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Our Annual Message.

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE is an annual feature of The Japanese American News. This year's message in Japanese, filled, as usual, a page of type. It was published January 1 and was divided into ten sections comprising introductory remarks, dealing with reconstruction of various Japanese societies; the policy of this newspaper as to agriculture; the commercial, fishing and industrial activities of the Japanese; betterment of living conditions among the Japanese; educational problems; reorganization of Japanese associations; general orientation of the Japanese in 1921; problems of future Japanese-American relations, based on the proposed new treaty, and concluding remarks.

The following is a general resume of the message:

PROGRESS AND OPPOSITION.

1—During the past decade the Japanese in America have made remarkable progress in many directions. But outside forces have gradually been surrounding them to circumvent their activities. The anti-Japanese movement, which had its inception in California, seems to have been taken up by the states of Washington, Idaho, Arizona and Texas. These states seem to be trying to enact legislation similar to the anti-Japanese laws of California. Even Congress has been influenced by the acts of these Western states. But the Japanese in America are not to be discouraged by such unfavorable gestures. We feel they should try to be patient and march onward toward their goal courageously, in order that obstacles in the end may be overcome. Such courage is an ingrained characteristic of the race.

SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL CHANGE.

2—The Japanese in America, spiritually as well as materially, face a profound change of method. Otherwise they can scarcely expect a healthy expansion in any direction. To clinch the contention, we could refer to the farm efforts of the Japanese. They have been largely carried on in a speculative way. Speculation is not a solid foundation, as was shown when a small panic came along and the speculators were all but ruined.

The growing of rice, cotton, onions, beans, potatoes, tomatoes, etc., is falling almost entirely into the hands of Japanese farmers. In the beginning of almost any sort of enterprise some risk must be taken, but if one would build on a solid foundation he must choose the least risk. The Japanese in America, after their experiences, some covering a period of twenty years, and with their families, with homes, with children to be educated, ought not to carry on their enterprises entirely upon a speculative basis. Of course, each individual must determine for himself his own course of action, but, generally speaking, we would advise all to avoid speculation and put himself upon a healthy method of doing business.

THE BACKBONE OF THE NATION.

3—The purpose of agriculture, viewed from the standpoint of the nation, is to produce for the people as a whole the necessities of life. The farmers, therefore, are the backbone of the nation. To view the situation individually, one should ascertain the mode of living of the individual, how he maintains his family, educates his children, surrounds himself with an atmosphere of peace. Modern agriculture should not be nomadic, as it is said to have been when mankind was in the making. It is necessary nowadays that the farmer should set up his laces and penates in one place and keep them there, otherwise he can hardly expect to give his children a proper education. It can hardly be said that the life of the nation is secure.

We trust the Japanese in America will manage their farming activities in accordance with principles outlined above. We recommend that agriculture be carried on on a small rather than a large scale. They should farm homesteads. It is true that by the provisions of the new California law the Japanese are gainsaid the right to own or lease land, but Japanese children born in this country are properly safeguarded as to citizenship. That citizenship can be properly used. While troublesome, Japanese may do their farming on a small scale.

As for the right to lease, while it is prohibited to Japanese, one may substitute some means to that end. As a general proposition, however, we are not in favor of Japanese farming on a leasehold basis. We hope, in the near future, that practice will be greatly lessened.

CAPITAL AND SCIENCE.

4—In managing an agricultural business capital and scientific knowledge are necessary. Adequate protection of farmers, economic and financial, is not accorded even in this country. The Japanese in America feel the handicap in this regard. But some sort of protection must be afforded, and to this end savings or loan associations may be found advisable. At the same time, anywhere the Japanese carry on farming activities they should do business with American banks, in order that they may create a credit. Then, when they need capital, they will receive assistance from American bankers.

As for scientific knowledge, in every county of this State there are farm advisors and specialists. These willingly lend assistance to anyone when assistance is asked. In this manner, consulting the farm bureau and increasing their scientific knowledge in the management of their farms, the Japanese will be able to show better results.

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The Japanese American News created a department of agriculture last year. It has its special editor. Whenever requested he will visit farmers and help them solve their problems.

1921 BUSINESS PROSPECTS.

5—The commercial, fishing and industrial activities of the Japanese in America were greatly affected by the economic changes in this country as in Japan. None can predict when they will recover from present distressed conditions. Some believe these conditions will prevail throughout the present year.

There will be a change in government in the United States, however, on March 4. Republican policies, with a protective tariff and the like, lead us to believe that market conditions will change. But, owing to the great damage that has been done to the Eastern market by the world war, just how soon the American market will show the life it enjoyed before the war, none can say.

