

## High School Notes

(By Dave Whittle.)

Last Thursday afternoon school was dismissed at 3:30 and a big serpent parade was formed and paraded through town advertising the game with Medford for Thursday night. John Hodgson and Jack Brady were dressed in basketball uniform and led Ashland's goat. The freshmen were all roped together at the end of the line, all joining in fine spirit and thereby proving themselves true sports. It was a serpent parade "like we used to have 'em."

Thursday morning of last week Professor Moore broke routine and spoke from the freshman side of the assembly. His talk was made in such a way that the little annoyances he wished to correct have stopped entirely and no ill feeling was felt by anyone.

Last Friday the thrift campaign was given another boost. The First National Bank has offered prizes of \$2 and \$1 to the different classes for the best composition of one thousand words on the subject of "Thrift." A prize of a \$5 war savings certificate will be given to the school that produces the best composition in addition to the other prizes to the classes. Junior high is working hard and the race promises to be a close one despite the higher standing of the students of the Senior high.

## Who Steals My Purse Steals Trash

The man who can truly say this is to be envied. YOU can say it, and with TRUTH, if you

GET THE BANKING HABIT. When your money is in the Bank it is SAFE—safe from the sneak thief, from the con man, from the bum—SAFE. Then it's so handy for YOU to reach it when you want it. Let the thief have the purse if he wants. Keep your MONEY in the Bank.

## State Bank of Ashland

Olin Conwell attended a dance at Hill Saturday night of last week.

Misses Dorothy Jones, Edith Cole and Alice Poor were arrayed in colonial costume and served punch at the Red Cross dance at the Elks' Temple Friday evening.

The students were called together in the assembly at 2:30 last Friday, Washington's birthday, and a program was given by the seniors. Those who participated were: Helen Van Dyke, who recited a poem by Henry Van Dyke; Rosa Banks, who told of the work of the Red Cross in time of war; David Sweet, who spoke of the character of Washington in an apt comparison with that of Wilson; Donald Fraser won much applause by his recitation of a war poem; Miss King gave a vivid picture of the meaning of the Declaration of Independence. The Star Spangled Banner was played on the victrola by Miss McCormick.

Preliminary work on the senior play has commenced, the general consensus of opinion being to have it early in the spring as possible.

School was suspended long enough to allow all the students to meet the train carrying the Ashland boys south Wednesday.

Chester MacCracken was severely bruised and shaken up last Friday when he attempted to jump from a moving automobile. A cut near the left eye has necessitated his having to miss school since, but the last report was that he was "coming around all right."

Eighteen or twenty display cards are being exhibited in the hall as a help to the students on the compositions they are to write on the thrift subject. They are humorous cartoons representing extravagance, waste, etc., but on the whole give some splendid suggestions that are all too true.

## CHINA SAM WAS OREGON PIONEER

"Jesus Christ and the Stars and Stripes, the two best things in the world."

This is the unequalled statement of China Sam, for 50 years a resident of Roseburg, well known, respected and esteemed as a friend by many of the most prominent people of the city and county, says the Roseburg Review.

China Sam was born in Canton, China, and is 81 years of age. His grandfather and his father were preachers of Confucianism, the ancient Chinese religion based on ancestor worship, yet including many of the principles of morality and the cardinal virtues. Instead of having the "law and prophets" as a "school-master" preceding the gospel of Jesus, China Sam had several generations of Confucianism. When Sam heard the Christian gospel preached by a missionary he discarded the religion of his fathers and incorporated into his life the faith in the living God. He is a member of the M. E.

church and at different times has talked before Roseburg audiences on religious topics in a most interesting manner.

China Sam landed at Eureka, Cal., when he was 17 years of age. From there he went to Crescent City, Cal., later coming to Jacksonville, the famous placer mining town of southern Oregon. Here he worked for American families and worked in the mines and has a vivid remembrance of all of the old pioneers of that part of the state. Sam mined on the Applegate, at the Dry Diggin's near Grants Pass and later came to the Cow Creek canyon, where he was a member of the Chinese crew which panned and sluiced the bed of that stream for a long distance and took therefrom thousands of dollars of shining, virgin gold.

While living near Jacksonville, Sam worked at the home of Mrs. Clara Birdseye, mother of Mrs. William Colvig. Mrs. Birdseye taught Sam to speak and read English and Sam to this day holds her memory in great reverence. "I think great deal of her," says he, "but she has passed away a long time now." Sam names the Bybees, Colvigs, Bealls, Merrimans, Deans, Owens, Plymases and other pioneer families of southern Oregon as among those who were his friends and acquaintances.

