

Fined and Jailed—

Charles Needham, P. Hathaway and G. A. Barnes were fined \$10 each, in addition to the night in jail, after being arrested for molesting young women. They fell into the drag net of the Salem

police who are endeavoring to curb the activities of the so-called "Jazz Hounds" who endeavor to entice young women and girls into their automobiles. A move is underway at present to secure a jail sentence in addition to fine.

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Sidelights on Indian Customs Are Given in Letter From Rezniceks

Journey Ends Early in Morning on Handcar; Oxcart is Hard Riding Missionaries Discover; People Are Dirty and Rasgrol

An interesting letter from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reznicek, from the Bharosa Ghar mission, Bhagalpur, Groakhpur District, U. P., India, has been received by Rev. Ralph D. Bullock, 251 Mission, pastor of the Free Gospel Mission. The letter gives much information upon the country as is as follows: "We arrived in Calcutta, India, without mishap, December 15, 1924. This was earlier than we had expected so. Sister McCarty, the missionary whom we looked for was not there to meet us. However we finally reached our destination on the Ganges river, the last leg of our journey being made in very primitive fashion—on a hand car about 3 a. m.

"Many things have happened since that day. We have been out preaching, sometimes walking and once upon an elephant. The champaign is just a big box on two wheels without springs and as it bumps over the roads one almost becomes sea-sick. The men walk and keep far ahead of the champaign for the oxen are so slow.

"Our numbers are increasing and we have opened two new out-stations. Within a radius of 12 miles we have about 400 villages to visit. If we had a Ford car we could accomplish so much more,

making several villages in a week. As it is now, we cannot begin to cover the district in a year. Most of the year, as you know, the heat is so terrible that we cannot be outside only in the morning and evenings.

"A village consists of hundreds of mud huts, close together as they can be built, with narrow, dusty, bumpy alleys between. The farmers go out to the fields each day to work. Men, women of low castes and children are seen, but the other women are not allowed to show their faces outside of their houses. They see nothing but bare mud walls and dirt floors and a patch of blue sky above the little court where they do their cooking.

"We are glad at night to return to our camp or our compound, where we see bright happy faces of our Indian Christians. Outside the people are filthy and ragged or naked. They stare at us with sad and sin-hardened faces. When we smile the women hide their faces and go away and the men stare blankly. They do not understand even a smile, for they scarcely know what love is. They like the music, and a crowd of 100 or more quickly gathers when we begin to play and sing. Everywhere we go we see ugly idols or mounds of dirt where the people worship. At night we hear them beating their tom-toms and yelling in their weird way.

"But many are coming from time to time for prayer, for they have heard how our God heals the sick. Were it not for the terrible chains of the caste system many more would turn to Christ. But if they break their caste it means a separation forever from everyone and often costs them their very lives. No matter how hungry or thirsty they are they would not take a bite of food or a drop of water from our hands lest they be defiled.

"This is a sacred spot on the river where thousands come from time to time to bathe and worship. Here also is a burning 'ghat,' as you know all the dead in this country are burned and the ashes thrown in the rivers which to them are sacred. Several times a week funerals pass near our house. The corpse is carried on a stretcher of bamboos and several men carry bundles of wood for the fire. When an old person dies, the men who accompany the corpse to the river beat drums, ring bells and throw sweets to the poor people. They rejoice that the spirit has left the body, many believing that it has gone into some animal's body or to some higher plane.

"On February 9, there was an almost total eclipse of the moon. Thousands came here to bathe, many of them walking for many miles and sleeping in front of our compound. They believe the eclipse signifies that God once borrowed food from the sweepers or low caste people. They give sweets to this caste as they believe they must pay God's debt.

"Poor blinded souls. We went out into the crowd that night and preached several hours. (Of course you understand we are preaching through an interpreter until we get the language. We are studying several hours a day on the Hindu language.) About 3 a. m. we were awakened by one of our men. When we went to the door, there on our porch was a newly born baby girl, wrapped in a rag, covered with dirt and crying hard. We took her in, bathed her and sent for the watchman of the village. But the mother of the child could not be found in the big crowd of bathers. So we are raising her for God's service. We now have 63 in our family, including orphans, widows and preachers and their families. If any of you would like to adopt one or more of these, we would be so glad to keep them for you. The cost is small compared to the cost of a child in America. We have no board back of us, but as means comes in we are able to reach out, extending the gospel in this dark land where the need of Christless millions faces us daily. Can we picture these conditions before the Christians of America, we know more would be willing to deny themselves in order to fulfill the last commission of our Lord who said, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,' and those who could not go would help to send.

"We would be so glad to hear from any of you, who would take time to write us a line from the Homeland. We are especially grateful for every one who helped us to get here."

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TWO SALEM GIRLS WILL FINISH COURSE AT OAC

Misses Robbins and Marcus Have Taken Active Part in Student Affairs

Oregon Agriculture College, Corvallis, May 16—Two prominent seniors of Salem, Miss Danta Robbins, daughter of J. D. Robbins, and Miss Mabel Marcus, daughter of A. F. Marcus, will be candidates for graduation in June. The 1925 class is expected to be the largest in the history of the college.

