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LITERARY NOTES.

The Rev. Dr. D. Z. Sheffield, President of the North China College and Mission at Tung-chau near Peking, was in America when the boxer riots began, but immediately prepared to return to his post. Before sailing from San Francisco late in June, he leaaned of the burning of his college. Dr Sheffield left behind him the manuscript of an article which will appear in the September *Century* under the title of "The Influence of the Western World on China." As a result of the author's thirty yeas experience as a missionary, he is said to argue strongly against the dismemberment of the Middle Kingdom. Equally timely will be a paper by R. Van Bergen in the same number on "The Revolution in China and its causes." The fiction of the September magazine will include a characteristic story of about 20,000 words by John Luther Long—"The Prince of Illusion.

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OYSTER LEGISLATION.

Laws Governing the Taking of Oysters in State Waters.

TONGS.—Chapter 99, page 104, laws of 1900, provides that it shall be unlawful for any person who has obtained a license to take or catch oysters in the waters of Queen Anne, Kent, Talbot, Anne Arundel and Dorchester counties, * * * with any implement or device other than ordinary rakes and tongs with wooden shafts, to be used entirely by hand, and without any ropes or hoisting gear, whatever, * * *; provided, that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to Swan Point bar, Rock Hall Creek and all waters north of Swan Point bar.

AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 380, commencing with page 650, amending certain sections, among other things provides that nothing in section one shall be so construed as to prevent the citizens of Queen Anne and Kent counties from using the waters of Chester river in common, after having taken out the required license to oyster, provided however, that the county commissioners shall be authorized to give special permission to any woman who has no visible means of support to take and catch oysters without license and provided that boys under fifteen years of age shall not be required to take out license.

Sec. 3 * * * Every applicant for license shall take oath that he has been a bona fide resident of the county for twelve months next preceding his application for said license; that he intends to use said license in the county in which he resides or the waters used in common.

UNMERCHANTABLE OYSTERS—Sec. 8, provides that any person who shall have oysters in his possession which contain more than five per cent. of shells, and oysters less than two and one-half inches from hinge to mouth, which for the purpose of this Article are declared to be unmerchantable oysters, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and in ascertaining such percentage the officers of the oyster police force, and the measurers and inspectors, are hereby authorized and directed to select such amount of oysters from any pile, hold, bin, house or other place, as he may think proper, and to require the same to be culled and disposed of * * *. It shall be unlawful for any packer, commission man or other person to purchase or receive any cargo or any part of a cargo of oysters unless a general inspector, measurer or special inspector shall be present, and said inspector or measurer shall cause to be culled any portion or all of the cargo necessary to determine the percentage of culls in said cargo, and if the said percentage shall be more than five per cent. of unmerchantable oysters of the portion of cargo so measured, then the said cargo shall be deemed to be unculled, and the captain, master or person in charge of such oysters shall be required to cull the whole cargo, and in case said cargo contains more than five per cent. of unmerchantable oysters, be fined the sum of twenty-five dollars, and in addition to that the sum of six cents per bushel for the entire cargo, including all shells and oysters, large and small, in his or their possession or charge, and also a further fine of one additional cent per bushel on the entire cargo for each additional one per cent. of unmerchantable oysters which said cargo may be found to contain; and the inspector or measurer, after ascertaining the quantity of unmerchantable oysters so culled out, shall give the captain or other person in charge of said vessel a certificate showing the number of bushels of such unmerchantable oysters, and said captain or other person in charge shall return the said unmerchantable oysters so culled out and scatter them on the ground or rocks whence taken, under the direction of the deputy commander of the oyster police boat on the beat, and, upon such delivery and scattering, the deputy commander or other person in charge of the oyster police boat shall endorse the said certificates as to the number of unmerchantable oysters so scattered, which certificate shall entitle the captain, his assignee, or any other person entitled thereto to receive the sum of ten cents per bushel for each bushel of unmerchantable oysters so disposed of and scattered; and the Comptroller of the Treasury shall, upon presentation of such certificate so endorsed, draw his warrant on the oyster fund in favor of the party entitled to the same for the amount therein specified.

