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RISING GENERATION MUST SUCCESSFULLY FILL OLDER ORDER

Japanese Ass'n Head Lauds the J. A. Courier

SENDS BEST WISHES

By K. HIRADE
(Pres. Japanese Ass'n)

Commending the "Courier" for successfully planning the first issue of its publication, Mr. K. Hirade, president of the Japanese Association, sees a necessity for a second generation paper to work for the progress of the community.

The letter reads:

Dec. 28, 1927.

Mr. Sakamoto,
Dear Sir:

I am particularly glad to know that you and your friends have succeeded in contemplating the publication of the "Courier" as an organ of the younger generation, for it is just the thing we were looking for among the younger people.

Deplores Lack of Understanding

It is human nature to hope and expect its successor to be superior both physically and mentally than his own, and for the same reason we, the Japanese community of the first generation, are striving to bring up our younger generation better men and women than ourselves. Yet these endeavors of the older generation are very often misguided and doomed to fail miserably in attaining their aim. Why is it? I think it is due to the difficulty of the first generation to understand the true aspiration and sentiment of the younger generation, who have grown up in an entirely different environment. Therefore, it is very important for the older generation to learn the true aspiration and sentiment of the younger generation before administering any advice or encouragement, just as a physician needs to know symptoms of his patient before he prescribes medicine.

Hopes for Closer Bond

I hope that through your "Courier" we can learn the true aspiration and sentiment of the younger people, for it will bring immeasurable benefit both to the older and younger generation in building a better community in the future. I, therefore, have great interest for the growth and success of your paper.

Yours very respectfully,

K. HIRADE.

JAPANESE DIET OPENED DEC. 26 BY THE EMPEROR

Coronation Bill Passed; Lobby Discussions Forbode Disruption

Emperor Hirohito with a customary formal speech opened the Japanese Diet on December 26. A bill for the coronation expenses will be passed with loyal unanimity. Adjournment is dated for January 18. The fate of the present Tanaka Government will be decided by the outcome of intrigues ensuing during the recess.

The Seiyukai (Tanaka's Party) and the Opposition, neither having a majority, are striving to get the support from the irreconcilables who themselves are divided but hold the balance of power.

MR. M. OKAMOTO DIES

Passes Away Quietly After Long Illness

M. Okamoto, father of Sadao "Sazz" Okamoto, who was a well-known baseball player of this city a few years back, passed quietly away last Saturday, December 31, at the family residence during the morning.

SEATTLE IS THE GATEWAY TO LARGE ORIENTAL TRADE

Seattle Nearest Coast Port to Orient; Silk Imports Through Here

TRADE MANIFESTS AMITY

By THOMAS ARAI
Foreign Trade Editor

The influence of Foreign Trade has been a stupendous power in developing the greatness of Seattle. Seattle as a seaport has a very favorable position, lying on the Great Circle Route it is two days nearer to Oriental ports than San Francisco. With its deep harbor, coupled with port facilities, terminal and resources, it has stimulated the Oriental trade reaching many hundreds of millions of dollars. Seattle dominates the Oriental Trade, the commercial prize of ancient as well as modern times. Having the advantage of proximity to the Oriental ports over any other Pacific Coast port and with her harbor and dock facilities she is destined to greater commercial greatness.

Silk U. S. Demand

The United States is the wealthiest nation in the world and with her standard of living on a high plane her humanity has created a vast demand for luxurious commodities. One of these is silk. The United States purchases practically all of Japan's entire silk export. Nearly all of the silk imported by the United States is through Seattle, due to the fact that she is closer to Japan than any other coast port; element of time is a very essential factor in transportation of silk.

Economic Advantages

Japan's chief import from the United States is cotton, and is well selected for the occasion. With her comparatively low standard of living and low wage scale, by importing cotton she manufactures them into cotton textiles. The majority of the textile is then exported, thus adding some financial gain within her realm as well as furnishing employment to hundreds of thousands of mill workers.

