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MRS. WILSON IN JAPAN. Wife of a Southern Methodist Bishop Tells of Conditions

Kobe, Japan. Aug. 1 .- Japan, according to the patriotic Japanese, is situated at the summit of the globe. separated from the heavens, Japan was found immediately opposite the they call her the Land of the Rising countries. She must be subject to except the beauty of the country and the long, long range of mountains, There are seven causes for divorce, clothed with a verdure that reminds two of which I recollect, namely, if the professions or in politics, but the from northeast to southwest.

The Japanese believe themselves their continued certainty of superiorus of the celestial origin of the Mikado, and hence his name, Son of Heaven. Their "Book of Traditions" is the "Dawn of History" to the native mind.

In this my second visit to the beautiful islands I see signs of a new Japan, whose annals must be written by some ready hand.

Woman does not live the secluded tiful children. The old women have no beauty, but we see as many attracto boyhood as upon any street in our native city. With a friend I called upon a young Japanese lady, as lovely in appearance as anyone I ever saw. She was handsomely dressed, according to the fashion of her country, but received us with bare feet. They do not wear shoes in their homes. Neither do foreigners tread the shoe is removed. Thus our pretty hostess received us, we having left our boots on the outside of the door. My friend knew her well and asked to see the baby, which was a fine boy of 10 months. After her servants had served us with refreshments we made our salaams and departed.

The heads of little children are shaved in curious circles and bald ty and because they possess social na- was made the test of mental ability, esspots, the meaning of which is un- tures, they live in communities. It pecially in England. It is not altoknown to me, although I suppose some rule regulates the fashion. Baby there are temples in solitary places- mental activity which do not demand traverses the streets strapped to mother's back and appears happy. Some clumps of trees. Pilgrimages are made ulty, but it is as good as any one test taxpayers \$40 went to the pensioners. of the older ones climb to the should- to these shrines. Buddhism taught can be. To succeed in mathematics ers for a better view of what is going that in the fullness of life there is requires close attention to detail, as on. It often happens that the older fullness of sorrow and that only in well as reasoning powers. It is a most brother or sister is the custodian of solitude can nature be mastered and useful study, for the reason that it ing our total military expenditure for tendencies of the Republican party the baby, and should a game be on hand man ascend to the lotty heights of trains one to be attentive as well as to unproductive purposes 64 per cent. of recent increase in the army is but "a neither nurse or little one is discomposed by the extra burden on the one hand or the jostling on the other.

In the shops here and there are very beautiful curios-ivories, decoductions of the olden days. It is al- there are waste places to be seen. most impossible to find an old piece of Satsuma; the new taken its place. more beautiful than any in our own country.

The peripatetic vender of sweets and more wholesome eatables is seen on the right and the left, while the clatter of the wooden clogs upon the feet of young and old, high and low, is heard at all hours, for many streets are cemented or paved with stones.

may well say that they are composed port emporium, especially of silks. only of roof and foundation, or floor. One may see all that is going on in

The Japanese are said to be cleanly in their habits, the taking of a hot bloody year is ahead. bath being the daily custom of each member of the family. The little home

ridge. It is really very beautiful.

much an object of curiosity as former- may be in need by reason of Chinese ly. I remember that villages turned | looting and similar cause. ont to see the queer-looking beings

joki," a small steamer on the Inland in Pekin. Sea. In a most good-natured way my sewing was taken from me and passed Tokio, Mr. Buck, was the first to issue around among the curious company a Thanksgiving proclamation, followon deck, for buttons, button-holes, ing that of the President of the Unineedles and fashion were all new to ted States. The day, I am informed, them. Seeing their good temper, I was well kept by Amerian residents was not discomposed and in due time in Japan by church observance. More In the beginning, when the earth was my work was returned with many anon! salaams.

