

### CHIEF OF JAPANESE STORES OPTIMISTIC

#### Merchant Visiting Here Hopeful Regarding Future.

### SOME COMPARISONS MADE

#### Mercantile Establishments of Tokio Similar to Those of U. S. and Have Their Problems.

If the every-day sandal worn by the people of Japan cost as much as American-made shoes in these days of Palmer investigations, there is no doubt that the industrial accident commission—if there be such in the land of cherry blossoms—would have the management of a Japanese department store as an extremely hazardous occupation.

But the Japanese sandal is a moderately-priced gear for the pedal extremities, and T. Asabuki, directing head of the Mitsukoshi company of Tokio, one of the largest department stores in the orient, has a happy, care-free expression which betrays his mood. It is only too evident that he is not even a distant relative of Old Man Worry.

In Japan it is a custom, handed down through the ages, that upon entering a building people must remove their shoes. The department store is no exception to this rule.

**Check Problem Big One.**

"One of our big problems is the operation of a check room for customers' shoes," said Mr. Asabuki yesterday at the Multnomah hotel, where he and Mrs. Asabuki have been guests for several days while visiting in Portland.

"We have an average of 25,000 customers every day and to take care of their shoes and return them without confusion or mistake is a real undertaking. Of course, mistakes sometimes are made but with us the customer is always in the right."

Imagine the anxiety of an American banker's wife leaving her \$25 slippers in a department store check room and at the end of her shopping receiving from the check boy a pair of \$1.69 pumps belonging to her Scandinavian chamber-maid!

And what a nuisance that check room for shoes would be to the colored hat-boy in an American hotel. It would be just as tipping him a first rounder as the Woolworth building plus carte blanche to the government mint.

**Tipping Not Permitted.**

"But we do not allow our check room employees to receive tips," said Mr. Asabuki with a knowing smile. "Such a practice is absolutely forbidden."

Despite the problem of the check room, which handles an average of 50,000 shoes or sandals a day, the department store manager or owner has escaped the troubles that beset the American retailer. In Japan they do not have herds of women shoppers elbowing each other out of points of vantage at the counter or jabbing each other with hat-pins to get the first pick from the sales tables.

"In America," he noticed that about 99 out of every 100 customers in your department stores are women," said the Tokio visitor, who is a man, but is different. At least half of our customers are men, and men, being the same the world over, naturally are easier to please."

**Some Comparisons Made.**

During his visit in Portland Mr. Asabuki has visited the several department stores to make comparisons between this country and his homeland. Except for groceries, he says his store at Tokio carries the same lines of goods as in this country, and the store of which he is the head compares favorably in size with the largest store in the city.

Concerning the financial panic now prevailing throughout Japan, he has no serious fear. In fact, he expressed the belief that a depression would be a good thing for the country. He expects business conditions to right themselves within a few months.

Several months ago at Tokio Mr. Asabuki and Mrs. Asabuki attended a lecture given by Samuel Hill, who told of the beauties of the Columbia river highway, and immediately upon their arrival they were anxious to make this scenic trip. They went out the highway Tuesday as guests of Julius L. Meier.

**Company 250 Years Old.**

The Mitsukoshi company, of which he is now the head, is 250 years old. It employs 3500 people and does an average daily business of \$100,000, he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Asabuki will leave this morning for New York. After visiting eastern cities they will sail for London, Paris and other cities on the continent before returning home. They will be accompanied as far as Boston by Miss T. Nakamura, who will enter a girls' college there this fall.

**TRIBUTE PAID AINSWORTH**

Ad Club Friends Regret Departure of Banker.

Regret was expressed by members of the ad club at their regular weekly luncheon yesterday at the Benson hotel on the departure of H. B. Ainsworth, vice-president of the United States National bank, for San Francisco, where he will take a similar position with the Wells-Fargo Nevada bank. John A. Keating proposed for Mr. Ainsworth's vacant spot a good word which was heartily accorded.

In reply Mr. Ainsworth thanked the club for its tribute and expressed cordial regard for the organization and the host of friends he had found in its personnel.

Urging all present to do their utmost to aid the state chamber of commerce in its drive for additional funds, Harold Simmons described the good work accomplished. "Oregon must put this plan across, because it is her great chance to help an organization devoted to a higher, better commercial state," he said.

Judge Jacob Kantelawich with "Recreation in the Forests" as his subject, favored a union of the departments of agriculture and the interior.

