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JAPANESE ADVANCEMENT.

It is interesting to note the material advancement in modern civilization made by the people of Japan, its development in that regard affording strong contrast to that of other oriental nations. The cause of human liberty and enlightenment is making rapid headway among the Japanese, and this mainly through the agency of the government itself, which seems to be guided by an inspiration in that direction. American officials who spend some time in Japan return with only words of praise for its people. The latest government officer to express himself in this line is W. D. Tillotson, at the state of Washington, who arrived from the land of the Mikado on Thursday. He has been there for nearly four years as United States commissioner, and is now superseded by N. W. Metzer, of Iowa. Mr. Tillotson says of the Japanese: "They are reaching out for commerce, and their foot has been working toward that end for several years past. At present they have some very fine steamers which ply somewhere and even to Honolulu. Three of these steamers are equal to the best vessels on our Pacific coast. I apprehend that they will ere long have their vessels running to our ports. The people are naturally a progressive people, and there is a general desire that their country should take a high place among the more advanced nations. The government also is progressive." Not only do the Japanese have fine steamers, fitted with electric light plants and all modern improvements, built in Europe, but they have inaugurated ship-building to a large extent on their own account. One vessel which is being constructed at the imperial dockyards is a large cruiser which is expected to take its place in the first rank of modern warships.

One feature that is regarded as a sign of inferiority is now sought to be thrown off by Japan, and its government is making strenuous efforts to that end. Under the treaties with several of the larger nations, the latter's consuls were given the right to try offenders of their own nationalities. Japan is now asking to have these treaties remodeled on the form which exists between America and European governments. Because of this extraterritoriality privilege allowed to foreign consuls, the Japanese refuse to permit foreigners to reside in any but their own settlements in the treaty towns. They are likewise prohibited from going to the interior except by special permission, and this is usually granted only for health or scientific research. These barriers are to be thrown down to all citizens of the nations who relinquish the extraterritoriality privilege. The Japanese say they will repose confidence in the nations that give them equal favor in their relationships.

A notable feature that has characterized the policy of Japan is that the government itself prefers to civilize its people, develop its country, and build up its commercial relations with foreigners, rather than permit foreigners to come in and take leadership in such matters among the people. These methods give evidence in their results of the patriotism and wise statesmanship. All foreigners who produce immediate prosperity are welcomed throughout the nation, and the probability is that the long pent-up energies of the people, their other resources will be accorded freedom to travel and mingle with the Japanese people as they please so long as they observe the laws of the land, and then they will have greater liberty to do respect than is now accorded them by any nation except the United States and Great Britain. This is stating the proposition that is made by the Japanese government, which sincerely believes their proposals to revise treaties will be accepted without hesitation, as they will be of advantage to all parties concerned.

CHILDREN FOLLOW MISCHIEF.

The exploits of children follows are being discussed in this vicinity, though not with as great vigor as a few months ago, as reality seems exercise greater care in locking their maps. The thieves no doubt have had a good chance for their Brighton spoil, and it is stated that there are special

Silk and woolen dealers in this city who willingly and knowingly purchase the stolen goods, as they can be obtained at a lower figure than from those in legitimate business.

Whatever a change future in regarding with these proceedings is that the culprits go almost just free, and therefore continue to ply their trade with impunity. This is quite a change from the order of six or eight years ago, when children, female and professional thieves pretty rarely escaped short more before they landed in the hands of the police. The change in conditions is almost sufficient to cause a wish that several of the thieves might meet with the experience of one of their kind in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, the other night, though the lesson that one was rather more severe than desirable. Jim Brady, a colored man, was detected in the act of leaving the rear with the complaint of Mr. Dunnett's new house. Brady has served several sentences when Mr. Dunn came up to the shop. The negro threatened to knife Dunn, and Dunn being a powerful man, closed with the negro, striking him a blow in the face that knocking him down. Before Dunn the negro was killed to the ground which he was secured to escape. Time days after he died from the effects of the blows, but so strong was the feeling against him for his pilfering propensities that when Mr. Dunn gave himself up the officers refused to take him into custody.

It is an unpleasant state of affairs when the citizen has to take the law in his own hands. The officers are paid by the public for enforcing the city statutes and statutes, and when there fail of being properly carried out it is a matter of sickness on the official, unless there is given to the public a clearly defined and satisfactory reason for the failure. There is no reason why the record of the present Salt Lake police force in this regard should not be a good one, because in leaving guns were to fulfill their duty. At the same time there is no doubt that there is a great deal of unpardonable petty pilfering going on.

THE NATIONAL correspondent expresses great admiration and evidently some surprise that the relations between Senator Peffer, the Populist senator from Kansas, and his wife are so charming. They are always together, and wherever Mr. Peffer is Mrs. Peffer can usually be found nearby. They walk together in the morning from their boarding house to the Capitol, and when he has nothing else to do they walk in the committee room, she acting as his private secretary. These affectionate manifestations will not seem so surprising to people in this city who met the worthy couple at the time of their visit here last summer. Among those the opinion was quite general that the estimable Mrs. Peffer was the wiser man of the two.

