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Tells of Japan's Attitude in Talk

Japanese Do Not Look for War With America, Says Sneyd.

H. S. Sneyd, who has spent fourteen years as Y. M. C. A. secretary in Yokohama, Japan, was the speaker for the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon which was held Monday. Mr. Sneyd in his talk gave every evidence of an understanding of Japan and her people and their rapid growth.

"Japan has compulsory education for all boys and girls from six years to fifteen years of age. 99.12 per cent of all children of this age in Japan are in high schools and colleges, she is not so fortunate and a lesser number are able to attend the places of higher education owing to the lack of facilities and leadership," the speaker declared.

Mr. Sneyd pointed out how the Y. M. C. A. is playing a great part in the education of the Japanese youth by providing supplementary school work, such as night schools which are held in the Y. M. C. A. buildings. He also spoke of the spirit of good will which the Y. M. C. A. is creating in Japan toward America and called the secretaries for the association "Ambassadors of Goodwill." The possibility of a war with Japan was tabooed by the speaker who pointed out that Japan ships over six hundred millions of dollars worth of silks and other products to this country annually and at the same time buys over five hundred millions of dollars worth of raw materials from us annually.

COMMENCEMENT DATE IS SET

Marshall N. Dana of Oregon Journal Will Deliver Address.

Ashland high seniors have but two weeks more in the study halls when they will be dismissed. Those who have not received exemptions in all subjects will take examinations during the early part of the third week and will then be released. The class, which numbers 62, will be graduated on the night of June 2. Commencement exercises will be held at the armory, with Marshall Dana, associate editor of the Portland Journal as the speaker. At a recent meeting the class determined upon the various interesting details which are a part of the happy commencement season. The class colors are green and gold and the class flower is the white rosebud. The class motto is: "A person without a purpose is like a ship without a rudder." Senior girls, who have usually been asked to dress in white are granted the privilege of dressing in the beautiful pastel shades.

Railroading Religion.

That's just what is going to be in Ashland beginning next Sunday afternoon, and Baptists are responsible for the movement. "The Good Tidings" chapel car, a real church building in shape of a railroad passenger coach will have its stay-over on the Southern Pacific spur near the Ashland mills. Rev. J. D. Chappelle and wife are in charge of this unique work. This form of Christian missionary work is sponsored and supported by the American Baptist Publication Society. Services each afternoon and evening beginning next Sunday.

Mrs. S. L. Allen, with Mrs. E. L. Atkinson, Miss Sarah Fox, were in Jacksonville Tuesday attending to business.

FORMER BOY VISITS ASHLAND

WAS STUDENT IN GRADE AND
HIGH SCHOOL HERE

Now Major General

General Fries Is Connected With
Chemical Warfare Service of
United States Army.

Major General Amos A. Fries, U. S. A., was an honor guest of the Ashland Shriners Sunday and entertained at a banquet at the Lithia Springs hotel Sunday evening by the potentate and divan of Hillah temple. General Fries is the potentate of Almas temple of the Shrine at Washington city and the gathering in Ashland Sunday evening was a fraternal greeting to him by the Shrine of his old home in southern Oregon where he attended the public and high schools and from where he was appointed to West Point by the late Congressman Bender Hermann in the early part of the nineties.

On Tuesday, Major General Fries visited Central Point and his visit to that town brought the following comment in the Oregonian:

So-called deadly gases, which were freely used during the world war, are not so dangerous as they are claimed to be and on the average caused death to only three out of every 100, in comparison to 36 out of every 100 engaged in rifle or bayonet conflict, declared Major General Amos Fries, chief of the chemical warfare service of the United States army, who spoke at the Central Point high school this afternoon at a luncheon tendered him at noon by Central Point citizens, many who knew him as a boy.

The ex-Jackson county boy, who visited relatives and friends yesterday and today at Medford, Central Point and Ashland, left this evening for the south, and plans to participate in the huge air maneuver in San Antonio, Texas, the middle of this month.

During his Central Point address General Fries recalled the time he attended school in Central Point, where later he taught the second grade. Following his address, ceremonies were held in the high school grounds for the planting of a maple tree in his honor, with Boy and Girl Scouts taking part.

No gas has effects that leave infirmity for years following contact, the general said in his address. No soldier can blame tuberculosis or other disease on gases. The fumes he pointed out, irritate and incapacitate only for a short time, the effects leaving the victim practically in as good condition as before. Mustard gas, he explained, burns and causes temporary blindness, which disappears in a reasonable period.

What Do You Know About That

It seems that in order to qualify as a special investigator in a murder trial in Oregon one must be a newspaper humorist. Bert Bates, who writes "Prune Pickin's" in the Roseburg News Review, has been appointed special investigator in the D'Autremont trial in Jackson county Oregon.—Dunsmuir News.

Leslie Heer of Dunsmuir is spending several days in this city visiting with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Heer of High street.

FRATERNITY IS ORGANIZED

Ashland Student Elected President
of Honor Men

Given the approval of Pres. J. A. Churchill and the faculty, Theta Delta Phi, an honorary scholarship fraternity for men was established and formally organized at the southern Oregon Normal school this week.

