

JAPANESE PLAY HONORS PEACE WITH TRAGEDY

For two afternoons and evenings of this week—Wednesday and Thursday—the city of Gresham was given a taste of tragedy behind the footlights. But it was Japanese tragedy instead of the English, written to fit the Oriental scenes of Mikado land five hundred years ago. That it was good from the Japanese standpoint is probably the only criticism that can be given the plays, for no one else could understand them. Judging from the attendance and the rapt attention accorded the actors the audience was perfectly satisfied. Many citizens of the town and the surrounding country were spectators—yes, that's the word, for they couldn't understand a syllable—and expressed surprise and gratification at the evident attempt to portray a part of the historic tragedies of Old Japan before the dawn of civilization was even thought of in the land of chrysanthemums and cherry blossoms.

This first effort of the Japanese "legitimate" was the production of local people, members of the Troutdale and Gresham Farmers' association. The actors—twelve men and four women, one of them a miss in her teens—were all home people. There were no renowned tragedians, no tragediennes, but their ability to take such heavy parts as they did reveals a high order of intelligence as well as a knowledge of history in their own country.

The events were intended as a celebration of the dawn of world peace. The end of the great war was their incentive for a tribute to the peace dove and a grateful contribution to their adopted country. Originally, the idea was to give an entertainment for the benefit of the Red Cross, but the influenza epidemic changed their plans and the entertainments have been given free, no charge being made at the door and all were welcome.

The cost to the members of the association was around \$1300. This amount was collected or pledged but some of it was donated by wealthy Japanese of Portland. Numerous hand-made posters adorn the walls of the hall announcing donations, one of which is for \$40. In this way about \$500 has been received which will offset that much of the cost to the promoters.

The entertainments have been successful and may be repeated next year. The Japanese have certainly enjoyed them to the limit and other people have been given an insight into the mysteries of Old Japan.

LIMITED FACILITIES ON GARDEN SEEDS

Representative McArthur writes the Outlook that he is in receipt of several thousand written requests for vegetable and flower seeds, but owing to the limited facilities which the government allows members of congress for their office work, he will not attempt to make personal acknowledgment of each request, but will ask the Department of Agriculture to forward the seeds at an early date. Mr. McArthur states that he cannot fill requests for special varieties of seeds, as he can only send such varieties as the Department has allotted this year.

Baseball Bat a Curiosity.

A baseball bat in England was always a curiosity, but now has become more of a familiar object through its use by American soldiers in the British camps. A thirteen year old Yankee boy living here somehow acquired a ball and glove, but nowhere could he find a bat.

Then he thought of the Y. M. C. A. hut and approaching F. W. Dixon, in charge of the athletic department, he asked, "Can you give me a baseball bat?"

Dixon says he never saw a quicker "home run" than he did the moment the bat was in the boy's hands.

You are only "worth" as much as you are worth in the world. A millionaire is often a pauper, and gosh how I'd like to be one.

In spite of what the movies would have you believe, all men who wear evening clothes do not have evil designs upon women.

If you are unable to think clearly early in the morning it means that you have never been able to think clearly any time.

Save for the country's sake.

SENATE BILL 45, AS AMENDED, WHICH PASSED SENATE ENDORSED BY COUNTY DELEGATION

About seventy-five people attended the meeting held at the Gresham schoolhouse on Tuesday evening to hear the explanations made by County School Superintendent W. C. Alderson concerning Senate Bill 45. About fifty of these present were voters of Gresham district, many of the others being visitors from other places.

Mr. Alderson made a lengthy statement, explaining and defending the plan to consolidate the school districts of the county. Judge Stapleton also spoke in favor of the measure explaining its points and merits and urging its indorsement. Numerous questions were asked and answered and at the close of the meeting a resolution was offered approving the general outline and purpose of the bill. The resolution was adopted, thirty-six being in favor of it and four opposing.

The original bill, a lengthy synopsis of which was given in the Outlook two weeks ago, was amended after the first reading in the senate. Some of these amendments were referred to last week. The amended bill was referred to the Multnomah delegation and was unanimously endorsed by it in a conference held yesterday. A report from Salem this morning gives the information that the bill was passed by the senate this forenoon. In order that every reader of the Outlook may have a clear understanding of the measure it is given here in full as it came from the senate this morning after passage:

The parts in italic are changes in the bill made in conference. The committee in charge of the bill was the entire Multnomah county delegation of both senate and house. It was adopted unanimously on motion of Representative Richardson. Following is the amended bill:

Recommended for Passage.