The position of a wife is not as trysun. Perhaps that was the reason ing apparently as in other Eastern Sun. I can imagine no better reason, her husband, and yet is not as absolutely so as in some other lands. one of a covering of velvet, reaching the wife talks much and if she is dis- ability to grasp details and to underfrom base to summit, all the way obedient to her mother-in-law. Sec- stand their relations is among the most descended from the gods, and hence torians mentions a young widow who tails, but that is because they have ity over other nations. They assure that a little swallow outside her win- them no thought. When a great en-

life common in other Oriental lands. cano, figures in all their drawings and rank has no time to look up precedents Hence we see on every hand many paintings. There is scarcely a piece and decisions, but as he is a master of pretty young women as weil as beau- of their artwork in which Fugi does principles and has a broad knowledge tive faces from 20 years of age down world. The Dutch described it long ing the decisions which support it. In their handsome lacquer floors until shipped the great Fujiama, for it was dispense with details in producing his ship the sunrise.

the range of mountains we rarely see school. perfection.

Until recently every inch of ground, was put under cultivation. The people were agricultural, and to feed 40,rated china, bronzes, silks, embroid- 000,000 people it was needful that heads and logical minds. Skill in eries. The work of old Japan is fast there be no waste. But manufacturgrowing less. They say the foreign ing establishments are increasing and ure of capacity to learn, but it is not gether in the former year cost \$83,500,demand no longer calls for ancient there is more money. They still raise lacquer and the other elegant pre- all that the land is capable of, but

Rice was and is the staple of food, The carvings, whether new or old, are race must have nitogenous foods, and the imports are increasing. Last year amounted in value to \$17,000,000. The emergencies of every-day life increases and men and women must have a new reserve of strength.

The city of Kobe, where I at present am resting, owes its importance to its foreign commerce. The same The houses are mostly small (there can be said of Yokahama. Both were are not many wealthy people in Ja- small fishing villages, and not so long | tice that he is now able to astonish his pan and the residences of such are en- ago. Kobe is a great importing point auditors with his skill. He gave attenclosed so that the passerby may not because Oska is very near, which is have full view) and immediately up- the distributing city of all this region. on the street. The four sides are The trade of Kobe is larger than Yomade to slide back so that a stranger kohama, though the latter is an ex-

> I can say but little of the situation in China-in fact, nothing. No one can forecast the future. The outlook is disheartening. The fear is that a

Japanese transports have been employed by the Minister in Tokio at is frequently scrubbed and is quite Government expense to convey refu- to keep abreast of civilization. Many orderly. The poorest have a bed of gees from China to Japan, Consuls flowers or a table of plants at the and Governors in China having ad- looking English farmer, who always front. They may be beggars, but they vised all foreigners, especially women shook his head when the word "proseem to have the artistic sense. I and children, to leave the country. gress" was mentioned. traveled 17 hours on a railroad a week | Foreigners left in Shanghai have been ago, and I noticed all the way vil- organized (they are volunteers) into a friend?" some one asked him. lages of thatched roofs with the bor- regiment and are drilled for the deder of growing flowers on the top fense of their homes. A proclamation was issued by the same Minister a-booming and a fizzling through the The people as a rule are poor, gentle at Tokio and Lyon (American) at warld and what wi' th' 'arth a-going and polite. All classes are very punc- Kobe calling upon American citizens tilious in matters of etiquette. If I residing in Japan to open their homes fairly muzzled and stagnated." may judge them by their every-day and otherwise provide for refugees. manners I would say they will march | The American and British Ministers to battle only in the most polite order. in Tokio have issued public announce-They are more accustomed to for- ment by the press and over their own eigners than a dozen years ago; travel signatures asking for subscriptions to has increased so that I am not so a fund for the succor of those who

Our Minister, Mr. Buck, of Georthat passed this way 12 years ago. gia, is not behind in this labor of love. Maidens and old women (with their Mrs. Lyon and other ladies of our black teeth, a hideous fashion that legation are active in all these yo'se'f, en take a fresh holt. originated, I was told, in the jealousy plans for the comfort of refugees, of husbands who were determined many of whom have arrived, and of sins. De righteous don't have ter make that no other man should admire the whom others are on the way. An no excuse. women already married), men and American transport left Yokohama on childred followed us by the score, not July 19 carrying missionary families certain as to what order we belonged. back to Canada and the United States. It is different today. Perhaps further charging only the absolute cost of on I may find the same interest. I food. Among these passengers was a of her existence. remember on one day I was engaged lady with her small children, whose in a piece of needlework upon a "ko- husband, at this time, is still shut up out at night.