Lumber Export Rises

Washington's leading industry is lumber. She produces about 6,000,000,000 board feet of lumber per year. Though the Japanese demand for

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JAPAN-GERMAN TREATY SOON TO BE RATIFIED

Ratification May Come This Month

Tokio—The draft of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation has been presented to the Governments of Germany and Japan for approval. Steps leading to ratification are being taken already and this month may see the formal stamp of acquiescence placed upon the trade treaty.

SULTAN'S JEWELS TOO MUCH TO COUNT

Swiss Jeweler Throws Up Job

A recent report from Turkey having all the ear-marks of an Arabian Nights fables recounts a tale of a Swiss jeweler who gave up the job of estimating the Sultan's jewels as impossible. M. Gahansson, the jeweler, was appointed by the Turkish Sultan to estimate the value of his jewels. He accepted the task and forthwith started for the treasure room. After passing through seven heavy doors he finally reached the treasure room door which took eight men to open it for him. A peep inside disclosed the precious stones piled knee high all over the floor. The jeweler, it is reported, with an impossible expression on his face, threw up his hands and resigned his appointment, claiming that his knowledge of figures could not possibly meet the demand adequately in estimating the value of the Sultan's treasures.

BROADER LINES FAVORED FOR CHRISTIANITY

"Big Washee, Little Washee, No Washee" Expresses Denominations, Says Writer

CHURCHES IN THE MORNING MODE

By ELMER OGAWA

It seems that the recent unpleasantness in China was a direct cause, some time ago, of a conference in the city of Chengut, of the various denominations operating in the Chinese field; among those present being delegates of the Baptists, Methodists and English Friends. Two Chinamen were heard discussing the relative merits of denominations represented there. One of them said to the other:

"They say these denominations have different beliefs. Just what is the difference between them?"

"Oh," said the other, "Not such a lot, just big washee, little washee, and no washee."

Clever people, the Chinese. Perhaps through their peculiar native insight into the deep-seated fundamental characteristics of our complex institutions, social, religious, commercial, and what have you, we may some day derive conspicuous benefits. Perhaps in that day we may relegate our gloriously traditional denominationalism to the ranks of the ornamental Sunday variety of religion, which has, to say the least, lost a great deal of the respect formerly granted to it. Perhaps in the existence of such a chimerical Utopia, we may humorously think of the good old days when a church on one corner would sing "Will there be a star in my crown?" across the street, "No, not one, no, not one," and down the avenue, "That will be Glory for Me!"

For, of such is our denominational rivalry. Witness, of recent years, a federation of the young people of the Japanese churches which was proposed and actually did exist, that is, had graduated from the "plans on paper" stage. The wiseacres predicted a hard fate for the federation, poor benighted brainchild of idealists. It did happen, though the gullible members of the "big washee" which first drew out thought it was on their own ideas and initiative that they legislated withdrawal, obviously unaware that even the little chapters are dominated by denominational, political moguls.

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THE WEEK At a Glance

Dec. 28—Lindbergh arrives in capital of Guatemala.

Dec. 29—Hickman's pal confesses murder.

Dec. 30—Big waves break down dikes at Alki Point as cold spell hits Seattle.

Gale sweeps Japan. More than fifty ships either aground or missing. Eleven people on casualty list.

Dec. 31—Twenty-six injured and one dead at Chicago terminal tracks when the Kansas Express Hummer crashed into two strings of cars.

Jan. 1—Five U. S. Marines killed in clash with Nicaraguan rebels.

Jan. 2—Wings Cafeteria robbed of \$1500.

Jan. 3—Coolidge predicts prosperity for 1928.

CHOP SUEY VS. SUKIYAKI GREEK MEETS GREEK

It isn't so much of an Oriental dish superseding that of the Occident, but it is beginning to be more like the time when Greek meets Greek, inasmuch as Chinese and Japanese dishes are conceived in New York City, Suki-yaki in the Manhattan is rapidly gaining in prestige. At the present rate of consumption by the American populace there, it will soon be given a ranking with Chop Suey. At the Miyako, a Japanese restaurant there, about seventy-five per cent of its patrons are Americans. Other Japanese restaurants are showing an increase in trade through the same Suki-yaki medium.

