

TALKED ABOUT JAPAN.

Former OAC President Did—Hon.
H. B. Miller.

Hon. H. B. Miller, formerly president of the Oregon Agricultural College and known throughout the state of Oregon, spoke at the U. of O. a few days ago on the political conditions of Japan at the present time. He said in part:

"The atmosphere of Japan and their civilization is entirely different from our usual conception and from our own civilization. In our country we have extreme individualism and the difference between our civilization and the Japanese is in the individual system and the group organization of thought. In Japan there is no suggestion of individualism. There is only one individual, the emperor, and the Japanese subject places all his life on this standpoint. He is not a single person, but a part of his family, never thinking of personal obligations, but always of his family. Sometimes an American thinks he has a strong friend among the Japanese and then without a word he withdraws because some of the community has a dislike for the foreigner.

"It is very hard for us to understand this group idea, and the Japanese do not understand our individualistic one at all. Everything, every action that originates in the head of the family, is for the welfare of his household, for his village, for his country, but not for himself.

"If you ask a Japanese today what his desires are he will answer: 'It is to serve my country.' Suppose every man in this country thought this way of his family and not for the welfare of himself. Suppose every man thought this way of his town—suppose every man had a similar permeating thought for his country, what a field would be opened for the improvement of the welfare of the country!

"When a young man becomes of a marriageable age the family takes the matter up and looks over the village for a suitable maid. The more definite arrangements are made through a third person, the young people not knowing anything about it, believing it to be for the good of the village. In the village the family is the unit, all its inhabitants making the village the basic group, so that the individual's conduct is ruled by the community. Though today the government has introduced many new things, the basic machinery is laid upon a clan organization.

"I myself have the greatest respect for this organization. I believe in that organization lies the best power of the welfare of civilization, for our own nation that will preserve our integrity in the future.

"When any man becomes out of harmony with the group—inhabitants of the village—he commits suicide. Thus many students jumped into the volcanoes this summer. In these cases perhaps some of the villages had sent them to one of the universities or some private person had done so for the good of the village. The student failed to pass the examination, thus in his own eyes making himself a disgrace not worthy of life. Many such results of the group system are absolutely vicious, but there are many of great virtue.

"The great industries of Japan are controlled by the government so that when any need is seen it is at once supplied. Thus we see the greatest concentration of her railroads and banking systems and shipping interests, and the others in a more or less degree. Therefore, in my opinion, we will ten years from now have to sit at the feet of Japan and learn how to co-operate with one another for the good of our coun-

try as Japan is now and has been sitting at our feet and learning our industrial system."

Will Attract Stockman.

The greatest livestock show ever held will be a feature of commanding interest at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition of 1909. The executive committee of the fair has voted \$100,000 to pay the expense of this feature alone. The show at Portland in 1905, which was probably the greatest drawing card of the exposition, cost only \$40,000.

The show is held under direction of the livestock committee of the exposition, of which J. W. Clise, president of the Washington Trust Company of Seattle, and an authority on livestock, is chairman. "We westerners are not yet industrial people," said Dr. Clise in discussing the coming show. "We are for the most part farmers and stockraisers. The people of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington are all stockraisers. Show me a man anywhere who has become well-to-do on his farm, and is not interested in fancy stock?"

"The holding of a great show will assure to the exposition the support of the people of the northwest. We will have at the fair not only the best that the northwest can raise, but the best herds from all over America. Besides, there will be extensive importations from abroad made especially for the show at Seattle."

No dates for the show have yet been fixed, and it is not determined positively for how long it will be held, but it is practically decided that it will begin earlier than did that at Portland and last longer. The committee will begin at once to communicate with the owners of fancy herds.

The livestock show held last year at Portland demonstrated that the Pacific northwest can raise just as good stock as any older community. Oregon and Washington cattle won repeatedly in competition with the world's best.

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VISITS JUTE MILL.

Governor Not Favorable to Establishing One.

A resolution was passed at the last meeting of the Willamette Grange in Benton county, favoring the establishing of a jute mill at the Oregon penitentiary whereby convict labor might be utilized in the manufacture of grain sacks. This, in the opinion of the Grange, would lessen the cost of sacks and result in a saving to the farmer whom, it is thought, has been paying an unreasonable price for grain sacks in which to put his crop. The subject has been agitated in various parts of the state, and as a result there has been widespread discussion.

Accordingly, Governor Chamberlain has taken up the matter and was to leave Salem yesterday for Walla Walla, where he and a number of the Oregon Legislature will inspect the prison jute mill, with a view to learning whether such a mill would probably be a satisfactory establishment for the employment of convict labor in Oregon.