THE FIRST opportunity Vice President Stevenson has had to decide by his vote a senatorial tie, was on the passage of the bill to compel trains to stop at all stations in Oklahoma. This seems scarcely a measure important enough to invite the vice-presidential casting vote, but it has been popularly considered that whenever any Oklahoma resident wanted to stop a railway train he has just taken down his favorite Winchester and gone out and done so.

KATE FIELD says she has lived in Utah, and "there some of my best Mormon friends with I love dearly." In this generation the venerable dame flatters herself too much. Her Mormon friends have but one one regret, that her living in Utah didn't do her some good—it has not perceptibly back Utah at all. How infinitely grateful the Mormon friends are that she contented herself with writing diatribes and living in Utah, instead of stretching out her weary frame and dying here!

SENATOR WHITE, the newly appointed member of the Supreme Court of the United States, is the only Roman Catholic member of that high tribunal, the last one being Chief Justice Roger B. Taney.

THE EXPERIENCE of the Irrigation machine need by Minister Willis and Parsons time in their interminable Hawaiian correspondence may yet be used with mighty effect in advocating cyclo-Willets.

A WITTY man at Tacoma gives the plan advice: Before going to war, say a prayer; before going to sea, say two prayers; before marrying, say three prayers.

THE TIME is not far distant when the nations will be ashamed to resort to the method of settling differences by appeals to God. Texas Siftings.

Salt Lake Bible Conference.

The Professional Conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion will convene in the Assembly Hall, Salt Lake City, on Friday, March 2, 1894. Meetings will be held on the day, Friday, March 2nd and 3rd, 10 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. The regular business pertaining to the Priesthood meeting will be attended to on Friday morning.

A general attendance of the Priesthood and people is desired.

The elders of Stake organizations are particularly requested to have all and complete reports ready in time for the Conference.

ANDREW H. CANNON,
JOSEPH L. TAYLOR,
CHARLES W. PENROSE,
Presidency of Stake.

87 AND 56

Anniversary Exercises at Home of President Wilford Woodruff and his Wife Emma.

SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

You are cordially invited to attend
A social gathering,
to celebrate the
87th Anniversary of my Birthday
and the 56th of my wife, Emma,
to be held at the
Assembly Hall, Salt Lake Temple,
Monday, Feb. 5, 1894,
at 7 p. m.

Signed: WILFORD WOODRUFF.
EMMA WOODRUFF.

Hush was the invitation, which from somewhere more than two hundred people—relatives, kinsfolk and friends of the venerable couple—by the precincts of the beautiful Temple yesterday afternoon. It is needless to say that few who received it failed to be in attendance—it that, had it been longer to a hundred times as many. Here would have even many who is gone. Rosa was the only light to the brightness of the aged President, who pleasantly remarked that without his old partly found he was totally unprepared for the accomodation of those who wished to see in such numbers, he now was convinced that if had a Tabernacle would be necessary, if he invited all whom he desired to welcome.

The nature of the event was the entire absence of formality; all were urged to feel free and were made to relate to the hearty cordiality and warm friendship that prevailed. The house last was full of events and blessings, and through all the addresses there was a spirit of one most unalloyed congratulation, comfort and good cheer.

Shortly after one o'clock President Woodruff raised the assembly to order, extended greetings and welcome, thanked his friends for their presence and hoped for their enjoyment during the exercises about to begin. Music was sweetly furnished by the Tenth ward, after which President George Q. Cannon offered prayer. More singing followed, and then came brief addresses by President Lorenzo Snow and Joseph F. Smith. Attention was made to the aged miraculous preservation of President Woodruff's life through various accidents and dangers, to his restoration from his latest severe sickness when all hoped hope of his recovery seemed to have fled, to his blameless life, his integrity for truth, his outstanding labors in the cause of righteousness.

The following song written by Elder H. W. Naisbitt was then given by the veteran songster, Elder William C. Dunbar, to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," the audience joining in the chorus:

[illegible]

President George Q. Cannon was the next speaker. He referred to the days of the love that existed between President Woodruff and an wife had ever been called to associate with him, to his philanthropy, his honesty, his consecration for others' benefit. And views, and to the great blessings that had come to Israel through his administrations and preservation.

President Woodruff himself followed. He observed that he knew he had not a great deal of his virtues but no one wants as to his imperfections—which he knew to be, like all other mortals. Prayer was part of their testimony, however, he said that he might not develop in the highest degree, and that was that a man in the power of God had had preserved and sustained him. To Him he fell to give the glory and as to whether his remaining days on earth should be lived or ended, he had no desires save that all of it should be devoted to God's service. His remarks were full of promise and inspiration, and they were listened to with the profoundest interest.

Elder Bathsheba W. Smith called attention to the invitation had not been verified of it, but so far as she knew President Woodruff and herself were the only living persons who had received these endowments under the personal authority and administration of the Prophet Joseph Smith in Nauvoo.

