

THE STORY OF JAPAN

It Reads Like a Chapter from a Work of Fiction.

Nation Was Deep in Oriental Slumber Until Our Navy Woke It Up—Great Progress Made in Half a Century.

Originally the islands that made up Dal Nippon, or Great Japan, were peopled by a Caucasian race, who occupy in Japanese history a position similar to the early Britons in English history.

The history of the succeeding centuries is vague until about 200 A. D., when an amazonian empress by the appropriate name of Jingo captured Korea.



HARUKO, EMPRESS OF JAPAN. (She is Now 54 Years of Age, Two Years Older Than Her Husband.)

warriors. After that a series of strong shoguns held sway over the land. In 1545 the Portuguese navigator Mendez Pinto, with a lot of followers, landed and soon established himself.

When Commodore Perry knocked at the door of Japan in 1854, the shogun rule and the last phase of medievalism fell before modern civilization.

The daimios, or military leaders, were a long time in accepting the changed conditions, and there were many attacks on the foreigners.

History moved rapidly after that, and the country was opened to foreigners generally. The edict against Christians was removed and missionaries welcomed.

Jerry Geesay of Fredericktown, O., recently celebrated the one hundred and ninth anniversary of his birth.

BIG BEARS IN ALASKA.

There Are So Many of Them That Stock Raisers Make Complaints to Legislators.

Senator Foster, of Washington state, has received a Macedonian cry for help from the ravages of big bears in Alaska.

A recent letter in Mr. Foster's mail from Seattle tells the story. "We shipped 300 head of cattle and 9,100 breeding ewes to Kodiak, Alaska, last spring," writes a firm of packers from that city.



ADDISON G. FOSTER. (Washington Senator Interested in Fighting Alaska Bears.)

The United States marshal on hearing of this had all our men arrested for killing the bears.

"The bears are very numerous on the island," concluded this letter, "and since they have tasted sheep the sheep are badly scared and are continually piling up.

Senator Foster is puzzled as to just how he can help his constituents in their plight. They assert that "a bounty of at least five dollars a head should be placed on the bears for a year or two in order to clean them out."

WILL MAKE BACON. Croker, Former New York Boss, Proposes to Drive American Pig Out of Ireland.

Richard Croker has begun his residence in Ireland by throwing himself into the industrial revival that is proceeding there.

It is Mr. Croker's intention to work the factory on the cooperative principle. He has made a thorough investigation into the possibilities of the proposed business and he has satisfied himself that the native product will drive American bacon out of Ireland.



RICHARD CROKER. (Former Tammany Boss is Now Fighting the American Hog.)

so far convinced of what he can do that he has been able to command for the scheme the support of one or two leading English and Scotch provision merchants.

Czar Has a Big Income. The czar slings his money around as if he owned the mint and could make all he requires.

Hint for Old Bachelors. In Crownpoint, Ind., a town of 2,500 inhabitants, there are 90 good looking widows who are all wealthy.

Jap Woman's Queer Idea. The Japanese woman does not blacken her teeth under any mistaken idea that it makes her attractive.

IS DOING GOOD WORK

The United States Forestry Bureau Worthy of High Praise.

How It is Directed by Gifford Pinchot—Large Territory Under Government Control—Bad Laws to Be Repealed.

Fifty-three national forest reserves, with the enormous area of 62,364,965 acres, represent the remarkable progress of the new science of conserving one of the greatest elements of our national wealth.

Mr. Pinchot was deliberately educated for the career in which he is now engaged. A native of Connecticut, he was graduated from Yale in 1889, and then studied forestry in France, Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

It is in the great mountain regions of the west, however, that Mr. Pinchot finds his widest and most important field.



GIFFORD PINCHOT. (In Charge of United States Bureau of Forestry.)

est to the economic life of the entire community is much deeper and more far-reaching than anywhere else. The preservation of the forest is not merely a question of a continued supply of timber in its raw and manufactured forms.

The New York Tribune thinks there is inspiration in the work to which Gifford Pinchot has set his hand. He is not only aiming to establish a forestry system under which existing timber belts shall yield their product forever in regular crops.

A bill now pending in congress and favorably reported in the house provides for the transfer of these reserves to Mr. Pinchot's bureau of forestry.

But the government, looking to its present welfare, as well as to future generations, will have to go further even than this. The present practice, under the timber and stone law, of selling at \$2.50 an acre timber lands which are worth in many instances \$50 and even \$100 an acre is likely to give way to the placing of all the public timber in the reserves, to be forever owned by the government.

What the Law Decides. A man who gets drunk only on legal holidays cannot be considered an habitual drunkard. This is the decision of Judge Harper, of Stark county, Ohio.

Telephones Made Germ Proof. It is the general belief that disease is spread by the telephone, by the breath condensing on the mouthpiece of the instrument.

