

Wilson Relates Adventures Of Forensic Team in Japan

Travels Among Nipponese
Outlined by Returning
Oregon Debater

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—You can't write for a paper that isn't being published, and the Christmas vacation suspension of the Emerald has delayed the report on the last six weeks of our tour for some time.

We established two records in Japan. In Tokyo we defended American absence from the League of Nations in the first debate ever held in Japan. And we spent nearly three weeks in the country without getting as much as a distant glimpse of Mt. Fujiama, the Mecca of all visitors.

For that matter we had only a day in Nara, famous for its shrines, and its tame deer roaming the streets, to devote to sight-seeing. The Japanese had been preparing for our arrival for months, and the program they had outlined for us looked like a railway timetable.

We spoke to the students at Hwansei Gakuin college at Kobe within an hour after we arrived from China. That school set the theme for the whole Japan tour with a large sign over the entrance to the campus, "WELCOME OREGON." And "Oregon" was welcomed and welcomed many times a day up until the afternoon that we sailed from Yokohama on the Taiyo Maru, bound for Honolulu.

The debate in Tokyo was the only one, participation in a half-dozen oratorical contests in Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto and Tokyo being the other headlines. Japan has acquired the habit of offering silver cups as prizes in all sorts of intercollegiate competition, and in these contests we acquired seven cups, not to mention nine medals, six pennants and a plaque. The United

States customs officials at Honolulu were all set to charge us duty on imported silverware.

Intercollegiate athletics among Japanese universities are strongly encouraged by the government as a safety valve to keep the students from indulging in the "strikes" and political intrigues that are so absorbing to Chinese students.

Apparently the university market for athletes is becoming Americanized, for we noticed rumblings of protests in the press against the "subsidizing" of outstanding players in baseball, hockey and rugby football. One large newspaper charged that free tuition and other helps were granted these players by certain universities.

The same paper complained bitterly of the soft jobs with nice salaries that were handed out to athletic stars after graduation. They used as an example a well-known baseball player who had been hired by a Tokyo music store at the high salary of \$150 a month!

That would seem a very modest salary to us, but not in Japan, where the average college graduate can expect a salary of only \$35 to \$40 a month, if he is lucky enough to find a job. At present only 40 per cent of the 35,000 men and women who graduate each year from Japanese universities can find employment.

Japanese university baseball, whether it is purely amateur or not, seems to be of a much better quality than is displayed by American colleges. While we were in Japan an American all-star team, made up of such players as Lou Gehrig, Frank Frisch, Mickey

Cochrane, and Lefty Grove, was in Japan to play a series of 13 games with Japanese university teams. They won all their games, but several they edged out by scores like 7 to 5 and 3 to 2. It is apparent why Japanese college

teams who tour America win most of their games.

Government police keep careful check on Japanese universities to suppress the expression or spread of "dangerous thoughts." Whenever a public meeting of students is held, some responsible adult must assume full responsibility for all that is said, and may be punished if police reporters feel that any remark is not strictly orthodox. Police agents were careful listeners at nearly all of our debates, and in Tokyo we received a friendly visit from an agent of the foreign police, who quizzed us to find if we believed in capitalism from Alpha to Omega, taking careful notes on all our replies to his questions.

Our two weeks in Hawaii have been a busy conclusion to seven months of travel. Nine speaking engagements, including two debates with Oregon's old debating and football rival, the University of Hawaii, kept us busy enough. In Honolulu we saw our only football game of the 1931 season when Hawaii defeated Drake university of Des Moines.

Far from being the haven of peace and safety we had looked forward to from Manchuria, Honolulu was patrolled night and day by military police and naval shore police to prevent resumption of serious trouble between navy sailors and Japanese and Filipino residents which followed an assault on a naval officer's wife. The Territory of Hawaii, next to the Panama Canal, is the most heavily fortified place under the American flag. More than 23,000 army and navy men are stationed there at all times.

Today, as we sail for home, the temperature is 80 degrees in the shade, and everyone is deserting the family Christmas trees for a swim at Waikiki Beach. Doesn't seem much like Christmas out in Honolulu.

VINCENTS HAVE CHILD

When the Emerald printed recently a list of the "campus Christmas babies," it overlooked one, the one of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Vincent. Mr. Vincent is professor of painting in the school of architecture and allied arts.

