

Its elevation is 9536 feet. There was light rain all day. He got very chilly riding and was glad to have a house to stop in. The last European along the road (with the exception of Père Nussbaum going up the valley to Yargung) was Teichman, who went about one and a half stages up. So far as he knew, no Europeans had been along the road to Litang for nine or ten years.

His miscellaneous collection of transport animals—donkeys, mules and ponies—were now changed for yaks, and he made another short march of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles to Pongdramo (Pang-chra-mo). There was first a steep ascent up the stony hillside, the valley narrowing between high fir-covered hills. At  $1\frac{3}{4}$  miles he passed the scene of a fight a few days previously between Chinese soldiers and the Nanka Lama. The path then descends slightly and crosses a side stream full of boulders, and afterwards continues up the valley with the Ba Chu, a small raging torrent, always on the right, to Pongdramo, two or three ruined houses on a clearing. The day was cloudy in the morning, but the sun came out in the afternoon. The yaks were quite unsuited for this enclosed country. They were constantly running in all directions and shedding their loads. Long delay was caused by them in crossing a small torrent, into which they deposited two of Thompson's boxes.

About twenty-eight Wa-shi men, some of Pereira's own and others taking the opportunity of his presence to return to their own country, a few marches north, accompanied Pereira and formed an escort, as they were armed with Mauser