WU TING-FANG IN OMAHA

Spends Few Minutes Here on Way to His Home Country.

GIVES IMPRESSIONS OF UNITED STATES

Says Restless Energy in America Strikes Him and Wants to See His People Take On Commercial Activity.

Wu Ting-fang, "his imperial Chinese majesty's envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary," passed through Omaha yesterday, stopping for a little while on his way from Washington to San Francisco. He is proceeding to China in response to a command from the head of the celestial empire by the most direct route and will make no more long stops on his way.

Minister Wu arrived at 9:20 o'clock in the morning on the Northwestern and left for the west over the Union Pacific. This was his second visit to Omaha, he having been here during the first exposition. He remembered the city well and some of its citizens. Shortly after his arrival at the Union station he asked of Z. T. Lindsey, at whose home he was entertained on his former visit, and Edward Rosewater, editor of The Bee. Not being able to see Mr. Lindsey, he requested that the latter be given his regards. Mr. Wu was able to reach Mr. Rosewater through a message, and the latter went to the depot, where he met the Chinese minister.

"I dislike to leave the United States very much, but I feel that the duties of a higher position, one of greater importance to my country, call me away," said Minister Wu. "I shall take with me the fondest and most cordial feelings for the American people. I have enjoyed my stay among your people more than words can express, and I shall always naturally regret having to leave them, though being impressed with the imperative necessity of doing so."

Restless Energy Impresses Him.

"You have been in this country a long time, Mr. Wu, what has impressed you most while here?" was asked.

"The restless energy of the American people," came the reply without hesitation, as if he might have been just pondering on that subject. "The people in this country are all astir. They are ever active. Never droning. We in China are of a different temperament. We take things easier, and as a result we accomplish less. That is why our country today appears to have stood still so many centuries. But we have a people who can appreciate and handle progress, and we are approaching the time when there will be a complete revolution in our national life."

Then drifting from that to some of the needs of China, the diplomat said:

"Among the things we are mostly in need of over yonder are newspapers, schools and railroads. All of these are educational institutions and we must have more general education. We need the railroads to open up communication among our people, we need newspapers to let us know what is going on in the outside world and we must have more schools to train and develop the minds of our young people, in whom, like the youth of America, are to be found the possibilities of a newer and greater government. If we could only have such newspapers, railroads and schools as you have here in this country our advancement would be marvelously rapid and unlimited. If our people had the supreme advantages of a daily press that would keep them informed on the doings of other nations they would soon see and embrace their opportunities in commercial lines. We would soon become one of the greatest commercial nations of the world."

Admires American Newspapers.

"I am a great admirer of the American newspaper. It represents all the startling energy and enterprise there is in this great nation. I have enjoyed the most pleasant and cordial treatment at the hands of the press of this country and naturally I have a warm place in my heart for them, aside from being compelled to admire them for their general worth."

Speaking of the duties which call him back to China, Minister Wu said:

"I go to become minister of commerce. As such it will be my duty to revise and systematize the commercial laws and treaties of our country. They are numerous and complex, and the task will be a long and arduous one. But this work must be done, and done as soon as possible. The present condition of our treaties with other countries alone forms a serious obstacle to our further progress. The demand for the performance of this work simply is imperative. I shall go first to Shanghai and then will proceed to Pekin to enter upon my new work.

"I have been in the United States since 1897. I leave it reluctantly and am reconciled in my going only by the knowledge that I am called away for the performance of higher duties to my country than confront me here. I cannot adequately express my regards for the American people and their treatment of me. I carry away with me the profoundest respect and love for them all. I shall never be able to express my deep feelings of gratitude toward the late President McKinley, one of the noblest of men; President Roosevelt, the secretary of state and the other secretaries and men of official life in Washington with whom I came in contact while here. I value my stay in this grand country as among the most precious periods of my life. I doubtless will never return to America in any official capacity. Some other mission may call me back, I can't tell."

Mrs. Wu and the minister's son are not with him on his journey, but will remain in this country for a while. Mrs. Wu, like her illustrious husband, has won great popularity in Washington, where she is one of the best known women. She is said to possess a personality of the most admirable sort.

PUPILS DEFACE THE PROPERTY

High School Boys Said to Be Guilty of Acts of Vandalism.

The school authorities have been much exercised of late by a spirit of vandalism and destructiveness which has manifested itself among the pupils at the High school, and in the light of an occurence of Wednesday night or early yesterday the boys of the senior class are made to appear in a very unfavorable light, and some of them in all probability will find themselves involved in serious trouble.

The new smokestack at the school, which now is nearly finished, has for some time afforded the unruly element among the boys opportunities for a display of their mischievous propensities, and the workmen have been greatly hampered in their work by having their tools and appliances disarranged, carried away or broken.

Wednesday morning it was found that some persons had climbed the scaffolding and near the top of the 180-foot chimney had painted "'03" in blue and yellow, the colors of the senior class, the characters being about two feet in height. Fortunately the paint was still fresh and it was possible to scrape it off or it would have remained as a permanent disfigurement to the stack. Inasmuch as this was only one of a great number of acts of this character, the authorities have determined to sift it to the bottom and deal severely with the offenders if their identity is discovered. Mr. Stubbendorf, chairman of the committee on buildings and property of the Board of Education, whose attention was called to the matter yesterday, is much incensed and determined that destruction of property shall cease. The sidewalks at the High school grounds have been marked and disfigured in various ways and much of the other property shows marks of the work of the boys.

Speaking of this matter Mr. Stubbendorf said: "We must put a stop to this sort of thing. I do not believe that the boys of the school generally have taken part in this work, for I do not believe there can be any large number of them who would so conduct themselves, but when we find out the ones who are responsible, we will deal with them as they deserve. Mischief is one thing, and vandalism is another."