SMITH AND HOOVER POSSIBLE CHOICES OF OLD PARTIES

Smith Expects to Lead Nation; Hoover Republican Favorite

SMITH'S CHANCES BRIGHT

Incoming reports from the East have it that Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover and Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York state are being favored as presidential candidates of their respective parties in the coming election. One report states that Secretary Hoover is almost a two to one favorite in Wall Street to carry the Republican Party. Another report emanating from Wall Street places Governor Smith as a six to one favorite as the next Chief Executive.

With President Coolidge and Mr. Charles E. Hughes showing signs of elimination, Secretary Hoover is quoted as a five to six favorite to lead his party.

N. Y. Backs Smith

There is much discussion about Governor Smith's religious status but Catholicism is beginning to be made a side issue. The personal popularity of Mr. Smith, it is believed, will prevail against the religious odds at the polls. One state at least is looked upon as a sure thing for Mr. Smith and that is New York. Other states are believed to fall in line when the election is held.

ORATORY CONTEST AT NIPPON-KAN ON JANUARY 13

Contest to Be Divided Into Three Divisions

Declamatory New Feature

The young people of Seattle have often been the subject of criticism by the older, so-called first generation, as being party and social hounds. They accuse us, pointing to the number of social affairs such as dances and parties and forget that there are efforts in every organization to foster a well rounded program of social, physical, and educational affairs.

Developing Intellectually

Perhaps the misconception may not be without some basis in view of a large number of socials up to and during the holidays without anything that savors of an educational nature. Whatever the causes may be, we can not afford to be misunderstood. The socials are desirable but at the same time we must show the first generation that we are developing ourselves

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CHANGE OF ORDER FACING JAPANESE IN COMMUNITY

Economically and Culturally Japanese Section Changing to Modern Ideas

A NEW REGIME SEEN

By JAY ESSE

It is but a gradual progress, but assimilation is rapidly budding into blossoming effect. Not only in ideals but materially, not only spiritually but practically, the signs are noticeable. It is the order of a changing era. The demands of the process of time are being fulfilled and the Japanese community of Seattle is unconsciously but naturally passing through a period of transition.

Order Changing

In business, materially speaking, the backbone of administration is yet as it was constructed. Little by little, however, new ideals and new methods supplant the old. The essence of the business structure in the community is pertaining more to replace the old and the more modern to climb to the place of significance.

Take for instance a popular, well-patronized store on Jackson Street. It was once upon a time just a small haberdashery catering only to the men folks. Today it is quite a concern with a ladies' dressing store as well as a ten-cent store to satisfy the requirements of its patrons.

Other Changes

Another place on the same street is a sweater manufacturing shop which years ago did its business on the hillside of Main Street. Today it is out in the open, catering to all classes and doing most of its business with the young. The sweaters made show the most up-to-date style; the young man going to college or high school need not fear any more on its looks.

Then there is a place on Main Street underneath a large hotel where suits are made to order. Years ago the same tailor labored over fashions of the time. These days he is a fashion tailor not only for the Japanese but for the American people also. He is well aware of what he is called upon to do and of the fashions of the day.

More Changes Growing

These are but just simple statements of facts pointing to a change in small and inconspicuous aspects, but at the same time they denote a change that is ever growing. These small changes are fundamental changes and they also denote the changing psychology of the Japanese at large. Year by year they are meeting the demands of the time as they are set by the American life into which they have thrown themselves. Gradually, even in the necessities of existence, they are coming to realize the needs of the American people.

Cultural Change Radical

In a cultural way the change has been almost extreme and radical. The arts, the music, the literature, of the Occident were almost suddenly adapted with a frenzy that points to wide popularity among the second generation.

