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JAPAN'S DECLINE.

Chicago Times-Herald.
Japan is disappointing to the prophets. It has not yet appeared as a great factor in international politics, though it was expected to be of vast aid to Great Britain in enforcing the "open door." It has not fulfilled the predictions of its industrial awakening and its conquest of the markets of the world. In fact, Japan is stagnant. Development seems to have reached its highest point.

This is the impression that cannot be gathered from a reading of the Japanese newspaper, though it must be admitted that our information comes from the English newspapers published there and in China. The vernacular press, more vainglorious, is not so prone to admit Japan's failure in its attempt to rival the Western nations, but even it contains evidence that all is not well.

In the first place, Western political institutions have not proved a success in Japan. The limited monarchy which the Mikado himself, confident in the ability of his subjects for self-government, established, has not proved the wisdom of the measure. Party government along Western ideas is a failure. To so great an extent is this true that party government has been practically abolished, and the new Cabinet is framed on non-partisan lines in accordance with the wishes of the sovereign. There is a strong party for the disfranchisement of the people. It is easy to extend the ballot, but not so easy to limit it. So there is no likelihood of the success of such measures.

Japanese politics would put any American politician to blush. Ballot box stuffing and bribery are carried to an unprecedented extreme. For instance, of 500 votes cast in a precinct at a recent election, it is estimated that 300 were secured by bribery. It is estimated that one-half of the Japanese voters are purchasable, which probably is a much larger percentage than obtains in the First Ward of the city of Chicago. And the First Ward is nonpareil.

The politicians are no better than the voters. The spoils system is carried to a great extreme. Civil service reform does not exist. Offices are a matter of barter and sale. Merit counts for little or nothing.

With such conditions it is no wonder that the constant struggle of the politicians has led to the inauguration of various socialistic schemes. The proposed government ownership of railways, a plan which is well under way, owes its adoption largely to a wish to create new offices for the greedy Japanese office seekers.

In diplomacy the Japanese have been a failure. Successful in war with China—and how could it fail to be successful, even with only a smattering of Western methods, against a country ruled by a weak-minded Emperor and with a power behind the throne intent only upon making money at whatever sacrifice of the national weal—Japan has shown herself unable to retain the fruits of that victory. Russia has outmaneuvered her in Korea. The territory gained by Russia and England in China is better and more important than that gained by Japan. The Mikado did the fighting. Like the bird in the fable, he sang while the foxes picked up the cheese.

And so in the controversy over the partition of China and the struggle for the Eastern trade, Japan, in spite of its paramount interests, has been thrust contemptuously aside and ignored. Her only recourse is to fight and the Mikado's statesmen know well enough what would be the result of such a struggle. In trade the Japanese are faring no better. They have pirated some American patents. They make some things well, but are unable to keep pace with American labor-saving machinery. The threatened \$5 bicycles, 1 cent a gross and 78 cent watches have not materialized. There are some who still say these things will happen. But they have not, in spite of the cheapness of Japanese labor and the fact that the patent laws are purposely framed to encourage pirating.

There is an industrial crisis in Japan today. The people are poor. The manufacturers and merchants are without money. The banks are hard pressed. Already there is talk of resort to socialistic methods for supplying the people with work. But the treasury is becoming empty and there is no money to throw into such a bottomless pit.

There may come a time when the Japanese, more skilled in the realities of Western life, may take a prominent place in the world. But to the disinterested observer that time seems much farther distant than it did two years ago.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.
In pursuance to an order made in a certain petition for the sale of land to make assets in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, in and for Wake County, North Carolina, numbered 868, and entitled: R. M. Horton, administrator of Mary House, deceased, against W. H. Pollard et al., I will at the Court House door, in Raleigh, N. C., on Monday the 9th day of January, 1899, expose for sale the following described real estate:
"Those two tracts or parcels of land, situated in House Creek township, Wake County, State of North Carolina, west of the city of Raleigh, and particularly described as follows: Beginning at a pine stump on the Mill Hill, James Hart's field's corner; thence west across Crabtree Creek to a beach, near its northern branch; thence up the various courses of said creek to a beach, near the mouth of Steep Hill branch; thence up the various courses of said branch to a beach, William Holmes' corner, formerly Wiley House's corner; thence north 70 degrees east with William Holmes' line to a hickory; thence south 18 poles to James Hart's field's corner on the banks of said Crabtree Creek; thence to the beginning, containing 24 acres more or less. Also another tract of land adjoining the same and others, beginning at the Widow Hartsfield's corner, a hickory; thence east with her line 113 poles to a pine; thence south 83 poles to pointers; thence east 23 poles to a hickory; thence north with her line to the Crabtree, a sassafras corner; thence up the various courses of said creek to its junction with Richland's Creek, thence up the various courses of said creek to the beginning, containing 108 acres by measurement.
Time of sale 12 o'clock noon. Terms of sale, one-fourth of the purchase price in cash and the balance at the end of one year, with interest at six per cent from day of sale, title to be retained until all the purchase price has been paid.
R. M. HORTON, Commissioner.

J. C. L. HARRIS, Attorney.

TALKING OF CHRISTMAS.

