

Principle of Wheel

Developed in China

Models of two ancient Chinese war chariots based on bronze fragments, dating from about 500 years B. C. and fashioned in Peking, are on exhibition at the National museum, Washington.

The models illustrate the development of the principle of the wheel, one of the cornerstones of civilization. The wheels of the Chinese war chariots illustrate the high degree of civilization reached by the orientals at that stage in their history.

The fragments from which the wheels are modeled were found near Cheng Chow, Honan province, in archeological excavations in which Carl W. Bishop of the Freer gallery was associated.

The ancient Chinese warrior, the chariots show, went into battle with considerable ostentation, his head protected by a paper or silk umbrella, much like umbrellas on farm wagons.

Listener Not Taking

Anything for Granted

A big mass meeting was being held in Billville.

The well-groomed and slick-looking individual who was trying to separate the town from its money arose to make a few remarks.

"Fellow citizens," he opened up, "apropos—"

"Just a minute, mister," said a smallish, sandy-whiskered man.

A look of annoyance crossed the speaker's face. "What can I do for you?" he asked.

"I have here a pocket edition of Webster's dictionary and I want to look up that word 'apropos.' I don't intend to sit here and let some oily-tongued stranger slip one over on us."

"Oh, that'll be all right," replied the speaker. "Now, that word to which you refer means—"

"Never mind what it means," enjoined the little man. "I'm looking it up. I let a smooth talker sell me a unicycle one time. He said it was the last word in conveyances, and when I paid the freight on it from Chicago, I found I had purchased a wheelbarrow."

Check Was Inside

A farmer's son went to the post office and brought home to his father at Garnett, Mo., a letter containing a check for \$9.72 in settlement for a mislaid shipment.

Unfortunately dad dropped the letter with the check within the reach of a pet lamb and the best he could do was to rescue the envelope. Returning what was left to the claim agent of the express company, he wrote:

"Can't you stop payment on that check and issue another and I give you a statement that the check was destroyed?"

Then he added: "The lamb is still alive and has \$9.72 on deposit."—Human Interest.

What Is It?

Foolish questions provoke foolish replies. One Sunday forenoon the primary teacher was not present at Sunday school. A substitute, not trained in primary methods, agreed reluctantly to teach the class. Many of his questions, of course, were too complex for his young audience.

After class he told the following story, which revealed his error as much as the unusual reply made by a child:

"What is life?" he asked the one interested child in the class.

"I don't know what it is," replied Bobby, "but when you haven't got no more of it you're dead."

Learned the Truth

The grandmother who was summering beside a lake with some of her little grandsons had a twinkle in her eye. "I thought when I first came here that I was tremendously popular with the little boys," she said. "Nearly every hour one or the other of them invited me to go rowing with him. Then I discovered that their mother did not permit them to go out in the boat unless an older person was with them. After learning that fact, I was not quite so puffed up over my popularity."

A Different Way

A little girl went to stay with her aunt, and gravely watched her saying her prayers the first morning. When the aunt rose to her feet again the child said:

"Auntie, do you say your prayers now as well as at bedtime?"

"Of course," said auntie "don't you?"

"No, I say my prayers at bedtime and in the morning I do breathing exercises."

Apparently a Sock Sale

That woman who got a black eye while trying to get close to the counter in a Milwaukee bargain sale obviously got more than she bargained for—Farm and Fireside.

PRIZES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Three Awards of \$100, \$65, and \$35 Offered for Papers on Race Relations

The Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., announces the offer of three cash prizes of \$100, \$65, and \$35, respectively, for the best papers on the subject of race relations submitted by students of southern colleges during the present school year.

WILL OF DR. McCLELLAN

BEING SOUGHT BY HEIRS

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29—The death of Dr. John W. McClellan, said to have been one of the wealthiest physicians in this state, last Saturday a week ago, has caused considerable excitement among those supposed to be mentioned in the late physician's will.

Dr. McClellan is said to have left an estate estimated at \$150,000. He is believed to have bequeathed \$100,000 to Fisk university and Howard university at which institutions he received his training.

Dr. McClellan was aged 57 years and a bachelor. Attorney Robert N. Owens said he drew the only known will of Dr. McClellan last March 16. The will was not found in the dead physician's safe nor at the two banks where he did business.