Today dances and socials are common social events. Even the steps of the Argentine tango is no longer a frantic perambulation. Galli-Curci, Rosa Ponselle and other operatic stars no longer constitute a foreign trade mark on cosmetics to the younger generation. In literature it is the same. It would be doing them an injustice to merely say that they are conversant of the topics and books written by such authors as Mecken, Wells, Churchill, Van Loon, and others.

There is no doubt that the order of things is changing. Every nation has seen a transitional period and it is but a natural outcome of the progress of time that there should be a change of order.

THE WEST SUPERIOR TO EASTERN TEAMS IN PLAIN FOOTBALL

East Credited With Tactical Performances; Visiting Teams Under Handicap

SUPERIORITY A DOUBT

By JAY ESSE

Much has already been written and discussed by the so-called sport experts about the superiority of the Eastern college elevens over those of the Western. So much has already been said covering this ground of debate, without reaching any substantial conclusion, that the topic has of late been given a deaf ear.

Cannot Judge

That there really is no way to judge which section of the country produces stronger elevens is as true as the proverbial "mouthful." Indications are to be had through intersectional games, but certain factors and circumstances must be considered ultimately in rating the strength of a visiting team. The climate, water, journey, are several of the incidental elements to be considered. No team visiting and playing in strange territory can really exhibit its playing ability to the notch.

Visitors Weak

To bear this point out the several intersectional games played in 1927 give fairly good examples of visiting teams on the short end after the conclusion of a game. Southern California went to Chicago to play against Notre Dame. The South Bend team played host and kept the laurels they won in 1926 against the California eleven. Pittsburgh came West to tackle Stanford and went back beaten. The All-Eastern team came to Los Angeles only to go back crestfallen and downed by a formidable All-Western eleven.

By this it is to mean from the plays put in application. Of course, it must be understood that no matter how good a certain play, that particular tactical performance might not avail against a certain team or teams. Still, plays are the essential necessities of a well-rounded team and without them a good team cannot show to advantage.

East Favored

Now from a standpoint of plays used by the elevens of the East and West the former might be favored to some little extent. The old string play to the more huddle system, originated by Bill Roper at Princeton, all came from the East.

West Strong

Still, it might be said that if foot ball vogue returned to the olden-time style, the West without a doubt could show its superiority. Not that the Western teams are purely to be credited with brawn, but for real straight football the Western teams are greatly to be favored.

Coming Ahead

Yet the West is coming ahead at a fast pace, though there are not the large number of college elevens as back East, which accounts for many new plays being formed. The Western elevens will soon come up to the East in tactical performances if they will not be able to surpass it.

West Modern

That there are more universities back East and subsequently more material to draw up from in forming college aggregations should not be overlooked. Still the West is modern and new ideas on football will soon begin to be given a trial from out here.

ILLINOIS LOSE TO LOCAL FIVE IN HARD GAMES

Visitors Show Skill and Speed; Feature Individual Plays

LOCALS PLAY WELL

The Illinois basketball squad displayed more class in the way of fancy shots and elusive dribbling than has ever been seen in this locality. The Big Ten boys were defeated but by no means disgraced. Being on an unfamiliar floor and their long train journey handicapped them a great deal. They did not have the correct range on the basket, and could not find it during the series. The outstanding difference between the Illinois and Washington teams was their floor work. The Huskies passed to approach the basket for cripplies while Illinois dribbled to go through the cracks of the Washington defense. The Big Ten boys seemed to follow up their rebound shots with more vigor than the local boys; time and time again, after the initial attempt was missed, a blue and gold jerseyed man would tap the ball in the basket in the melee underneath the cage.

Illinois Shows Skill

Their fast passing and the checking of the visitors showed class and a great deal of finish. The individual playing, especially the solo basket rushes, and their dazzling floor work, was worth going miles to see. The Illinois style of individual playing sparkled with color, as compared to the short, snappy, machine-like passing to points underneath the basket by the Washington lads. Both teams fought tooth and nail for every point, and at no time was there any evidence of poor sportsmanship on either side.

