

WOMAN SUFFRAGE STIRRING JAPAN

Supporters of Movement Gleeful Over Vote in Municipal Elections.

QUESTION PROPOUNDED

Dignified and Womanly Liberty Just—But Country Not Ready for Move.

Tokio, Dec. 27.—The constant discussion in Japanese newspapers and magazines of the question of women's rights and woman suffrage serves as a striking example of the rapidity with which western thought and western ideas are being assimilated in Japan.

Today the supporters of the women's rights movement are gleeful over the fact that two women millionaires of Tokio have won the right to vote at municipal and ward elections. The municipal regulations grant the right of suffrage to any subject of the Japanese empire paying a larger amount of direct city taxes than that paid by any of the three highest tax-paying male subjects over 25 years of age. The woman suffrage advocates contended that this clause permits women to vote if their property qualifications were sufficient, and the home office upheld the contention.

An important monthly magazine has placed a set of questions before noted Japanese women on the future of the sex in Japan, propounding such queries as what can be done to improve the condition of the Japanese women; requesting opinions as to the suffrage movement in the west, as well as the question of social independence; and in a general way the growing tendency of woman to demand the same rights as man.

A summary of the replies indicates an opinion that Japan is not yet ripe for the suffrage movement. As the stress of living grows keener, the number of spinsters, the writers say, will increase in the east as in the west. When that time comes the women here may with justice claim an enactment of the same law for women as for men. Mrs. Haru Hatoyama says: "Such a tendency may be averted in Japan if women foster such national virtues as chastity, faithfulness, industry, thrift, patience and simplicity."

No two opinions are expressed, however, on the advisability or justice of greater liberty for woman kind in general. The time has arrived, all writers agree, for a concerted action in behalf of a dignified and womanly liberty.

Some women are outspoken and oth-

ers are reserved. One writes: "Small, helpless things are the Japanese women of today. Before talking of giving them the suffrage, they should be given the right of self-government at home."

Another says: "Let us not forget that the duty of a woman is to help her husband in looking after the home and children. The independence of woman is the noblest sense of the phrase to be desired, but at the same time the inherent spirit of self-sacrifice in woman should not be destroyed."

"How soon do girls get married after graduating from school? How many children have they in five years after marriage?"

These are some of the questions that the office of education has put to the girls' middle schools throughout the country. The answers will form practical statistics, and are expected to be of much value to the educational department, which is contemplating a reform in the present system of education. This it believes to be urgent, in view of the feeling that a degeneration of physique is taking place among girls students.

The educational office had been interested in the question what kind of mothers the graduates of the girls' middle schools make, and an investigation along this line was made. Then Baron Takagi, president of the Iikei Medical school, offered some concrete suggestions to promote the work by sending out series of questions. He is convinced that the rising generation shows signs of physical retrogression, and says that the causes of this tendency must be corrected.

"The young men and women are steadily running low in weight," Baron Takagi declares, "and there are indications of general degeneration. Particularly is this noticeable among the girls, who have pursued their studies in the middle grade, or even the higher schools. When they are married they prove unsuitable mothers physically. They are not in condition to nurse their own children. So-called ladies of the upper or aristocratic classes show a decided deficiency in this regard."

To Solve Land Question. Enthusiasm and faith in the success of his mission fill the Rev. Kakichi Tsunashima, a Japanese pastor in the Congregational church, who has been commissioned by his church to go to the United States and endeavor to help solve the California land question. His chief activity will be in making an appeal to Americans as Christians. He expects to sail for America December 31 on the steamer Chicago.

Mr. Tsunashima reasons that true righteousness and civilization will in due course of time be appreciated. He thinks that the question of Japanese land ownership in California is too big a problem to be settled in a short time, and that it does not admit of a temporary solution. He will try to solve it on the broad basis of universal love and Christian brotherhood.

In fulfilling his mission Mr. Tsunashima expects to visit churches, pas-

tors' associations and other Christian organizations, and to write and preach his thoughts and ideals as opportunity offers. He says there may be faults and shortcomings on the part of the Japanese, but by his proposed undertaking he believes he can persuade his countrymen to a better mode of life.

Drilling Soldiers. Every day the purpose of the maneuvers was to test the moral courage of an army which found itself exposed to complete annihilation, or at least, a ruinous onslaught from the enemy. Detachments were sent across a field where artillery and quick-firing guns were supposed to be mercilessly decimating their ranks.

Everything possible was done to show the foreigners the plan of the maneuvers and so far as could be observed no secrecy was maintained. Every evening a Japanese officer gave a lecture to the military experts, pointing out the plan and operation of the maneuvers upon an immense map hung upon the wall.

The emperor was active throughout the maneuvers and it was noticeable as another evidence of the growing spirit of democracy in Japan that he personally shook hands with each military attaché.

INTERURBAN LINE TO CENTERVILLE OPEN

Salt Lake, Dec. 27.—The first car over the new interurban line of the Utah Light & Railway company from Salt Lake to Bountiful and Centerville, will leave the corner of Second South and Main streets this morning at 5:25 o'clock. Coming into Salt Lake the first car left Centerville at 8:20 o'clock this morning.

Davis county, which will be pierced by the new line, is the garden spot of Utah, and is one of the richest territories of Salt Lake's environs. The new street railway service will make possible more trips to Salt Lake for residents of the county, as the fare is only 20 cents from Centerville to Salt Lake, a distance of thirteen miles. Commutation tickets will also be good the same as on local street cars, so that commuters can make the trip one way for 15 cents. Transfers secured from conductors on the interurban will be good anywhere in the city.