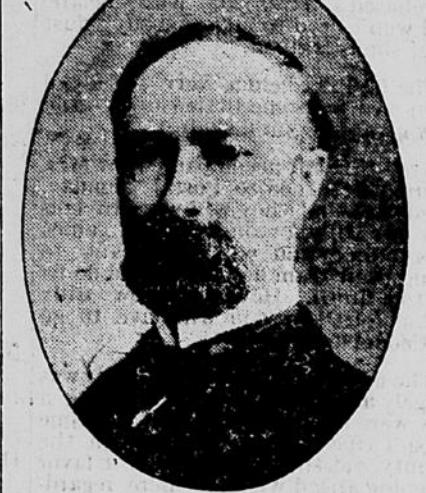
FAIRBANKS A CANDIDATE.

Indiana Senator Said to Be Willing to Accept the Nomination for Vice President.

The close political friends of Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, say that he has changed his mind in regard to the nomination for vice president on the republican ticket.

The members of the Indiana delegation in congress take it for granted that Fairbanks will be nominated for vice president, and are formulating plans to fill his place in the senate.

Senator Fairbanks is non-committal when approached on the subject. For publication, so far as the public goes, he is still in the same attitude of indecision.



CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS. (Indiana Senator Who May Accept Vice Presidency.)

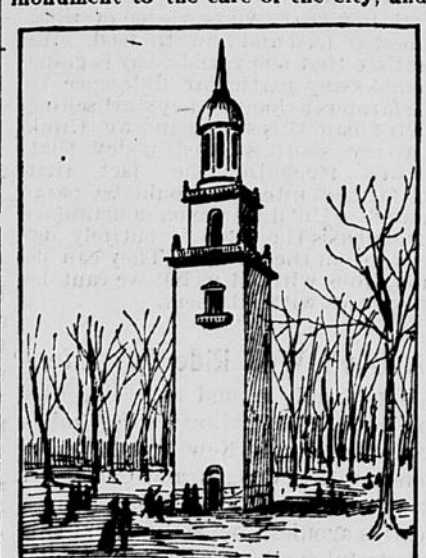
Some weeks ago much surprise was created by the notice of the embezzlement of J. H. Johnson, of the wholesale house of Park, Grant & Morris.

Two candidates for the prospective vacancy in the senate are already in the field. They are Representative Hemingway, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, and ex-Gov. Durbin.

STATE'S GIFT TO CITY. Monument Erected on the Spot Where Washington Stood at Evacuation of Boston.

The monument was erected by the state of Massachusetts at an expense of \$40,000 for the purpose of marking the exact spot where George Washington, the commander of the American army, stood on March 17, 1776.

Secretary of the Navy William H. Moody and Gen. A. R. Chaffee of the army will attend the exercises on March 17 on the occasion of turning over the monument to the care of the city, and



WASHINGTON MONUMENT. (Presented to City of Boston by State of Massachusetts.)

Mayor Collins will make a responsive address to that of the governor.

There will be a parade of land and naval forces of the United States on that occasion, and all Boston companies of the state militia will also participate.

The new fire steamer for Fargo has arrived. It has a capacity of 1,000 gallons and is thought to be a valuable acquisition to Fargo's firefighting apparatus.

Mrs. Eliza Corliss has sued the city of Fargo for \$2,500 damages. She alleges that she suffered a fall on an icy sidewalk, resulting in a fractured arm.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

Narrow Escape.

Mrs. Goudreau of Stevenson had a narrow escape in the recent blizzard. She was driving home from Fort Yates, a distance of thirty miles, and was caught in the storm half way.

The stockmen are on the anxious seat. As yet there have been no losses, but should next month be a cold one the loss is likely to be heavy.

Oratorical. The annual state oratorical contest will be held at Fargo in April. The University of North Dakota, the agricultural college, Fargo college and the Red River Valley university will each be represented by two orators.

The University of North Dakota will be represented in the state contest by two clever young men, both students of the law department, Percy Abbey of Drayton, and J. Edward Totten of Mayville.

Admits Guilt. Some weeks ago much surprise was created by the notice of the embezzlement of J. H. Johnson, of the wholesale house of Park, Grant & Morris.

Singular Incident. A singular incident is related as occurring just before the death of Mrs. Dr. Allen at Steele. A wild duck from some unknown quarter lit at the back door of the house about half an hour before the lady died.

Game. Game Warden Hale thinks that as non-residents are required to pay \$25 for the privilege of hunting in this state they should be permitted to take home with them a reasonable number of birds.

Fish from a Wreck. It is asserted that the farmers in the vicinity of Clear Lake busied themselves after the Northern Pacific wreck there hauling fish from the wrecked cars.

Brief Notes. The Congregational church at Colfax has been dedicated. Cayuga will have a new flour mill and hotel building in the spring.

