is mining timber from the banks of the Missouri river. Several men who have engaged in the work say it is very profitable.

With each spring flood the Missouri uproots hundreds of cottonwood trees and after carrying them along for ten or twenty miles leaves them on the banks half buried in the sand and mud.

Perhaps a year or two later another flood will wash out these trees and rivermen quickly fish them out and haul them to the mills. Frequently it pays to go to the trouble of excavating a buried tree.

The lumber cut from the logs is seasoned and finds a ready sale of a higher price than ordinary green timber. Occasionally the men will find a walnut tree worth as much as \$40.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is Both Agreeable and Effective.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has no superior for coughs, colds and croup, and the fact that it is pleasant to take and contains nothing in any way injurious has made it a favorite with mothers. Mr. W. S. Pelham, a merchant of Kirksville, Iowa, says: "For more than twenty years Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been my leading remedy for all throat troubles. It is especially successful in cases of croup. Children like it and my customers who have used it will not take any other." For sale by J. E. Shell, Dr. Kent and Granite Falls Drug Co.

Mr. Horah. Will be Congressman Hackett's Private Secretary.

Salisbury Dispatch.

Congressman Richard N. Hackett has appointed James H. Horah, of this city, his private secretary. The honor came unsolicited but it is a just one. Mr. Horah was secretary to Mr. T. H. Vanderford, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of this district, and did able service. Mr. Horah's appointment will not necessitate his going to Washington or Wilkesboro, and he will continue his practice of law in Salisbury. He will have an assistant, who will be with Mr. Hackett when he is in his Wilkesboro home or in Washington.

[It has been generally understood since the election that a Salisbury man would fall heir to this place. The startling fact in the above is that the lucky man didn't ask for the job.

Do Not Crowd the Season.

The first warm days of spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilarating air and sunshine. Children that have been housed up all winter are brought out and you wonder where they all come from. The heavy winter clothing is thrown aside and many shed their flannels. Then a cold wave comes and people say that grip is epidemic. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-winter, as there is much more danger of pneumonia. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, however, and you will have nothing to fear. It always cures, and we have never known a cold to result in pneumonia when it was used. It is pleasant and safe to take. Children like it. For sale by J. E. Shell, Dr. Kent and Granite Falls Drug Co.

A fruit steamer collided with the French cruiser, Kleber, in the Mississippi river in front of New Orleans Wednesday night and sank. Eight persons on the steamer, all employes, were drowned.

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Wilkes Men Scrap.

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—This afternoon while the House committee on cities and towns were hearing a discussion on a bill providing for a bridge across the Yadkin river in Wilkes county, which Congressman-elect R. N. Hackett, of the eighth district was pressing and Representative Bryan of Wilkes was opposing, the latter stated that Mr. Hackett had been inaccurate in his presentation of the facts. Hackett asked Bryant if he meant to call him a liar. The latter not directly disclaiming such an imputation, Hackett proceeded to pummel him, striking him several blows, the two clinching, and being separated by members of the committee.

Later, as Dr. Bryant went around towards where Hackett was standing Hackett made another assault, but his blow was a glancing one. Bryant claimed he was only going after his hat, which had been knocked off in the first assault. There was much excitement in the hall of the House, but neither the congressman or legislator were arrested.

The News—No Pure Drug Cough Cure Laws would be needed, if all Cough Cures were like Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure is—and has been for 20 years. The National Law now requires that if any poisons enter into a cough mixture, it must be printed on the label or package. For this reason mothers, and others, should insist on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. No poison-marks on Dr. Shoop's labels—and none in the medicine, else it must by law be on the label. And it's not only safe, but it is said to be by those that know it best, a truly remarkable cough remedy. Take no chance, particularly with your children. Insist on having Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Compare carefully the Dr. Shoop package with others and see. No poison marks there! You can always be on the safe side by demanding Dr. Shoop's Cough Cure. Simply refuse to accept any other. Sold by J. E. Shell.

Cogregation Whips Hell-Fire Preacher.

Elkins, W. Va., 19.—Because he declared from the pulpit that a person who was not baptized would go to hell, the Rev. S. M. West, pastor of the Christian Church at West, Wetzel county, was at the conclusion of services last Sunday badly used up by the members of his congregation. Mrs. Abby Postlethwaite, whose deceased brother had not been baptized, confronted the pastor as he left the church and slapped him in the face a number of times. Other members also attacked the minister.

The Rev. Mr. West appeared before the grand jury and procured the indictment for forty-eight members of the congregation. The judge of the Circuit Court fined a number of them \$25 each and sent them to jail for one hour.

You should be very careful of your bowels when you have a cold. Nearly all other cough syrups are constipating, especially those containing opiate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup moves the bowels—contains no opiates. Conforms to National Pure Food and Drug Law. Bears the endorsement of mothers everywhere. Children like its pleasant taste. Sold by J. E. Shell, Dr. Kent and Granite Falls Drug Co.

Next to the wife beater comes the horse beater and it is to be regretted that we have one or two in this community. A horse is the most noble and faithful of animals and the man who would abuse his horse has something lacking in his manhood.—Ex.

Does Coffee disagree with you? Probably it does! Then try Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee. "Health Coffee" is a clever combination of paroled cereals and nuts. Not a grain of real Coffee, remember, in Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee, yet its flavor and taste matches old Java and Mocha Coffee. If your stomach, heart, or kidneys can't stand Coffee drinking, try Health Coffee. It is wholesome, nourishing, and satisfying. It's nice even for the youngest child. Sold by Harrison & Co.

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