Salem, Ore., January 30, 1919.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your committee, the Multnomah delegation, to whom was referred Senate Bill 45, having had the same under consideration, respectfully report it back with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendments:

1st. Strike out all Section 1 of the printed bill and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. In all counties of this state having now, or hereafter, a population of twenty-five thousand, or more, children of school age, all School Districts, other than districts of the first class, shall constitute a County School District under the supervision and control of the County Board of Education composed of five members. These members shall be elected by the

legal voters of the various second and third class districts in such County School District, one from each of the five zones or voting districts hereafter established by the County Boundary Board. Within 20 days after this act goes into effect, the County Boundary Board shall divide the territory within the boundaries of such County School District into five zones, or voting districts, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Each shall contain, as nearly as practicable, an equal number of children of school age as shown by the last school census, but no second or third class district shall be partly in one zone and partly in another. The boundaries of said zones may be changed from time to time as the County Boundary Board may direct. Within 30 days after this act goes into effect, the County School Superintendent shall notify the Clerk of the various second and third class districts to publish notices of a meeting to be held at the schoolhouse in each of said districts, on a day fixed by the County School Superintendent, of the legal voters in each zone, for the purpose of voting for one member of the County Board of Education. The County School Superintendent shall publish in one or more of the daily newspapers of general circulation in the county, the date of the election, the names of the various candidates for the office of member of the County Board of Education in the several zones, at least five days before such meeting is held. Any legal voter may become a candidate for such office in the zone in which he resides, by filing a declaration to that effect with the County School Superintendent not less than five, nor more than thirty, days before the date of election. The vote for members of the County Board of Education shall be by ballot, the ballots to be furnished by the County School Superintendent. There shall be printed a separate ballot for each zone, containing the names of all candidates who have filed a declaration from such zone as heretofore prescribed. The Chairman of the meeting in each district shall appoint two tellers who shall receive and count the ballots. The District Clerk, or some person appointed to act as such, shall keep a poll list and record the name of each person voting before such vote is received by the tellers. After all the legally qualified electors present have voted, if they so desire, the Chairman shall declare the vote closed and the tellers shall proceed to count the votes in the presence of the Chairman. The District Clerk shall keep a tally sheet of the votes as counted by the tellers, and each tally sheet shall be certified to as correct by the clerk, and shall be signed by the Chairman and the tellers. The tally sheet, poll list and ballot shall be placed in a sealed package by the District Clerk, who shall endorse thereon the number of the district, the number of the zone

and the name of the county in which it is situated, and the date on which such election was held. Such sealed package, together with a statement of the results of such election signed by the Chairman and District Clerk, shall be forwarded by the District Clerk within five days after said election, to the District Boundary Board, directed to the County School Superintendent as a member thereof.

"The District Boundary Board shall, within ten days after the receipt of the sealed returns from such election, open the same and proceed to canvass votes. After canvassing the votes the District Boundary Board shall declare the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each of the several zones, elected a member of the County Board of Education. The member elected from the zone containing the highest number of children of school age, shall be declared elected for a term of 5 years; the member elected from the zone containing the second highest number of children of school age, shall be declared elected for a term of 4 years; the member elected from the zone containing the third highest number of children of school age, shall be declared elected for a term of three years; the member elected from the zone containing the fourth highest number of children of school age shall be declared elected for a term of two years; and the member elected from the zone containing the fifth highest number of children of school age, shall be declared elected for a term of one year, and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified.

"After said District Boundary Board shall have canvassed the votes, the County School Superintendent shall preserve in his office for a period of one year, the tally sheets and poll lists, in their original envelope. The necessary, actual expenses incurred for electing members of the County Board of Education, shall be allowed by the County Auditor and shall be paid out of the County Treasury upon the order of the County Commissioners."

2d. Strike out all of Section 2 of the printed bill, and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 2. The term of office of each member of the County Board of Education elected at such first election, shall begin from the date of election. At the end of the term of office of any member of the County Board of Education, his successor shall be chosen from among the legal voters of the zone from which he was elected, at the annual school meeting of the second and third class districts composing such zones, in the same manner as heretofore prescribed, for a term of five years, and until his successor is elected and qualified. The result of the election of the members of the County Board of Education shall be certified to the

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POULTRY RESTRICTIONS ALL DECLARED OFF

In response to numerous inquiries concerning the operation of the rule, which prohibited the sale of laying hens or pullets during the spring of 1918, the food administration announces that this rule will not be operative during the egg laying season of 1919.

