

FARMING IN JAPAN.

A Business in Which 22,000,000 Men and Women are Engaged. From the Chicago Record.

There can be no market for American agricultural implements and machinery in Japan for two very simple reasons. First, the farms are not big enough, and, second, labor is too plenty. If a Japanese farmer should introduce a modern reaper and self-binder upon his farm he would cut down everything in the way of crops while he was turning it around, and there wouldn't be anything left for him and his family to do all the rest of the season.

Most of the farming implements are of a primitive character and many are home-made. Just as the New England farmer used to whittle his ax helves before the big log fire in the winter, so the Japanese farmer makes his own flails and rakes of bamboo and the handles for his hoes, spades and sickles in cold stormy weather. The iron portion is fashioned at the nearest blacksmith shop. These tools last for a lifetime, as they are kept with great care, and are often passed down from generation to generation. Everything is done by hand. You can travel all day in some of the farming counties without seeing a horse or a mule or any other kind of a beast of burden, and goats and sheep, cows and swine are equally scarce.

Japan is one vast garden, and as you look over the fields you can imagine that they are covered with toy farms where children are playing with the laws of nature and raising samples of different kinds of vegetables and grain. Everything is on a diminutive scale, and the work is as fine and accurate as that applied to a cloisienne vase. What would an Illinois or an Iowa farmer think of planting his corn, wheat, oats and barley in bunches, and then when it is 3 or 4 inches high, transplanting every spear of it in rows about as far apart as you can stretch your fingers. A Japanese farmer weeds his wheat fields just as a Connecticut farmer weeds his onion bed, and cultivates his potatoes and barley with as much care as a Long Island farmer upon his asparagus or his flowers.

When grain is ripe it is cut with a sickle close to the ground. The bottom ends are carefully tied together with a whisp or a straw; the bunch is then divided and hung over a bamboo pole or rope, like Monday's washing, to dry; sometimes in the field and sometimes in the back yard and even in the street in front of the house.

When it is thoroughly cured the heads of grain are cut off with a knife, and the straws are carefully bound up and laid away in bundles. The heads are then spread out upon a piece of straw matting and beaten with a flail. Another method of thrashing is to take handfuls of straw and pull them through a mesh of iron needles.

After the thrashing is done the grain is taken up in a sort of scoop basket made of bamboo and shaken by one woman who holds it as high as her head, while another woman stands with a large fan which she waves rapidly through the air and blows the lighter chaff away from the heavier grain as they are falling. The richer farmers have separators built upon a primitive plan and turned with a crank. People often winnow grain by pouring it from a scoop upon a fan 3 or 4 feet wide, upon which it is tossed gently so as to leave the chaff in the air when it falls. Another method of thrashing is to beat the heads of grain upon a row of bamboo poles. Sometimes you see a whole family at it.

sweet potatoes, vegetable oysters and other varieties of cereals and roots occupy the rest of the area.

The farmer looks upon his growing crop every morning, just as the engineer will inspect the movements of his machinery, and if anything is wrong repairs it. If a weed appears in the bean patch he pulls it up; if a hill of potatoes or anything else fails, it is immediately replanted. And when he cuts down a tree he always plants another to take its place. The artificial forest of Japan cover many hundreds of square miles, and by this accuracy, economy and care the prosperity of the country is permanently assured. As one crop is harvested the soil is worked over, fertilized and replanted with something else.

The largest area of agricultural lands in Japan is devoted to raising rice, perhaps as much as nine-tenths of the whole, and, as that crop requires a great deal of water, the paddies are banked up into terraces, one above the other, and divided into little plots 25 or 30 feet square, with ridges of earth between them to keep the water from flowing away when they are flooded. All farming land is irrigated by a system that is a thousand years old, and some of the ditches are walled up with bamboo wicker work.

The farmers live in villages and their farms are detached, sometimes a mile or two and three miles away from their homes. There are no fences or other visible signs of division, but every man knows his own land, for it has been in his family for generations. Irrigating ditches and little paths are usually the boundary lines.

Theoretically all the land belongs to the Emperor, but the greater part of that under cultivation has been held by the same families for generations, and has always descended from the father to the oldest son.

The official statistics of Japan show that there 11,400,008 men and 10,948,053 women engaged in agriculture, which is more than half the total population.

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Convention in the Woods.

Creston, Ia., Aug. 31.—The Republican Senatorial Convention of Adair and Madison Counties has developed remarkable and peculiar aspects. When the time came for selecting the place for holding the convention both counties wanted it. As neither would waive its claim, a compromise was effected, and the convention is being held in a dense forest between the two counties. The Chairman sits on the dividing line with one foot in Adair and one foot in Madison. Each county is entitled to twelve delegates, and they sit in their respective counties on either side of the dividing line and in this position the convention has been deliberating for five days.

Each county has a candidate. Adair delegates cast their twelve votes for Senator Kilburn, of Fontanelle, who is seeking renomination, and the Madison delegates support Richard Price, of Winterset. The delegates were chosen on account of their staying qualities, and they are proving their reputation as such, for up to this morning 3,010 ballots had been taken without a choice, and it is impossible to determine when the deadlock will end.