## Coos County Man Justice of Hawaii

Monday's edition of the Portland Journal contains a picture of James L. Coke, recently appointed chief justice of the Hawaiian Islands. The news of this recent appointment is of great interest to the people of this community, where he has visited several times. Justice Coke was reared in Coos county, and his brother, John S. Coke of Marshfield, is now circuit judge of Coos county. Before he was elevated to his present position, Justice Coke was associate justice of Hawaii. Last summer Justice Coke camped at Lake of the Woods for several weeks with a party of Ashland people.

## U. S. May Direct Mills of the West

Portland, Feb. 27.—Beginning March 1, the logging camps and lumber mills of Washington and Oregon will go on a basic eight-hour day, by an order of the government, which is taken to indicate a move for ultimate control of the industry in these states by the government, because of the announcement from Washington late today that it would assume control of the spruce production.

## Weekly Report Of Stock Market

Tuesday's market opened with very light receipts in all lines, the strength of Monday's market continuing. Steers of best classes are selling fully steady with last week's sales. Cow stuff, however, is a little slow and in some instances is lower, especially for medium and poorer classes. There has been quite a sprinkling of very good stuff on the market with a preponderance of mediocre stuff. The calf market is strong—too strong, in fact, for producers who ship their calves dressed. The hog market is very good, fully 25 cents to 25 cents above last week's market. Hogs sold as high as \$17 to \$17.10 for strictly prime offering. The market is ruling strong.

## OFFICER ARRESTED AS ALIEN ENEMY

Thomas Helmuth Ritter, former sergeant-major in the office of the division adjutant at Camp Lewis, arrested last December, following the disappearance of valuable papers from the office of the division adjutant, was discharged from the United States army Wednesday, and immediately arrested by Deputy United States Marshal John T. Secrist, on a presidential warrant as an enemy alien and taken to the Pierce county jail at Tacoma. He will be taken to an internment camp, it was said.

Ritter has been confined in the 361st infantry guardhouse since his arrest, and according to his own statement, made in January, when the fact of his arrest was revealed, served three years in a German artillery organization in German East Africa. He was known to have been on friendly terms with the German consul while serving with the United States army in the Philippines, and had a personal acquaintance with the members of the staff of Franz Bopp, former German consul in San Francisco.

Military authorities tried to connect Ritter with the dynamiting of



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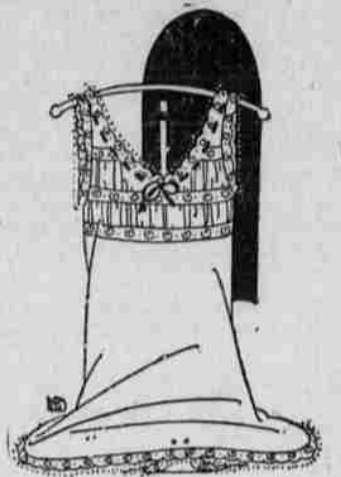
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### CORSETS

—New Gossard Corsets for spring are here. The corset is the first consideration. Be correctly fitted to one before you buy your spring garments.

Prices \$2.25 to \$8.50

## THE FIRST SHOWING NEW GARMENTS

### Suits

\$19.50 to \$40.00

—That's not so bad a range of prices considering the price of cloths. There is a big range of styles.

### Dresses

—Betty Wales and Virginia Dare dresses in silk and serges and combinations of silk and serge.

### COATS

\$15.00 to \$37.50

—A surprisingly clever lot of popular priced coats. You will surely find many you like if you look soon.

## New Sweaters and Yarns

—Wonderfully attractive are the new spring sweaters. Many Shetland, fibre silk and worsted sweaters in the spring shadings are now on sale.

### Yarns

Knitting Worsteds \$1.15 and \$1.25

—We have received several shipments of khaki and gray knitting worsted, everyone a first class quality. Some inferior yarns have been put out. Put these to the test, \$1.15 and \$1.25.



## WHITE FABRICS

For Spring

—Bridal muslins, cambrics, nainsooks, Longcloths, tubings and sheetings. A complete line of the various qualities in stock.

—Voiles for dresses promise to be as popular as ever. The range is from 35c to 75c in plain and fancy voiles.

—Beach cloth, gaberdines, middy cloths, poplins and fancy skirtings are here in quantities that insure early buyers a very moderate price.

New "FITRITE" Silk Petticoats for March Are Now On Sale

McGee's  
WHITE GOODS

Largest Stock of Renfrew Devonshire Cloth Is To Be Found Here

a troop train near Minneapolis, and his case was referred to Washington for final disposition, the order for his internment being the result.

