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JAPANESE SEQUEL

The People are Poor Farmers and Need Education.

Japan has yet to learn agriculture, says Dr. David Star Jordan in the Pacific Monthly of January. The tourist in Japan goes from Tokyo to Kyoto, then to Kobe or Nagasaki. He knows the Japan of the swarming villages, the dainty rice fields, the green tea gardens, the picturesque attitudinizing, the hand-painted landscape. He sees, or thinks he sees, that Japan is crowded, vastly overcrowded, every foot of land worked to the utmost, no room for expansion or extension of any form of agriculture. But this is an optical illusion. In fact, barely half of the arable land of Japan is cultivated; 13 per cent of the whole territory. Great tracts in the north—fit for wheat, rye, oats, barley, potatoes, hay, are almost wholly unused—covered with swamp grasses, logs and woods. Japan has no roads, no horses, no cows, no sheep, no goats, no hogs, no butter, no cheese, no orchards, no vineyards, no fruit, no cabbages, turnips, carrots—scarcely anything to show in agriculture save rice, tea, lacquer, taro and silk. Nothing in domestic animals save a few bodiless chicken, half-starved dogs, and soul-weary vegetarian cats.

Everything in agriculture is in the style of two thousand years ago. It is wholly unspecialized. Nothing is worked to the fullest modern economic advantage. Of course these matters are changing from day to day, and a sweeping statement is no longer true. There is now and then a horse, a cow, an apple tree, a field of varied grains. The agricultural stations of the government are doing their best to accustom Japan to the successful methods of other countries. But the population of Japan could be doubled, without crowding, if every resource were developed.

Japan must spend far more for education. Rapid as her progress has been, it needs extension in the direction of individualism and democracy. She must educate men as men—not as part of a group or a caste. Real democracy must replace what is still left of feudal communism. Japan must break down caste absolutely and forever if she learns to make the best of whatever of varied talent may arise among her people. The strong men born in the nobility alone can never make a great nation. They may make an efficient bureaucracy, nothing better. It takes all the force there is for a nation to do her part among other strong nations. As things are in Japan, the trade or profession is greater than the man. He is known by his cloths and his badges. The student is all student, he can do nothing but study; the warrior is all warrior, he knows nothing but fighting; the jinrikisha man is all legs; the farmer is all farmer. His clothing was fashioned for him two thousand years before he was born, and he can never change it. He is chained to his caste and can not get out of it—whatever his fitness for other or higher things. For all these reasons, personal ambition has little play in Japan, and there is less power of adaptability to new condition than there should be, however great this power may seem, as compared with that shown in India or China.

Dilley "The Fixer."

T. W. Dilley, for many years a business man of this city, but who is now in California, writes the Gazette from Oroville under date of January 23, as follows: I have been out for a walk. Everything is O. K. Town has 3,000 inhabitants. Oranges,

gold dredgers, gamblers and fancy women everywhere. The place was incorporated three weeks ago. The streets are muddy, although the wagon roads are good.

The place where I room is with a good family and they have half a block of oranges. I can eat all I want free. You can see piles of oranges, lemons, apricots and figs in the streets and throwed out in the alleys. There are persimmons, peaches, pears and prunes here, but no apples. Bananas do not do well as there is too much frost. It is my belief that we can raise oranges in Corvallis by covering them when it freezes. I am going to send a few seed home soon.

I was offered a job selling stereopticons at 40 cents on the dollar, but I am not looking for such a situation.

I went out and witnessed a steam shovel operated. It is a wonder. This shovel is making a cut for the new railroad which goes through the mountains from Ogden, Utah, to Marysville and San Francisco, Calif.

A dredger is about the size of a church, with an endless chain-belt of buckets larger than a road scraper, all fastened together which goes down in the gravel and brings up dirt and rocks and then empties it into sluice boxes with water and quicksilver in the riffles to catch the gold. A dredger costs from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

The reason this city incorporated was because the dredger company was buying up all the orchards and working them and by incorporating they could stop such things as that. This country is being torn up-side down, leaving the large gravel on top and turning a paradise into a desert.

When you digest this dose place it in the waste basket.

DILLEY.

John Withycombe Wins.

Friday evening the local oratorical contest was held in the Armory at the college to determine who should have the honor of representing OAC at the inter-collegiate oratorical contest to be held in Albany in March. As is usual on these occasions, there was in evidence a large crowd of professors, students and citizens from almost everywhere.

The speakers appeared in the following order: Stella Parsons, Elmer P. Rawson, Alice L. Edwards, Miles B. Belden, Mary C. Danneman, John Withycombe and M. V. Weatherford.

John Withycombe won first prize, a gold medal and \$15 in cash. His subject was, "The Voice of 1776." To him will fall the glory of upholding the honor of OAC in Albany in March.

The second prize, a gold medal and \$5 in cash, was won by Mark Weatherford. His subject was, "A Mighty Nation." Miss Stella Parsons won third prize, a silver medal and \$25 in cash, her subject being "An Ideal Citizen." All contestants for places made efforts creditable to themselves and their institution.

The judges of composition were: Prof. C. C. Poling, of Dallas, Judge H. H. Hewitt, of Albany, and Justice of the Supreme Court Thomas G. Hailey, of Salem.

The judges of oratory were: Miss Gertrude M. Johnson, of Philomath, Pres. A. F. Campbell, of Eugene, and Attorney L. L. Swan, of Albany.

Verdict of Jury.