Violin selections were given during the hour by Robert Louis Barron.

**Alifala Cutting Begins.**

**TAKIMA, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)**—The first cutting of alfalfa already is under way in some of the districts of the lower Yakima valley, according to the report of J. E. Littel of the Yakima project. Contracts have been made covering a considerable portion of the first crop at prices around \$25 a ton. The expectation of growers is that the 1920 hay market will open and continue on high levels.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

### COCTY FEELS

**A**N INTERESTING bit of romance is the marriage of Miss Dorothy Gilbert of Chicago and Earl S. Tummy of Medford, which will be solemnized at noon today in Trinity Episcopal church. The bride, an attractive and talented girl, came west to be the guest of her friend, Mrs. Gerald Sooyemith, and while in Oregon she decided to stay on route and visit Mrs. William Sooyemith, a prominent resident of Medford. While she was there society entertained for the Chicago girl with dinners and teas and at one of these she met Mr. Tummy. Their engagement followed and the bride-elect came to Portland and sent for her mother, Mrs. Charles C. Gilbert, who arrived in Portland Tuesday night and who will give her daughter in marriage.

The bride is a member of a prominent eastern family. Mr. Tummy is in the automobile business in Medford, but he formerly resided in Minneapolis, where he has a wide circle of friends. While in Medford Miss Gilbert was a guest of honor at a smart affair given by Mrs. Frank Gleibert Owen, formerly of Portland. The couple will make their home in southern Oregon after the wedding trip. Dr. A. K. Morrison will officiate at the wedding and there will be present a small group of intimate friends. A breakfast will be served at the Portland hotel.

Miss Mary Bacon has set June 15 as the date for her marriage to Charles T. Olmstead of Cleveland, O. The ceremony will be solemnized in the bride's home, the residence of her aunt, Mrs. Dallas Bache, of Portland Heights. Miss Elizabeth Bacon will be her sister's only attendant.

Mrs. W. T. Sexton and Billy Sexton Jr. have arrived from Philadelphia and are at the Portland hotel prior to their departure for their home in Rose City Park. Mr. Sexton is traffic manager for the Columbia-Pacific shipping company.

Miss Isabelle Collin of Yreka, Cal., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Philip Manser Collin, at the Multnomah hotel.

St. David's parish house, East Morrison and East Twelfth streets, will be the scene of a vaudeville and informal dancing party this evening by the members of the Girls' friendly society of the parish. The committee in charge of the affair is working hard to make it a success and the society is practically an organization in this city which will probably be the forerunner of many other similar parties.

The patrons and patronesses will be Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins, Mrs. E. J. Jenkins, Barbara J. Jenkins, S. E. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Mackie, Mr. and Mrs. J. Muckle, Mr. and Mrs. F. Strickland and Mr. and Mrs. Eccles.

Those taking part in the affair are the Misses Alice Bullman, Gladys and Bess Brown, Viola and Gladys Banks, Leola Craig, Doris Hennington, Mildred Fallam, Marlon and Ruth Jensen, the Misses Mary and Gladys Kattelman, Dorothy Rhodie, Gwendolyn Stevens, Gladys Shourst, Marjory Todd, Dorothy and Susan Taylor and Nina Young.

**BAKER, Or., May 26.—(Special.)**—Mrs. Mabel Steele and her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Steele, were quietly married yesterday by Rev. Owen P. Jones, pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal church. The newlyweds left at the close of the ceremony for their home in Baker, where they will reside in the near future.

**BAKER, Or., May 26.—(Special.)**—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Mabel Steele and Mr. E. J. Steele. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Steele, prominent business men of Baker.

Attractive in its every detail was the bride-tea given yesterday by the college club at the Portland Heights clubhouse for the benefit of the University of Oregon woman's building fund. A smartly gotten-up assemblage of maids and matrons from the country, to practice, at the afternoon (bride), and additional guests dropped in for tea. Flowers of early summer bloom were the chief feature presided over by prominent society matrons.

The king of England has sent a citation to a Portland woman, and this evening at the meeting of the Canadian Veterans' association in the Manchester building this citation will be presented, but the name of the honored matron is to be kept a secret until the auspicious moment. There also will be the presentation of the military cross to the next of kin of the late Mrs. Buchanan. The Canadian veterans will have a concert tonight in addition to being able to witness the regular dance which will be held at the hall, 55 1/2 Fifth street, when excellent music and a happy reunion will be the feature of the evening.

