

OLD ORDER IN JAPAN IS FAST DYING OUT

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TOKIO, Nov. 10.—Old Japan is fast changing. The last of the famous Elder Statesmen of the Meiji era has relinquished his Government post. Only two of the Genro remain—Prince Matsukata (he has just been promoted from a marquis) and Prince Salooji, Matsukata has just retired as Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, his last post.

The two are very old, well in the eighties. Salooji has been ill for months, and Matsukata is fast failing. The two, particularly Matsukata, made Baron Kato Premier last Spring. When the time comes they will probably remove him and name his successor, but that will be about the last of their making and unmaking of Ministers.

Viscount Hirata, possibly the strongest man in Japan next to the two Genro, who for thirty years was constantly at Prince Yamagata's elbow, is the new Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal. His appointment is a decided victory for the Choshu clan, the first in many months since the popular cry for disarmament turned sentiment from them. Hirata since the death of Yamagata in February, has been possibly second only to General Baron Tanaka in leading the old clan.

There has been much written about the Genro's lease on life. Will they continue? Certainly not the old Genro—they cannot be replaced. No one can fill the shoes of Ito, Okubo, Inouye, Iyama, Yamagata, Matsukata and Salooji.

They ushered Japan through the critical stage of the first transition. The word of the two surviving Elder Statesmen is practically law. When they, too, go there probably will be a new Genro, but not a perpetuation of the old Genro by the injection of new blood. Hirata and others, particularly Admiral Count Yamamoto of the Satsuma clan, are consulted much now. When the time comes they may form a new dictatorial clique which will hold a sway over the country due to the power of their word with the throne. But Matsukata and Salooji are not admitting them to the innermost councils of the old Genro, and when they die the famous statesmen of the Meiji era will be gone forever.

MOVIES

ARCADE TODAY
NEW STAR APPEARS IN
"HEARTS O' THE RANGE"
A new and highly attractive leading lady comes to light in "Hearts o' the Range," the five-reel feature now at the Arcade Theatre. She is Miss Alma Rayford, a particularly striking blonde, whose beauty in no way affects the vigor of her performance. There is nothing of the simpering star about her. She is an ideal type of Western girl cast in a Western role. She rides a horse as though she was born in the saddle, and at the same time acts as though a motion picture studio was her rightful home. Miss Rayford has youth in her favor as well; in fact she looks scarcely more than seventeen years of age.

RIVOLI TODAY
GOOD CAST IN NEW
VERA GORDON PICTURE
The supporting cast in the latest Warner Brothers' production, "Your Best Friend," starring Vera Gordon, which comes to the Rivoli Theatre today is composed of a number of players who have served a long and varied experience before the footlights and the silent camera.
Belle Bennett, who plays the part of the society crazed daughter-in-law, has played leading roles on both stage and screen ever since she was a small child. During the early days of the motion picture industry, she was starred in "The Hell Out of Alaska," "The Bond of Fear," "A Soul in Trust," and a score of other dramas. She has returned to the stage, and is now appearing in the Broadway play, "The Demi-Virgin."
Harry Benham, who is seen in the role of the faithful son, has also served a long apprenticeship before the footlights. He has played leads in such stage successes as "The Rainbow Girl," "Polly With a Past," "Little Old New York," and others too numerous to mention. Mr. Benham is the type of player who loves to play any and all parts for the screen.
Other members of the cast include Beth Mason, Stanley Price and Dore Davidson.

AMUSEMENTS

AGE AND MERIT
The Famous Georgia Minstrels, which comes to the Rivoli Monday Nov. 13th is one of those rare attractions that seem to improve with age. It has made its success without any help from this or that star. It is repeating its grand triumph of the past thirty three years, and fills the theaters nightly with wildly enthusiastic audiences with its wholesome entertainment and Tomcat's applause. The managers claim to have the best company this season that they have ever assembled numbering forty people traveling in their own Pullman palace car, and with all new scenery, wardrobe and paraphernalia they give an up-to-date performance of minstrelsy.

ONTARIO FARMERS OWN
MOST OF AUTOS THERE
TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 10.—Farmers of Ontario own more than one-third of the automobiles registered in the province. They constitute the largest single automobile owning class. Statistics compiled by the provincial government show that of a total of 181,578 passenger cars listed last year 61,645 were owned by farmers. Storekeepers constitute the second largest automobile owning class.

Child Preacher



Six-year-old Newton Hastings of Salisbury, Md., for the past six months has been speaking before small Maryland congregations and recently conducted the services in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Baltimore. He has had no preparation or coaching for ecclesiastical pursuits but conducts in the manner of an experienced minister.

COWBOYS TO 'RASSLE' STEERS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 10.—Despite the announcements of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals that it intended to protest, in court if necessary, the steer-wrestling at the cowboy championship, which will open at Madison Square Garden this afternoon, promoters of the show said last night they would go ahead with the original program.

Drawings were held to determine the order in which the cowboys will ride for the broncho-bucking prize and the order of the steer "rassling." The championship will be decided on a point system, with each day's show counting in the score. At the end of the ten day's exhibition the winner will receive a large cash prize and a belt emblematic of the all-around riding championship of the country. Douglas Fairbanks and Will Rogers spent several hours at the Garden yesterday afternoon talking with the cowboys. They expect to be at most of the exhibitions. Fred Stone will come from Pittsburgh, where he is playing to attend the Sunday show. Hundreds of truckloads of dirt were spread on the floor of the Garden yesterday to put the arena in condition for the contests and the hundred or more cowboys and cowgirls took a last lumbering up.

Cause of Wellesley Furore



When two pretty maids of Wellesley, jamed up their freshman year by smoking cigarettes and wearing knickerbockers, the faculty stepped in and ended their scholastic career in the Massachusetts college. Here are the iconoclastic freshmen, Mildred Rotz of Stamford, Conn., and Edna Bursz of Barre, Vt.

FASCIST SHIRTS SYMBOL OF BRAVERY

The new famous black shirts of the Fascists have had a national significance only since the last year of the war. At that time they were made part of the regulation uniform of the Arditi, Italy's picked shock troops. Hence the black shirt came to typify bravery, recklessness and supreme patriotism. Before it became the pride of the Arditi the shirt had been affected irregularly by Italian soldiers since the time of Garibaldi, but it was said to have no meaning beyond a personal desire to appear ominous or hard-boiled. The Fascist uniform was not regular except for the shirt and black cap with black fez. It was said. The caps bore skulls, daggers and other insignia varying with the locality. The rest of the uniform was the pea-green color worn by most Italian troops.

TOOK CHURCH SIGN TOO LITERALLY; IS JAILED

FLINT, Mich., Nov. 10.—Mike Keldon was arrested following what police term a too literal translation of the welcome sign in front of the Presbyterian Church. Mike lingered before the sign, then as its meaning percolated through his head entered the church. From the seat in the front row he grinned appreciatively as the choir sang the anthem. Then he volunteered a solo of his own. First one popular ballad and then another he sang before the police arrived.

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