They're talking of the Christmas from the morning to the night; They're wondering what it's going to bring to rosy cheeks and bright. They're peeping up the chimney in their little gowns of white— Oh, they're weary for the Christmas in the morning.

They've sent the word to Santa Claus and told him what to bring: "Just to fill our little stockings with the best of everything!" Oh, they wake you up from your slumbers, and they make the welkin ring They're weary for the Christmas in the morning!

TWO OF A KIND.

This is the plea of an impecunious Georgia editor: "Be the weather fair or murky, Good Lord, send a Christmas turkey; For we thank Thee day and night For a powerful appetite!" And still another rural contemporary sings: "All we want of earthly good Is a dozen turkeys and a load of wood; That's all on earth that we desire. Save a little woman to light the fire!"

We called attention recently to a new magazine, entitled The Michigan Lyre. A rival publication has since reached us from that State and, oddly enough, it is called The Truth Teller.

THE POOR CHILDREN.

Poor folks don't have no Christmas— just don't have none at all. An' Brother Jim won't git no drum, an' Sister Sue no doll. 'Cause since our mother went to where they say the angels stay They don't know where we're livin' at, an' Santa's lost the way!

Poor folks don't have no Christmas, an' all they got to do Is stand an' see the boys an' be wishin' for 'em too! But I bet you if our mother wuz livin' here today, She'd send a word to Santa Claus an' tell him where we stay!

—Atlanta Constitution.

BOOKER WASHINGTON WRITES.

Says it is an injury to give an ignorant Race Unrestricted Suffrage. Cincinnati, Dec. 8.—Booker T. Washington the negro leader, writes to the Commercial Tribune, regarding the race problem:

"It was unfortunate that my people permitted themselves at the close of the civil war to be led in such a wholesale manner into politics. In many cases responsibilities were accepted by us which we were not equal to because of lack of education and experience. I do not believe that it is wise for the government nor just to the people sought to be helped to confer unlimited suffrage upon any ignorant, poverty-stricken, inexperienced people. I would let the right to vote be interwoven with the ability to acquire intelligence or property or both. The feeling is very strong in the South that since the negro pays such a small proportion of the tax to support the government he should have little or no control in the government.

The feeling also exists in some sections that the negro wants to control the white man. This is not true of the black race as a whole. Unless the negro gets into the hands of bad white men he does not seek to control any one except himself, and he has a pretty hard task often to do that.

To my mind the way to remedy the present evils is for the negro not to get discouraged. In the past I fear he acts too much store by politics.

In too many cases he has sought the shadow rather than the substance. The negro all over this country must become a large taxpayer, own property, possess a high degree of industry, skill and substantial character. We must get our young people off the streets, keep them out of barrooms and dens of crime. The great bulk of our people in the South are still in dense ignorance; ignorance leads to idleness and idleness to crime.

The time has come when the best white people and the best colored people in the South should get together for counsel, advice and sympathy. The negro must not feel that the white man who is his next-door neighbor is his enemy simply because he is a Southern white man.

PRITCHARD'S PLAN.

Atlanta Journal.
It is stated that Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, will introduce early in this session of Congress a resolution to raise a committee to investigate the recent race troubles in that State. The Democratic newspapers of North Carolina treat Pritchard's threat lightly. The white people of that State do not fear either Federal investigation or Federal interference. They have done just what the white people of any other Southern State would have done under similar circumstances, and they have no regrets for what they did to rid their State of the rule of ignorance and corruption.

A thousand Federal investigations and as many Federal force bills would not prevent the white people of North Carolina from protecting their local government and their homes at any cost. We have no idea that Congress will adopt any such method as Pritchard proposes, but if it should its only effect would be to intensify race feeling in the South and to make the negro problem still more difficult.

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SPECIAL RATES VIA THE S. A. L. FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On account of the Christmas holidays the Seaboard Air Line will sell round trip tickets from all points South of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers, at rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip. Tickets are to be sold 22, 23, 24, and 25, also December 30 and 31, 1898, January 4, 1899, with extreme limit January 4, 1899, iron-clad signature forms, limited to continuous passage in each direction, to be used. Tickets for students of schools and colleges, holding certificates signed by superintendent, principal and president will be sold December 15 to 25, 1898, inclusive, with final limit January 4, '99. For further information in regard to tickets and conditions call on H. S. Leard, City Ticket and Passenger Agt., Raleigh, N. C. Phone No. 117, old and new systems.



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Christmas time is coming,
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Coming with his gowgaws,
And his mud and slush.
Every night my dearest
Comes home sad and pale,
Every night she tells me
Some distressing tale—
Tells me that she doesn't
Mean to shop again
Till the rush is over,
But next morning when
I have kissed and left her
Standing in the door,
She, of course, forgets—and
Tries her luck once more,
—Cleveland Leader.

HE FOOLED THE SURGEONS.

All doctors told Renek Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die, unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes Buden's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by all druggists.

CONTINENTAL FIELD TRIALS.