The women's auxiliary to the Travelers' Protective association is to hold its regular monthly dancing party at the Multnomah hotel on Saturday evening, May 29. This will be the last dance of a series given by the auxiliary. Special music has been provided for this event, and all friends of the Travelers' Protective association are invited to attend.

Society is planning to go to the Little theater Saturday night to witness the production of Bernard Shaw's

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enlivening comedy, "You Never Can Tell," which will be presented by the Portland Drama league under the skilled direction of Nina Louise Greatheart. The play provokes laughter and excites amused attention throughout, and the Jefferson high school players who are presenting the comedy vary with rare ease, sparkle and intelligence. "You Never Can Tell" promises an exceptional entertainment and pleasure. The curtain will be drawn at 8:20.

Mrs. George W. Warren and Mrs. C. S. Stone of Warrenton will entertain at the opening of the Anne Davenport tea room at Seaside Sunday and Friday with a luncheon. Invitations have been sent to 175 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Varnel Beach have gone east for a trip, and on route home will go to Texas for the wedding of Elizabeth Menefee and Theodore Wilcox Jr.

Mrs. Cameron Squires, in addition to her interest in the Rose Festival, is preparing some features for the society vaudeville to be presented at the Heilig June 9. Miss Mayme Helen Flynn is general chairman for the vaudeville.

All is in readiness for the May festival and dance to be given this evening at Cathedral hall by the Daughters of Isabella, the proceeds to be used in furnishing the cottage at Seaside which the Daughters recently leased to afford their members a vacation at the smallest possible cost. Miss Genevieve Ryan, president of the Daughters, heads the committee on arrangements for the festival and a programme of picturesque attractions has been arranged, including solo and dramatic readings, vocal solos and a beautiful Maypole dance. Miss Madeline Steffen of Reed college has agreed to be the soloist and in the various figures many attractive costumes will be introduced. Fifty girls are participating. The soloists will be Mrs. Rose Friede-Gianelli, M. J. Brennan and George Hennessey.

Twenty dancing will follow. The patronesses for the evening are: Mrs. Barr Coffey, Mrs. E. Harold, Mrs. J. J. Burke, Mrs. W. J. Kelly, Mrs. Agnes Carney, Mrs. Agnes Sullivan, Mrs. Leo Cummins. Tickets, which are 50 cents, may be had from any member of the committee or at the Catholic Women's league headquarters, 287 1/2 Washington street.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Waldo Coe will leave today for the east and will sail from New York in June for a visit abroad.

Tomorrow evening the Irvington club will be the scene of a benefit dance to be given to raise funds to pay some obligations of long standing of the club. From the money raised from this dance and from the Irvington-Alameda baseball game to be held on Multnomah field Saturday afternoon, June 5, the club hopes to realize enough to pay off all old obligations.

The affair is to include guests from all parts of the city, and will be informal. Tickets are \$2 a couple, but many men interested in the welfare of the club have paid many times that amount to help the fund grow. It is the desire of the club to have a dance floor as well as the clubhouse floor.

Members of the committee in charge of the dance are: Mrs. J. L. Bowler, Mrs. J. P. Miller, Mrs. F. C. Pelter, Mrs. A. J. Stewart, Mrs. G. N. Peetee, Mrs. J. S. Martin, Mrs. J. P. Kittinger, Mrs. W. H. Gullers.

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**Women's Activities**

East Side Lavender club, branch No. 1, is to entertain with its quarterly birthday luncheon tomorrow in the East Side Business Men's club room, Grand avenue and East Alder. Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock, followed by a business meeting and the social hour will be concluded by dancing the Virginia reel.

The Portland Business Women's club will hold its regular weekly luncheon meeting today at the Young Women's Christian association at 12 o'clock. There will be a special programme. Every member is urged to come.

The regular monthly luncheon of the P. E. O. chapters is to be held in the East Side Business Men's club room on Friday at 12:30 P. M.

Sisters of Israel Benevolent society will meet this afternoon at 8 o'clock in the B'nai B'rith building for their last regular meeting before the fall session.

Children of the Fulton Park school are to present the "Died Piper of Hamelin," Friday evening at 8 o'clock to the assembly of the school. Many other features are also included in the programme.

Officers to serve for the coming year in the Portland Business Women's club will be elected at its meeting today in room A, Central library at 2 o'clock. All the members are urged to be present and all outstanding reports will also be read.