Attorney Owens said, should no will be probated, the estate, under the law, would go to the doctor's five brothers and one sister. Dr. Oral McClellan said he knew nothing of his brother's will, but said he thought it likely the money would go to the universities, and he believed relatives would not oppose this.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30—Howard university officials were without any information last Saturday concerning the bequest made by the late Dr. John W. McClellan, of St. Louis, Mo., and knew nothing about a will. A dispatch from the deceased physician's brother, Dr. Oral McClellan, informed the officials of the school of the doctor's death.

Officers of the university say that records show that Dr. McClellan was born December 12, 1870, in Tennessee, and he attended school in Lowell, Kans. He obtained his bachelor

of arts degree from Fisk university in 1899 and his doctor of medicine degree from Howard in 1909, and that while here he had an exceptionally fine record.

It is said that Dr. McClellan recently evidenced his interest in the schools by placing \$1,000 to the endowment fund of the school of medicine of Howard university.

Among the late physician's holdings in Missouri are a commercial building at 2607 Lawton avenue, a 40-acre farm on Sappington road near Big Bend, where he is said to have made considerable money each year raising fine thoroughbred hogs, and his beautiful residence in St. Louis.

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

A public installation of officers of Amaranth Chapter No. 3, and Princess Hattipha Chapter No. 8, Order of Eastern Star, was held in Masonic hall Thursday night, December 22. Past Patron W. R. B. Alexander installed the officers. Mrs. Ada Holmes as royal matron of Amaranth No. 3; Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, royal matron of Princess Hattipha No. 8; L. J. Gordon, patron. After the installation, a musical and literary program was rendered. Mrs. Lulu B. Alexander was toastmistress.

Mr. William U. Johnson and Mrs. Lulu Jones of Chicago are spending the holidays here with their mother, Mrs. Laura Johnson.

Mr. Paul L. Moore, who is confined to his bed at his home on South Eighth street, is reported on the mend.

All churches will hold watch meetings on Saturday night, Dec. 31.

Mrs. Carrie Pullen is reported somewhat improved.

Begin the new year by paying for The Monitor.

Mrs. Anna Ray was found unconscious in a rear room of her cafe at 233 No. Ninth street, late Monday afternoon, by Wendell Curtis and Mrs. Green. Groans were heard coming from a locked door, which was kicked in. A gas jet was found wide open. Mrs. Ray was rushed to the hospital where she is thought to be in serious condition, but the doctors think she will overcome it.

Cornhusker Lodge No. 579, I. B. P. O. E. of W., is to be commended for the act they did in making numbers of children of our group happy by assembling them at their headquarters Monday afternoon and presenting them with Christmas gifts, candy, nuts, etc. The little folks had a joyous afternoon. A number of widows and older persons were treated to a fine turkey dinner. The day

was closed with a free carnival for all.

Early morning services at Mount Zion Christmas day were nicely attended. The pastor delivered a most interesting sermon at 11 a. m., "The Significance of Christmas," followed by regular services the balance of the day. A nice program by the little folks was rendered Saturday in connection with the Christmas tree.

At Quinn chapel Sunday, Christmas day, Rev. Mr. Knight delivered a Christmas message to his people. "The World's Santa Claus." At night the choir presented a Christmas cantata, "Prince of Peace." The Christmas tree was enjoyed by the younger folks.

OFFERS PRIZES FOR ESSAYS BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with headquarters at 409 Palmer building, Atlanta, Ga., announces the offer to American high school students of three prizes of 50, 30, and 20 dollars, respectively, for the three best papers on "America's Tenth Man," submitted on or before April 1st, 1928. The purpose of the offer is to interest students in a brief study of the Negro's part in American history, which, according to the commission, has been much more interesting and creditable than is generally supposed.

The commission has prepared suggestions and data for the use of those desiring to submit papers, and invites inquiries from principals, teachers and students who may be interested.

DR. H. HARRISON, LEADER AND WRITER IS DEAD

New York City, Dec. 29—Dr. Hubert Henry Harrison, a widely known race leader, writer, author and lecturer at leading white universities, died Saturday a week ago following a minor operation at the Bellevue hospital.

For many years Dr. Harrison was a prominent figure in the socialist movement in this country and was much admired for his oratorical gifts. When the movement changed front and became communistic, Harrison pulled out.

During recent years he devoted much time to writing instructive historical articles for race papers about the race. He is said to have been one of the best informed men in New York City on historical, philosophical and economic matters.

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