Colonel R. Wins the Derby—All-Age Stake Today. Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 8.—A special to the Observer from Lexington, N. C., says:

The Continental Field-Trials Club began its trials here Monday. Sixteen dogs were entered in the Derby, which was finished this evening, the results being: First, Colonel R., handled by George Gray; second, Lad of Jumbo, handled by R. Cross; third, Count Dountone, handled by Gray. The All-Age stake will be run tomorrow, with thirteen dogs entered.

JUST WHAT SHE NEEDED.

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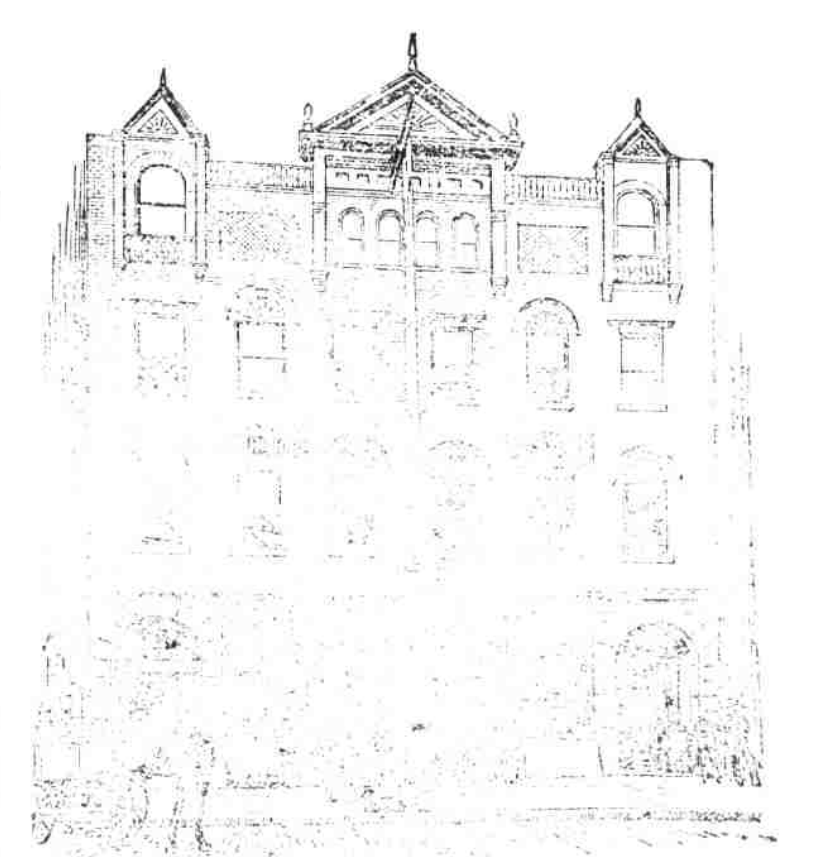
NOTICE.

The partnership business heretofore conducted under the firm name of L. D. Womble & Son, at the corner of Hargett and Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., has been this day dissolved. All debts of the firm will be paid by L. D. Womble, who will conduct the business as retail grocer, at the present stand, to whom all amounts owed the said firm will be paid.

L. D. WOMBLE,
A. S. WOMBLE.

NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next General Assembly of North Carolina to incorporate the "People's Storage and Mercantile Company."

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SALE OF LAND.

By authority of a judgment of the Superior Court in proceedings State vs. Claude Rowland, as trustee, appointed by the court, I will on Monday, the 26th day of December, 1898, at 12 o'clock a. m. at the court house door of Wake county, Raleigh, N. C., sell to the highest bidder for cash, a tract of land in White Oak township near the town of Apex and described as follows: Beginning with a stake in G. W. F. Rogers' line, running east 71 poles to a stake in said Rogers line thence north 33 1/2 poles to a stake and pointers to Mrs. Wornack's line, thence west 71 poles to a stake and pointers in a small branch, thence south 33 1/2 poles to beginning, containing 15 acres more or less, and registered in book 27, page 182, and 149, page 410. Said land being mortgaged to the State of North Carolina in lieu of bond by Lucinda Rowland.

D. H. YOUNG, Trustee.

WANTED.—Old bottles and hats, old shoes and all kinds of second hand goods bought and sold at Harris' Steam Dye Works, East Hargett street, Raleigh, N. C. Suits cleaned, 75c. Cleaned and Dyed \$1.00.

VALUABLE LANDS FOR SALE.

On Tuesday, December 27th, 1898, at the court house door in Raleigh, N. C., I will sell at public outcry the following lands belonging to the estate of the late T. B. Bridges: 1st. His home place, containing 109 acres, situate about 1/2 mile from the northeast corner of the city of Raleigh, and adjoining the lands formerly owned by Richard Taylor, the lands of William F. Taylor, L. T. Christman and others.

2. A tract of about 53 acres in St. Matthews' townships, Wake county, known as T. B. Bridges' Brown tract, adjoining the lands of Geo. Partin and R. G. Dunn.
Sale made pursuant to powers conferred upon me by the will of T. B. Bridges, deceased.
Hour of sale 12 m. Terms made known on day of sale.
MARY M. CHRISTMAS, Executor of T. B. Bridges, Nov. 25th, 1898.

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