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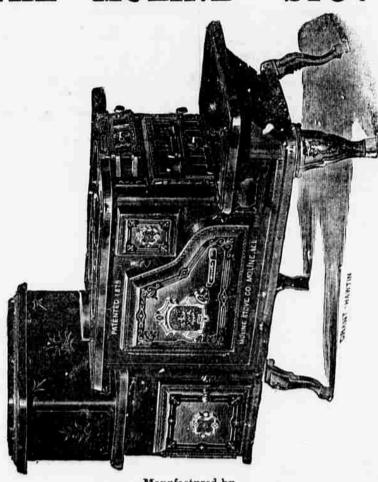
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Although it may not be generally have instituted a Masonic lodge. everal occasions members of the Chinese lodge have sought to fratern lodge, and as such not worthy of notwo years old, but it now has 308 members. Its formation was due tain amount for the support of a largely to the efforts of Deputy Sher widow, children, or relatives relying iff from Lee and the Chinese inter- for maintenance upon the deceased preter, Jean Baptista, aided by eight Mason. They also send word to the other Chinamen less publicly known friends in China of the disposition of than they. It is fairly well understood now,

however, by students of Masonic ritualism, that there is a grand lodge of Masons in the Celestial empire, and that the emperor, as well as his grand secretary, who did the honors to Gen. Grant, and lately introduced the first telegraph line into China, with many others about the court, are Masons. As to just how near the ritual adopted by the grand lodge comes to the ritual in vogue among Masons in the United States, and how and when Maso ry was introduced into China. there is great diversity of opinion Some authorities incline to the belief was one used by eastern Masons at the beginning of the present century. Another authority says that Freemasonry has become widespread, and the court room in which the institute publications of a Masonic character is being held, the other day, was conare bandied about so loosely, that fronted on all sides by schoolmarms. it is not difficult for any

one to become familiar with Schoolmarms to the right of him, the secrets, and his inference is schoolmarms to the left of him, schoolexperiences and knowledge to a good Masons would expect to find a simiin the words or names of the officers, teachers being taught. The lodge in this city was instituted the grand todge in China. Lodges to hold its position. The school board are established in towns wherever of Wahoo have made the following there is a considerable gathering of selections of teachers for the coming Chinamen. In Havana they are numerous In Chicago and St. Louis it J. S. Smith, principal; Miss E. H. is thought that there is one each, if Rose, grammar school; Mrs. Fifield,

California there are many. in this city, under authority from the Mengel, second primary. grand lodge, is Yung Hin Til. He is now absent from the city, having been the Denver exposition, and is now enin the western states on business for over three months. In the meantime the deputy master acts. Yung Hung Til was chosen master for a second term, it is said, because no member had yet become so familiar as he with day. the mysteries of Masonry. The lodge has now arrived at that period when the members believe that they can do better t enlarging their accomodations. There is not room enough, the fficers say, for the large number that come to the lodge room, and there is a desire to secure some large house in Mott street, but there is none to be had. Property in that neighborheod is leased to Chinamen, but no part of it is targe enough to accommodate the lodge. Jean Baptiste, the interpreter, says that ceremonies in the lodge are almost similar to those in lodges of other masons in the city. He does not know wherein they differ except possibly in the naming of the officers. It is in the by-laws of the Chinese lodge that curiosity is aroused. There was a time in this country when it was supposed by non-Masons that one Mason was supposed to do almost anything that another asked him to do A consideration of the by laws of the Chinese will go a great way to make that supposition good. A Chinese Mason must do all in his power to

help a brother Mason. He must not establish a laundry within two blocks of a brother, and must dissuade every other Chinaman from doing so. 1 he should be so unfortunate as to fail in business, he must be helped and put on his feet. If non-Masons crowd him, they must be talked to and requested to wait the coming of better times for the pay-ment of their claims. Should they still persist, payment is made by a wealthy member, or out of the lodge funds. No one has been known to be reor ant in this trust. If a Chinaman who is a Mason should stab or otherwise assault another Chinaman who is also a Mason, everything in their power should be done by the members of the lodge to tide over the lifficulty and secure the release of the Chinaman. The large force of Chinamen that asked permission of Justice Kilbreth to speak with the assailant of Gam Wah and his wife, some time

know his standing in China, and whether he was a Mason. Should a Chinese Mason owe a brother Mason any sum, he must not sue in the courts for the recovery of that sum, but he must put the matter in the hands of the Arbitration committee of the lodge. If the creditor insists on prompt payment, and the debtor has it not, then he is to receive t from the lodge. The latter course has seldom beer resorted to. Chinese Masonry inculcates among its members teeling of kindness, goodness and fraternity. It is not alone a Ma-sonic by-law, but it is a general consideration with Chinamen, that they help one another. The Chinese Mason must believe in a God, the same as a Christian. All of the 303 are members of some church. Most of them are Methodists, but there are Presby terians, Episcopalians and Baptists

ago, had no other motive than to

among them. Baptista did not know it for a fact that the highest court officials of China are Masons. He had only heard of it, but to his mind it was one indication of the progress made by Chris-tianity. A favor might have been ex-tended to the emperor's court officials. The lodge has lost only two members by death. Wong Gong was buried from 60 Oliver street with great funeral pomp on August 16, 1881.

Like honors were extended to Dek Fook of Division street in the latter part of April last. With the burial TIMKEN-SPRING VEHICLES rites of their country have been embodied some rites instituted by Masonry. A feature of the Chinese Mason's funeral is a brass band and a band of tom-toms. Another is the cooked meats. Another is the strewknown, the Chinamen of this city ing of bits of white paper over the ground to ward spirits, who are supposed to be very curious, and will pick up the papers ze with members of other Masonic and thus be kept from following the lodges, but on every occasion have dead. There are other ceremonies at been repulsed The Chinamen were the funerals, but they have not atconsidered members of a clandestine tracted more than passing notice. The bodies Chinamen not Masons are sim-The Chinese lodge is less than ply buried. Besides paying funeral expenses, the lodge puts aside a cer. SPRINGS, GEAR | & BODIES

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aug22-1w WAHOO NOTES.

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Vour correspondent, upon entering Schoolmarms to the right of him, based on that. Other authorities marms in front of him volleyed and than that Chinamen have been initia- thundered their technical knowledge ted into Masonic lodges in the east, of sciences, arts and isms, and right in and in the coarse of time have fallen front sat the superintendent, with a out of them, and thus used their smile on his countenance like a poor man's lease, i e, from ( ) ar to (y)ear. account in forming lodges in their Upon taking an inventory of the situown country. Those who have this ation we found Professors Vandeman, opinion c unt a great deal on the imi Slater, Bell, and Mrs. Burtch and tative faculty of the celestial, rather Miss Rose, of Wahoo, Mrs. Briggs, than on a well balanced, retentive nee Miss Emma Simms, of Dodge memory. If such be the case, Free county, Miss McGlashon, of Humboldt, and Prof. Thompson, of Linlarity of signs, symbols and forms in coln, acting as instructors and a school the lodges of the Chinese, rather than of one hundred of Saunders county

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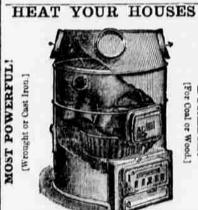
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