"More Speed"

Illinois' watchword and motto seemed to be speed and more speed. Every move the visiting lads made was characterized by speed—fast passing, dazzling floorwork and classy dribbling. Every man was a speed merchant and carried speed enough to burn. Time and time again their change of pace or their clever side stepping would leave a Washington man flat-footed behind. However, the Washington lads were by no means slouches for the figures show they defeated the visitors twice and copped the series. The Middle Westerners played an individual game but this is not to be taken to mean that they did not have team work or cooperation, but that their team play wasn't the machine-like drives for cinch chances. The Illinois lads had team work and plenty of it.

Locals Play Well

The height of the two squads was very much the same. All the Illinois men were of the lanky, greyhound type, whereas the Huskies had four of the same rangy type and one heavy, chunky standing guard for back court defense. The Big Ten boys played a five-man offense as well as a five-man defense. Each and all of the visitors could not be left alone unguarded a moment, for they were all sharpshooters. The local lads had a four-man offense ending with their crack forward, Monty Snider, to place the shot. Dalquest, James and Snider were the big stars for the locals, while Lindsay, Olson and Mills played the stellar roles for the blue and gold. The games were thrilling and every one was a real contest.

SEATTLE DOJO POPULAR

Kurosaka Efficient Instructor
Jiu-jitsu, the famous Japanese art of self-defense, seems to have popular appeal to the younger generation today. Quite a number of the young boys and men are learning the art at the Seattle Dojo training quarters under the Jackson Hotel. Under the able supervision of Mr. Kurosaka, grade three Judo expert, the boys are being taught efficiently. Mr. Miyazawa's general supervision has also done much to bring the Dojo into prominence.

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Sport Scope

Discourage Mean Talks!

The other day in an interesting article a Taiyo captain-elect gave the public to understand that there was a snake in the grass. The poison tongue, he allowed, among the fans of Taiyo and N. A. C. was doing more, in effect, to give a black eye to clean sports competition. Between the players of both teams, he claims, there exists a sportsmanlike understanding of athletic ethics, but among the fans too many unkind and unclean remarks are made, he says.

From our standpoint we feel that his accusation is not altogether groundless. However harsh his charge may be, it is better, we believe, to lend an ear and try to discourage the mean talk among the fans so that outside discussions and conversations will not corrupt the cleanliness of present day athletic competitions.

From years before athletic rivalries were always given a keen edge through ruthless street corner and parlor discussions. These mean talks evidently are still the strops upon which the blades of competition are whetted.

In days gone by this evil accounted for a great deal of unsportsmanlike conduct on the gridiron, diamond and the gym floor. Today, however, the attitude and conduct of the players are very sportsmanlike in spite of the deplorable circumstances.

Still, care must be taken to discourage the wagging of mean tongues. Too many fans become over enthusiastic and in showing their loyalty to their club they are wont to indulge, without heed to discretion, in reckless denunciations of opposing club members and players.

The players are only human and they are susceptible to such talks no matter how cleanly they compete. Still, such mean talks may influence them in their actions on the playing field if care is not taken.

Good, clean sports is a blessing to this community and always will be, if clean sportsmanship will be continually maintained.

Basketball Progress

There was a time in this community when basketball was a dead issue and interest at ebb tide. Few boys participated in those days. Today, however, a different picture is to be had on the basketball situation.

Within the last seven years the Japanese community has produced some outstanding stars. Before that space of time a Japanese high school star was a thing unheard of. But during that length of time Japanese players on high school teams began to be a prominent fact. They became noted for their swiftness and their tenacity in staying with their men.

Comparatively speaking, the number of Japanese players who made their respective high school teams, is small. Still, from another angle, it is close to a wonder that even a few could make the grade. Physically, from a standpoint of stature, they were handicapped. Little as they were they made up by their speed and tenacity.

Saki Arai Star

Those who made the high school basketball teams were: Saki Arai, Hide Kono, Tetsu Kawazoe, Kenji Tashiro and Toshi Tsukuno. Probably among this galaxy of stars Saki Arai stands out as a versatile and phenomenal player. Today he is considered the outstanding Japanese basketball star of Seattle and the Coast.