This rule was designed to prevent the excessive slaughter of poultry at a time when flocks were being dangerously reduced on account of the high cost of feed and labor and at a time when the country needed all the eggs that could possibly be produced. It addition the measure was a protection for the poultry industry which was seriously threatened by the great reduction of breeding stock.

The situation was particularly hard on the specialized poultry farmers, many of whom, if they were not altogether forced out, cut their flocks in half. These specialized farms, however, produced only about five per cent of the eggs of the country. On the general utility farms, which produce 95 per cent of the eggs and where the cost of poultry feed and labor are comparatively small items, the production was greatly increased, the net result being that the total egg production of the country was increased about 15 per cent over the year before.

Thus the prohibition accomplished all the purposes it was designed to meet, and although there was considerable protest in some quarters upon its first enforcement, the benefits have become so apparent that there have been many requests recently that it be put into effect again next spring.

The situation is so different, however, that the continuance of the rule has been deemed unnecessary. There are more hens in the country than ever before, there is a considerable amount of poultry in storage, and egg prices are such as to lead to the maintenance of the flocks. Feed is lower than it was last spring and eggs are selling for more, so that the specialized poultry farmers are making a profit.

The announcement is made at this time that the rule will not be in force this year in order to forestall temptation to flood the market by those who might wish to avoid such restrictions.

MRS. A. B. WITTER DIES EARLY THIS MORNING

Mrs. A. B. Witter, a pioneer resident of Gresham died about 4 o'clock, following a second stroke of paralysis. She had a similar stroke about a week ago from which she had not recovered when the second came.

Funeral arrangements have not been made yet, so no announcement can be made in this issue of the Outlook, but interment will probably be made next Monday at Mount Scott cemetery with services at the chapel there.

The remains will be in state at Carlson's chapel from tomorrow morning until the funeral so that all friends of the deceased and family may have an opportunity to see her before burial. An obituary will be published Tuesday.

Used Furniture Bargains.

For sale—Second-hand furniture at bargains. Tables, ranges, steel springs, beds, mattresses, dining tables, dining chairs, coal oil heaters and numerous other articles.

J. E. METZGER,
Your Home Furnisher.

Learn Millinery.

Fine opportunity open for young lady wishing to learn millinery. For terms call Miss Millinery, Gresham, phone 54x2.

Read the Want ads.

TO OUR READERS

Did you read the special message to our readers in last Friday's Outlook? If not, look up the paper and read it. If you have forgotten it, read it again. If you have lost the paper send for another copy.

The publishers have made several changes lately that must please our readers. One is the brightening up of our pages by the use of a few good, timely pictures. How do you like them? This is a service that will increase in effectiveness and you are sure of getting the latest and best.

Other additions are being planned for the benefit of our readers. We may use smaller type and crowd the matter closer but we're going to make you read the Outlook, every issue, ads. and all.

Next issue we'll start a Question and Answer column. You send us the questions, anything you want to know, and with the help of the Gresham librarian and other experts, we'll try to answer your questions through the Outlook, if they are sensible and answerable questions. Who'll start the good work? Write or phone your questions.

NOW SEND IN THE SUBSCRIPTIONS. We'll do the rest. You can't swamp us.

The special bargain rate with the Telegram still holds good, but the time is short. Act today. See the ad. on another page.

We have some other bargains which we'll be glad to tell you of if you will phone.

Mrs. St. Clair is the Telegram's special agent in this field for the Bargain period and has already won one prize and is after another. Send her your Telegram subscriptions for Telegram alone or in combination with the Outlook.

SEE THE SPECIAL TELEGRAM-OUTLOOK OFFER ON ANOTHER PAGE.

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King George Matches Smiles With Woodrow



Some Letters Written.

Some idea of the number of letters American soldiers write home may be gained from the fact that a single item passed by the Y. M. C. A. purchasing department in one month was for 100,000,000 letterheads and 100,000,000 envelopes which are expected to last the soldiers three months. It is thought that this may not be enough now that peace gives the doughboy more time for writing letters.

President Wilson found competition when he reached London in his triumphal European tour. None other than King George of England proved to be his opponent. The test was in the smiles of the two. Europe quickly learned to know Woodrow by his broad smile. But King George

gave our president a close run as the two smiled their way through the streets of London. The large picture shows Mrs. Wilson, Queen Mary, President Wilson, King George and Princess Mary upon the arrival of the Wilsons at Buckingham palace as guests of the king and queen.