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Japan is Making New Enemies.

Japan's autocratic conduct in Korea and China is not only making enemies for her among the natives of those countries, but it is angering the foreign residents in them. Not only are Americans and Germans over there indignant at the arrogance of the Japanese in Seoul, Peking and the other big towns of Korea and China, but the subjects of her ally, England, are displeased with this conduct. Ever since the war of 1894-95, in which Japan whipped China, there has been an air of superiority among the Japanese toward the Chinese which has raised up many enemies to them in Tsi An's Empire. The victory over Russia in 1904-05 has inflated the Japanese still more, and has incited hostility to them among all the foreign residents not only of Japan herself, but of the Asiatic countries in which Japan is acting the part of overlord.

This conduct would be calculated to weaken the mikado's empire if it should ever engage in war with any great power. On the other hand, the Russians are acting as if they want to make friends, and are succeeding in doing this. The Russians are out of control in Manchuria, and the Japanese have taken their places as the important element. Merchants and others whose business takes and keeps them there are regretting the change in mastery in that province. In this conduct the Japanese lack their usual acuteness. For Japan in this exigency modesty would be a better policy.

If Japan intends to provoke China into war, as some of the Europeans in Peking, Shanghai and other Chinese centers believe she does, then her conduct is intelligent. The Chinese are accustomed to European and American airs of superiority, but they think themselves the equals of the subjects of the mikado, and resent any supercilious treatment from the latter. It is not at all certain that Japan would be allowed to carve up the Chinese Empire in her own interest if she should be victor in any war with that country. Russia, Germany and France would be likely to interpose, as they did after the Chinese war of 1894-95, and stop Japan from seizing any considerable area of territory. There is a balance in Asia as well as in Europe which the European nations are anxious to maintain, and Japan is likely to discover this truth if she attempts to bring China into subjection.—Globe-Democrat.

Beauty and Utility in Coinage.

Nearly the last work done by the late Augustus St. Gaudens was designs for new American eagles and double eagles and copper cents. In order for these new designs was received with some hesitation. The American gold coins are admired all over the world for beauty of design and skill in execution. But it is said that the St. Gaudens designs are even superior.

The head of the goddess of liberty is more idealized though it is a close portrait of the model, a young woman of Mr. St. Gaudens' family. The erect eagle on the other side of the double eagle, more natural than the stiff heraldic bird of the silver dollar, it is said to be a finer design than that on the present coins. The bird on the eagle is represented in active flight, like that of the beautiful silver dollars and half dollars of fifty years ago.

That is said to have been modeled from a living eagle kept as a pet in the mint at that period. All previous designs for American coins have been made by employees of the mint. This is the first commission for that purpose ever given to an artist of the first reputation. Perhaps for that very reason it cannot be executed in the mint without considerable modifications. Much beauty of antique coins is due to the high relief of the figures, like that of artistic medals. The objection to this in modern coins is that one will not lie flat another. This is the trouble with the designs made by Mr. St. Gaudens.

Coins made from them would not "stack" in the glittering little tower we see on the counters before bank tellers, nor could they be made into compact rolls or packages for shipment. The volume of modern coinage is so great that convenience demands close packing together.

The assistants of Mr. St. Gaudens in his studio will try to modify his designs for coins so that one will lie flat upon another and a heap of them will not topple over, but it is doubted if this can be done without spoiling their beauty.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Max Fishel, a prominent Black Hills business man, died at his home in Lead Saturday morning of heart failure. He came to Deadwood in 1877, and has been in business ever since.

The Black Hills Medical association met at Hot Springs last week. Among the speakers were Dr. J. W. Freeman, of Lead, Dr. C. C. Allison and Leroy Crummer, of Omaha and Drs. F. E. Walker, H. H. Wilcox and C. W. Hargens, of Hot Springs.

Tom Norris, who has been in Central America during the past two or three years, arrived in Spearfish last Sunday. He is in very bad condition physically, the Central American climate playing sad havoc with his former strength and vigor.—Queen City Mail.

Miss Mae Raney, of Letcher, won the diamond medal prize at W. C. U. contest held at Sioux Falls last week. The title of her oration was "The Battle Cry."

Vice President Fairbanks has formally accepted an invitation to address the South Dakota Methodist Episcopal conference, which meets in Vermillion, October 19.

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Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Rapid City, S. D., August 1, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Ida F. Poland, of Piedmont, S. D., has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 10466 made April 16, 1906, for the east half of southwest quarter and west half of southeast quarter, section 23, township 4 north, range 8 east, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Rapid City, S. D., on September 11, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: Eberhardt Johnson, of Piedmont, S. D., George Sevey, of Piedmont, S. D., Charles Ashland, of Piedmont, S. D., George McFarland, of Piedmont, S. D.

Geo. P. Bennett, Register.
First publication August 9.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Rapid City, S. D., August 1, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Chas. L. Smith of Rapid City, S. D., has filed notice of his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 5696, made October 21, 1905, for the lots 1-2-3, northeast quarter of southwest quarter section 7, township 1 north, range 7 east, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at Rapid City, S. D., on September 10, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: James M. Smith, of Rapid City, S. D., Sam Ellison, of Rapid City, S. D., Cloyd Ellison, of Rapid City, S. D., Earl Grice, of Rapid City, S. D., Geo. P. Bennett, Register.
First publication August 9 1907.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Rapid City, S. D., August 13, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that Caroline Strong, of Rapid City, S. D., has filed notice of her intention to make final five year proof in support of her claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 6603 made March 8, 1902, for the southeast quarter section 1, township 1 north, range 8 east, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver, at Rapid City, S. D., on September 25, 1907.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz: Mattie Altomus, of Rapid City, S. D.; Richard Morris, of Rapid City, S. D.; John Z. Reed, of Rapid City, S. D.; Fred Rush, of Rapid City, S. D. Geo. Bennett, Register.
First publication August 16.

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Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior, Land Office, Rapid City, S. D., July 23, 1907.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Walter H. Kennedy, contestant, against Charley Haney, entry No. 10077, made Feb. 26, 1906, for the southwest quarter of section 8, township 3 north, of range eleven east of B. H. M., by Charley Haney, contestee, in which it is alleged that said Charley Haney has failed and neglected to establish his residence on said land or to improve and cultivate same in any manner since the date of filing thereof.

Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on September 10, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land office in Rapid City, South Dakota.

The said contestant, having, in proper affidavit, filed July 23, 1907, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice cannot be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

Geo. P. BENNETT, Register.
First publication July 27.

Notice to the Owner of Land Before Tax Deed Shall Issue.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of November, 1902, the Treasurer of Pennington county, South Dakota, duly sold the following real estate, to-wit: Lots 28, 29 and 30, in block No. 77 of the original townsite of the city of Rapid City, for the delinquent taxes thereon for the year 1901, interest, penalty, and costs, and that the certificate of sale thereof was duly issued in Pennington county, South Dakota, and that thereafter and on the 1st day of August, 1907, said certificate of sale was duly assigned and transferred by said Pennington county to the undersigned Hugh J. McMahon, who is now the holder and owner thereof. That more than two years have elapsed since said sale, and the right of redemption from the same, with all prior and subsequent taxes paid, with interest, penalty and costs allowed by law will expire, and deed for said land and premises be made to the undersigned after (60) days from the completed service of this notice, unless redemption shall be made as provided by law.

Hugh J. McMahon,
Owner of Certificate.
First publication August 9, 1907.

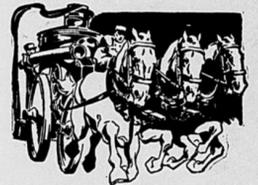
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