Let me note that our Minister at MRS. A. W. WILSON.

ATTENTION TO DETAILS. Baltimore Sun. any one quality or habit the success at- win yotes, but it ought among a really tained by men eminent in business, in patriotic people to repel them. It is ond marriages are allowed, but not important. The great men of the world always encouraged. One of the his- seem to pay very little attention to deresisted a second marriage. She said mastered them; not because they give dow lost her mate the summer before. gineer projects a new construction he When winter came she went south- prepares only a general plan, leaving ward as always. The spring time to his assistants the work of drawing brought the same bird back, but she the details; but he would not be a great came alone. Her argument was con- engineer if he did not have such a now. In Cleveland's first year 311 per thorough knowledge of details as to be cent. of all claims made for pensions, The artistic sense is well developed able to draw his plans with reference to in Japan. I suppose no people have them. They can be worked out at Kinley's first year 52 per cent. were afforded greater pleasure on this line leisure, provided the general design is allowed! In President Harrison's last in North Carolina and other Southern the report that Andy Carnegie will opthan these. Fujiama, an extinct vol- practicable. The lawyer of the first year, when a Presidential election was not appear. It is a perfect cone and of details, he can outline a case and there is no higher volcano in the leave to his assistants the task of findbefore Commodore Perry opened Ja- all callings and professions the man of pan to the commerce of the world. broad views who seems to give little at have reduced it a hundred millions Two hundred and fifty years ago Hol- tention to details is always one who has land had some business relations with obtained a mastery of details by giving this country. Fuji was then active, to them close attention during the forand one of their writers spoke of the mative period. Striking examples of "whirling flames of fire" that issued this are to be seen in works of art. The from her summit. We can scarcely master is one who, with a thorough wonder that a heathen people wor- knowledge of drawing, can afford to to them the most terrible emblem of effects. Those who imitate his mere power. They knew none greater, style without his skill never achieve Pilgrims still visit the crater to wor- success. The capacity to study details is a measure, in fact, of one's mental The Japanese are gregarious, Along ability. It may be applied to any The pupil who can give attena single house, but large villages tion to details, master principles and nestle among the hills. Evil has of- escape mental confusion is sure to be ten lurked near, and so, both for safe- come learned. Years ago mathematics seems a contradiction to this that gether a fair test, for there are lines of on mountain tops or in secluded the possession of the mathematical facadvance to the higher grades it may mathematics is therefore a rough measthe only measure. Its foundation is attention to details and principles, and the latter year the army and navy tothis is the foundation of success in gether cost as much as \$190,743,980, nearly all undertakings. The capacity but they are finding out that a sturdy to master details may be developed by study. Some men have this capacity as a gift of nature, others are obliged to the sugar brought into the country acquire it if they would achieve success, and to some it is a laborious task: but the young should disabuse their minds of the idea that they can become eminent in any business or profession without serving an apprenticeship. The brilliant musician gives no thought

#### This Busy world. Youth's Companion.

sician to his early exercises.

to the scales he practiced day after day

for years, but it is because of such prac-

tion to details and mastered them and

has now become a great player. The

successful business or professional man

has practiced his scales in a similar

manner and now apparently gives no

more attention to details than the mu-

There are times when progress moves so rapidly that it taxes a man's strength of us can sympathize with an unhappy

"What are you so low about, my

"Why," said he, "what wi' faith and gas and balloons and steam-ingines round once in twenty-four hours, I'm

## Brother Dickey on the Hot Wave.

Atlanta Constitution is comin' ter some folks hereafter.

De worl' may be roun', or de worl' 'twell de Ladw say, "Come higher!" Ef you fall by de wayside de bes'

t'ing you kin do is ter git up en shake Sinners is allus got a excuse fer dey

## The Light That Failed.

She-Left her husband, has she Why she used to say he was the light

He-Yes, but the light began to go

THE PENSION PROBLEM

Baltimore Sun.