HEMPSTEAD REVIEWS HISTORY OF DEBATES

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ger of debate, the job Cliff Beckett has now. We scheduled the debate with the University of Sidney, and I signed the contract formally for the students. I wondered how we could ever return that engagement. Australia seemed so far away.

The next year Hempstead became general forensic chairman, was a member of the debating team and very interested in oratory. So interested in oratory, in fact, that he won the national World Peace prize in oratory. But the idea of a world tour was constantly in his mind. As a journalism major, he could see the news value of such a tour, and its possibilities for advertising Oregon. When he said anything about it, he met with ridicule, even with scorn, but he believed in his "fantastic notion" and finally sent out contracts, agreements, and questionnaires all over the world.

After 18 months of hard work and unprecedented planning, that world tour became a reality. In October, 1927, Walter Hempstead, Avery Thompson, and Benoit McCroskey started westward around the world. Over land and over sea they went, to India, Egypt, Hawaii, China, Japan, literally all over the world. And at 5:55 on Friday, April 20, 1928, the first collegiate round-the-world debating team was greeted with the University band in "resplendent green and yellow uniforms" (to quote the Emerald of that date) and a big rally when they stepped off the Shasta.

Robert Miller was a sophomore, too, when he came to Hempstead in the fall of 1930. "Say, Hempstead," Miller told him, "I want to know what chance there is to send a debate team on another big tour around the world."

Hempstead says that he stood and looked at Miller for a while before he could answer, remembering the work and worry that that first world tour had cost him. "That's been done, Miller," he said, "several times. Several teams have followed us." He explained that it cost too much to go by land, but that a Pacific Basin tour would allow sea travel, which is much cheaper.

Furthermore, Bob, that will attract more dramatic attention than a world debate tour, because it has never been done before, Oregon is right on the center of the Pacific coast, and Oregon's administration has specially encouraged that sort of thing, as evidenced by the museum and the Murray Warner essay contest.

So the idea of the Pacific Basin debate tour began to grow into reality out of the experience of the debaters who made the first world tour.

From that time on, their experience largely paralleled the experience of its pioneers, but the trail had already been broken, if only roughly, and though there were many seemingly insurmountable obstacles of a practical nature,

Welcomes



Julius L. Meier, governor of the state of Oregon, who welcomed the good-will debaters on their arrival in San Francisco from Honolulu.

Law Body Slates Gathering To Plan Legal Publication

Editing Work on Quarterly
Review Expected To
Begin Soon

The student editorial work for the next quarterly issue of the Oregon Law Review will probably begin to take form immediately after a meeting of all students of the law school in room 105 Oregon at 3 o'clock today.

With the purpose of introducing, especially to first year law students, the method of writing student material for this legal publication, Charles G. Howard, editor-in-chief, will preside.

Every law student is given an opportunity, with cases provided, to work over material. An average of six to eight of these articles are accepted each issue, being passed by faculty members and the editor-in-chief.

Each student whose articles have been accepted for publication will automatically be placed on the student editorial board.

Prof. Howard emphasized the value of working on case notes for this, "the extra-curricular activity of the law school," as a way of "discovering exceptional talent in students, and promoting enthusiasm in a practical work, as well as providing material through the law publication to be utilized by practicing lawyers of the bar association and a means of throwing new light on old cases."

though even when the team set out it had no funds at all available, owing to the peculiar financial embarrassment of the student body, such difficulties were finally overcome by Miller and his carefully chosen colleagues.

"The Pacific Basin Good Will tour," as it was finally named, "is a masterpiece of planning," Hempstead declared. "From a diplomatic standpoint far more was done than we were able to do on our trip. They have been actually ambassadors of good will. The tour is certainly a success beyond our fondest hopes."

Ralph C. Hoebler helped a great deal with the coaching, and Hempstead expressed his appreciation to Dean James H. Gilbert for his imaginative influence with administrative matters, and to Burt Brown Barker, Governor Meier, the Pendleton and Eugene Odd Fellows, the Portland East Side commercial club, chamber of commerce, and Oregon Dads, for financial support and efforts to aid the Good Will team practically.

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HEILIG — "The Dreyfus Case," starring Cedric Hardwicke. Showing for the last time today.

COLONIAL — "Monkey Business," and the four Marx brothers. Showing till Saturday.



