


reminded me of the Snake River crossing on the way into Oregon. The river proper is extremely muddy and very wild in movement. Whenever a narrow occurs it is deep but in the main the ground is thoroughly bound with vegetation. It is most difficult to determine whether the landscape has been produced as a result of man or whether it is a natural formation of vegetation. In general the grasslands replace the jungle with an intervening section of pine (large 3 middle) particularly prevalent (pines) east of the Salween. Many graves on hillside in ever position and kind the usual ones.  made of solid rock. The farther east into China one goes the less attention is paid to the burial of their dead. From my observation would say that the western civilization of China still possessed the more ancient type of civilization - a civilization that stands out as being more highly advanced than the present civilization that seems to be preoccupying the dwellings of this old peoples. No animals or birds. Arrived Paoshan in evening. This valley has a similar expression as cedar valley but covered with green fields. Observed the Blue-tailed Bee-eater on mt. They were inspecting holes in road cut.

24th visited city of Paoshan. Took picture (1-6-24-45) of south gate. This is a lone gate before the main gate of the walled section of the city approached. This city as is usually the case of all these cities, is walled and guarded at all entrance. Large iron gates protect the entrances. In the city the people are found to be free of physical deformities that were found in India and were more evenly graded in respect to size and weight. These people are really healthy looking and apparently happy. Another contrast and one of great relief is their disposition of being relatively unconcerned with our presents and the freedom of movement without being approached ever second by either a salesman, shoe-bone boy or beggar. The total lack of beggars would indicate a more perfect adjustment of these people. The women, particularly the older ones walk around as if with wooden legs because of the bound feet. The younger women show the contrast in their more graceful and dignified movements. Visited a school and a hospital and observed the usual but complicated stair systems.

26th departed Paoshan. Crossed high ridge, came down into Mekong River gorge. As soon as I saw this river I thought of Mr. Seager and Mr. Rust. From what I could see, this river would have been a paradise for those who enjoy river running. (1-6-24-45) of Paoshan valley.