Ritter flatly denied every accusation concerning his army career and talked freely about himself. He told correspondents of being tried for desertion while on the Mexican border and of his final conviction on a charge of being absent without leave. He served with the 14th Infantry and after leaving the border was stationed at Vancouver barracks and at Fort Lawton, Seattle, before coming to Camp Lewis.

Ritter spent most of his time while imprisoned at Tacoma in reading and studying.

At the time of his arrest Ritter was regimental sergeant-major, the highest non-commissioned rank in the army. When he left the guardhouse he still wore his uniform, except for the army overcoat and the blue hat cord of the infantry.

## Pro-German Not Allowed to Lecture

Pastor W. A. Baker of the International Bible Students' Association of Brookline was refused to be allowed to make an address in Grants Pass which had been previously announced. According to the Courier, a copy of the Philadelphia Public Ledger dated February 17, which had just been received at Grants Pass, contained an item referring to the arrest of members of the International Bible Students' Association in Toronto on the charge of distributing copies of a prohibited publication. This item was brought before leaders of the Council of Defense late Saturday night and a meeting was called Sunday morning

to fully discuss the matter. It was decided to propound to the lecturer four questions, to be answered by "yes" or "no," the questions being substantially as follows:

"Are you a member of the Red Cross?"

"Are you a subscriber to the Liberty loan?"

"Have you purchased thrift stamps or savings certificates?"

"Are you wholeheartedly and unreservedly backing the government's war program?"

Mayor Demaray, Sheriff Lewis and Manager Truax of the opera house were delegated to wait upon the lecturer and invited him to the meeting. He was promptly told to answer the questions by yes or no without debate. To each the reply was "No," and to the last question he attempted to offer debate but was told no debate would be tolerated. He was then asked to leave the room. A vote was taken which was unanimous against the holding of any meeting, and the man was so notified.

The news item from the Philadelphia Ledger reads as follows:

"Toronto, Feb. 16.—W. C. Douglas, a printer, and Aaron Secord, elders of the International Bible Students' Association, were arrested here today, charged with receiving and distributing copies of the 'Finished Work,' a prohibited publication, which implies that the Germans are a scourge sent by God and a weapon in God's hands. The arrest followed a raid upon the office of the association. Bundles of books and literature were seized."

Germans are said to be wearing clothes made of paper. The kaiser should be able to furnish them some raw material if they can utilize "scraps."

## Family Has Four Sons In the War

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hill of Derby were in Ashland last evening to greet Mrs. Hill's son, Irwin Koenig, who passed through on one of the troop trains of the 65th artillery. Mr. and Mrs. Hill possibly have done more for their country than any one family in Jackson county, having four sons in the United States service. These are Dewey Hill, who enlisted with the 7th company, O. C. A., from Medford and is stationed at Fort Stevens; Reuben Hill, at Camp Lewis, both sons of Mr. Hill; Irwin Koenig, with the 65th regiment, and Herbert Koenig, in the navy hospital corps, probably located somewhere in the war zone. These last two are Mrs. Hill's sons by a former marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are very proud of the patriotism of their children.

## THRIFT CANVASS TO BE TAKEN NEXT

Portland, Ore., Feb. 28.—At a meeting of the state executive committee and county chairmen of the Oregon War Savings Stamps organization, plans were outlined for a state-wide, house-to-house thrift canvass to be made during the week of March 19 to 23 inclusive. The canvass will be in no sense a drive for money. Volunteer workers were a unit in their conviction that in keeping with the purposes of the thrift campaign as outlined by the federal war savings committee, the house-to-house visit should be in the nature of an educational undertaking. The object of the canvass will be to explain to every household the virtues of thrift, particularly in this

time of war, and to hammer home the patriotic necessity of investing savings in the war fund through the medium of thrift stamps and war savings stamps.

Once the objects of the campaign are understood, it is the belief that the thrift stamp movement will gather momentum of its own accord and pile up more than Oregon's \$17,000,000 quota of the national \$2,000,000,000 goal for the year.

County chairmen present explained some of the difficulties attendant upon a house-to-house canvass in the outlying rural districts at this time of the year. All reported county organizations of strong men and true, however, and pledged themselves to leave no stone unturned to go over the top with their part of the program.

## STORIES SHOULD BE GIVEN NO CREDENCE

Stories of broken glass having been found in yarn and gauze have come to us occasionally. In one instance upon investigation it was found that one of the women had unknowingly broken the crystal of her wrist watch while making surgical dressings.

Recently another chapter reported finding broken glass in a case of yarn. A survey of the packing box developed the fact that it was marked "lamp chimneys." The chapter decided to use 90 per cent common sense and gave out the yarn, deciding that the box had not been thoroughly cleaned before shipment was made.

A little investigation of this kind will often save a lot of useless worry.

Old papers for sale at Tidings office.