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JAPANESE FOUND TO BE FRIENDLY, LIKABLE PEOPLE

They Are Industrious Tillers of Every Available Foot of Soil.

Hotel Boys Take Good Care of Money Accidentally Left by Athlete.

The recital by Ralph Spearow of some of his experiences in Japan, given at Sunday evening's service at the Presbyterian church, was intensely interesting. Edited into abbreviated form, it was as follows:

"I have not brought back any idea that I am now fully qualified to give a complete analysis of the Japanese mind or to speak with any degree of authority upon their economic, political and religious problems as a nation. What I shall say in these connections I hope will be accepted as mere opinion for it is only in that spirit that I give them.

"I think, however, that in the short time that I was there I had the opportunity, because of the singular circumstances under which my visit was made, to see much more of Japan than is seen by the ordinary tourist or person who merely touches at her ports.

"Social avenues were opened to us that reached to the royal family itself. Everywhere we were received with the utmost hospitality and courtesy. Our itinerary took us to all corners of the empire.

"I was impressed by the attitude of the resident foreigner toward the Japanese people. I discovered that the information which I received from that source was always more reliable than the opinions of fellow tourists.

"The foreign population in Japan represents practically all the walks of life found in any American business community. In cities like Tokyo, Osaka and Kobe there are several thousand Americans, Englishmen, etc., engaged in teaching, missionary work, newspaper enterprises and the other fields of business. Some of these people have been there for upwards of 40 years and say they like it. I met several who had been there only a few months, just when home-sickness is usually at its worst, and when I asked them if they were looking forward to the time when their contract would be up and they could return home, almost without exception, they replied that they liked it there and intended to return if they did go home. This of course does not mean that they have lost any of their love for the land of their birth but it does mean they found things quite different from what they expected.

"Japan has undergone a great change in the last decade. Her foreign commerce, which means

now outside contact, has almost trebled; her school system has been improved until she is now the first nation of the earth in literacy, having an average of over 96%. Thousands of her young men have been educated in the universities of the United States and Europe, which is giving her a new leadership. The effect of outside education in the orient is growing each year and few people realize that Woo, the leader of the federal forces of China, is a Yale graduate.

"Japan today is a different Japan from the one of a few years ago. Impressions taken a decade or two ago are valuable only as history.

"Another reason why there is such a difference in the attitude of the American who has never been to Japan and the foreigner who has lived among the Japanese is that we see here only the lower class of Japanese.

"The industry of the natives was brought forcefully to my attention. Even here they take almost any kind of land and make it bloom like a garden. In their own country this is even more true. While their methods of cultivation are crude, they utilize every foot of ground from the seashore to the highest point on the sides of the mountains where it is possible to get water for their rice fields. These plots range from a few square feet to several acres. Those who are not farmers work in the cities and it is an interesting sight to see the men and oxen toiling together at a heavy load piled high on one of the two-wheeled carts as they slowly make their way along the crowded streets.

"We hear many reports about the dishonesty of the Japanese. I found it to be quite to the contrary. As an example, one of the men with whom I was touring the country, Mr. Scholz, had left over \$200 in his clothes in the hotel at Tokyo when we went north to Sendai. It was in the form of American currency and to write the hotel about it would have called undue attention to it. When we returned the money was safe. A room boy had noticed the currency sticking out of a vest pocket and had moved it to the watch pocket of the trousers for safety.

"One of the things that made the greatest impression upon me was the courtesy with which the Japanese treat, not only strangers, but one another. While in Tokyo I was taken out to see the baseball match between the Meiji and the Keio universities. It was a 10 or 11-inning game and the score was 2 to 1. Many times the decisions of the umpire were made under trying circumstances and yet there was not a word of objection from the players.

"Everywhere we went we were treated with the utmost deference. The opening day of the Meiji Shrine stadium found us in the box of the royal family. When the Finnish and American national anthems were played the great crowd of over 30,000 people stood with heads uncovered while a hush settled over the stadium.

"Every Japanese we met expressed his gratitude to us for the help this country gave following the earthquake.

"The Japanese are a very religious people by nature. They have a devotion to their gods that must be admired by all who observe it. The faithfulness with which they attend to their religious duties would put many a Christian to shame.