The cars to be operated will be of the same type that is used on the Murray, Sandy and Midvale lines. They will come into the city over the Warm Springs line from the north, turn south on West Temple street, and will make a loop from West Temple and Second South streets, going east to Main street, north to First South, west to West Temple, and out of the city over the Warm Springs line.

WOMAN IS FOUND GUILTY BY JUDGE

Mrs. Luetta Melrose was found guilty of disposing of intoxicating liquor without a license by Judge S. T. Corn occupying the bench in the municipal court Friday afternoon, and a fine of \$100 or 100 days in jail was imposed. A stay of execution was granted until tomorrow morning. Ethel Brant, arraigned on a similar charge, was discharged from custody, the judge holding the evidence against her to be insufficient.

Attorney A. G. Horn filed an affidavit of prejudice against Judge W. H. Reeder, and United States Commissioner Corn was presiding magistrate.

The women were arrested Wednesday evening in the Bennett block Twenty-sixth street and Grant avenue, by Sergeant H. C. Peterson and Patrolman Oscar Swanson. Sam Wiggleton and Edgar Richardson were in the room at the time and were the witnesses for the city. Both testified that beer was purchased in the room and that Mrs. Melrose received the money.

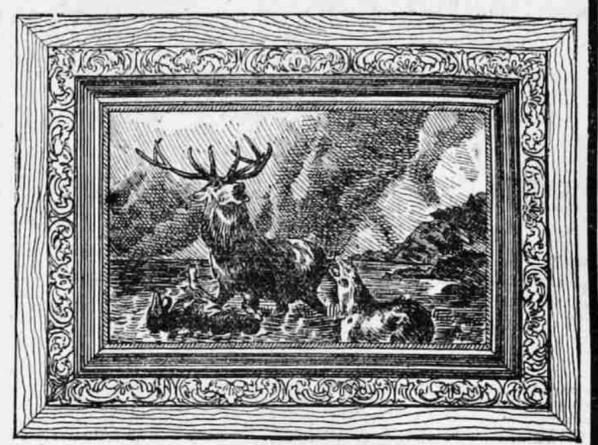
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HE CONDEMNNS U. S. OWNERSHIP PLAN



Clarence H. Mackay.

Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Postal Telegraph & Cable company, has issued a sweeping condemnation of Postmaster General Burleson's plan for government ownership of the telegraph and telephone systems of the country.

"The money question is the main question; \$900,000,000 (the proposed purchase price) would not be a look-in," says Mackay. "The entire bill, including telegraph lines, would be about \$2,000,000,000."

MONTH'S SNOWFALL IS NEARING HIGH RECORD

Salt Lake, Dec. 27.—Almost seven inches of snow have fallen in Salt Lake this month and indications are that the total snowfall for December may be heavier than for any corresponding month for twenty-seven years. The records of the local United States weather bureau, covering a period of that number of years show that the snowfall so far this month exceeds that of any December in

twenty-one years. Records at the weather bureau showed that 15.5 inches of snow had fallen up to 6 o'clock yesterday morning, which is almost double the precipitation for the entire month of December of last year. The average snowfall for the month based on records for twenty-seven years is 5.9 inches.

In December, 1887, the records show 23.7 inches of snow fell. The records also show that the snowfall in December of 1891 and 1892 exceeded the snowfall so far this month.

Attaches of the weather bureau are compiling data on the weather for the year.

The coldest day so far this year was January 7, when the mercury dropped to 2 degrees below zero. The hottest day was July 6, when 97 degrees was registered. The heaviest rainfall was 3.37 inches in June, while August was the month for the lightest rainfall, there being but .47 of an inch.

RABBIT HUNT BY SALT LAKE MEN

Salt Lake, Dec. 27.—The biggest rabbit hunt thus far organized this season is booked for tomorrow. E. J. Miller, who is promoting the chase, yesterday received word from Jim Nelson, game warden of Boxelder county, to the effect that rabbits were more plentiful than they have been in years. Nelson says he will have twenty-four teams with sleighs at Rozel to meet the hunters and forty horsemen will pick up the slain jacks. Five inches of snow will add to the interest of the chase.

Rozel is on the old line of the Southern Pacific and is ideally situated for the purposes of the hunters' excursion. A special train on the Oregon Short Line will leave Salt Lake at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The railroad company promises to have the shooters back in Salt Lake by 9 o'clock Sunday night.

The rabbits are just now in prime condition for food. The thousands of jacks that will not be taken by the hunters themselves will be distributed among the poor folks.

SUMMONS.

In the District Court of Weber County State of Utah.

Louisa Bruetle, Plaintiff, vs. Frederick Bruetle, Defendant.

The State of Utah to the said Defendant:

You are hereby summoned to appear within twenty days after service of this Summons upon you, if served within the County in which this action is brought; otherwise, within thirty days after service, and defend the above entitled action; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court.

This action is brought to recover a judgment dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and hitherto existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for general relief.

DAVID JENSON, Plaintiff's Attorney. P. O. Address, 503-504 First National Bank Building, Ogden City, Utah.

THE EFFECT.

"Well, how did you sleep last night? Goethe spent the night there once."

"Very badly. My husband adores Goethe, and he was spouting him all night."—Fliegende Blatter.

Hobson—Are you in favor of that curfew law?

Dobson—Yes; I'm in favor of any law that reduces the number of dogs.—Judge.

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