Governor Chamberlain is now quite strongly of the opinion that Oregon should not undertake the manufacture of grain bags. While he believes the farmers would profit by the manufacture of grain bags by the state in a year like this, when the trusts and the San Francisco disaster put prices up, he does not believe that the use of convict labor in that enterprise would give the farmers lower prices one year with another.

When Governor Chamberlain visited the jute mill in the California prison at San Quentin he found that private dealers were able to sell bags imported from India cheaper than the state could afford to sell them, even though made by convict labor, and as a result the bags made by the state were stored in warehouses and the money that had been invested in raw material was tied up in stock that wouldn't sell. While the Governor entertains opinions adverse to the jute-mill project he will inspect the plant at Walla Walla, learn what he can about it and form his judgment according to his latest information.

Fuel Famine Notes,

The fuel famine in Portland is assuming a serious aspect, and the question of where the supply is to come from is one that is not easily answered. The situation is summed up in the Oregonian as follows:

Visible supply—In city yards, less than 100 cords; in the forests about 8000 cords awaiting transportation to city; about 800 cords awaiting purchasers in forests.

Cause of shortage—Short cut of past spring and summer, due to high wages; railroad car shortage, which prevents dealers from bringing wood cut to the city.

Slabwood situation—Production large and steady, but dealers are unable to secure storage space which results in higher prices.

Situation confronting consumers—Cordwood on hand in city and nearby forests sufficient to supply city for about 60 days; coal scarce; wood prices to be advanced; no relief in sight.

For Horse Stealing.

Bert F. Taylor, who is well known in Corvallis, where he had a bunch of horses in a corral for sale, recently, is in trouble in Linn county. E. E. Wilson of Corvallis is attorney for Taylor. The latter's mother resides just west of this city. The story is as follows:

"With a warrant for the arrest of B. F. Taylor, a horse dealer living near this city, C. D. Porter of Silver Lake, Lake county, Oregon, arrived in Albany

yesterday, says the Herald on Friday.

"Taylor is charged with stealing 13 horses, valued at \$583, from C. D. Porter about three months ago from the latter's ranch in Lake county. After securing possession of the animals, Taylor drove them to this city.

"The owner of the horses who was deputized to come after Taylor and take him back to Lane county for trial, said last night that Taylor offered to buy the horses, but before the deal was consummated, took possession of them, and drove them across the mountains to this city. No money was ever paid him, Porter alleges.

"Taylor was arrested by Sheriff Smith last Wednesday night, and will be taken to Lane county today to be tried. The prisoner stoutly denies any intent to steal the horses and says it was agreed when he took the animals that he might pay for them whenever he was able. Since having the horses, Taylor claims that one horse died, and four have been sold."

ABOUT CURING PRUNES.

Robert Johnson Calls Down Statement in Telegram.

The following letter from the pen of Robert Johnson of this city appeared in Saturday's Telegram, and as Mr. Johnson is thoroughly posted on the subject under discussion the article is given publicity in order to disseminate the information which it contains and which may prove of general interest and benefit to prune growers. Mr. Johnson says:

"So much has been written about prunes and their evaporation, that we almost hesitate to consider the subject, but an article in Tuesday's Telegram in regard to the use of lye in the curing of the product is so ridiculous that it calls for a few words of protest. Such articles are more injurious to the prune business than the use of lye, for the average reader, like some newspaper reporters, take it for granted that all statements are true, no matter how ridiculous they are, just so they are told on the prune. The statement that prunes are dipped in a solution of one pound of lye to two gallons of water is only a very little more ridiculous than the balance of the article, which is a little less than a libel on the industry.

"Now we do not care to defend the practice of dipping prunes in lye as it is conducted in many places, but we do contend that the theory of dipping, if properly done, is not only beneficial to the product, but it is far more wholesome and healthful than the prune that is taken direct from the orchard and evaporated without an effort to cleanse it. The Italian prune has a very thick, tough skin, and unless something is done to assist it in evaporation by checking the leatherly-like covering, it is liable to drip in the process of curing, when the very best part of the prune will be lost.

"But this article is not intended for a lesson in prune evaporation but rather as a protest to the publication of the opinion of every tinhorn prune-grower in the country who imagines that he knows all about the business and is ever ready to scatter his wrong impressions to the injury of the industry.

"Lye properly handled in the curing of prunes is not injurious but the practice has been brought into disrepute by a few small growers, who are not either prepared to dip properly or do not know how. We have been interested in 160 acres of Italian prune trees for 16 years and we have had some experience in the use of lye, and we will agree now to eat at one meal all the lye any chemist in the state can find in our entire product."



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