

SHREWD TSI AN.

Once a Slave, Now the Real Ruler of China.

Tsi An, the dowager empress and real ruler of China, whose character is painted in complimentary colors in the book just published by Miss Katherine Carl, has had a remarkably romantic career. Miss Carl, who is an artist and whose acquaintance with the dowager empress came about through painting the portrait of her imperial highness, gives her a much better character than previous biographers. She has been described on the one hand as an unscrupulous schemer who has not hesitated to resort even to murder in the execution of her plans and, again, as a beneficent ruler, a friend of progress.

Tsi An is the daughter of a Manchu noble who became reduced to poverty. He sold his little girl to a Chinese merchant, who treated the young slave well and taught her to read and write. In 1848 the Emperor Hien



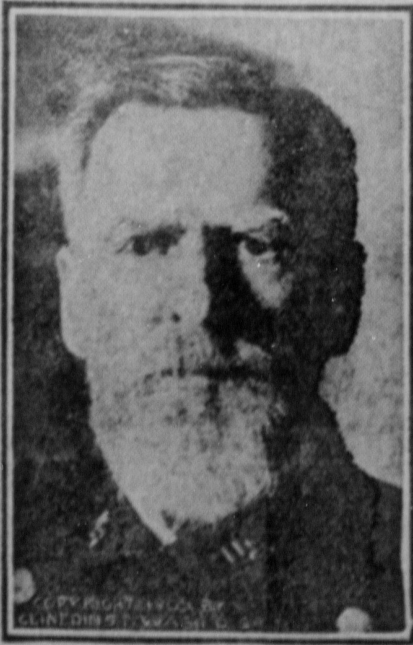
THE DOWAGER EMPRESS TSI AN.

Fung issued the marriage proclamation prescribed by law, in which all eligible maidens of Manchu descent between the ages of fifteen and eighteen were requested to present themselves at the palace in Peking with a view to examination as secondary wives of the emperor. Tsi An was beautiful and, though a slave, was of noble birth, and she determined to go to the palace. Her master raised her from the status of slave to that of an adopted daughter; she was accepted as one of the emperor's wives and in time won not only his esteem, but that of the empress. The latter had no male issue, but Tsi An bore to the emperor a son. She had herself proclaimed empress of the west, the highest title to which a secondary wife could aspire. When Hien Fung died, her son succeeded him as Tung Chi. He died under mysterious circumstances in 1875 and left no son, and the candidate favored by Tsi An, a little boy of four, came to the throne as Kwang Su. The death of the empress in 1881 left Tsi An sole mistress of China's destinies. In 1889 she married the emperor, then seventeen, to her niece, a matrimonial arrangement which further strengthened her power. She has never allowed Kwang Su to handle the reins of government. Though now seventy-one years of age, she still appears youthful and, according to Miss Carl, could pass for a woman in the forties.

GENERAL JOHN C. BATES.

Hero of Many Battles Who is to Be Head of Army.

Major General John C. Bates, who will succeed Adna R. Chaffee as lieutenant general on Feb. 1 and who has already become chief of staff of the army, never went to a military school, yet is considered one of the ablest men in the service. He is a son of the late Edward Bates, who served in Lincoln's first cabinet as attorney general, and was born in Missouri in 1842. He at-



MAJOR GENERAL JOHN C. BATES.

tended the public schools and Washington university and at nineteen dropped his books and shouldered a gun when the civil war broke out. During it he was on the staff of General Meade and was twice brevetted for gallantry. After the civil war he fought Indians, was president of the board which devised the present drill and firing regulations and won further distinction in the Spanish war. In the Philippines he captured an insurgent general and concluded an important treaty with the sultan of Sulu. He retires in August.

REVEALED THROUGH DEATH.

Disappeared From His Home In Nittany Valley Fifteen Years Ago.

