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JAPAN IS IN THE FOREFRONT

She Has Outlined an Ambitious Program for the Near Future.

HER EYES NOW ON HAWAII

Colonies Extended and Commerce Expanded—Diplomatic Corps Largely Increased.

New-York Tribune.

Beyond all question Japan is getting on. She has not been content with taking a leaf from the book of American and European progress. She has taken the whole volume, and marked, read and inwardly digested it, and the diet seems to agree with her. Never was there another nation that showed such growth in almost every direction in so short a time, as Japan has in the last dozen years.

The resignation of Marquis Ito and Count Mutsu, and the accession to power of Count Okuma, a few weeks ago, was generally supposed to mean the beginning of a "strong foreign policy."

Another important feature of the proposed amendment of the constitution is the ineligibility of the president to succeed himself. For twenty-four years has been elected as his own successor.

Beyond all that, Japan must not be content with mere piecemeal expansion of her territory. She must extend her colonies and her commerce to the uttermost ends of the earth.

Such is the ambition of the new Japanese government, as set forth in its chief newspaper organ. Is it too greatly valuing? Will it overleap itself? We shall see.

THE PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

Philadelphia Times. The board of managers of the Trades League of this city has taken a step in the right direction by organizing a movement for an amendment to the national constitution extending the presidential term to six years and making the president ineligible to succeed himself.

roduced into our system of national government. When the constitution was framed there were only 1,000,000 of people scattered along the Eastern coast to be governed by it, and their interests but little diversified.

In early days a presidential contest could not materially disturb the business interests of the country, but now a presidential year is invariably a year of partial paralysis in industry, commerce and trade because of issues which are to be determined by the people, and one presidential election is not more than well over until another begins.

There is every reason, therefore, why the presidential term should be extended to six years. That would give the country a much needed rest from political strife, and it would enable an administration to give a thorough test of any policy it may adopt.

When a president is a candidate for re-election the fact of his candidacy amounts to a command to the more than 100,000 federal officials throughout the country to make battle for his cause, and it is undisputed that in some instances the power of the government is thereby exhausted.

We heartily join the Trades League of this city in its organized movement for this important amendment to the national constitution. Every consideration of sound public policy and of business tranquility clearly indicates the wisdom of such an amendment to the fundamental law of the republic.

JOLLY SKATERS.

Sportsmen Have a Good Time On the Lakes at Clatsop Plains.

Sunday morning a large number of representative athletes of the city took advantage of the rare cold weather, boarded the train for Clatsop Plains, and indulged in an old-fashioned skating frolic.

ALL WIRES DOWN.

The severe storm of yesterday broke down both telegraph lines east of Oak Point so that this morning no press dispatches will appear. The storm was unprecedented in severity and extent, and both companies had large gangs out all day yesterday making efforts to restore connections.

THE PROBLEM CONFRONTING US

What Is Necessary to Make Things Go in Astoria and Clatsop.

RAILROAD AN ASSURED FACT

And Will Take Care of Itself—Internal Improvements Needed—Factories, Seawall, Roads and Parks.

Mr. A. B. Hammond, it is asserted by those who are supposed to be posted concerning his movements, will arrive in Astoria during the first half of December. Those who have any questions to ask about the railroad, its future plans, its backers, its transcontinental connections, and its everything else, will then have an opportunity to interview the only man who knows definitely what is in store for the road in the future.

All these facts taken together with the unbounded resources of this port, and the surrounding country, must convince not only every resident in the district, but every foreigner visiting here that there is but one future for the A. and C. R. R. From the very nature of things it cannot help but be a terminal for several, if not all the great transcontinental railroads.

The inauguration at home of one or two companies for the building and operation of new factories, and the engaging on the part of the city in engaged public works, such as the construction of the seawall, enlargement of the harbor above the city, the building of parks and boulevards, will do more than anything else to foster and stimulate the desired growth of the city.

The late Col. Walter Raleigh Gilbert, chief constable of Cornwall, England, was a descendant of Sir Humphrey Gilbert.

W. C. T. U.

National Convention Held in St. Louis Last Week.

Astoria, November 30.—(To the Editor.)—I have just returned from the W. C. T. U. National Convention at St. Louis. I hoped while at the convention to be able to furnish your readers with an account of this great convention, as seen by the eyes of an Astorian, but as I am a member of the National Executive Committee, which holds sessions in the interim of the convention, as well as the whole day after convention, it was impossible to get time to send any communication to the paper.

Twelve years ago I attended a National W. C. T. U. convention at St. Louis. It was the famous convention at which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, after a heated debate,

declared that its sympathies and prayers would be given only to that party, by whatever name called, that would in its platform give us the best expression of prohibition sentiment, and most surely protect our homes.

At our last convention, held two weeks ago, and where the same political resolution was unanimously adopted, one hundred and seventeen churches of every denomination willingly opened their doors, and two Sabbath-schools, from one hundred and seven pulpits, women spoke the Gospel truth in its relation to forty different departments of work of the W. C. T. U.

At the conclusion of Miss Kirchovan's address Miss Willard said: "Never before, under such terrible persecution, did I ever hear one so nearly express the spirit of the Master, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'"

A collection of one thousand dollars was then taken up to be sent by the National W. C. T. U. to the aid of this afflicted people.

It may be of interest to state that the State W. C. T. U.'s of Maine and Massachusetts not only furnished the \$20,000 bonds required by our government before the Armenian refugees sent over by Miss Willard could be landed, but these unions also provided clothes and homes for two hundred of them.

I tried hard to secure the next National Convention for Oregon. I presented an invitation from Governor Lord, the Portland Chamber of Commerce, city council, Ministerial Association and local W. C. T. U., and the states presented equally strong invitations, and as the triennial convention of the world's W. C. T. U. will be held in Toronto, Canada, immediately preceding our national convention, I fear the general officers will decide on Portland, Maine, for the next general convention.

NARCISSA W. KINNEY.

On account of the storms and ice in the river, the steamer Telephone laid over for her return trip to Portland until this morning.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

OREGON'S GREAT STORM OF ICE

Columbia Blocked by Solid Cakes of Ice, Which Impede Navigation.

TELEGRAPH LINES LAID LOW

City Streets Like a Mirror—Rain Finally Melts the Ice and Travel Is Resumed.

Oregon has had a regulation ice storm. Old timers say that it has been the most severe storm of the kind in twenty years. The Columbia river was blocked with ice so as to interfere with navigation.

Early yesterday morning in Astoria and Clatsop county, the ice storm had assumed alarming proportions. Trees were encased with a heavy coating and the life of fruit very much endangered.

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OLD-TIME JOURNALISM.

Old-time journalism in England must have been picturesque. The "Church Times" of London reprints the following taken from the Daily Mercury of July 12, 1844: "An enormous whale is said to have been stranded off Flamborough Head in the year 1559, in a state of dreadful exhaustion, with a church steeple sticking out of its mouth.

ON THE TRAIL TO MISSOURI.

From the Lewiston Leader. A stockman from Yakima, Washington, passed through Lewiston, Idaho, the other day, on the trail to Missouri with 200 head of horses. In the company were husband and wife, and the lady will make the journey over the mountains and across the continent on horseback.