John M. Brady, a graduate of O. A. C. and a senior in education was elected president; John Caley, vice president, and Albie L. Beck, secretary-treasurer. James Q. Adams and Clarence Haan were the other student members elected, while Prof. A. C. Strange of the department of education was elected as a faculty member as well as fraternity advisor, and Prof. V. V. Caldwell, and Prof. A. S. Taylor are the honorary faculty members. The president of the normal school will always be an ex-officio member of the honor group.

The requirements for membership are based on the high standard set by the honor roll, and every man that received a grade of II or above in 15 credits of work for last term was elected to charter membership in the organization.

The first announcement of pledges for this term will be made during the commencement exercises in June and at that time the initiation ceremony will be carried out before the student body.

Churches on Summer Schedule.

The churches have adopted the summer schedule for services and evening service is now held at 8 o'clock rather than at 7:30, the customary time during the winter months. Young people's meetings will now convene at 7 o'clock.

Poultrymen Elect Directors Saturday

J. R. McCracken, of Valley
View, Is Elected on
Board.

Poultry men gathered at the Medford hotel last Saturday to elect a board of directors who will function in the greater organization, comprising members from Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass and adjacent territory.

Those selected for the organization to serve as directors are: Justin Judy, E. C. Lockwood, J. H. French, O. E. Smith, J. R. McCracken, Lester Sparling, R. B. Kennedy and Glen Williams.

The above will meet next Saturday and elect officers for the fiscal year and transact other business as shall seem for the best interests of the poultry game.

Poultry men are in hopes that their organization will result in bringing about better egg marketing conditions and hold the price at a level that will make it pay to keep hens.

Flood Money Is Doubled.

The Mississippi flood is the worst in the history of the country and all fear of damage is not yet passed. Five hundred thousand have been made homeless and many thousands of miles of farm land ruined. The Red Cross call for five million dollars as a relief fund has now been doubled by a second call.

At this writing Ashland has subscribed about \$300.

HERE THE WATER FLOWS

JOHN M. BRADY

To have water, or to have drouth,
That is the question;
Whether it is nobler in the minds
Of the citizens of Ashland
To suffer another dry spell,
Or to figure out a way to build and pay for a dam,
And by UNITY, work for the common cause.

Practically every citizen is united on the necessity of Ashland having more water, but the question principally is one of MONEY. "Oh! Dollar What Crimes are Committed Without Thee?"

Crowson Hill, a two million gallon reservoir that is now being completed, seemingly will not hold enough of the precious liquid for domestic and irrigation purposes for the Ashland homes and lawns.

Ashland people use practically 400 gallons of water per capita each day. This seems to be an unusual amount, but gallonage is easily computed, and it is easy to realize that many gallons are wasted needlessly, for few people rarely use, without wasting, this amount daily. Why waste? Why let the water run for hours and hours to just a loss? Why forget to turn it off? Why not co-operate and help each other? Why not let every one be sincere in the matter?

Many city historians predict plenty of water for the next twenty years and also that there will be little need for a dam in the canyon. Others feel that as long as we have enough today, why worry about tomorrow. We may be dead then and we will not have to worry as long as there is water enough to carry the boat across the river Styx.

The Council, sincere members, who are serving conscientiously, stand four to two for a so-called necessity, versus A Dollar Diplomacy situation. Why not build the dam now? Why go deeper into the pitfalls of debt? The lessons of debt have been learned, why let the city now grope blindly in debt's mire? And many such other questions and problems that confront the City Father's that would make dear old Socrates turn pale with fear. They are performing their duties and each member is sincere in his belief as to what the city should really accomplish.

Do we need the dam now or later? If later it will mean that in 1929 or 1930 will find us with plenty of God's vintage. But if now it means more indebtedness. What ever is finally decided upon let us work for the common good of the city and have UNITY AS THE IDOL OF WORSHIP.

When there is a shortage of water threatened, Bryan's Ode to Water truly depicts our mental reactions.

"Water, the daily need of every living thing. It ascends from the seas, obedient to the summons of the sun, and, descending, showers blessing upon the earth; it gives of its sparkling beauty to the fragrant flower; its alchemy transmutes base clay into golden grain; it is the canvas upon which the finger of the Infinite traces the radiant bow of promise. It is the drink that refreshes and adds no sorrow with it. Jehovah looked upon it at Creation's dawn and said: 'IT IS GOOD.'"

My Mother

She carried me under her heart;—
Loved me before I was born;—
Took God's hand in hers and walked through
the valley of Shadows that I might live;—
Bathed me when I was helpless;—
Clothed me when I was naked;—
Gave me warm milk from her own body when I
was hungry;—
Rocked me to sleep when I was weary;—
Pillowed me on pillows softer than down, and
sang to me in the voice of an angel;—
Held my hand when I learned to walk;—
Nursed me when I was sick;—
Suffered with my sorrow;—
Laughed with my joy;—
Glowed with my triumph—and while I knelt at
her side, she taught my lips to pray.
Through all the days of my youth she gave strength
for my weakness, courage for my despair,
and hope to fill my hopeless heart;
Was loyal when others failed;—
Was true when tried by fire;—
Was my friend when other friends were gone;—
Frayed for me through all the days, when flooded
with sunshine or saddened by shadows;—
Loved me when I was unlovely, and led me into
man's estate to walk triumphant on the
King's Highway and play a manly part.
Though we lay down our lives for her we can
never pay the debt we owe to a Christian
Mother.