Peninsula Park Lavender club will



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session. A programme has been prepared which will be followed by a social hour. Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy will speak at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Company E auxiliary, 152d infantry, will meet with Mrs. E. P. Sudeh, 829 East Tenth street North, today for an all-day meeting. Take Irvington car

**WOMEN'S CLUB CALENDAR.**

Sisters of Israel Benevolent society, B'nai B'rith building, 2 P. M.

Peninsula Lavender club, Field home, 1 P. M.

Portland Woman's Social Science club, room A, central library, 2 P. M.

Portland Business Women's club, Y. W. C. A. tearoom, 12:30 P. M.

Company F auxiliary, 162d infantry, 629 East Tenth street, all day.

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Mrs. T. C. Allison, president of the Waverly Baby Home, called a get-together meeting of the trustees and advisory board on Tuesday in the Hotel Portland. The gathering included Dr. Bilderback, Dr. Patrick and Dr. A. W. Moore, who each gave a short talk on "Why a New Baby Home Building Is an Immediate Necessity."

Retay Ross tent No. 1, Daughters of Veterans, will hold their regular meeting this evening at 8 o'clock in room 555, courthouse.

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Oak Grove-Milwaukie Social Service club will meet today at 2 P. M. at the home of Mrs. J. T. Link.

Members of the auxiliary to the American Legion are conducting a membership drive with no limit as to the number of new members desired. Meetings of the auxiliary are held in the gray parlors of the Multnomah hotel every first and third Monday at 8 o'clock.

**HOOD RIVER, Or., May 26.—(Special.)**—At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Griffith, Miss Lucy Griffith yesterday afternoon became the bride of Robert Turnbull, A. Whorlow, a neighbor and Mormon elder, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull will make their home for the time being at Arlington, where the former is engaged in construction work. The wedding was attended only by members of the family and close friends.

**HOOD RIVER, Or., May 26.—(Special.)**—Local friends have received announcements of the wedding of Miss Leola Kelsay, former resident of this city and The Dalles, to Jean George Hall at Holtville, Cal., on Wednesday, May 12. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will make their home in Holtville, where Mr. Hall is cashier of the First National bank.

**BAKER, Or., May 26.—(Special.)**—At the MacDowell club last night Mrs. Louis Levinger was unanimously

elected for president. Mrs. Percy Brock was re-elected vice-president. Mrs. T. B. Perkins was elected secretary, and Miss Alva Smith treasurer.

**RENT INQUIRY TO RESUME**

Mayor Promises to Call Committee Within Next Few Days.

A meeting of the committee on rent profiteering in Portland will be called by Mayor Baker, chairman, within a few days, according to announcement made yesterday, following a conference between Lionel C. Mackay, deputy city attorney and the mayor.

Since Mayor Baker returned from California he has been so busy disposing of routine matters that he has been unable to give time to the rent inquiry. No meeting of the committee was held during his absence, although investigations have been carried on through police officers in plain clothes and Attorney Mackay.

**DOUBLE HONOR PLANNED**

Central Oregon to Celebrate July 4 and Irrigation Project.

**PRINEVILLE, Or., May 26.—(Special.)**—Plans are being made for the only celebration of Independence day in central Oregon. The celebration will be double-barreled, in honor not only of July 4, but also the completion of the Ochoce irrigation project dam.

Good speakers will be engaged and baseball tournaments and street sports

will constitute part of the amusement. Ball teams from Bend, Redmond and Maupin will compete.

In addition to the celebration, Prineville will hold its first annual round-up at the Interstate fair grounds, July 2 and 4, under the management of W. T. Ray, with \$1000 in premiums being offered.

**School Census Shows Decrease.**

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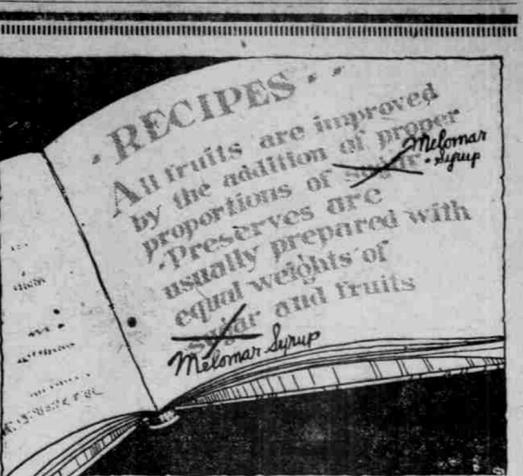
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