Mention was made in our last issue of the accidental death of John Goldson, of Lane county, and a cousin of Henry Wortham and a nephew of James L. Lewis, of this city. Since then the coroner of that county has held an inquest and some further information was brought to light as

set forth by the Eugene Register, as follows:

The coroner's jury impanelled by Justice Harpole to inquire into the death of John Goldson which occurred Sunday, last evening rendered a verdict that death was due to the accidental discharge of his gun.

For several days all sorts of wild stories came in from the neighborhood of Smithfield, but it seems pretty well established, and the coroner's verdict confirms it, that John Goldson was shot by the bullet from his own gun after he had wounded the cougar. The marks on the gun are near the forearm, and look like the teeth marks of a cougar, and some of the wood of the stock is crushed.

The story of the accident that seems to be best established is indeed a remarkable one. Goldson went into the canyon after telling his companions not to follow. After he had fired two shots he shouted and the others started to run toward him. He shouted several times, but ceased before the hunters reached him. When the cougar was shot in the tree it fell on the side of the log toward the hunters, and 15 feet from where the body of Goldson lay. The explanation that is now made is that the wounded cougar struck Goldson to the ground, stunning him. The animal then seized the gun and in shaking it in the brush surrounding the spot, caused its discharge, as the trigger was set light for target shooting, and the bullet by one chance in a thousand, took effect in Mr. Goldson's body.

History of Plant.

Not until the year 1888 did Corvallis grant a franchise for the establishment of an electric light plant in this city. L. L. Hurd, then a resident of this city, was the man to whom the franchise was granted. Mr. Hurd is now in Southern Oregon.

In 1889 Mr. Hurd brought the first dynamo to this city and started the installation of the plant. After all was in readiness he found that he did not have power enough to light the city properly. About this time J. M. Porter purchased a half interest in the plant and it was moved to quarters where the dynamos are still operated. About 1890 the company incorporated as the Electric Light and Power Company, of Corvallis.

Shortly after the incorporation Mr. Porter purchased Mr. Hurd's interest in the plant and for a period of some fifteen years he has presided over the electric light business of this city. The gentleman who bought Mr. Porter out last week is A. Welch, who recently acquired a franchise of this city whereby he can provide those who may desire it with electric power. In the franchise granted him and his company he could have furnished the city light at the expiration of of Mr. Porter's franchise in 1913. As it now stands, Mr. Welch and his company are already providing Corvallis with her light, although Mr. Porter and his old force are still managing the business and will be for some time yet.

There seems to have been some little apprehension on the part of a few of our citizens that the company now owning our local light plant was none other than the financial octopus, the Standard Oil Co. Should such have proved the case we should really have been in a bad fix for not only could the Standard Oil people govern the price of kerosene, but also control our electric "juice."

On this score, gentlemen, there seems to be nothing to fear, as there is no evidence that the Standard Oil people have a finger in the pie. Some little time ago when negotiations were started for the Corvallis plant Mr. Welch

gave his personal check for \$1,000 to Mr. Porter to bind the bargain. The check was on Ladd & Bush, bankers of Salem, Ore. When the final payment was made Mr. Welch gave Mr. Porter a draft for \$17,000 on Rhodes, Sinkler & Butcher.

Real Estate Transfers.

Abstract of Benton county filings for the week ending Jan. 27, 1906:

E. W. Strong to Eliza Bunker, 80 acres, northwest of Corvallis; \$1.

Mabel Page and husband to J. Farnham, lot in Job's addition; \$37.50.

Ella Tyler and husband to L. A. Martin, 53 acres, south of Corvallis about 10 miles; \$3,000.

E. M. Howell to C. M. Geddings, 280 acres, sec. 15, t. 11, 7 w.; \$2,304.75.

Emil Liebe and wife to E. E. Wilson, 2 3/4 acres, near OAC; \$1,500.

Peter Rickard and wife to Slemmens et al, q. c. d. to 38 acres, t. 13, 6 w.; \$200.

United States to Charles A. Baldwin, patent to 160 acres, near Summit.

Samuel McLain to Philomath College, lots 7 and 8, Philomath; \$800.

Samuel McLain to Philomath College, 60 acres of land near Philomath; \$1000.

George W. Howard to Melissa Howard, 2 lots in Corvallis; \$1.

J. T. Anderson and wife to C. I. Starr, 1/2 acres adjoining Corvallis; \$10.

Sarah E. Miller to V. E. Caves, 160 acres in Kings Valley; \$500.

E. A. Castle to Frank A. Dunn, 95 1/2 acres, near Philomath; \$3,500.

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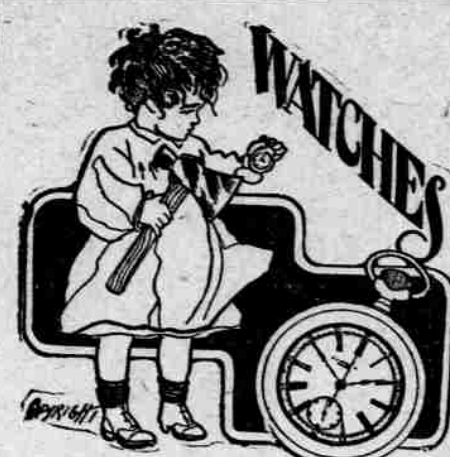
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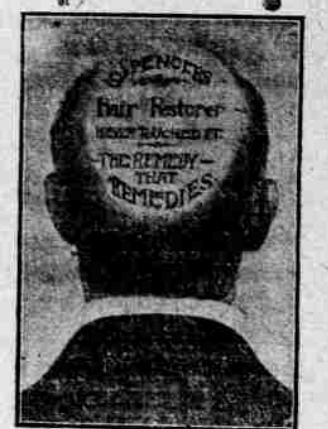
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