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THE WATERWORKS BY-LAW

Put Through at the Council Meeting Last Night—No Love Lost Between

Ald. Munn and Ald. Wilson—Words Over Purchase of Electric Light Wiring.

A special meeting of the city council was held last night in the Mayor's room...

The finance committee asked the annual appropriation of \$2000 for the Jubilee Hospital.

Chairman Wilson had not signed the report.

Ald. Vigilius did not believe in voting \$2000 to the Jubilee Hospital.

Ald. Wilson did not approve of giving the money.

Ald. Munn said the Jubilee Hospital was going to be a tax on the city.

Ald. Vigilius said it was understood that the aid for the hospital would not be...

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Ald. Ledingham remarked it was the same with wire as with baking powder.

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CHINESE MISFORTUNES. The Ten Great Depredations of the Province of Shenai.

During the last thirty years the following calamities have befallen the province...

1.—Muhamedan rebellion—This is described as: "Murder, arson, robbery, moral abominations, sacrilege; all valu-

ables were destroyed, and the growing grain burned. Villages and hamlets were sacked, leaving only red clay and ash mounds."

2.—Epidemic of influenza—The refugees from the rebellion were stricken with fever in penniless poverty in caves and temples...

3.—Depredation by "long-haired rebels"—The survivors returned and settled the way they had, and the long-haired rebels and carried into captivity, leaving their parents like a dragon bound upon the sand...

4.—Invasion of wolves—These beasts had broken hearts and iron courage and feared nothing for it would be munched to atoms in the shortest time.

5.—Invasion of locusts—These locusts in numbers that have never been followed by black-blood cholera among the cattle...

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7.—Demonic marvels—These caused no less wonder than terror. Without any warning suddenly fowls had their wings cut off and men their knees...

8.—Disastrous floods—On the 13th day of the 6th month of the 4th year of Kuang Hsu (1877), although there was...

9.—Fertility of drought and famine—The floods were but the finishing stroke of other and greater fatalities.

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matter for speculation; the deposit left by these storms is sometimes considerable and may possibly contain some chemical similar in color to sulphur, which, when washed by rain, is more readily distinguished. Perhaps some of your talented Shanghai readers can throw some light on the subject and enlighten us perturbed and benighted searchers after knowledge.

Another Frank Proposes a Trip Around the World.

Julius de Marcus will start on an extraordinary tour of the world on the first or second day of the coming month.

He proposes to leave New York with-out a penny in his pocket, travel completely around the globe and return here two years hence with at least \$500, says the New-York Morning Journal.

De-Marcus was born in Russia. Before coming to this country he travelled over the greater portion of Europe much in the same way as that in which he now proposes to put a girde round about the earth.

He speaks, reads and writes fluently three European languages—Russian, German and Polish—and has a tolerable colloquial knowledge of French.

Julius lives with his aged father and mother at 52 East Broadway, in a small but clean and comfortably furnished flat.

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NOTES FROM ABROAD. News Gleanings from British and Foreign Fields.

An analysis of the 13,693 signatures in the visitors' book at Shakespeare's birthplace for the year ending March 31 last shows that thirty-eight different nationalities were represented.

England and Wales contributed 10,779 of these pilgrims; America, 1,632; Scotland, 266; Austria, 206; Germany, 108; Canada, 96; Australia, 67; India, 67; Africa, 63; France, 53; New Zealand, 36; Norway, 24; Japan, 24; and Portugal, but only two from China and Egypt and one from Denmark.

During April the Scotch shipbuilders were busy. They launched thirty-three vessels in an aggregate capacity of 33,781 tons, of which twenty-two of 24,495 tons were steamers and eleven of 9,286 tons sailing ships.

In the previous month the number of vessels was twenty-one and the tonnage 20,038. In April the Clyde contributed as usual the bulk of the work, its total being thirty vessels of 28,081 tons; and it is significant that 21,642 tons were for Scotch owners.

In regard to the work in hand, the Clyde is now, by comparison with 1893, in a very good position. At the end of March there were 262,000 tons of work in hand, being 31,000 tons better than at the same time last year. There is, however, after the heavy launches of the month, close on 300,000 tons on hand.

The system of preparing the tea for drinking in Tibet is thus described by the late British commissioner for the Sikim-Tibet convention: Take a handful of brick tea; rub it between the hands until it is well loosened, then put in an open vessel with a little water and alum or wood ashes; keep an ebullient decoction (adding a little water from time to time to counterbalance the loss by evaporation) until the infusion is black as ink; then pour into a "choonga" or large churn, filling up with boiling water and two or three sticks of butter and salt to taste, and churn with a wooden stick until the mixture becomes like a rich brown greasy soup. It looks nasty, but one gets used to it and it is sustaining.

A dispatch to the Times from Shanghai says a memorial has been forwarded to the opium commission by fifteen British missionaries, who have been resident in China for over twenty-five years, including Dr. Burder and Dr. Monie, Bishops of Mid and South Africa respectively, urging the restriction of Indian opium production to medicinal requirements. The missionaries affirm that opium has a deleterious effect on the Chinese, from none of whom they ever heard a word in defence of the opium traffic. The missionaries contend that the traffic injures the British name and credit, and is a source of danger to China. Opium, they say, which is poisonous in England and China cannot be harmless in India, and a revenue derived from a morally indefensible source can only be a cause of weakness to the empire.

News from the Balkans deserves serious attention. First and most important is what relates to the present attitude of the powers with regard to the position of Bulgaria. The equivocal position of each of the great powers, and the fact that principally, with a government resting only on the tacit toleration of Europe, is undeniably a latent danger, of which no statesman can for a moment lose sight; for it furnishes a pretext for an outbreak at any time. Everybody knows, says the Paris correspondent of the Times, that this state of things is regarded by some as an open challenge, keeping up an irritation which, but for a will to suppress it, will be resolutely pacified, would be highly dangerous. The position is naturally a constant source of anxiety for Bulgaria, and for the whole of Europe, which desires peace; and there is a strong desire to emerge from it. It is now and then read some hope of a satisfactory solution being arrived at. 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