The statement just put forth by the Pension Office, though intended for a campaign document, makes melancholy reading for the patriot who is indifferent to the exigencies of political parties. It is in effect a boast that the present Administration is wasting more money than its predecessors in passing doubtful claims and is second only to the Harrison administration in the amount wasted It would be erroneous to ascribe to in one year. This, it is thought, will boasted, for example, that the number of pensioners on the rolls of the office was swelled from 991,519 in 1899 to 1,036,863 in 1900, deaths and marriages being credited with evidently unwelcome reductions that bring the net increase for the year down to 2,010. Always lax and worked in the interest of doubtful claims, the Pension Officer compares its present administration with that of Cleveland's term to show how much easier it is to get a pension it is stated, were allowed, but in Mcimpending, \$156,806,538 was given in pensions. This was the highwater mark of pension bribery of voters. Mr. Cleveland in his first year-without rejecting a single meritorious claim-reduced this figure to \$139,986,626. A fully rational system would doubtless more. This is suggested by the statement of the Pension Office that between 1369 and 1881, when the really meritorious claims were more numerous than now, or than they were in 1894, the average yearly outgo for pensions was but \$31,321,176. It is made a merit of the present Administration that it one year worked the largest to ex-soldiers up to \$144,651,779. This is more than all other nations in the world put together distribute in pensions.

> Not only do we excel in the amount of our reckless waste in this item of expenditure, but also in the proportion of revenue devoted to pensions and other ended June 30, 1897, before the war with Spain and the increased taxes due to that adventure, the outgo on pensions was 40 per cent. of our total revenues. Of every \$100 collected from the army was 14 per cent. and for the navy \$347,721,705; in 1900 it was \$568,988,-948. While the army and navy to-000, or 24 per cent. of total revenue, in or 331 per cent. of the total revenue. Pensions in 1900 cost \$138,462,172, or 24 per cent., the smaller per centage nue caused by increased taxation. Our for his home in Hillsboro to-day.

otal of our revenue three years ago. sion business has cost \$2,612,329,690, to which vast total must be added \$47,-885,382 spent on soldiers' homes. The tion to the Alliance had died out. public debt and the aggregate of interhowever, open to doubt whether the duty of the patriot is a good one.

#### Mr. Bryan Has Grown. Atlanta Constitution.

that Mr. Bryan has grown with the last

four years. The Pittsburg Post declares that he has not lost his hold upon the people. In the four years since the struggle of

thousands of listeners of every shade of political belief and the result is an been members instead of the man." verwhelming confidence in his d wn-I don't min' de hot weather. I knows right and upright sincerity of purpose. one t'ing, an dat is-de hottes' weather And his many frank utterances as appearing in print have only tended to strenghen that confidence. Honesty nay be flat: All I knows is, I'm in it and succerity, then, are generally recognized as making up a large part of Mr. Bryan's character.

plained during the Democratic national convention that there was but one voice-that of Mr. Bryan. The complaint might have gone further and included all conventions. There was not one held in which Mr. Bryan's personality was not felt.

Bryan is the great American of to-day.

The end of the maiden's prayer-

#### WILL VOTE FOR BRYAN.

Ex-Senator Sharp, of Iredell Gives Reason for Action.

Ex-State Senator A. C. Sharp, of Iredell, long a leading Republican of the and Stevenson and for Hon. Theo. F. Kluttz for Congress. In an interview in the last issue of the Statesville Mascot, Mr. Sharpe gives his reasonsthat will cause many men of other parties to vote the Democratic National ticket this year. Mr. Sharpe's reason

are thus given: "First-The Republican party has always been unjust in its treatment of the South, and at the present time it is highly important for North Carolina that we have a friendly national administration. This necessity is accentuated by the threat in the Republican national platform to reduce Southern representation in the electoral college and Congress and the menace of a Federal election law contained in that platform. At this time when we have so recently adopted the constitutional amendment an unfriendly Federal Adproven itself to be by reason of the appointment of se many negroes to office States, can nullify to a large extent the benefits sought in the amendment. As the administration of that big contract a Southern man who believes the South the equal of any other part of the common country and who believes in white. officers, State and Federal, I can do nothing less than support the Democratic candidates for President and Congress.