"The university men were very much interested in learning about the Christian points of view. They have given up their old religion because it stood in the road of progress and have been reluctant about taking of a new one until they are sure that it will not be equally impeding to progress.

In concluding Mr. Spearow explained the reaction of the Japanese to the recent exclusion act. The better class felt hurt, in some cases insulted, but there was no desire for retaliation. The demon-

Mr. and Mrs. Adams Are Surprised

The recent announcement of the marriage a month before of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Adams was a complete surprise to their friends, but the surprise of friends was mild compared to the surprise of Mrs. Atkinson to learn, in the public press, that she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Atkinson. The parents given her by the types have not been heard from, but The Sentinel has no hesitancy in saying that they also were taken unawares.

Mrs. Adams' father was John Atkinson, a cousin of George Atkinson. He died here several years ago. Robert Atkinson, a brother of Mrs. Adams, is a frequent visitor here. The mother is now a resident of Portland, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Adams, who hopes to soon be able to give up her position there.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams are in such a happy frame of mind over their bargain that The Sentinel got off easy for its indiscriminate way of sorting out parents for newlyweds.

County's Road Bonds Bring Premium

Lane county road bonds are in demand and bring a good price, according to the bids opened yesterday by the county court on a \$200,000 issue.

The highest bid was a premium of \$9374 offered by the National City company of New York and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, of San Francisco.

There were a score of other bidders, and all bids were good, declared members of the court. Judge Barnard and Commissioners Crowe and Hurd stated that this is the highest premium ever received on a similar block of road bonds.

American Legion Nominates

Calvin T. Funk post, American Legion, has nominated officers as follows: Commander, Herman Edwards; vice commander, W. H. Daugherty; adjutant, George J. Willett; finance officer, Ray Nelson; chaplain, C. C. Cronson; historian, Peter Nelson; sergeant-at-arms, W. S. McCaleb and L. A. Rhodes. The annual election will be held December 15, but the only contest will be for sergeant-at-arms, for which position there are two nominees.

Kirk Found Guilty in Second Trial

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 3.—Harry W. Kirk, former special prohibition officer, was found guilty today on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon on Lyle Roadman, a local hotel employe, and was fined \$500.

Roadman alleged that Kirk was intoxicated when he attempted to make the arrest. Kirk claimed that he did not fire at Roadman; that the bullet which struck Roadman was deflected.

This was the second trial of the case, the jury disagreeing in the first trial.

Lynn Hollow, Dec. 2.—(Special).—Four carloads of Christmas trees have been shipped from Walker to San Francisco. Most of them were cut here.

Stratons reported in the newspapers were by the radical element and Spearow learned of cases where Japanese students actually acted as bodyguards for their American friends.

Mr. Spearow will continue the story of his experiences at Sunday evening's service and will later give a motion picture lecture.

Lying is no sin, Mr. Spearow found, among the Japanese, unless being caught at it results in "losing face."



Gildersleve Girl Is Drowned in Canada

Silk Creek, Dec. 3.—(Special).—Ella May Gildersleve, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gildersleve, was drowned November 22 at Channel Island, B. C., according to word which has reached here. No one saw the accident but it was thought she was playing on a boom pole and slipped into the water.

The funeral was held at Channel Island. Ella May was born while her parents were residents here. Besides the parents, two sisters and three brothers survive.

Vern Garoutte Is Big Potato Grower

Vern Garoutte doesn't wish to see the editor of The Sentinel recognized as the only grower of big potatoes, which inspired his presentation to the editor of a potato that was larger than any raised in the editorial garden. The editorial family used the potato before its weight was taken, but it must have weighed not less than four pounds. Vern said it weighed six, which would make an actual weight of about four correct.

California Plates Not Good in Oregon

Oregonians who go to California and buy the low-priced automobile licenses in that state the first of the year, then return and continue to use these plates, will be requested to also purchase Oregon licenses, say the state traffic officers.

Even though it is near the close of the year, one Eugene man who had been in California for some time and returned about the middle of the year, was called upon Tuesday by Earl Humphrey, state traffic officer, and was requested to take out an Oregon license for half a year. The car owner gave the officer \$17, which is the half-year fee on his make of car.

Another Eugene man, who returned during the summer with California license plates, was sought by Mr. Humphrey Tuesday but could not be found.