At a meeting of stockholders a company was organized for the building of a motor line from Grand Forks to the university. Enough stock has been subscribed and at the next meeting of the city council, which will be held March 8, the company will ask for a franchise.

Auditor Herolz, of Emmons county, reports that between April 1, 1902, and July 1, 1903, 313 wolves were killed in that county and since July 1, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1904, the number has been 250, making 572 since April 1, 1902.

MILWAUKEE. GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1 Nor'n \$1.05 @ 1.06. Corn, July 55¢ @ 56¢. Oats, Standard 44¢ @ 45¢. Rye, No. 1 80¢ @ 81¢.

KANSAS CITY. GRAIN—Wheat, May 92¢ @ 93¢. Wheat, July 86¢ @ 87¢. Corn, May 48¢ @ 49¢. Oats, No. 2 White 42¢ @ 43¢.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

For the Week Ending Feb. 27.

Twenty-one British fire companies lost \$3,000,000 in the Baltimore fire.

The Iowa republican convention has been called to meet in Des Moines on May 18.

W. Burke Cockran has been elected to congress from the Twelfth New York district.

James Parish Lee, the inventor of the Lee rifle, died at Short Beach, Conn., aged 71 years.

Sam Cortes died in Ogden, Utah, making the twenty-ninth victim of a dynamite explosion.

Officials in New York say they have unearthed a system of extensive naturalization frauds.

Carl Black and Cecil Hoggett were burned to death in the city jail at Mountain View, Okla.

Harry A. Zillaro was hanged at Kittanning, Pa., for killing his young wife February 14, 1903.

The world's fair railroad rates announced provide for coach excursions at one cent a mile.

For the murder of Jesse E. Soles and Jim Stanley at Whiteville, N. C., Jabel Register was hanged.

Fire destroyed the livery stable of W. R. Lovell at Farmer City, Ill., and 34 horses were cremated.

Stephen Manck, a Sioux City (Ia.) blind violinist, shot his 16-year-old daughter and then killed himself.

Six union men were indicted in Chicago for conspiracy to injure a workman and for rioting near a glove factory.

Congressman W. A. Calderhead, of Marysville, has been renominated by the republicans of the Fifth Kansas district.

Henry M. Pollard, aged 63 years, a prominent attorney and former Missouri congressman, died at his home in St. Louis.

Japan's secrecy in military movements amazes all Europe, there being only a few hints as to the whereabouts of the army.

Owners of 44 American broom plants met in Chicago and agreed to form a combine under the name of the National Broom company.

Mrs. Sarah E. Castleman, 96 years old and known all over Kentucky, died in Louisville. She was Abraham Lincoln's first sweetheart.

Senate leaders, who usually make the final decision, announce that both branches of congress will be ready to adjourn by April 15.

The New York legislature has granted a pension of \$72 a month to Hiram Cronk, of Dunnbrook, aged 104, the only survivor of the war of 1812.

In a jealous rage Jerre Dugan, a section hand at Terre Haute, Ind., murdered Mrs. Benjamin Ramsey, her daughter, aged four, and her son, aged two.

George Aderholt, aged 62 years, went from Canton, O., to Carrollton, Ga., to celebrate his birthday with his father, aged 90, whom he had not seen in 41 years.

Railroad companies are declared by the United States supreme court to be exempt from paying damages where passengers traveling free are killed or injured.

The death sentence was imposed on James Sammons and John Lynch, 18 and 19 years old, for the murder of Patrick Barrett, a Chicago saloon-keeper.

Wallace H. Ham, a prominent Boston insurance man, confessed to having embezzled \$286,000 from his company, a church and a hospital of which he was treasurer.

Elsie and Robert Shonafelt, aged six and four years, were burned to death in their home at Johnstown, Pa., and two children of Carmack McAleer met a like fate at Pittsburg.

A man and woman who have been living together at Campbell Ford, Ont., for 35 years as man and wife and who have reared a family of five children have discovered they are brother and sister.

Mrs. Abrey Kamoo died in Boston, aged 80. She was a drummer boy in the United States army in 1862 until her sex was discovered, and then became an army nurse, serving until the close of the war.

THE MARKETS. New York, Feb. 27. LIVE STOCK—Steers \$4.65 @ 5.25. Hogs, State, Penn. 7.75 @ 8.00. Sheep 4.00 @ 5.00.

CHICAGO. CATTLE—Fancy Heaves \$2.60 @ 3.00. Fed Texas Steers 3.30 @ 4.50. Medium Beef Steers 3.90 @ 4.40. Heavy Steers 3.10 @ 5.55.

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OMAHA. CATTLE—Native Steers \$3.25 @ 5.00. Stockers and Feeders 2.75 @ 3.00. Cows and Heifers 2.60 @ 3.00. HOGS—Heavy 5.40 @ 5.80. SHEEP—Wethers 4.90 @ 4.40.