Miss Robbins is a graduate of Salem high school, where she was a member of the basketball team. She is majoring in physical education and has been very prominent in activities on the campus. She has been on the class hockey team, tennis, basketball, volleyball and baseball teams. She is a member of Delta Psi Kappa, honorary physical education society, chairman of publicity committee of the Y. W. C. A., and treasurer of the physical education club. She is also on the Beaver staff in the circulation department, and on the class debate team. Miss Robbins is a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Miss Mabel Marcus is majoring in vocational education and will receive the bachelor of science degree. Though partially earning her way through school, Miss Marcus has found time to take part in numerous activities. She is a member of the madrigal club, girls' musical organization, Delta Psi Kappa, and YWCA student cabinet. In her junior year, Miss Marcus was girls' director in the O.A.C. junior summer school. She is a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority.

ENTERS FINAL CONTEST

Jack McGuire to Represent University of Oregon at Stanford

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore., May 16—Jack P. McGuire of the University of Oregon, will compete in the

Pacific coast finals in the national intercollegiate oratorical contest to be held in the auditorium at Stanford University, California, May 22. Prizes at stake aggregate \$5,000 and the contestants are the six best from the colleges and universities of the Pacific coast states. The general subject is the American Constitution. The Pacific coast finalists, in their speaking order follow: Eleanor R. Evans, University of California; Merrill Brinninscoo.

University of Redlands; Edman T. Becher, University of Idaho; Jack P. McGuire, University of Oregon; Kathleen Campbell, University of Southern California; D. Thomas George, University of Washington

and Phil M. Girard, Loyola college, Los Angeles, Cal. The Stanford university meeting will be presided over by Dr. Ray L. Wilbur, president of Stanford university.

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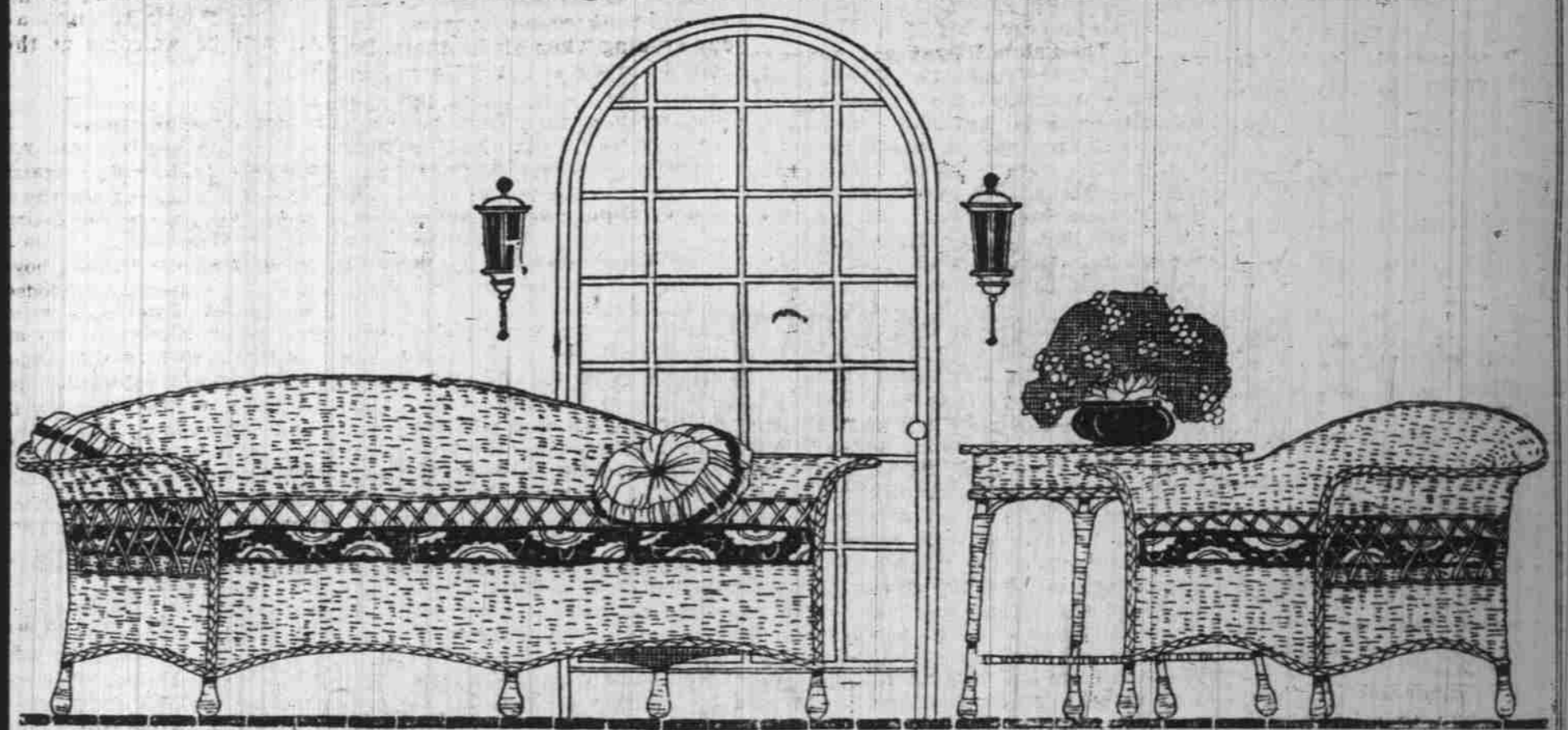


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