"Second-After reading Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance I am thoroughly convinced that the danger of imperialism and millitarism is a present danger which threatens the fundamental principles of the Government. The foreign policy of the present administration, with its forcible acquisition of foreign territory and the forcible subjection of alien peoples to our laws, is contrary to eyery teaching of the fathers and calculated to embroil our country in foreign wars. When Mr. McKinley went into office he found an army of enemy's country." 27,000 men, while the peace footing of may experience some disagreeable surthe army is now 100,000 men, an in- prises in the east when the votes are military expenditures. In the year crease of nearly four-fold. The great advantage which our country has possessed over the countries of the old dustries of our country have not had think. saddled upon them a large, useless, unproductive army to feed, clothe, equip In that year the expenditure for the and pay. That advantage we possess no longer, and unless a halt is called in 10 per cent. of our total revenue, mak- the present imperialistic and military J. Bryan, that party's great leader. I Kluttz and will do all in my power for their election.'

## Butler Not An Allianceman.

Goldsboro, Aug. 25.—Thos. B. Paraccordingly in 1900—classing pensions looking after his farming interests and no vote was taken. with army and navy expenditures—was also attending a meeting of Wayne \$329,250,000, or 571 per cent. of our County Alliance. I inquired how the Stevenson. For this motion Mr Washtotal revenue. What we spend for war Alliance was getting along and what burn, of Massachusets, moved as a subpurposes alone in 1900, it will be ob- were its prospects. Secretary Parker stitute that a Populist be placed on the erved, is but 184 millions less than the replied : "Good ; from letters received ticket. The substitute was lost on a by me within the past two weeks from | call of the roll by a vote of 24 ayes to Reverting to the item of pensions, prominent farmers, ex-alliancemen, 71 nays. The original motion was then the Pension Office boasts that from from different sections of the State, I adopted by a viva voce vote. There July, 1865, to June 30, 1900, the pen- am satisfied the Alliance can easily be were 124 members of the committee re-organized throughout the State." He also said that much of the opposi-

"How about politics in the Alliest on it, together with war claims, ance?" asked The Observer corresmust be added to the pension outgo in pondent. He replied: "If you could making out the bill for the preservation have been at the State meeting held at of the Union. It is being fully paid, Hillsboro last week you would ask no leaving nothing due by way of grati- such question. The members met tude for patriotic self-sacrifice. It is, there as brethren and politics cut no Hindman was formerly a Republican, idea that self-sacrifice is no part of the retary, and assistant lecturer for the ensuring year are Democrats, but that fact did not affect them, as it was barely thought of. The object is to benefit the farmers of the State and through Every day it becomes more evident them the State at large. Its purposes

are to build up and not to pull down." "What are you going to do with Butler," was asked?

"Butler?" replied Parker, "Why he has not belonged to the Alliance in 1896 he has traversed the country from five years. That is the trouble with end to end, addressing thousands upon people. They blame the Alliance for the acts of persons who are or have

#### Trying to Beg the Question. Hendersonville Hbstler

of trying to beg the question?

# TART, TERSE AND TIMELY.

Mr. McKinley lost an opportunity to do something that would have been both right and popular when he failed to order the American troops out of Seventh district, will vote for Bryan China as soon as the Americans in Pekin were out of danger.

A bright young Republican journalist has discovered that Jowa is safe for Mc-Kinley. He should now go to Vermont and study the situation.

Oh no! The Republicans are not afraid of the issue of imperialism; they refuse to discuss it simply because they have no rational defense for it to offer

The Democratic managers should endeavor to keep Hanna on the stump for McKinley; as a Democratic vote-maker he is a howling success.