He is an individual player, but not lacking in team work. It is a pleasure to see him glide on the floor with the ball. Comments on his playing are always made in the gyms. There are some criticisms as to his individualistic playing, but this cannot be taken to mean that he lacks team work. A man like Saki is a team by himself, but the individual star constitutes a bulwark of strength to the team mates.

More players like Saki will raise the standard of Japanese basketball and in time popularize the game to a greater extent.

GIRL ATHLETE B. H. S. SOON TO WIN LETTER

Japanese Girl, 14, Near 500 Points For "B"

A spritely little girl is Ethel Ogawa, 14 years old. Just a Freshman at Broadway High School but already she is about to receive her "B" for athletic prowess. Her 500 points entitling her to the insignia is soon to be achieved. Basketball and volley ball are her fortes. When she makes her letter she will be the first Japanese girl to make a school letter in this city.

TAIYO CARDINALS PUT ON NOSEBAGS

Kenji Yoshino Elected Captain of Ball Squad

The Taiyo Juniors had a pep banquet at the Gyokko-Ken on the second day of January, and the program for the coming year was discussed. It is known that these boys will be outfitted with new uniforms by an outside party who does not care to have his name made public.

The name of the club was changed to Taiyo Cardinals.

Kenjiro Yoshino was elected as the captain; Spike Nakamoto was made the keeper of cash, and B. Okada was retained as the manager again. The other big feature of the banquet was the formal vote of acceptance of a dozen new balls from the Gyokko-Ken management.

N. A. C. BASKETEERS RUN WILD OVER E. A. C.

Saki Arai Stars For His Team

January 3—
N. A. C. (47)..... E. A. C. (16)
S. Arai (25).....F..... Emmanuel (7)
Umamoto (4).....F..... Cruthers (1)
Kawazoe (9).....C..... Gibson (3)
K. Arai (2).....G..... Sayler (1)
Takahashi (7).....G..... Seedenberg (4)
Substitution—A. Arai for Takahashi.
Referee—Fred Hamada.
Timekeeper—Sakano.

Saki Arai was the whole show for the N. A. C. lads, he caging enough points by himself to beat the Empire A. C. He ran wild, making 25 points. Kawazoe looked good, caging shots from difficult angles, and Takahashi turned a nice checking game, holding his downward down without a single point.

Emmanuel and Seedenberg looked best for the Empire.

N. Y. K. ALL-STARS LOSE TO BELLEVUE

Japanese Team Puts Up Good Game

Bellevue, Wash., Dec. 29.—The N. Y. K. All-Stars of Seattle were defeated by the local High School quintet, 24-19. It was a thrilling contest, with the Japanese boys from Seattle leading until the last quarter, when the locals rallied and pulled the game out of the fire. The N. Y. K. lads seemed handicapped by the small gym, but Saki Arai seemed to have his shooting eye and kept them in the running.

LOCAL JAPANESE GIRL WINS FIRST IN ARCHERY

At Garfield High School, Masako Takayoshi showed the old shooting eye which was a part of the Yamato spirit that the ancient Samurai bowmen were renowned. She captured first in the Archery Contest at that school after the New Year's vacation.

A PROSPECTIVE STAR

Minoru Yamasaki, popularly known as "Tinky" among his friends, is making a strong bid for the Sophomore squad at Garfield.

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AWAKE! CITIZEN'S LEAGUE

There is in this community today an organization which by virtue of its importance and political prestige, should be the outstanding association. Probably no mention need be made as to its entity, but it might just as well be said that the Citizen's League is deep in slumber and needs a thorough awakening. The Presidential election year is already upon us and it would serve the voting members of the community well to have a few meetings that they might be advised as to the political platform of the candidates or parties and vote according to their best judgment. Furthermore, upon this the League should be kept active and people well advised on the political situations of the country. Experts on the national, state and city politics should be invited and induced to speak so that ignorance, at least, with the paramount issues of the day will not handicap the voters at the polls. With the oncoming years, people of voting age are becoming numerous and the League has its greatest duties to perform ahead of it. This is no time to slumber in indifferent peace. Political identification as good American citizens is a necessity and a privilege that should not be lightly cast aside through any lethargical reasons. Too much is at stake. It is time that the Citizen's League should rise majestically to the occasion.

