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Kansas City Chinamen Have Their Annual Picnic at Merriam.

"We had a big fun, nice women, plenty fireworks, roast chicken, tongue, cake, new games and a ride on the cars."

The speaker was Gam Lee, the leader of the Chinese colony in this city, and he was talking of the Chinese Sunday school picnic held at Merriam park yesterday.

The happiest day in the year to the Chinese of this city is the date of this picnic. For the past few weeks the Chinese colony has been agog over the event, and now that it is over it will be the chief topic of conversation for as many weeks more.

Every Chinaman in Kansas City attends Sunday school, off and on, it is claimed. There are many who say that the Chinaman goes simply to learn to read and write in English. Whatever their motive may be, it is certain that they have a child-like faith in their teachers, who are all young women, and they treat them with an admirable deference.

The largest Chinese Sunday school in the city is conducted at the Second Presbyterian church. There is another largely-attended school in Wyandotte. About sixty Chinamen from these two schools and 123 young lady teachers and their friends were at the picnic yesterday. They filled two coaches on the Clinton express on the Memphis railroad, which left the Union depot at 10:15 o'clock yesterday morning. The day at the park was spent in playing games of different kinds. The Chinamen entered into the sport with the enthusiasm of children. They returned at 5 o'clock and are now looking ahead to the next annual picnic. Gam Lee was found last night stretched at full length on his bed.

"Me tired," he said. "I run around like a little boy all day and my legs are sore, but we had a big time, you bet."