

JAP FARMERS PROSPER

SAID TO BE SETTING NEW PACE NEAR NORTH PLATTE.

Give Object Lessons in Profits of Agriculture and With Savings of Labor Buy Land Soon to Be Irrigated.

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 14.—Farmers in Nebraska are now convinced that the Japanese are the real "yellow peril" since a colony of 600 sons of Nippon have settled along the government irrigation ditch between here and Gurnsey, secured control of 3,000 acres of land soon to be watered by the great ditch, and are showing the American farmers how to make fabulous sums from land supposed to be arid by producing large crops of beets and potatoes.

Have Business Agents

The Japanese were brought to the North Platte territory last summer to work in the sugar beet and potato fields. They had with them a number of "business agents" who looked after all the business of the company. Being educated men, these business agents at once saw the advantage of owning lands under the big government ditch, which is to make fertile 100,000 acres of land in Nebraska. These clever Japanese organized cooperative companies last year, and secured control of large tracks of land, now holding more than 3,000 acres.

More Money; More Land

The men will work in the beet and potato fields this summer. They are bright and clean, doing their work intelligently and working every hour of the day. They live cheaply and save much. The money which the American beet farmer pays the Japanese will go into the general treasury, and will be handled by the "business agents," who will proceed to procure more of the land along the government ditch.

Plant Potatoes and Beets

Last year several of the Japanese entered into competition with the American farmers and planted fields of potatoes and beets. They employed their countrymen and produced big crops. Half a section of Nebraska land near here was planted by one Jap in sugar beets, and he took off \$200 worth of beets to every acre. Others planted potatoes. One Japanese laborer who came here a year ago planted 40 acres of potatoes, and he has realized \$1,385 on the crop, selling them to a firm in Toronto last week for 53 cents a bushel. Records in the local freight office of the Union

Pacific Railroad company here show that Japanese farmers, who only started last year, shipped ninety carloads of potatoes and four carloads of celery.

Celery Their Strong Point

Especially at raising celery do the Japanese surpass the American farmers. They are very particular about their farming, and celery requires great care. They aim to have every stalk of the plant not only of even color, but about the same size.

"A Japanese laborer is a perfect gardener," said A. K. Beemis, a ranchman near here, who is a great admirer of the Japanese farmers. "They take such care of everything. They care, individually, for almost everything they grow, weed out the extra plants carefully if the beets are planted too thick, cover the seed with an even amount of soil, so the plants all sprout together and grow better, there being no little ones for those further advanced to overshadow."

More Japanese are arriving in the North Platte country daily, and the work in the beet fields in this section and parts of Colorado will be done almost entirely by the Japanese laborers this season.



SOME OF THE WEDDING GIFTS

- * Empress of China—Jewels, silks and ermine robes.
- * Empress of Japan—Set of silk and crepe obis.
- * The Rough Riders—Silver dining set marked with the regimental emblem.
- * Pope Pius—Piece of Mosaic work from the Vatican factory.
- * The President of France—Two superb vases of Sevres.
- * The Czar of Russia—Set of jewels.
- * King of Spain—Set of antique jewelry.
- * Ambassador Reid—Dog collar of pearls and diamonds.
- * James Stillman—Silver pitcher three feet high.
- * Secretary Root—Chain of emeralds.
- * Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson—Jewels and silver.
- * Mrs. Bellamy Storer—Rookwood vase.
- * Anthracite Coal Miners—Carload of coal.
- * Army Officers—Krag rifle of solid gold.
- * Secretary Taft—Two diamond lockets.
- * The Kaiser—Dining set of royal Berlin china.
- * Citizens of Havana—Album wrought in gold and hand painted.
- * Government of Cuba—Pearl jewelry to cost \$25,000.
- * Republic of France—Gobel tapestry.
- * Citizens of France—Team of horses costing \$15,000.
- * Mrs. Longworth—Diamond pendant.

ONLY SURVIVING WAR GOVERNOR

Ex-Governor Holbrook of Vermont Was One of Lincoln's Advisers

In the quietude of his home on Walnut street, Brattleboro, lives one of Vermont's most distinguished, most loyal and most devoted sons, ex-Governor Frederick Holbrook, the only surviving "war" governor. "Governor" Holbrook, as he is known by all Vermonters, will reach his 93d birthday anniversary February 15.

He keeps abreast of the times, spending part of his time reading and having others read to him, and his correspondence takes up a part of each day. He is vigorous in mind, and his writings continue to be forceful and incisive. At the recent annual meet-

ing of the Vermont Savings bank, Governor Holbrook presided as president, as he has done many years.

The excellent habits which he formed in his boyhood and to which he has steadfastly adhered throughout his life have been a large factor in bringing him to his present age in such an excellent state of mental and physical preservation. His cheerfulness is a comfort to those around him, and his congenial attitude at all times is an inspiring example.