In announcing information for refreshments, President Cannon requested more music, after which Bishop John H. Winder led the way to the dining room. The arrangements for this part of the program were effectively planned and splendidly carried out. The food and fruit were abundant and in variety and excellence all that the most exacting taste could ask. The lunch was served to the guests by about a score of young men and women without the least confusion and with admirable celerity. These and all the other arrangements of the occasion were under the direct supervision of Bishop Winder.

Leaving the refreshment hall, the party reassembled in the lower room to listen to further music and speeches. Elders Heber J. Grant, George Goddard, M. W. Merrill, Rom T. Clark and A. H. Cannon made brief remarks, Elder Clark's testimony being particularly impressive from the fact that he was present at the meeting after the death of the Prophet Joseph when Sidney Rigdon and others aspired to the presidency, but when it was made plain to the assembled saints that the spirit of Joseph, not even his voice and very gesture, fell upon Brigham.

Elder Zion D. H. Young testified impressively to the same identic incident, declaring that it was as if listener had closed her eyes she would have felt positive it was Joseph who was talking.

The following poem, written by Elder H. W. Naisbitt, was eloquently sung by Elder David McKenzie:

THE JUBILEE OF WILFORD WOODRUFF.

ANNIVERSARY OF PRESIDENT WOODRUFF ON HIS 87TH BIRTHDAY, MARCH 1ST, 1894.

[illegible]

And when they saw his great form, it seemed
[illegible]
They are present for [illegible] gives, [illegible]
[illegible]
In fair remembrance of Him revered, for all the [illegible]
[illegible]
This day we gather our President, generous [illegible]
[illegible]
A venue of [illegible] time in the fact he [illegible]
[illegible]
Two [illegible] on his face, [illegible] in every [illegible]
Old [illegible] his children [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]

A suggestion, prompted by Brother Clark and Elder Young's remarks, was that all present should rise to their feet who had heard discussions of President Young after the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum, in which occasion the angels were convinced that the mantle of Joseph was upon Brigham. The following responded:

Wilford Woodruff,
George Q. Cannon,
John H. Winder,
Lorenzo Snow,
Bathsheba W. Smith,
Rachel Grant,
Joseph F. Smith,
Eric T. Clark,
Lucy Walker Kimball Smith,
Joseph F. Smith,
Benjamin Pierce Young,
Mary W. Winder,
John Henry Smith,
John Millennial,
H. B. Clawson,
Ellen C. Clawson,
Joseph Young,
M. Isabella Horne,
Samuel W. Richards,
Emmeline B. Wells.

Those present who knew the Prophet Joseph in Kirtland were asked to rise, and the following seven responded:

Wilford Woodruff,
Lorenzo Snow,
Joseph Young,
M. Isabella Horne,
Rachel M. Kimball,
Louisa Moss,
Eliza D. H. Young.

Then there was a request for the names of those present who knew the Prophet Joseph Smith in his lifetime. There were responses from the following:

Wilford Woodruff,
Lorenzo Snow,
Franklin D. Richards,
George Q. Cannon,
Joseph F. Smith,
Wilford Woodruff, Jr.,
Emma Woodruff,
Bathsheba W. Smith,
John D. H. Young,
Samuel W. Richards,
Franklin D. Richards,
Eric T. Clark,
Rachel Grant,
Lucy Walker Kimball Smith,
Joseph Young,
H. Farrar Horne,
Sarah M. Kimball,
Emmeline B. Wells,
John Millennial,
Samuel W. Richards,
A. M. Musser,
Ellen C. Clawson,
Hannah C. Wells,
Margaret Pierce Young.

It was then announced that inasmuch as all present would continue to pleased to clasp the hands of the beloved couple to whose honor the exercises, now concluded, had been held, the assemblage might pass around in order and, after shaking hands, congratulate. The program terminated with the singing of the Doxology, after which, for half an hour, President and Mrs. Woodruff stood receiving the personal greetings and congratulations of their friends.

It was a delightful occasion in every respect. Nothing occurred to mar the harmony of affairs in pleasure. All the arrangements were perfect, and they were perfectly carried out. Bishop Winder and his assistants deserve great credit for the slackness and thoroughness with which every detail was attended to, and Prof. Thomas and his seven-piced musician contributed not a little to their society to the pleasure of the event.

The News had not occasion space in passing origins upon the venerable man whose name was on every one's lips, Wilford Woodruff's long life to the fore the saints and before the world. The earth is better for his having lived. To no person has he done an injury, and we pity the soul that can find occasion for the least feeling of enmity toward him. In the hearts of the Latter-day Saints his place is well-secured, his name will ever be held in loving remembrance. We congratulate him on having lived so usefully and so long beyond the allotted span, and echo the sentiments expressed by the speakers above-mentioned, that he and Sister Emma may both continue in mortality as long as life shall be desirable to them. There, we feel sure, are the sentiments of all the Latter-day Saints near and far, and we voice it spontaneous, in view of the anniversary already celebrated, to express them now, although the actual birthday is still two days in future. May God's choicest blessings attend our beloved and honored President!

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