Many circumstances indicate that this year, in a business way, will be a continuation of last year, and we would not advise anyone to launch upon investments or any enterprises on a large scale. We would recommend that the rule of "safety first" govern all activities and that all husband their resources, in order that, when the pressure finally is removed, they will be able to take advantage of real opportunities.

We are opposed to superficiality in commercial enterprises. It is dangerous. We advise all Japanese engaged in commerce to go with Americans.

As for the local problem growing out of the so-called Japanese quarter of San Francisco, we advise all to change outward appearances for the better. We trust that the Japanese will remove from the quarter known as Chinatown, and that as soon as possible.

HOUSING CONDITIONS POOR.

6—As for the housing conditions of the Japanese in America, large numbers feel the need for betterment. True, these conditions are far from ideal. Some Japanese already have bettered their condition in this respect and show even more improvements than Americans living in their same neighborhood. Many other Japanese are following the example set by their fellows. But, generally speaking, Japanese housing conditions are poor.

Many Japanese are spending money lavishly for jewelry and personal adornments, as well as spending disproportionate sums on what they eat, to the neglect of their homes. The contrast of their home surroundings and their jewelry, expensive automobiles and the like is quite marked. There are reasons, of course, for these peculiar contrasts. For instance, Japanese in this country, particularly in California, are all greatly irritated by the anti-Japanese movement, so that they find it hard to "settle down." Many feel they must "get rich quick" and return home as soon as possible. As a consequence they don't care to improve dwellings which are to be temporary at best.

Another reason is to be found in the fact that whereas Japanese formerly were allowed to lease property for a term of three years, now even that right is abrogated. They feel, as a result, that it is inadvisable, if not impossible, to invest large sums in improving dwellings that are not movable property.

Such feelings, however, are not entertained by all Japanese. As we see it, the greater number of Japanese in this country must, for various reasons, resign themselves to a permanent residence here. It seems the part of discretion, therefore, for all Japanese to make up their minds that they are going to feel "at home" in America. Having taken such a resolu-

WHEN THIS OLD WORLD
WAS YOUNG.

(Continued from Last Saturday.)

KAMATARI WAS A GREAT statesman of Japan's early history. His only daughter, Kohaku Jo, was a famous beauty, virtuous as she was beautiful. The delight of Kamatari's heart, he resolved that should she marry, none less than a king might have her. Holding this idea always in mind, he steadfastly rejected proposed alliances.

"Why, yes," he said, "I remember both of you. I am glad to see you again, and to have this opportunity of thanking you for past favors."

"I have most important news to tell you, sir," Chobel declared. "In my village the traitor Mitsuhide has stationed the main wing of his army. His vanguard is ambuscaded along the main highway to Tokyo. Therefore it is very dangerous for your honor to proceed to the camp."

"We have been racking our brains, the two of us, Kenketsu the priest and I, and in our humble opinion we consider that your honor had best summon your body guard and hasten to my village by a by-path, and there give Mr. Mitsuhide a surprise attack. If your honor will do this it will be easy to destroy him."

"Our only plan in coming here, sir, was to suggest this plan to you."

The two paused and fumbled in a straw basket which he carried. They took out two muskmelons, he offered them to Hideyoushi.

"These melons," said Chobel, "were grown in my own garden. Your honor would honor me by eating them."

Hideyoushi's suspicions were now thoroughly aroused. He accepted the melons with thanks, however, declaring he greatly appreciated the gift.

"What a young lady had seated herself on the white mats Kamatari told her that he had chosen the Chinese Emperor for her husband, so that she would be very happy in her father's house, and China seemed far away. But when Kamatari told her that she would be happier as China's bride than she ever had been before, she dabbed daintily at her tear-filled eyes with a silk handkerchief. She was amazed to hear that all the treasures of China were to be laid before her. Her father told her she was permitted to send three treasures to the temple of Kotukui, where, as a babe, she had been blessed."

Kohaku, not without a palpitating heart, not without little misgivings, consented to become the bride of the Emperor. When they heard the news all her girl companions wept, but when Kohaku's mother told them some of their number would be chosen to go with their mistress, they closed their eyes and wished they would be selected.

Before setting sail for China the maiden went to the temple of Kotukui. Arriving at the sacred shrine, she prayed for protection, vowing that if it were vouchsafed she would search all China for its three most precious treasures and send them as thank-offerings to the temple.

Without mishap the maiden reached China. She was received magnificently by the Emperor Koso. The Emperor's kindness quickly dispelled her maidenly fears. He spoke softly to her in the language of a lover:

"Kohaku Jo, my beloved, after long days and weary nights of waiting I have gathered the 'azelea of the distant mountain,' and now I plant it in my garden, and great, very great, is the gladness of my heart!"

(To be Continued)

tion they should strive to improve their houses and their gardens to the greatest possible degree. This would not only save the criticism of their American neighbors but also would add to the beauty of any town or village in which Japanese lived.