It is not surprising that there is no Republican enthusiasm for McKinley and Roosevelt. The average American. no matter what his politics may be, is not likely to enthuse over the prospect of turning the country into an empire. Generations of liberty and a personal share in making the government has ministration, such as McKinley's has made him value a republic at its true worth.

> There may be a connection between pose McKinley and the giving out by

> The coal miners and mill operatives who are on half time will not enthuse over Republican prosperity talk.

> At last the administration has officially confessed that the statement some months ago of its intention to bring the volunteers home from the Philippines was a lie, and stated that none of them

> are to be brought home this year. It is said that a Republican poll of Indiana shows a majority of 18,000 for Bryan and Stevenson. Perhaps Boss Hanna will revive the old Dudley "blocks of five" game to try to carry

The establishment of a branch of the national headquarters in New York City shows that the Democratic managers do not regard the east as "the The Republicans counted.

Col. Bryan's speeches are more in demand every day. That is because he world has been in the fact that the in- talks as the plain people of this country

A cablegram says, "England is for McKinley." Of course it is. It would be very ungrateful if it wasn't.

## Stevenson Endorsed.

CHICAGO, Aug 27 .- At a meeting of the People's party national committee use the principles of logic. The good our total income. The recent wars and starter" to what we may expect in the to-day, the declination of Charles A. mathematicians in a class of young war taxes, by increasing the revenue near future. In my judgment the Towns as the vice presidential nominee even to the tops of the high peaks, people are necessarily attentive; if they army and navy, have altered the pro- today is imperialism and its necessary accepted, and the name of Adlai E. safely be assumed that they have clear portions. In 1897 the revenue was militarism, and on it I agree perfectly Stevenson was put in its place. In the with the Democratic platform and Mr. beginning there were three courses advocated by different members of the shall take great pleasure in voting for committee, viz: To nominate a Pop-Bryan and Stevenson and Theodore F. ulist, to leave the place blank, or, lastly, to endorse Mr. Stevenson. Senator Marion Butler, chairman of the committee, in a warm speech of some length, advocated leaving the place blank, contending that Bryan and being the result of the increased reve- ker, secretary of the State Alliance, left Stevenson would receive more Populist He votes than if a candidate for Vice total expenditure for military purposes has been spending a few days here President was not named, but on this

> A motion was made to endorse Mr. present, or represented by proxy.

#### Bryan's Pastor Asked to Resign. Richmond Times

A special from Lincoln, Neb., says

that Rev. William N. Hindman, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Hon. Wm. J. Bryan is a member, has been asked to resign. Pastor figure, as evidence the president, sec- but latterly be has followed Mr. Bryan's le dership in politics. A majority of the congregation, like a majority of the people of Lincoln, are Republicans, but it is denied that politics has entered into the church.

Mr. Bryan's name has not been connected with the controversy in a personal way, but friends of Dr. Hindman believe Mr. Bryan will champion his pastor's retention.

The charges against Mr. Hindman, so far as can be learned, are worldliness and lack of proper attention to pastoral duties, but no specifications are given.

## The Earth Burning Up.

Raleigh Correspondent.

Dr. William R. Capehart, of the State Other newspapers may do as they board of agriculture, arrived here toplease; The Hustler proposes to de-day, from Bertie county, and says nounce every proposition having the enormous fires in Hyde county consemblance of negro office-holding about tinue, and are destroying trees and soil. it. Richmond Pearson is now drawing The soil is pithy and burns like tinder. All of which is true. It was com- the salary, by virtue of a negro Con- One farm valued at \$10,000 is so burned gressman's vote, which rightfully be- away that its owner says it is not now longs to W. T. Crawford. Is not this a worth \$100. Fire is burning far national affair? And have not the Re- underneath the surface in many places. publicans of the Ninth district should- Dr. Capehart is informed that as a ered this steal and appealed to the farmer was driving along a highway the honest yoemanry of the mountains for soil gave way under him and be and endorsement? The resolutions adopted his horse fell into a pit and were burned at Waynesville, by the convention which to death. The smoke extends many nominated Mr. Moody, would indicate miles at sea and by obscuring the light that they have. Then what is the use at Oregon Inlet has caused two wrecks