The fine of twenty-five dollars and the per bushel rate fine herein mentioned to be recovered on conviction before a justice of the peace or a court of competent jurisdiction, and in the event that the party who has thus violated the provisions of this Article be supposed to be financially irresponsible, the officer preferring the charge shall demand of the purchaser of the cargo to withhold and pay over to the proper authority such amount, and if said purchaser shall refuse or fail to do so, the amount shall be recovered from him by writ of fi. fa. on the judgment obtained against the party.

Sec. 11. * * * It shall be unlawful for any captain or other person in charge of a vessel to discharge his oysters, or for any packing-house, or any other person, to receive oysters between the hours of 8 o'clock P. M. and 6 o'clock A. M. Any violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars for each offense on conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction; one-half of said fine to go to the informer and the other one-half to the Comptroller, to be placed to the credit of the oyster fund, unless the informer be an officer of the State Fishery Force.

Sec. 12. It shall be the duty of general measurers and inspectors of oysters and other officers of the police force to supervise the operation of this Article and diligently to aid in the enforcement of its provisions, and they or any of them are authorized and empowered to enter into any house or boat or any other place where oysters may be dumped or stored to inspect the same at any time, and any packer, commission man, or boatman, who shall refuse to open his house or boat where oysters may be dumped for the inspection thereof by the officer whose duty it shall be to inspect the same, and any person who shall conspire or agree with any other person to evade any of the provisions of this Article, or who shall connive at or participate in such violation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the penalties prescribed in Section eleven of this Article.

Sec. 14. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take or catch oysters or have oysters in his or their possession between the twenty fifth day of April and the first day of September in each and every year; provided that oysters caught before the twenty-fifth day of April may be disposed of at any time before the thirtieth day of April; nor shall it be construed to prevent any person from taking oysters at any time from his private beds within the State for private use or transplanting or cultivating, but not for sale. Persons violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guiltg of a misdemeanor.

HOW MEASURED—All oysters sold in this State shall be measured either in a one-half bushel tub, a bushel tub, a bushel and one-half tub or a three-bushel tub, and no instruments shall be used for measuring oysters in the shell but an iron circular tub with straight sides and straight solid bottom, with holes in bottom for draining, such holes to be no larger, however, than one inch in diameter; a half-bushel tub shall have the following dimensions, all measurements to be from inside to inside:

Fifteen inches across the top, thirteen inches across the bottom, and seventeen inches diagonally from the inside chime to the top; a bushel tub shall measure sixteen and one half inches across at the bottom from inside to inside, twenty-one inches diagonally from the inside chime to the top, and eighteen inches across from inside to inside from the top; a bushel and one-half tub shall measure nineteen inches across the top from inside to inside, eighteen inches across the bottom from inside to inside, and twenty-four inches diagonally from the inside chime to the top; a three bushel tub shall measure twenty-four inches across the top from inside to inside, twenty-two inches from inside to inside at the bottom, and twenty-nine twenty-six hundredths inches diagonally from the inside chime to the top, and all oysters measured in the shell as required by law shall be even measure to the top of the tub only, and any person or persons engaged in the business of buying or selling oysters in this State who shall own or have in his possession any instrument of measurement for oysters in the shell which differ in size or description from the measure hereinbefore mentioned, or shall demand a greater measure than hereinbefore mentioned, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished upon conviction before a court of competent jurisdiction be fined a sum of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or committed to the House of Correction for a period of not less than three months nor more than six months, or both in the discretion of the judge or justice of the peace trying the same, and in case a fine is imposed under the provisions of this section, said fine to be paid over by the officer making the arrest to the Comptroller of the State, to be credited to the oyster fund; one-half, however to be paid to the informer, unless he be an officer of the State Fishery Force.

Said measures shall also be the standard measure for shells, and the use of any other measure for that purpose shall be punished, as is prescribed by this section, for the use of any other measures for measuring oysters, and the measurers or special inspectors are hereby forbidden to handle or interfere with the oysters in or upon the tub or measure for the purpose of pressing or pushing down same, under penalty of removal from office and a fine of ten dollars for each offense.

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