

CHINATOWN'S "MISTERY" BURIED WITH WEIRD RITÉS

Lee Young, Whose Luck Was Feared by Fellow Countrymen, Made \$50,000 in One Night's Gambling.

While four of his countrymen chanted a weird prayer and burned joss sticks at a lively rate to keep the evil spirits away, the body of Lee Young, who has been known for many years as Chinatown's man of mystery, was lowered into a grave at Merion today.

Thus was closed a life which has been shrouded in the deepest mystery; a life which while it was respected on all sides was nevertheless feared by the celestial population of this city.

Lee Young amassed a fortune said to be in excess of \$50,000 in a single night in Chinatown, and despite the many attempts made to recoup this sum by the men who lost it to Lee during the big game, all efforts failed. Lee is believed to have borne a charmed life, for it is said of him that he could dodge bullets.

Lee was one of the first Chinese to establish himself in Philadelphia. He arrived here back in 1865 at the age of 15. His first business venture was a laundry establishment on Race street between 9th and 10th. He was prosperous from the first, and sold out at a large profit.

Lee saw Chinatown develop into a flourishing business center. He knew every nook and corner of the district; knew the use of every one of those 1000 rooms contained in the famous "House of a Hundred Rooms" and he knew just how to get into each one.

One night a few years ago Lee strolled around into Race street from his laundry at 10 North 9th street. He entered one of the gambling dens which flourished in the district at that time. He took the seat that was offered him and began playing. In less than four hours he is said to have broken the bank. With more than \$50,000 tucked under his flowing blouse Lee walked out, never again to be admitted to a gambling den in Chinatown.

After that night Lee was believed to have the power to read through the cards and no one would consent to play with him after that.

Many were the traps laid for Lee, however. He was caught one night in a dark hallway and \$10,000 of his winnings were taken away from him, according to his friends.

SELLS SOAP AS BUSINESS AND PICKS LOCKS AS SHOW

Ex-Burglar Draws Custom Through Expert Use of Former Tools of Trade. Alexander McCoy, 228 Franklin street, who sells things on street corners, uses a jimmy and a skeleton key to draw a crowd. McCoy sells soap, knife sharpeners, tena openers or other household articles.

McCoy knows how to use a skeleton key and a jimmy. He used them in his business before he was reformed. His early education with them has turned to practical value since his reformation.

"Now, ladies and gentlemen, I will show you how easy it is to pick a lock or force open a window," he says. Alexander, and a crowd immediately forms.

McCoy furnishes his jimmy and then takes his skeleton key from his pocket with a half dozen locks. He shows how the one key will open the various locks.

McCoy generally sells the soap. One feels safer if McCoy is selling the soap for a living and is not depending upon the skeleton keys.

In his youth McCoy admits that he was a little wild. He frequently had trouble with the police. They always felt after when McCoy was under arrest. Then McCoy reformed. His reformation was so real that the police don't interfere with him keeping his old tools of trade.

McCoy's soap is in hand in as experienced as McCoy's, but McCoy says it is easier to sell soap than to take chances with the police.

OLD STEAMBOAT NOW "JUNK"

Sylvan Glen Has Untimely End After Years of Service. The old river steamboat Sylvan Glen, now lying in the mud in Little Timber Creek, below Gloucester, is about to be sold for junk. The boat is owned by the Gloucester Ferry Company and is assessed for \$500, but the company has denounced the assessment as excessive and the boat will be sold.

The Sylvan Glen has been better days. Years ago, during the Civil War, she carried cannon and soldiers across the Hudson. Some years later she plowed her way up the Delaware and was retained in these parts ever since. For years her double decks could be seen flying between Arch street ferry and Washington Park on the Delaware, and she was a general favorite when horse racing was all the go.

SEEKS PERMIT TO MOVE GRAVE Woman Asks Court to Prevent Interference From Cemetery. Desiring the grave of her husband to be nearer her home and unable to obtain permission of the Church to remove his body from consecrated to non-consecrated ground, Mrs. Emma Bayer has appealed Court of Common Pleas No. 4 for assistance. She asks that the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery officials and Archbishop Proberg be enjoined from interfering with her preparations to have the body taken from the defendant's burial ground to the Woodlands Cemetery, at 4th street and Woodland avenue.

BIPARTISAN PLANS LAID FOR CONTROL OF LEGISLATURE

Old Guard Democrats Dominate Party in Both Branches and Will Seek Restoration to Power.

The old bipartisan machine, by means of which the Republican Organization has been able to crush the Independent element in previous sessions of the Legislature, will be restored in the next Legislature. The Old Guard Democrats will have a majority of the Democratic members in both the House and Senate.

