

LESSONS FROM CHINA

"New" Things Which Have Been Proved There For Centuries.

From what has been learned about China in recent years the conclusion is apparent that while Chinese engineering has proceeded quite successfully along static lines, it has rested for centuries without much progress in all that involves motion. Thus, while their fixed structures are notable and frequently beautiful, their machines for doing work and moving people and goods are rudely primitive. The curious Chinese wheelbarrow is still a most important factor in land transportation, but what in the United States, for example, is considered very modern "cage construction" for buildings, has been practiced by the Chinese for centuries, and is found all over China. This is one of many interesting observations made by Mr. William Barclay Parsons during a railroad survey in 1898, and recorded in his recent book entitled "An American Engineer in China."

Another example of how the Chinese have, by centuries, anticipated some of our modern inventions, is afforded by the system of dividing up the hull of a boat by bulkheads as a protection against leakage, this with the Chinese, dating back further than the thirteenth century. The number of compartments in the Chinese trading vessels depended upon the number of owners in a vessel. Mr. John H. Morrison, in an article in this magazine several years ago, told that in a large vessel there were sometimes as many as one hundred, each partner shipping his goods in his own compartment which he fitted up to suit himself, and either went in person or sent one of his family to take charge of his property. There is thus some question whether the Chinese bulkhead or compartment system was designed for insuring safety of the vessel, rather than for the convenience of shippers.—*Carrier's Monthly*.

Queens of England.

The following is a list of the reigning Queens of England since the conquest: 1. Matilda, daughter of Henry I, born 1102, was the rightful heir to the throne, but her claim was set aside in favor of Stephen. She attempted to gain the throne by arms, was crowned, reigned a short time, but being defeated by Stephen, yielded her rights, and secured the succession to her son Henry. She married Geoffrey Plantagenet, and thus brought in the Plantagenet dynasty. 2. Lady Jane Grey, daughter of the Duke of Suffolk, reigned ten days, was beheaded in 1554. 3. Mary, called "the Bloody" daughter of Henry VIII, crowned 1553, married Philip II, of Spain, reigned five years. 4. Elizabeth, daughter of Henry VIII, crowned 1558, reigned forty-four years. 5. Mary, consort of William III, daughter of James II, reigned jointly with her husband, crowned 1689, reigned five years. 6. Anne, daughter of James II, crowned 1702, married George, Prince of Denmark, had thirteen children, all of whom died young, reigned twelve years. 7. Victoria, daughter of the Duke of Kent, born May 24, 1819, crowned June 20, 1837, reigned sixty-two years.—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

GOOD ROADS

Movement Should Be Approved.

Like most other great public reforms, the movement in favor of good roads is experiencing many difficulties, and its promoters many discouragements. Like all other such movements too, it is to some extent being utilized for private gain, and for the advertisement of commercial commodities in one direction or another. All this and more, however, is a necessary evil to the accomplishment of the great and enduring good which is involved.

This great movement should continue to receive the active co-operation and approval of all progressive minds. It has within it the elements of the greatest possible social gains to the people of the entire country. When even a measurable degree of the possibilities of the movement are realized, the *St. Paul Globe* remarks editorially, it will advance with giant strides in every section of the country until we have effaced this stigma of barbarism which attaches to us on account of the condition of our public roads.

The convention of the National Good Roads Association in Buffalo will result in directing national attention to the movement. It will enlist the concerted efforts of the most thoughtful of its advocates, and will go a long way toward securing the final intervention of the State and local governments in the effectuation of the movement.

In settled communities in the East it is possible for the Western traveler here and there to see long stretches of public roads in the distinctively agricultural regions, removed many miles from centers of city population, in as good condition as our city streets. And it invariably happens that in such localities as are thus favored the superior degree of comfort and prosperity which prevails among the people makes itself palpably clear.

There can be no doubt that the spread of free rural postal delivery will have an encouraging effect upon the good roads movement. Congress should enact such laws as would operate to withhold from the localities whose roads are neglected the privileges of free rural delivery. A premium might thus easily be set by the Federal Government upon the improvement of local roads. If the advantages and disadvantages involved in the administration of local roads could in some such way be brought home to the people of the several localities which are well enough populated to entitle them to free postal delivery, it would not be long until there was a general awakening to the great importance of the movement.

Of course, the great difficulty which will be encountered at the outset is the comparatively great expense of transferring mud cuts, such as most Western country roads are, into decent thoroughfares. Their maintenance will be comparatively inexpensive. Their establishment will, however, be beyond the immediate resources of many communities otherwise willing to make the necessary improvements. As the States advance money to their several counties, for one or other public use, they should stand ready to do so with reference to the good roads movement. The good results coming from the establishment of passable highways would be promptly repaid.

With the holding of the Buffalo convention for good roads it is not unreasonable to believe that the movement will have entered upon a new and highly encouraging phase.

Geographic Ignorance.

In spite of all that has been written, in spite of books, magazine articles and newspaper articles, in spite of lectures, stereopticon talks and social talks, the fact remains that the bulk of people on the mainland know very little about us. It was only the other day that one of the teachers passing through to Manila commented upon the fact that Honolulu had the appearance of an American town. The reply was, "Why, this is an American town. You are still in the United States." And then she said, "Do you know I always thought that the Hawaiian Islands belonged to Japan." This dandel was going to help to teach the Filipinos geography. It is to be hoped that Asiatic geography is of a somewhat better brand than her cosmographic views upon the Pacific.—*Honolulu Star*.

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