THE BROADENING TRAIL

"Time is an able doctor of all ills" is probably a maxim that might well serve to illustrate how the narrow confines of a footpath will some day broaden into a trail befitting the perambulations of shoe parlor shines and French heels. By this statement it is not to be construed that the streets of this noble city has undergone a change for the better only, but rather more in the prevailing sentiment, especially in the little Japanese center of Seattle.

There was a time when the Japanese community of this gateway municipality to the Yukon was just a backwoods affair, with ideas and morals governed accordingly. In those days Americanization or assimilation of American customs, mannerisms and ideals was as impossible as Mr. Babe Ruth laying down a bunt. The average man or woman with Americanized ideas of fashion in clothes, recreation and work was looked upon (out of the corner of the eyes) and branded as a ne'er-do-well human. Those were hard days for the man or woman who flaunted the conventionalities of the backwoods town.

Now, those two by four ideas and morals have undergone a change, and the trail of reasoning is broadening. The young men and women are dressing according to the custom of the day and finding recreations that might once have called the anger of the gods down upon their heads. They attend dances and socials without a qualm. They become regular patrons of movie houses. And all, both young and old, girls and boys, go to the athletic events without puritanic dogmas pricking their consciences.

The reactionary of fifteen or twenty years ago, yea, of just a half score years ago, would throw up his hands over his head (not to heaven) and call down the curse of Jupiter on Mount Olympus upon the heads of our young people today for the free way in which they do most anything, but in those days of the reactionary, they never saw a Smith Building which might be higher than Mount Olympus, so probably they might have to be tolerated.

Still, for all that, the trail of reasoning is broadening, and with the broadening trail the customs and ideals are also going through a period of transition toward a more complete assimilation of Americanism. In days gone by the ills of the time was just a matter of a narrow and mean sentimentalism, but it is obvious now that the slow but sure course that time has run has cured most of the foolish prejudices of those backwood days.

The sand of time is burying in its depths the hard two by four reasonings of those early days, and it cannot be seen how the juggernaut of modern thoughts and customs can be stopped without stunting the growth of advancement in social and political ideals and the assimilation of Americanism in its truest sense.

It can not be seen that there should be any fear in this regard that the second generation should be suspected of demoralization; they are becoming assimilated to American ideals and customs, and such a process should accrue to the benefit of the Japanese race in America, and finally do away with the idle contention that Japanese can never become assimilated.

The process of time will work many more changes and in its gradual course, we can well rest assured, it will do away with many of the things we think are the ills of the present.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Japanese American Courier will be glad to publish any letter that does not hide behind anonymity and within the calculations of reason and common sense. All letters must be in by Wednesday evening of each week.

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Cooperation and Understanding
 Keynote of Constitution

Constitution drawn and perfected at representative meeting called by the Japanese Federation.

Time—December 11, 1927, at the Japanese Commercial Club.

Mr. Takabatake, chairman of the Educational Committee, opened discussion.

The Constitution to be sent to all the organizations of city and vicinity for ratification.

The Federation thus proposed its cooperative program of the Educational Committee for the second generation.

CONSTITUTION

Article I
 This organization shall be known as the Northwest Federated Seinenkai.

Article II
 The purpose of this organization is to develop mutual interest through cooperative unity among the Japanese young people's organizations.

Article III
 Membership is extended to all recognized organizations among the Japanese Seinen.

Article IV
 Officers of the Federation are President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 1. Election of officers shall be held during the regular October meeting.

Sec. 2. The nomination power shall reside in the Nominating Committee, to be elected at the regular May meeting.

Sec. 3. Term of office shall be one year.

Sec. 4. