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JAPS PREPARE FOR BIG WAR

GENERAL KUROPATKIN WARNS THE UNITED STATES AGAINST BROWN MEN.

JAPS ARE TREACHEROUS

Conditions Similar to Those Preceding Russo-Japanese War—Treachery and Cunning Predominant Characteristics of Japs.

General Kuropatkin, former Russian Minister of War, has written M. Reuser, an eminent professor of International law residing in Berlin, regarding the strained relation existing between the United States and Japan. General Kuropatkin took the leading part in the Russo-Japanese war and no man understands better than he the diplomacy and cunning of the little brown man. His letter is a warning to American statesmen. The following extracts from it throw interesting sidelights on Japanese traits and methods:

"I am following with special attention the Japanese-American diplomatic relations. I am able to do so, after certain experience and away from my official position. The Japanese-American relation is at the present time just equal to ours previous to the war. The Americans themselves might not be

a Japanese, just the reverse of what he assures you. Such is the behavior of our merchants in the East dealing with the Japanese business men, and that should be considered also in the Philippines and great national affairs. I will show the facts:

"Several years before our war with Japan there could be noticed a hidden hostility towards the Russians, but we did not pay any attention to it. The hidden hostility was intensified and the Japanese government and newspapers began to announce that Russia was their best friend and that there could never be any trouble between them. We believed those supposedly sincere assurances and suppressed all utterances in regard to the Japanese politics. But that was a great mistake and the cause of our failure.

"After the Boxer rebellion in China our government occupied Manchuria and displayed a great influence in the far East. I could notice the change of attitude toward us, of which I made a long report to the czar. It was a very peculiar position, and the czar recommended me to make a tour through Japan and the far East. I was received with great friendship and new assurances by the mikado and his people that pacific relations between Japan and Russia had never been as strong as then.

"Then I returned from my trip home and pacified all excitement, but while doing this officially I had an intuitive feeling that there was a trick back of all this cordial Japanese assurances, but I could not express officially my personal opinion. Another point was that I could not see a sufficient cause for war, because we kept strictly within our obligations and the private affairs in Korea, which seemed to excite some Japanese business interests were so insignificant for a political trouble that I did not pay them any attention.

"The Japanese government and newspapers continued to be our greatest 'friends' until the very moment war was declared.

"Looking at the American situation, I notice a repetition of the Japanese diplomatic game before the war with us. Who might be its enemy else than the United States? Who from the Japanese view might be a menace for the policies in China and Korea? They wish to act in Asia and fear political control by the United States. Japan has also a certain feeling of revenge toward the United States because after the Chinese war and Boxer rebellion they acted against the interests of Japan.

"Furthermore, they think that the United States urged them to make a peace with Russia for which they did not get such a heavy indemnity as they expected to get after a few more victories. The immigration trouble is and will be merely an artifice to indicate hostility.

"The Americans, according to my opinion, ought to be more cautious than they are and take into consideration that they have to deal with a very strong and serious enemy. The American navy is equipped very perfectly, but in my view it is not sufficient to beat Japan. In the second place, America is trusting too much to the pacific assurances of the Japanese government and press. Whoever thinks in America that a war between the United States and Japan is absurd

BUILDING BOOM IN MID-WINTER

BUSINESS BUILDINGS AND FINE RESIDENCES IN AND ABOUT OREGON CITY.

A STEADY IMPROVEMENT

Unprecedented Progress in the Surrounding Locality—Gladstone Becoming a Favorite Residence District.

It is somewhat remarkable to have a winter building season, yet this is just what has happened to Oregon City and surrounding territory. Almost noiselessly and very persistently the carpenters have been "doing things" and now, on the threshold of spring, many handsome structures come forth in full bloom.

Chief of the structures that have been completed during the winter is the new Masonic Temple. In a metropolitan city this would be insignificant as compared with the 20-story business blocks, but in Oregon City it is a veritable skyscraper, four stories high, with an elevator. It is modern even to the extent of being constructed of concrete and no pains or expense have been spared to make it the pride of our city. Mr. Robbins, the architect,



CHAMBERS HOWELL, of the firm of Howell & Jones, who has become a resident of Gladstone.

and Harry Jones, supervisor of construction, have acquitted themselves well in this undertaking and the building committee of the Masonic Order is deserving of great credit for the painstaking attention they have devoted to the enterprise, and for the unanimity of opinion they have preserved throughout the undertaking.

The building committee is composed of Clark Ganong, Thomas F. Ryan, John Walker, J. E. Heiges, J. W. Moffett.

The first floor of this building is to be occupied by John Adams as a dry goods store. Mr. Adams has been an important factor in the Oregon City business element for a good many years, and his new store will challenge comparison with metropolitan business houses. Oregon City is approaching the time when she can hold this line of trade at home, and Mr. Adams' enterprise will be a long step in this direction.

The second floor will be taken up with 17 large, airy offices. These will be occupied by professional and business men. The third floor will be devoted exclusively to the uses of the Masonic Order. The beautiful lodge room is 24 feet from floor to ceiling, is 34 feet wide and 65 feet long. There is also a parlor, and adjoining the large banquet room is a well appointed kitchen. On this floor are also four large committee rooms.

The lodge room on the fourth floor, which is 35 feet wide and 90 feet long, may be occupied by the Order of Elks, now being organized in Oregon City. There is a smaller lodge room adjoining this which will probably be occupied by some local organization. The building will be ready for occupancy within a month.

Between the Masonic Temple and the Barclay building, Wallace Cole's new building is being erected. A portion of this building will be occupied by the O. K. barber shop, in front of which will be a cigar store, and in the basement a bowling alley. The occupancy of the remainder of the building has not been definitely determined upon. At the foot of Sixth street, on the river bank, the commodious building is now completed which is to be used by Mr. Bigelow as a livery and feed stable.

A number of handsome residences are now ready for occupancy or are nearing completion. On the site of the old Rinecarson home, just to the west of Gladstone, is the colonial residence of Judge Thomas P. Ryan. This imposing country residence overlooking the Willamette is modeled after the fashion of a country gentleman's home in the halcyon days of the South. There is the nursery overlooking the river, old-fashioned fireplaces and verandas occupying a floor space of 2400 feet. No item of comfort or convenience has been overlooked. A private lighting plant will illuminate the dwelling, as well as the grounds, stables and barns. Altogether this structure is a work of art.

Chambers Howell, the well known druggist, is also to become a resident of Gladstone. His handsome home, just completed, is well constructed, roomy and is appointed with all modern conveniences. The building is being finished throughout, wood fibre hard used in the construction, and its nine rooms are arranged tastefully, as well as convenient. The verandas on front and rear add a homelike appearance to the building. The concrete basement, occupying the whole foundation space, is 40x33 feet and seven feet high. An attractive feature is the fireplace and mantel, brought from Knoxville, Tenn. The grounds immediately surrounding Mr. Howell's new home consist of 24 lots in Gladstone. Adjoining is the 10-acre tract purchased by Mr. Howell out of Mr. Freytag's famous garden lands.

Mr. William LaSalle has just completed a quaint and attractive bungalow in Gladstone, overlooking the Clackamas River. This building has six large and well arranged rooms, consisting of diningroom, livingroom, two bedrooms, den and kitchen.

The diningroom is paneled to the height of the doors with broad, and very attractive panels, finished in the golden oak. The ceilings of both dining and livingrooms are beamed and covered with art burlap. The diningroom is also provided with a handsome buffet, above which is leaded art glass. The livingroom is tinted in a cocoon brown, with a cream ceiling, and the woodwork is finished in golden oak. Between the living and diningrooms is a wide opening with buttressed columns, which forms the bookcases.

The den is paneled to the height of the doors with a burned finish, which gives the room a very attractive appearance. This room has a Venetian ceiling and a quaint and artistic stone fireplace.

The two bedrooms are finished in natural fir. The building is completed with a buffet kitchen, which is very nicely arranged.

The rear porch is inclosed with a wire screen, and connected with this is a conveniently arranged wood shed under the same roof.

The windows throughout the house are casements with art leaded glass. One of the chief beauties of the house is the large front porch with its beamed ceiling, which makes one of the noticeable features of the building.

The outside of the house is stained a dark brown with a green roof. The house is provided with all modern plumbing, and electric lights. Built after the attractive type of the modern homes of our larger cities are the residences of Dr. L. L. Pickens and John Lewthwaite. Mr. Pickens' home has the bungalow effect and the large reception hall, livingroom, diningroom, on occasion, are opened all in one commodious room. The whole lower floor is furnished artistically in mission. These four rooms, with the kitchen, on the lower floor and four sleeping rooms on the upper floor, make up the nine-room dwelling. The slightly location overlooks the Willamette and nearly the whole of Oregon City. From here, on the clearer days, is also had a splendid view of Mt. Hood and much of the rugged, attractive scenery of this vicinity. The home is most conveniently located, only a few steps from the end of the suspension bridge.