PROBLEMS OF EDUCATION

7—The educational problem of the Japanese children is increasing as the number of children born of Japanese parents in America increases. Strong public sentiment is growing that all children born in the United States are constitutionally entitled to become citizens, and by the same token, are entitled to be educated in American public schools. There is a tendency to restrict foreign language schools wherever their policies are substantially different from accepted American educational policies.

This certainly is right and proper. We must respect their public institutions. Almost without exception, the Japanese language schools in America aim to teach the Japanese language to Japanese children, and are rendering equal assistance in teaching conversational English. This effort is rather handicapped on account of the number of pupils who are not American born.

Such endeavors, we feel, should not be made to target of criticism. There is, however, to a considerable misunderstanding concerning the Japanese language schools, as a result of which these institutions are receiving condemnation.

The question of what the Japanese in America should do regarding this anti-Japanese movement is quite complicated. But, speaking largely, Japanese should explain to Americans the real situation of the former, their hopes and aspirations. We must indulge in introspection, inquiring if there is anything which needs to be changed. If we find reconstruction is needed, we must reconstruct. We must always strive at the highest and best moral relations with our American neighbors in order that, locally, we may create a better sentiment on the part of Americans toward the Japanese.

As to the betterment of local conditions, Japanese must share the same sentiments as their American neighbors. In other words, they must rejoice when Americans rejoice, when Americans make merry they must make merry also. And they must share the troubles of their American neighbors.

It is necessary that we respond, spiritually and materially, to local welfare endeavors. If, for instance, there are any public affairs calling for subscriptions, we should contribute our money to the general fund. We must not shirk our responsibilities, no matter how irksome.

In this regard the Japanese in America have shown considerable neglect in recent years. This is the way to obtain better cordiality with American friends. Hereafter, therefore, we urge Japanese to show their public spirit whenever the opportunity presents. Such public spirit should be demonstrated spiritually as well as materially. When Japanese do this they will prove that assimilation with Americans is not impossible. Then will we truly create good and proper foundations for better Japanese-American relations.

This is a point of particular importance that this newspaper has been issuing its English supplement since last April. Also, we have been sending out members of the editorial staff to give public lectures in all parts of California. The Japanese News always will be found ready to co-operate with all Japanese for the betterment of the race.

PROSPECTS OF THE JAPANESE

10—As to what will come of the negotiations between the United States and Japan regarding the Japanese in America, let none but those directly connected with the negotiations know anything. But the Japanese people are quite dissatisfied with the unjust treatment accorded them in America.

Likewise, the Eastern states are beginning to show dissatisfaction. These facts will combine, somehow, to make for a smooth adjustment. In another word, the treatment of Japanese in America will, to a greater or lesser degree, be improved, although some reservations may be placed upon Japanese in their going and coming to and from the United States.

The Japanese in America, to our mind, are destined to remain permanently in this country. They must always, therefore, make justice the cornerstone. This must be applied in detail to every problem. If, for instance, any attempt should be made to take from them the lands which the Japanese have lawfully acquired, the Japanese should protest as a matter of justice and equity and should ponder every means to protect them, as well as to make for greater progress and better treatment of the Japanese in this country.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

In conclusion—The Japanese American News since its first issue has stood on the following four fundamental principles:

1.—Unification, especially the spiritual unification of the Japanese in America.

2.—Individual development of the Japanese in America.

3.—Protection of the rights of the Japanese in America.

4.—Representation of just and impartial public opinion.

The advancement of those principles we have devoted more than twenty years. We have striven to do our duty as we see it.

On the first day of 1921 we would renew our promise to all Japanese to spare no pains in the realization step by step, of those fundamental principles.

So that we may materially contribute to the betterment of the Japanese as well as the betterment of the international relations between the United States and Japan.

JAPANESE-AMERICAN PROBLEM

9.—The relations of this country and Japan, as we believe, comprehend the revamping of the various Japanese associations in this country.

Better men are needed to lead those organizations.

Agreeably with their announced purposes for them, they must, first and last, have at heart the betterment and the progress of the Japanese in America.

As to how reorganization shall be accomplished: It must be an internal rebuilding, with the principle of democracy, always the foundation of social life. And they must rebuild externally. They must alter their names, which often cause some misunderstanding by Americans.

There are Japanese associations in many countries, founded on the principle of democracy, but that institution which is regarded as the mother of all local Japanese associations is yet far from the principles mentioned.

It is unnecessary at this moment, we think, to set forth in detail a reconstruction program. But we do not hesitate to say that these associations must openly avow that their purpose is to encompass the betterment of the Japanese in their relations with Americans. And, in the very beginning, it is necessary for the Japanese to realize that they must be thoroughly democratic.

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