Cedric Hardwicke and Beatrix Thomson who are appearing in "The Dreyfus Case," showing at the Heilig for the last time today.

Historic Film at Heilig

One of the most accurate historical pictures recently filmed is "The Dreyfus Case," which is showing at the Heilig for the last time today.

The original plot from which this picture is constructed was so dramatic in its own way that nothing additional was needed to make it a powerful film.

Cedric Hardwicke as Dreyfus and Beatrix Thomson as his wife are not up to the highest standard as far as acting goes, and for that reason the picture proves somewhat boring to one not familiar with this justly famous case of misguided justice.

Marx Brothers at Colonial

Whether you are taking one of these musical appreciation courses or not you will find at least one type of music in this "Monkey Business," that will appeal to you—what shall we say—sensibilities? Still sensibilities is a poor word because that is one thing that these four comedians are not. Anyway you will feel like rallying all the time after you have seen them.

"Rainbow Trail," at McDonald "Rainbow Trail," starring George O'Brien and Cecilia Parker is showing at the Fox McDonald today and tomorrow.

Bob Steele at State "South of Santa Fe," with Bob Steele is making its first appearance on the State screen today and Saturday.

LANDROS READS PAPER

Mrs. Edna V. Landros, instructor in Greek and Latin, read a paper before the Classical division at the Oregon State Teachers' association held in Portland during the Christmas holidays. The title of her paper was "Unemployment and Prosperity at Athens in the Fifth Century."

Japan-American Trade Increases Despite War

In the fourth anniversary of the Japanese-American Courier, published at Seattle on New Year's day, there appeared an article by Dr. John R. Mez, professor of economics and political science in the University dealing with the trade between the United States and Japan.

Professor Mez writes that despite the Japanese exclusion, the trade between the two countries had shown considerable increase,

and it is to be expected that the bond of friendship between the Americans and Japanese will be made much stronger.

Dunn Addresses Meeting On Militarism of Cicero

Frederic S. Dunn, chairman of the U. of O. department of Latin, spoke at the annual meeting of the northern section of the Classical Association of the Pacific States, which was held in Seattle December 31. His subject was, "The Militarism of M. Tullius Cicero."

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No Need ---

To wait for spring—it's already here! "Seeing's believing," you say? All right, then, come down to the University Florist, on Thirteenth, and see for yourself! Here's gay tulips—to brighten any dark corner. And jaunty yellow daffodils—they'll make the gloomiest day brighter. And hyacinths, in lovely shades, are so fragrant and last for a long time. Any of these spring flowers will make your room much more attractive—try them!



The Social Calendar ---

Will be out soon. Look it over. Then think over your wardrobe. Have you just the right thing to wear each time? Have you just the right jewelry for each dress? Come to Laraway's Jewelry Store, on Wilamette, and let them help you. If they don't have exactly what you want, they'll order it for you. Take advantage of their service and outfit yourself for the term.

Probably ---

One of your New Year's resolutions was to look your very best every day! Start off right by coming to the Angeline Dress Shop, on Broadway, for your clothes, and you can't help but look your best. Why? Because they have the best-looking clothes for the lowest prices! You can outfit yourself in a stunning school-dress or look ravishing in a dance frock and still have enough of your allowance left for some of their clever hats!



Mesh's In

With mesh hose leading as smartest of all this season! The beauty of them is, of course, that they're equally good with sport suits and dress frocks when they are made of silk. At Buster Brown's Shoe Store, 933 Willamette, you'll find marvelous-looking mesh silk hose for \$1 a pair! Sounds too good to be true. You'll want at least two pair in the new shades.

Resolve ---

To start the New Year with the best school supplies. The Oregon Pharmacy, across from the College Side, has exactly what you want. Notebooks, fillers, ink, fountain pens. And stationery for the letters home. Also typewriters for sale or rent. And remember the Pharmacy is the campus agency for Western Union. Buy delicious Miss Saylor's and Whitman's chocolates here, too.

Unusual

With the color and charm of China's former splendor are the lovely bits of imported jewelry that "Sue" has found for you. Imagine—no two pieces alike, all individual and so worth having. Earrings, pendants, and rings as exotic as you could wish. At the Oriental Art Shop, in the Eugene hotel building. Some smart-looking costume jewelry, too, now at half-price! Just the pieces for your new sport frock!

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