Club Leader, County Agent Restored

The office of county club leader and rural school supervisor will be restored next year, according to announcement of the members of the county budget committee after they had voted to adopt the budget of County School Superintendent E. J. Moore.

Superintendent Moore, with this in mind, added \$1650 to his budget of \$4000 for last year and the item was accepted with little discussion. The county will pay \$1600 toward the salary and expenses of the club leader and the federal government, through the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college, will give \$800.

The county rural school supervisor, who also acted as club leader, was dropped from the county pay rolls when E. M. Sharp and L. N. Roney, ex-county commissioners, who were afterward recalled, obtained control of the court nearly two years ago. Along with the school supervisor the county agricultural agent was dropped. This office, too, will be restored by the present court, the general fund budget as agreed upon a few days ago containing an item for the salary attached to the office.

Willett Car Stolen

A Buick car owned by George J. Willett, of this city, was stolen Saturday from a street in Roseburg, where Mr. Willett had gone on business. He has gotten no trace of it. The car was left un-

TAX IN LANE LOWER THAN ELSEWHERE

Expenditures Are Held Low Despite Big Increase in Cost of Everything.

Other counties are budgeting more money for roads and bridges than is Lane county, according to figures received by County Judge Barnard. The statements from several counties show that each one has a more extensive road and bridge program than is mapped out here and that the taxpayers of Lane county are faring well in the matter of expenditures for these purposes.

Judge Barnard said: "We expect to raise for roads and bridges, including one-half of the two mills for bridges voted by the people, which is all we expect to use during 1925, about \$189,212. Our budget for general fund, including roads and bridges, is, in round numbers, \$327,500.

"Coos county general fund is \$126,647; roads and bridges, \$208,902, total \$335,548. Valuation three-fifths of Lane county. Clackamas has budgeted for general road purposes \$200,000, bridges \$40,000 and machinery \$26,900, with about three-fourths our valuation and about the same bonded indebtedness in proportion. Linn county has reduced her budget for general county purposes, including roads, but is still about \$9,000 above Lane county's budget for the same purposes, with about three-fourths our valuation. Umatilla county, with a 30 per cent greater valuation than Lane county, raises about 60 per cent more money for the same purposes.

"There is still delinquent on the taxes that should have been paid in 1923 about 7 per cent of the total of state and county tax.

"Lane county is growing very rapidly, but the county court, as the records will show, is getting along with about an average of the past 10 years, notwithstanding the fact that wages and materials have nearly doubled and the large increase in macadam roads. The fund for maintenance should be enough to protect our investment and we should have \$60,000 to properly maintain the roads which we have built at so large an expense, but our increase in new valuation should take care of our increasing expenses."

Sage & Olson Leases Are Sold

Sage & Olson Brothers, promoters of the Guaranty Oil company which is operating here and in Eugene, have filed papers at the office of the county clerk assigning 2 1/2 per cent of the ownership of 52 oil leases in Lane county that are controlled by the company to J. Lewis Johnson. The leases total approximately 5000 acres. Mr. Johnson has been with the local company and was instrumental in obtaining many of the leases. The assignment was signed some time back but the papers have just been filed.

Boggie Formerly Lived Here

Clarence Boggie, former deputy sheriff of Linn county, who has been apprehended as one of the participants in the recent robbery of the Shedd bank, is a former resident of this section and was employed for some time in lumber camps on Row river.

Mrs. Winifred Receives Insurance

Mrs. Winnie Winifred, of Roseburg, has received a \$1,000 check from the Woodmen of the World in payment of the insurance on the life of her husband, Robert Winifred, who committed suicide recently.

His Nimble Brush Gives Personality to Dolls

Dolls, to be alluring and real happiness makers for little girls, must have "personality" in their makeup. So says Harry Polgnar, who claims the distinction of being the only doll artist in Maryland and one of the few in America.

Polgnar loves his work of painting and he terms it, giving "personality" to hundreds of dolls, each week. Eyebrows, carmine lips, rosy cheeks—these are his artistry. They make the doll attractive—just like the real girls of today dress up their eyebrows, lips and cheeks.

Photo shows Polgnar at work in his studio at Baltimore.