The home of John Lewthwaite, Jr., enjoys the same enviable location. It is likewise artistically furnished throughout and the interior arrangement shows exquisite taste. The heavy pillars on the front veranda present a handsome, substantial appearance. This residence is one of the most attractive in or around Oregon City.

Our winter building boom has witnessed the erection of many other residences.

GRANGES ARE UP AND DOING

KEEN INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN THE WORK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

POPULAR FARMER'S CLUB

Reports From Warner Grange, Maple Lane, Abernethy, Harding and Clackamas Show Prosperous Condition Existing.

Intense interest and even great enthusiasm prevails throughout Clackamas County Granges. Meetings are well attended, programs are good and the discussions on live topics are generally engaged in. The grange has never before been so popular as it is now. On this organization the agricultural population relies for giving vent to their feelings on the sentiments and desires of the farmers on public questions. In the grange discussion, proposed legislation, both State and National, receives the stamp of the farmers' sanction or disapproval. Reports from some of the granges show the activity of the organization.

Warner Grange, one of the oldest granges in the county, held a very enthusiastic meeting at the grange hall in New Era last Saturday, and the



THOS. F. RYAN, re-elected Master of Warner Grange.

newly elected officers were installed by William Beard, of Maple Lane Grange. There was an unusual large attendance to witness the installation, as it was public to all.

At the morning session much business was transacted, after which six members took the first and second degrees. David McArthur won the \$500 prize, which was donated by Judge Thomas P. Ryan, master of the grange, for securing the largest number of members during the year, and Mr. Ryan has again offered \$500 to the member securing the largest number of members for the coming year. This has been one of the most prosperous years that Warner Grange has enjoyed, and the members are all enthusiastic in having attractive programs for the meetings, which are held on the fourth Saturday of each month.

After the morning session a chicken dinner was enjoyed by the members and many friends of the grange. A musical and literary program followed, after which the newly elected officers who are to serve during the ensuing year were installed, the installation ceremony being very impressive. Following are the officers installed: Master, Thomas P. Ryan, of Oregon City; re-elected; overseer, George Laugel; re-elected; chaplain, Mrs. Chinn; lecturer, Mrs. George Laugel; secretary, David McArthur; treasurer, R. S. Coe; steward, Miss Emma Wilehart; Pomona, Mrs. J. B. Dick; Ceres, Mrs. R. Dundas; Flora, Mrs. Thomas Blanchard. After the installation, Mr. McArthur, who won the \$500 in the membership contest, treated the members of the grange to oranges and candy.

At the next meeting of the grange, which will be on February 22, Washington's Birthday will be observed by the grange, and a suitable program for the occasion is being prepared. At this meeting six members will be given the third and fourth degree, and four members given the first and second degrees.

It has been decided by this organization to have delegates sent from Warner Grange to all horticultural and agricultural state and county meetings, so they can report and give the people living in the vicinity the benefit of the knowledge derived therefrom, and these subjects will be brought up at the meetings of this grange for discussion. The plan of the officers is not only to make the grange a successful social organization, but also to make it a medium through which the members and those living in the vicinity of the Warner grange may acquire useful information and knowledge regarding matters connected with agricultural pursuits.

Warner Grange is in a prosperous condition, and was one of the first granges organized in the county. At its organization, which was over 29 years ago, the charter members are still active. The meetings took place in Oregon City in this Masonic building, and afterwards the meetings were held at Lazelle's schoolhouse, and finally property was purchased at New Era, where a building has since been erected. The building has an assembly room and a kitchen adjoining, and now being collected and are to be hung on the walls of the assembly room. The grange was named after the late Arthur Warner, one of the oldest pioneers of Clackamas County, and one of the charter members of this grange, who was the owner of Locust Farm at Mount Pleasant at the time of organization.