Representative John M. Flynn, of Elk County, has held several conferences with Senator J. K. P. Hall in this city recently, and the part which the Democratic delegation will play in the next session has been thoroughly discussed. Seven of the 11 Democratic Senators are members of the Old Guard, while the Old Guard faction has 50 of the 41 Democratic members of the House.

With these large majorities the Old Guard will elect their own floor leaders. Flynn is slated to be Democratic floor leader in the House. Since Senator Hall is not a member of the Legislature now, Senator Edward M. Herbst, of Berks County, is to take his place as leader in the Senate.

With the bipartisan machine once more in working order, the Democratic leaders opposed to the Palmer-Morris leadership are planning to strengthen themselves by obtaining legislation and to get as many jobs as they can, so that they will be in a position to regain control of the Democratic State organization at the next election for State Committees.

The move of the Hoskins faction in the Democratic Club to have the Reorganization and the Old Guard wings of the Democratic party in Philadelphia unite in holding one Jackson Day dinner, on January 3, has been successful. The Old Guard faction, which announced that it would hold a dinner just before a similar announcement was made by the Democratic Club directors a month ago, has called off its banquet, and will join with the Reorganizers in this one event.

Among those who have accepted invitations to the dinner are B. Gordon Bromley, chairman of the Old Guard City Committee; Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, State Chairman Roland S. Morris, John Cadwalader, United States Marshal Frank L. Noonan, John M. Campbell, Noah S. Black, Dr. John M. Eshleman, of Parkersburg; William A. Glasgow, Jr., Representative R. E. Diefenderfer, Robert S. Bright, Councilman John T. Mitchell, Assistant City Solicitor Edward W. Lank and S. Davis Page.

An hour's conference held by Governor-elect Brumbaugh and Attorney General John C. Bell yesterday afternoon has caused considerable comment in political circles. Politicians today did not generally believe a report that Mr. Bell was a candidate for reappointment, but said they thought he was interested in the recess appointments of Governor Tener, particularly the members of the Public Service Commission, who have not been confirmed by the State Senate. After the conference, both Mr. Bell and the Governor-elect denied that there was any political significance attached to the conference. "We chatted together as two old University friends," said Attorney General Bell.

COULDN'T BUY OLD AUTO, SO HE BID ON COFFIN

Man Who Long Admired Ancient Machine Satisfied With Casket. H. Teckle, 23 Brown street, bought a coffin for one of the first automobiles built in this country at the unclaimed freight in the Pennsylvania Railroad freight yards at Front and Federal streets today.

Teckle, after he had looked his purchase over, scanned his check book and started to find a repairman. The car cost him \$50, but he did not get it without spirited bidding against R. Flanders, of 1129 South Front street, who lives across the street from the freight yard and long had a desire for the car.

Flanders took his loss hard and purchased a coffin for \$25, which he carried home on his back. Flanders says that it was his plan to buy both the car and the casket.

WOMEN TAKE EXAMINATIONS

Fair Contestants Try for Civil Service Positions. Six women are included among 15 applicants taking examinations today before the Civil Service Commission for the 1000 a year position of fourth assistant bacteriologist in the Bureau of Health. There are candidates for appointment as resident physician in city institutions at \$200 a year.

Ninety men will be examined tomorrow for appointment as messmen in the Bureau of Fire, at \$90 to \$100 a year. Seven firemen will also be examined for promotion in the service to \$180 a year.

MINISTERS PLEAD FOR JOBLESS

Negro Clergymen Call on Mayor to Aid Unemployed. Mayor Blankenburg received at his office in City Hall today a delegation of Negro ministers of the Philadelphia Baptist Church for discussion of the problem of the unemployed. The Mayor assured the clergymen that every available fund is being put under contract for public works by his administration.

Included in the delegation were the Revs. Charles Blackwell, E. W. Moore, Alexander Gordon, James Johnson and A. Childs.

WOMAN WATCHES AMPUTATION

Business Anesthetist During Operation in Which She Loses Foot. Mrs. E. M. McCuskey, 28 years old, of 4 North Tenth street, underwent amputation of her right foot in the Franklin Hospital this morning without taking an anesthetic. She was brought to the hospital in a police patrol after her foot had been crushed by a street car at Market and 10th streets.

At the hospital Mrs. McCuskey steadily refused to take an anesthetic, and could not be persuaded to do so.

The Store for Thrifty People! Lit Brothers. HATS TRIMMED FREE OF CHARGE. Market Double Yellow Trading Stamps With Every 10c Purchase Until Noon Eighth AFTER THAT, UNTIL CLOSING TIME, SINGLE STAMPS Seventh

WINTER HAS JUST STARTED—YET THESE Swagger Balmacaan Overcoats At a Third Less Than Their Worth. Values as good as those you could hope for at the end of the season. In style, these coats are the height of correct fashions this winter. \$15, \$18 & \$22.50 Values \$9.75, \$11.75, \$15. Men's Black Kersey Overcoats \$15 Values \$10.00 \$20 Values \$13.75. Men's \$15 to \$20 Suits, \$10 to \$13.50. Men's \$7.50 to \$10 Raincoats \$5 to \$7.50. Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Reefers and Balmacaans \$5.50 Values \$2.98 \$6.50 Values \$3.98 \$8.50 Values \$4.98. Boys' \$5 Raincoats, \$2.85.