COLONEL MOSBY COMING HERE

May Throw Some Light on Alleged Irregularities in Homestead Entries.

It is said that Colonel John S. Mosby, special inspector of the United States land office, will be in Omaha next week for the purpose of throwing light upon the alleged irregularities in homestead entries at the Nebraska land offices and the fencing on the public domain.

It is understood that these matters are now being investigated by the federal grand jury. An officer of the United States land office at Alliance is in the city, summoned to appear before the federal court, and W. R. Lesser, another special agent of the department, now under suspension, has been in town for some time. While no word has been received by Senator Millard as to the movements of Colonel Mosby, one connected with the department of justice says he will be here in a short time.

ACID THROWER BOUND OVER

Ella Towle Must Answer to District Court for Injuring Man's Eyes.

Ella Towle, colored, who called George Stewart into her house on North Eleventh street several weeks ago and then threw acid in his face because he refused to buy her as much beer as she wanted, has been bound over to the district court in the sum of $700 on a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily injury.

Stewart, who has been in the Clarkson hospital since the assault, has recovered the sight in the left eye, but cannot see with the right one. The physicians are not sure that they will be able to save this member.

Announcements of the Theaters.

Miss Elizabeth Kennedy is the young actress who will be seen at the Boyd tonight and for the rest of the week in the part of Madame Trentoni, in the Clyde Fitch comedy, "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines." Miss Kennedy is described as being of the "Gibson Girl" type of beauty, tall and willowy, graceful in movement and imperial in carriage. At the early age of 17 she joined a company touring the Australian provinces. It was not long before her clever work came to the notice of Williamson & Musgrove, the big firm of Australian managers, and ere long Miss Kennedy was entrusted with the most important parts in the big productions which this firm made in Sydney and Melbourne.

Miss Kennedy then went to London, playing in the support of such stars as Beerbohm Tree, John Hare, E. S. Willard and Henry Irving.

To Be Registered in Philippines.

ROCKLAND, Me., Nov. 20.—An American schooner, which will be registered in the Philippines, was sold here today. It is a three-master and is ready for launching.

TO BUILD TO THE PACIFIC

Rock Island, So Two Directors Say, Will Reach to the Coast.

OUTLET FROM EL PASO TO AGIABAMBO

Moore Brothers Coast Line Will Enter Direct Competition with the Orient Road Being Constructed by Mr. Stilwell.

The Rock Island has at last decided to build a road of its own to the Pacific coast. This comes from two directors of that road and is regarded as authentic. The new outlet will extend from El Paso, the terminus of the recently completed Rock Island line, to Agiabambo, a land-locked harbor on the Pacific coast. This is the same port to which the Stilwell line is being constructed, and therefore the new El Paso road will be a direct rival of the Stilwell railroad.

This movement is taken as something of a victory for the Moore brothers over Harriman, since it involves lively and effective means of competition to the coast with the Harriman roads.

With the completion of this line and of the Rock Island extension from Fort Worth to Galveston and Denver to Salt Lake and Ogden the company becomes independent of the Harriman lines and will have access to every principal gateway, with a system from Chicago to St. Louis on the east, to Minneapolis and St. Paul on the north, to Galveston on the south and to the Pacific coast on the west.

Plans Short Mileage.

The greatest element of competitive prowess is the short mileage of the new road. Another feature of the new plans is that they contemplate a line of steamships to the Orient.

The Rock Island has secured control of the Rio Grande, San Madre & Pacific extension southwest from El Paso to Terrazas, Mex., a distance of 178 miles. This property will be embraced as a part of the Rock Island's system. Surveys for the new road have been made from Terrazas to the Pacific coast terminus, through Tuluaca and Saint Rose, Mex., following the course of the Rio Maria river to Santa Cruz on the coast. It is claimed that lighter grades than are found on any other transcontinental road will be established. The further execution of the plans wait only on the securing of rights-of-way from the Mexican government.

May Include Other Commodities.

There is an unconfirmed rumor that a general revision and increase in the freight rates on all other commodities is to be made. The argument advanced in this connection is that the railroads are forced to raise rates because of the general increase in wages of their employes. If the report that the Union Pacific initiated the raise of grain rates be true, this argument would scarcely be convincing in this case, as the Union Pacific, instead of having advanced the wages of its employes, is said to be endeavoring to lower them through the operations of the present strike.

That the Union Pacific did take the lead in the movement to raise grain rates in Nebraska is believed from the fact that that road will get the lion's share of any increase. The Union Pacific gets 53 per cent of the rate on grain shipped from any Nebraska point to the Mississippi river, and the roads to which it delivers the grain at

Railway Notes and Personals.

H. H. Marley, traveling passenger agent of the Erie road, is in the city.

President Burt of the Union Pacific is in Chicago.

General Passenger Agent Buchanan of the Elkhorn has returned from St. Louis, where he attended the annual meeting of the Transcontinental association.

H. H. Embry of Kansas City, general freight agent of the Missouri Pacific, was in the city Wednesday in his private car. He came to make a general inspection of freight business here.

Local railroad ticket offices which sell steamship tickets to Europe report a considerable increase in that traffic from Omaha and adjacent points this year. Reports from the Burlington show that the most of the excursionists going home to enjoy a good time are from Great Britain, Scandinavia or Germany.

A Timely Suggestion.

"Now that winter with its bad weather is with us, I would advise every family to provide themselves against sudden attacks of coughs and colds by keeping at hand a good cough medicine like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which is the best among the many preparations for these ailments that I have on my shelves," says Mr. L. C. Neaville, the well known and popular druggist of Pittsboro, Ind. "I recommend this remedy and guarantee it to be without an equal for coughs and colds, also as a preventive and cure for croup." Buy it now.

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