Maple Lane Grange, No. 296, held its regular meeting at the Maple Lane Grange hall. The morning session was taken up entirely with business of the Grange, and six new members were taken in. At this session Mrs. Louise Beard, who was not present at

the last meeting when the newly-elected officers were installed, was installed as overseer, Mrs. Bertha Parker as Flora and James Shelly, gatekeeper. At noon one of the excellent dinners that this Grange is famous for serving, was thoroughly enjoyed. The lecturer's hour followed the repast, and the following musical and literary program was well rendered: Song, "America," Grange; roll call and response; "What Makes a Man Great?"; recitation, "Walking Home With Mary"; Frank Beard; reading, "Let Something Good Be Said," Mrs. Mary Shelly; reading, "Temperance in the Grange," S. T. Roman; recitation, "Saying Grace," Mrs. Emma Derrick; "Question Box," opened by C. W. Swallow and Mrs. Anna Lewis; reading, "An Ex-Saloon Keeper on Gambling," E. A. Seely; song, "Don't You Believe It"; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Beard; general discussion followed, the first subject being "What Is the Best Inheritance a Man Can Leave His Family?" and was followed by the discussion of "How Can We Each Increase the Influence and Usefulness of the Grange?" Edith Parker recited, "Eating Green Apples," and was followed by Shirley Swallow, who gave a rendition of "The Ups and Downs of the Browns," which was greeted with applause. The program closed with the Grange singing "Gentleness." Maple Lane Grange, like many other granges in the county, is in a very flourishing condition, and at each meeting new members are taken in, which speaks well for the members, who are striving hard to make it one of the best attended granges in Clackamas County. The meetings of this grange are held on the first Saturday of each month.

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CHRISTIAN SCHUEBEL, who made a great fight for U. S. District Attorney.

Mr. Schuebel's confirmation and he brought influence to bear to swing Mr. Knox into line, but found to his surprise that Mr. Knox, notwithstanding his (Bourne's) promise of "several Oregon votes in the national convention," was unwilling to support Mr. Schuebel.

Mr. Bourne had frequent conferences with the President after opposition to Mr. Schuebel developed and the President, it is understood, made a careful canvass of his strength in the Senate regarding this and other cases. Whatever his discovery, it was not encouraging to Mr. Bourne, who was forced to acknowledge that, even with the President's co-operation, he could not bring about the confirmation of his man.

When all expedients failed and Mr. Bourne realized his predicament, he communicated the news to Mr. Schuebel and from the best information obtainable capitulated with the understanding that Mr. Schuebel would be made chief deputy District Attorney.

Mr. Schuebel, tenaciously clung to the belief that Senator Bourne, with the support of President Roosevelt, would be able to bring about the Senate's confirmation of his nomination. The Oregon City man, however, recognized the impassable barrier, even before his backers in Washington were disposed to acknowledge it, and is said to have released Senator Bourne and urged him to lose no political prestige by insisting further on the appointment in face of powerful factional opposition.

It is understood that Mr. Schuebel can have the chief deputyship, if he wants it. He has not yet made known whether or not this place will be acceptable to him.

Why Bingham Was Dropped. When Mr. Fulton and Representatives Hawley and Ellis joined some time ago in recommending George G. Bingham, of Salem, Mr. Bourne told the President that Mr. Bingham could not be appointed, because he had been the Salem attorney for the Southern Pacific. Publicly, Mr. Bourne denied that he had any objection to Mr. Bingham. But it now develops that he poisoned the President's mind, as soon as he knew upon whom his colleagues had united, and because of Mr. Bourne's representations, the President made it plain that he would appoint no man who had at any time been associated with corporations, or who had been affiliated with any defendants in land fraud cases.

In canvassing the situation yesterday, the delegation had to eliminate all candidates who came within the President's restriction, and was obliged to pass up several candidates who, in his opinion, would make good District Attorneys. Mr. Cleeton appeared to be the only man among all the candidates upon whom the delegation could unite. When Mr. Fulton, Mr. Bourne and Mr. Ellis had united upon Mr. Cleeton, who, under the agreement of the delegation, should be recommended, having been endorsed by the majority, a telegram was sent to Representative Hawley asking his concurrence or suggestion. The message evidently failed to reach him, but he stated before starting West that he would feel bound by the decision of the majority, and it is, therefore, known that he will acquiesce in Mr. Cleeton's appointment, though he had strong hopes of overcoming the President's objection to Mr. Bingham.

The New District Attorney. Thomas J. Cleeton was born on a farm in Schuyler County, Missouri, October 7, 1851, and came to Oregon in 1891, settling at St. Helens, in Columbia.

He was educated in the common schools of his native county, and attended the University of Missouri at Columbia. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and has since that time been engaged in the practice of law in St. Helens.

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