The convention temporarily adjourned to-day to meet Sept. 24, when the struggle will be renewed. Thousands of people have visited the Senatorial camp, and a daily paper has been printed on the ground.

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Missouri Farmers Ask How They Are Protected by Protection.

Maryville, Mo., Sept. 4.—The Inter State Harvest Home association met here to-day, fully 500 strong in delegates and visitors. Among the matters entertained were the following preambles and resolutions:

Whereas, On Tuesday, September 3, 1895, Mr. David Lubin of Sacramento, Cal., in an address to the farmers of Missouri, at the Inter-State Harvest Home meeting at Maryville, this State, stated "That the staples of agriculture being largely exports, could be protected by a bounty on their exports, but that a tariff on imports cannot protect these staples sold in the open markets of the world, a portion of which is an export." He further made the assertion that because this is so, the staples of agriculture were not protected, but were sold at home and abroad at the world's free trade prices. If this is true, it must necessarily follow that the producers of agricultural staples must pay for the entire cost of the protective system to manufacturers and receive no direct, or indirect benefit therefrom:

Whereas, This, if true, would be injustice to the producers of agricultural staples and

Whereas, We the farmers of Missouri, in mass meeting assembled, desire to be informed as to the truth of the statements made by Mr. Lubin and, believing, that Hon. William McKinley, Governor of Ohio, is fully informed as to the operation of protection by tariff on imports,

Resolved, That we respectfully and earnestly request the Hon. William McKinley to criticize and fully explain said statements of Mr. Lubin, to the end that we may be properly informed on this important subject and that he do this in the leading newspapers of Missouri.

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The Campaign in Ohio.

New York World.

Ex Gov. Campbell, who reluctantly accepted the united call of his party in Ohio, modestly says: "I will try to win. But the question of winning is another matter."

Ohio is naturally a Republican State. The Democrats have carried it but four times in eighteen years. They won in 1877 by 22,000, in 1882 by 19,000, in 1883 by 12,500, and in 1889, when Governor Campbell was elected after a gallant fight, by 10,872. The average Republican plurality in their eleven victories between 1879 and 1893, was about 20,000. In 1893, the tidal-wave year, Gov. McKinley had 80,000 plurality, and last year the Republican candidate for Secretary of State had the quite unprecedented plurality of 137,000. But Gen. Harrison barely saved the State by a plurality of 1,072 in 1892, and 128,000 Democrats did not vote last year who voted for Cleveland in 1892.

Though naturally Republican, therefore, Ohio is under normal conditions a contestable State. Gov. Campbell is very popular. Mr. Bushnell, the Republican candidate, is very rich. Personally it is a man against a barrel. The contest is sure to be an animated one, with a Senatorship and perhaps a Presidential nomination at stake. If the Democrats are really united on the ticket and will work for it there is possibly a fighting chance to win.

The President's Greetings.

San Francisco Post.

"A short time ago," said Deputy United States Marshall Harris, "an old rancher up in the mountains of Lake County grew tired of walking five miles over the hills to get the country paper from his mail box, so he felled a big tree across the road so that the stage would be compelled to travel a longer route that led past his house. A warrant was issued for his arrest for obstructing the United States mails, and I went up to serve it."

"I found the old man sitting on his back porch smoking his corncob pipe, and commenced reading the warrant: 'The President of the United States sends greetings.' Just then the long barrel of a muzzle-loading rifle was shoved out of the kitchen door and aimed at my head. I saw a nervous little gray-headed woman at the other end of the gun with her finger on the trigger. I could see a bright gray eye twinkling through the buckhorn sight as she remarked:

"'You git, an' don't you come snoopin' roun' hyur agin. The President sent his greetin's onst before, when the old man cut some timber on Gov'ment land, an' it cost him 'bout \$100 an' mighty nigh a month in jail. Then he found out that the President didn't know nuthin' about it. If the President wants to be friendly with the ol' man, he'll have to come right hyur without sendin' no greetin's. Git'."

Turkey is Threatened.

Constantinople, Sept. 4.—It is officially announced here that Rustem Pasha, Turkish Ambassador to England, has telegraphed to the Foreign Minister that he had an interview relative to the Armenian question with Lord Salisbury, whom he had assured that the Sublime Porte is not opposed to the reforms proposed by the powers signatory to the treaty of Berlin, but that Turkey could not permit control of Armenia by an international commission.

Lord Salisbury replied that under the circumstances it would be useless to continue the interview. If, he said, the Porte persists in its refusal, the powers will undertake the suggested reforms and rest satisfied. If, however, the Porte continues to resist, Lord Salisbury added, it would be a signal for the dismemberment of Turkey. The dispatch has caused the greatest uneasiness here.

"Trust Those who Have Tried." 4

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The Cunard steamer Cephalonia was not damaged, beyond the blistering of the paint and scorching of the rail on her starboard side.

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The remainder of the \$50,000 in gifts will be distributed during September to subscribers who will tell where the word "paper" first occurs in the Bible. One thousand extra prizes of special value are to be awarded to the first 700 and last 300 persons who send a correct answer to this question and enclose \$1 to pay for a yearly subscription. Every subscriber who sends a subscription to the "Twice a Week" Republic during September and does not secure one of the 1,000 special gifts, will receive a present valued at \$1.42 4t.

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