Fifteen years ago, James Harvey Allison, son of Clay Allison, of Nittany valley, left his home and family, consisting of a wife, two sons and two daughters. Shortly after his departure, his wife, who is a daughter of ex-Sheriff Shaffer, of Centre county, took her children and returned to her parents. No word as to the whereabouts of the wanderer ever reached any of his friends until a day or two ago, when Postmaster Peck, of this city, received a telegram from the authorities at North Baltimore, Ohio, to the effect that a man by the name of Harry Allison had been so seriously injured in a railroad accident that he died in a short time. Before death came to him he had made the request that a message be sent to Lock Haven to his father, H. C. Allison, apprising him of his accident and death. The deceased man evidently had no news from his home county, as the request that a telegram be sent to his father, discloses the fact that he was not aware of his death which occurred several years ago.—Lock Haven Democrat.

They Must Put the Tag on.

The Pure Food commission people were here putting the prices on a bunch of millers and merchants for selling feed without a tag on each package giving the analysis. It was not claimed we believe that the feed wasn't pure, but the retail dealers had been selling bran and middlings without the stamp or tag required by the exactions of the pure food department, of which the retailers stoutly protested their ignorance. The prosecution insisted that circulars had been sent out to all dealers notifying them, and that the requirements had been published. Inquiry developed that the Harrisburg Patriot was the chosen organ of publicity, and as this time honored sheet has about as much circulation in this part of the state as a last year's almanac, the dealers were not much enlightened thereby. The pure food laws are all right but they are getting so complicated that pretty soon it won't be safe to sell a mackerel with legal advice.

The offenders were mulcted to the tune of \$50 and costs each.—Phillipsburg Ledger.

Job Goes a Begging.

The common practice among Monroe county justices to marry young couples for 50 cents and kiss the bride as a free will offering has put the office in great disfavor and given political leaders all kinds of trouble.

Neither the democrats or republicans of East Stroudsburg have filed candidates in the commissioners' office for justice of the peace. The time expired Thursday.

One taxpayer, who would fill the office with credit, refused to run because of present conditions. He said:

"No 50-cent marrying business for mine. Raise the price and cut out the kissing and you will find plenty of good men who are willing to take the office."

When a thing becomes a duty it ceases to be a pleasure.

Sore Throat Wisdom

If every mother could realize the real danger that lurks behind every case of sore throat, she wouldn't rest until she had effected a cure every time a child has it.

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SEVEN FOOT GRAVE.

State Health Commissioner Modifies His Stringent Requirements.

Recently State Health Commissioner Dixon issued a circular announcing that the health board would require that hereafter all new graves in cemeteries of Pennsylvania must be dug to a depth sufficient to make the distance from the top of the rough-box to the surface seven feet. The average rough-box for an adult is 24 inches high, which made the nine-foot grave necessary. Even an infant could not be buried without seven feet of earth between the top of the box and the surface.

Dr. Dixon has issued a modified regulation as follows:

"Except by special permission from the department, no interment of any human body shall be made in any public or private burial ground, unless the distance from the top of the box containing the coffin or casket be at least five feet from the natural surface of the ground, except where solid rock or water may be encountered. Then the distance from the top of the box containing the coffin or casket shall be not less than four feet from the natural surface to the ground, and with the further exception that still born children and children less than four years of age, dead of any diseases other than anthrax, cholera, diphtheria, leprosy, smallpox, scarlet fever, tetanus, typhoid fever, typhus fever or yellow fever, shall be buried at such a depth that the top of the box containing the coffin or casket be not less than three and one-half feet from the natural surface of the ground."

Enormous Traffic.

January 21 was one of the biggest days for business in the history of the Pennsylvania division of the New York Central railroad, and the biggest in the history of the Avis yard. On the division over 150 trains were moved and it is stated unofficially that thirty-five trains were sent out of the Avis yard from 10.45 am. and 6.30 pm.

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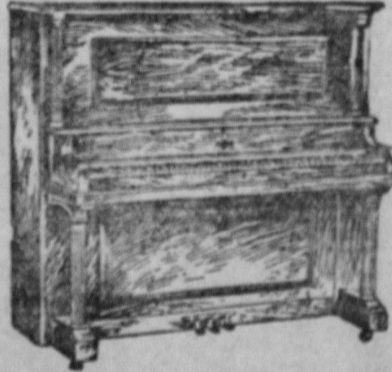
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