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AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF IWAHIKO TSUMANUMA=(Thomas S. Rockrise.)

I was born in the year of 1878, June 7th. in the city of Yamagata, province of Uzen. My father was a contractor of buildings, and kept stores for supply for No. 32nd Regiment, and the hard ware store at #110 Kajimachi, Yamagata.

In the year of 1893, I was graduated from the ^{so called} district school, called Koto-Sho-Gakko. ^{which means Public School} Then, I entered to the English school at Yamagata while Mr. Henry Moore was the principal, and I studied English for two years.

At the age of eighteen I was obliged to discontinue my studies in order to assist ~~my~~ father in business. For four years I, ~~then~~, was in contractor's business and made little money, but at the end of the fourth year I lost large sum of money by miscalculating costs of them at the contract of the part of barrack at Akita, Ugonokuni. At the same town I built the Girls ^{Normal} School, while I was completing the barrack there. ^{However} The lost ^{was} too heavy for us. Finally father made me to stop my business until I know ^{something} ~~more~~ about architecture.

So, I came to Tokio, in 1899 to hunt fortune in order to make up my lost at the Akita job. I was, then, possessed of nothing save my own body. My reputation down went. Confidence flew far away from

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me as if no one even trust me for a dime. Friends were turned into strangers. Relatives became my enemy^{ies}. The hard time of seven long months most slowly passed away.

-In March, the year of 1900, all was thirty yens in my pocket went to Canton, China, with restless ambition and hope to accomplish something but all was in vain on account of the Boxer War.

Four years from thence I wandered around the different countries namely: Malay, Sumatra, India, Africa, and Europe. And at last I was drifted to United State America on the 23rd. Sept. 1904.

By means of self-supporting I entered to the Buchtel Academy at Akron, Ohio, in 1905 and graduated from this school in 1907. In the following year I entered to Buchtel College which now called Akron University. I there remained only year in studying mechanical engineering.

I passed the examination and I was admitted to enter for the Architecture Department at Syracuse University in 1908, and entered on the 29th. Sept. 1908.

In the second year I was elected for the business manager of the Cosmopolitan club at S. U. In my third year I won \$50.00 prize by the competition of designing the gate way to the Burkley Park, Syracuse, N. Y.

In my fourth year I was elected for the Vice-president of the Architecture Socceity, at S. U.

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By the faculty of the Fine Arts, S. U. granted me the membership of the Honorary Society which corresponds to Phi Beta Kappa, in other college. In June 1912 I was appointed as the Marshal for the class of '12, by Dean Parker. I was awarded the Luther Gifford Prize \$100.00 for being made the highest marks in four years at University.

The following names are architects in New York City, to whom I worked for.

- Paul and Limbrand,.....103 Park Ave., (\$18.)
- Brown and Worthman,.....18 East 28th. street(\$15.)
- Denby and Nute,.....333 Fourth Ave., (\$18.)
- Shire and Kaufmann,.....371 Fourth Ave., (\$25.)
- Lord and Burnham,.....1133 Broadway,(6.m.) (\$22.)
- Trowbridge and Livingston....527 Fifth Ave.(1.y.1)(\$25.)

This a brief out line of my passed life, I wrote on the 3rd. March, 1914.
