

and fort and natural barriers of rock. It is frequently pictured in papers. This valley is the first of the broader Ula valley like that we were to pass thru on the way to Kunming. The high and rough ranges were left behind on the west edge of Sikwan next valley flat with alluvial plains and heavily fertilized. All this country is still green and completely checked with grasses. Fishermen were beginning to practice their profession - a site quite rare up until now. Arrived Yunnanji.

25th Leaving Yunnanji This is a broad valley (these broad valleys are in contrast to the valleyless country to the west) with rolling hills. Eucalyptus trees border the roads, formerly they were lined with willow or alder. More truck farming evidence. Hills short grass, shrubbery, and yellow pine. The pine make futile attempts at retaining their position in the country. The trees are about 100 years or so in size and restricted mainly to the higher elevations. The country from here on to Kunming is like Strawberry and Deer hunting country but with pine instead of aspen. Topography similar but actual formations are not exposed. Ridge after ridge can be seen in the blue distance. Rare aspen like tree near upper limits of the ridges. Arrived at Chennan.

26th Chennan is a typical walled city. One notable building is used as a lookout post, others found at strategic points on passes and commanding ridges. Mills of graves on hillsides, particularly near villages. Yesterday evening spent a few minutes in a grave yard south of city. The erosion had cut thru many graves and as a result the bones were prolific in occurrence. Counted about 80 skulls lying around. This situation is not the usual condition with graves, because of the nature of the hillside, the results were inevitable. Dogs had dug into many of the more recent graves. The common sign on the rock markers is a double fish a circular form.  also stags, elephants, bats, birds, dragons, horse (saddled) and other grotesque forms marked the designed edges of the facing slab of rock. Picked up several coins around these graves. Harpie common bird among graves. Grasses lawn like because of these areas being used as grazing section for water buffaloes, goats and cattle - its texture is more like a rug. The magpie has a call like our jay. House cranes occasionally seen. Picture 1-6-28-45 a typical parking feed for our caravan.