Governor Holbrook was one of the advisers of President Lincoln in the war. On receipt of a letter from him suggesting the calling out of a half-million men, President Lincoln sent Provost Marshal Draper to Vermont to consult with Governor Holbrook and to ask him to formulate a call such as he and other loyal governors would be willing to sign.

The request was complied with, and in a few days came a call for 300,000 three-year men. Under the call the nine-months' men were drafted, but at Governor Holbrook's request Vermont was allowed to raise her quota by volunteer enlistment.—Boston Globe.

Brakeman Badly Mangled

Louisville, Neb., Feb. 10.—H. P. Hall, a Missouri Pacific brakeman, was killed by a south bound train in the yards here this morning about 11:30. He stepped between cars to cut off apart of the train. His foot was caught and he was thrown and run over. Mr. Hall lived at Auburn, where he had a wife and one child. He was thirty-one years of age.

IGNORING CORPORATION LAWS

State Is Deprived of Many Thousands in Fees

Governor Mickey expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the decisions of the supreme court in regard to the grain case and the reciprocal insurance tax action. Secretary of State Galusha has announced his intention of furnishing evidence to Attorney General Norris Brown on which proceedings may be instituted against the Standard Oil company, the "creamery trust" and a number of other corporations under the provisions of the statute governing the incorporation of business concerns. In speaking of corporations Secretary Galusha said:

"Many of the large concerns doing business in the state are ignoring the corporation laws by neglecting to incorporate within the state. As a result the state is being deprived of hundreds of thousands of dollars of fees rightfully due it. This department as the one in which articles of incorporation are required to be filed, has the evidence and we will submit it to the attorney general. It then becomes his duty to see that the law is enforced and that justice is accorded the state if possible. The corporation laws require the state corporation of all concerns doing business in the state.

"Among the concerns ignoring this statute are the Standard Oil company, the "creamery trust," a number of other large concerns and a few building and loan associations. The Standard Oil should be compelled to incorporate as a state company.

"The Beatrice Creamery company, the largest concern of its kind in the world, has not fully complied with the corporation laws of the state since its increase of capital and scope. Previous to that it had filed articles of incorporation, but there still is much to be done. The department has the evidence if the attorney general desires to take it up. A strict enforcement of the law would help the financial condition of the state."

The alleged combination of Nebraska insurance companies will be investigated by Attorney General Brown. This investigation will be conducted under the provisions of the

Junkin act yesterday declared constitutional by the supreme court.

The alleged grain, coal and lumber combination will also be investigated."

COWS TO STOP CONSUMPTION

Professor Will Inoculate Cattle to Make Milk Drinkers Immune

Berlin, Feb. 9.—Professor Emil Von Behring, the discoverer of the diphtheria serum, addressing the German agricultural council yesterday, announced his determination to adhere to the resolution which he promulgated in Paris of keeping his tuberculosis remedy secret till the autumn.

The professor discussed lengthily the method of preventing consumption by immunizing milch cows. The aim is to secure milk having immunizing properties. He claims to have approximately solved this problem. Cows are treated when very young with a fluid which Professor Behring calls tuberculase.

It is injected under the skin of the young cows repeatedly for two or four weeks. The remedy at first was very costly because it was almost impossible to preserve it in good condition, but a method has recently been discovered by which it can be preserved satisfactorily and at a moderate cost.

Professor Behring also treated cows which showed a virulent type of tuberculosis in their milk and the bacilli disappeared after several week's treatment. His theory is that children fed on milk from cows rendered immune through his treatment become themselves immune.

MR. BAKER STILL UNPOPULAR

Anti-Pass Congressman Fails To Please Grafters

Ex-Congressman "Anti-Pass" Baker has been in Washington for several days. He went down to the capitol and got an ovation from his former colleagues, especially from the republicans. Everybody was glad to see him, until he began to congratulate them on their conversion to his own position on the "anti-pass" issue.

"It's the suddenest conversion in history," said Baker. "I was almost alone when I was in congress, but I see the papers that this year you are all with me. Not one of you, I am informed, has accepted a pass since the first of the year."

After spreading these congratulations around for a while, Baker became unpopular again, and his converts seemed to lose interest in his conversation.

Paul Dunbar, Negro Poet, Dead

Dayton, O.,—Paul Laurence Dunbar, the poet of the negro race, died at his home here yesterday of consumption. For three years he had been seriously ill and for a year critically ill, but he kept at his work intermittently and wrote his last poem for his Christmas book, "Howdy, Honey Howdy!" just before Christmas. Mr. Dunbar was born in Dayton June 27, 1872, and was first a newsboy and then an elevator boy. In his "ups and downs" for a livelihood he practiced writing. His first poem was written when he was seven years old. His first work to attract attention to him was a class poem written for the Steele high school in 1891. His first of a total of twenty-one books was "Oaks and Ivy." His poem best known was "When Malindy Sings," which was written to his mother, whose name is Malinda.

Governor A. B. Cummins authorized the announcement that he will be a candidate this year for republican nomination for governor of Iowa.

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