COUNTY FARM CENSUS HAS STARTED

Having Information All Ready Will Reduce Expense of Enumeration.

The taking of the farm census of Lane county started Monday from Second district headquarters in Eugene. The district includes the counties of Lane, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Coos and Curry.

Ralph P. Laird, supervisor for the district, has issued the following instructions to his deputies: "In reporting the grain crops harvested for the year 1924, both the acreage and quantity harvested must be reported. The acreage for the several hay crops are to be reported separately and the total quantity in tons of all hay crops must be given.

"In reporting dairy products sold, there must be reported the total amount of milk produced in 1924 in gallons; butter made on the farm for the year; butterfat sold; cream sold not on the butterfat basis, the quantity to be given in gallons; whole milk sold not on a butterfat basis, in gallons. There also must be reported the number of dozens of eggs produced for the year.

If farmers will prepare themselves to answer the necessary questions the work required in taking the census and the expense will be greatly lessened.

District Attorney Is Sued

Jerome Workman, a former Eugene attorney, now engaged in farming at Woodburn, has filed suit in circuit court against Clyde N. Johnston, district attorney of Lane county, seeking a judgment in the sum of \$133 alleged due for 90 law books sold by Workman to Johnston.

Springs Company Sued

Alleging that there is money due on the sale of a motor truck, A. A. Johnson yesterday began suit against the Calapooza Springs company, seeking a judgment in the sum of \$240, with interest and \$50 attorney fee.

J. C. HENRY, FORMER RESIDENT, SUICIDES

Serious Illness of Wife and Worry of Indebtedness Are the Reasons Given.

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 1.—J. C. Henry, an extensive property owner here and partner in a large garage business, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head today. It was believed that the serious illness of his wife and debts caused the act. Mr. Henry owned property worth a great deal more than the amount of his indebtedness according to his friends.

Two letters—one to his father-in-law, W. F. Carter, the other to his wife, Mrs. Alma Henry—explained the reasons for the tragedy. Mr. Henry, who was 42 years old, lived with his father-in-law, Mrs. Henry suffering from a serious illness, is at a hospital. News of her husband's death was withheld from her because physicians believed it would affect her detrimentally.

In his letter to his wife Mr. Henry wrote: "Aside from you and your welfare life holds emptiness and a continuous hard grind for existence from the cradle to the grave. Indeed, I believe this is more or less true in most cases.

"Left an orphan at the age of 6 years, there have been very few days when I felt free from care and worry, hardships and struggling for existence."

Mr. Henry was in the garage business here a number of years ago at the present location of Beidler's store.

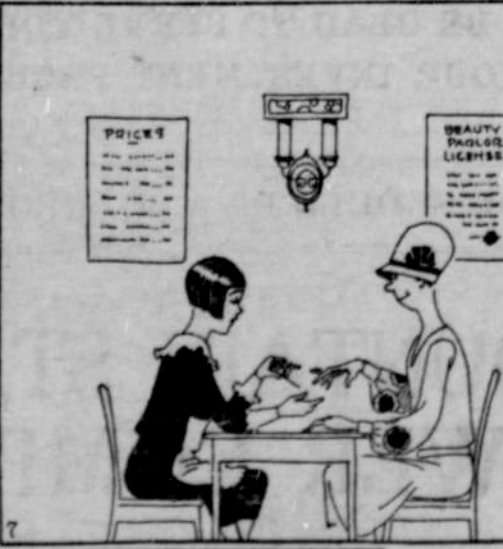
Graves Found Neglected

A number of graves at the A. F. & A. M. I. O. O. F. cemetery need immediate attention, according to the members of the women's relief corps, who visited the cemetery recently and have given attention to a number of graves of old soldiers. A number of graves have sunken and need filling up, the women reported.

WHAT'S THE USE

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Beauty—What Crimes Are Committed in Thy Name



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We have extended our seventh annual subscription offer 8 days (to December 8), so that any who may have permitted the matter to slip their minds can not say that they did not have full opportunity to take advantage of it. After December 8 the rate will be \$3 by mail and \$3.25 by carrier the year. Until December 8 subscribers may pay up to next November at the rate of \$2.25. Arrearages should be figured at 19c for each month and \$2.25 added for a year in advance. This is the very last call.

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