Extraordinary Fur Values DISTINGUISH THIS SATURDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS All Are Guaranteed. A specially inaugurated "Gift Sale." The handsomest new styles of both coats and sets are involved—and at savings well on to half. \$42.50 Beautiful Fur Sets \$29.75. \$60 Sitka Fox \$42.50. \$22.50 Brussels Lynx Sets \$12.50. \$25 Iceland Fox Sets, pure white—muffs with silk rose \$14.50. \$40 French Seal Sets, trim \$25.00. \$50 Hudson Seal Sets, trim \$39.75. \$55 Hudson Seal Sets, trim \$42.50. \$60 Pointed Fox Sets \$42.50. \$30 Brussels Lynx Sets \$19.75. SPECIALS IN MUFFS \$10 Brussels Lynx Muffs \$5. \$25 French Seal Muffs \$16.50. \$40 Natural Fitch Muffs \$25. \$22.50 Black Wolf Muffs \$15. \$30 Natural Mink Muffs \$19.75. Misses' & Children's \$3 to \$37.50 Furs, \$2 to \$25. An infinite variety of styles in all the furs becoming to young folks. SPECIALS IN FUR COATS \$40 Moore Russian Pony Coats \$25.00. \$50 Trimmed Pony Coats \$29.75. \$75 French Seal Coats \$50.00. \$110 Hudson Seal Coats, 7/8 length \$79.75.

Here Are Slippers, Shoes In the Best Grades at Remarkably Low Prices. Women's \$2.50 & \$3 Shoes, \$1.98. Women's "Lenards" at \$3 "Lit Brothers' Special" \$3.50 "Stratfords" at \$4. Children's 75c FELT SLIPPERS AT 49c. Women's \$1.50 & \$1.25 Gloves 79c. Women's \$1.50 \$1.25 Gloves 79c.

What Joy Jewelry and Silverware Bring Many Beautiful Things Are Very Inexpensive Here. Women's \$16 Watches \$12.98. Men's \$7 to \$25 Chains, \$4.98 to \$22.50. Men's \$20 Watches, \$16.50. Men's \$4 to \$8 Bangle Bracelets, \$2.98 to \$6.98. Men's \$4 to \$18 Cuff Links, \$2.98 to \$15. Men's \$5 to \$30 Locketts and Charms, \$3.98 to \$25. Men's \$7 to \$30 Brooches, \$4.98 to \$25. Men's \$1.50 Shirts, 98c. Men's \$1.50 Shirts, 98c. Men's \$1.50 Shirts, 98c. Men's \$1.50 Shirts, 98c.

Fowne's Kid Gloves, \$1.50. These Women's Gloves are well-known Dagmar and Eugenie brands, round seams and pique sewn, with Paris point and flap; embroidered backs. Black, white and colors, also white with black or black with white backs. Women's \$1.50 \$1.25 Gloves 79c. Long White Kid Gloves \$2.50 value \$2. Double Duplex Gloves, 50c. Women's and Misses' two-clasp Duplex gloves; a double glove that will wash splendidly. White and colors. \$2 Mocha Gloves, \$1.50. Men's one-clasp style in gray.

THEY'LL SURELY PLEASE HIM, AND THEY DON'T COST MUCH EITHER. 50c All-silk Ties, 35c. \$5 and \$6 Silk Shirts, \$3.98. Men's \$1 Combination Sets, 50c. Men's \$1.50 Shirts, 98c. Men's \$1.50 Shirts, 98c. Men's \$1.50 Shirts, 98c. Men's \$1.50 Shirts, 98c.

BARGAINS IN HOSIERY SPECIALS IN UNDERWEAR. Women's \$1.75 Silk \$1.35. Stockings. Misses' and Children's 50c 35c. Stockings. Misses' \$1.25 Silk Stockings, \$1. Women's \$2.50 Silk Vests, \$1.98. Women's \$1.25 Union Suits, \$1. Women's \$1.25 Union Suits, \$1.

Mens' \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$5 Shoes, \$1.98. BARGAIN SALE OF Bicycles and Other Sporting Goods. \$25 Coaster Brake Bicycles, \$17. Boys' \$25 Bicycles, \$20.50. Boys' \$2 Sweaters, 98c. \$2.50 Window Roller Skates, \$1.49. \$12 Mackinac Coats, \$8.75. \$6 Single Barrel Shot Guns, \$3.49.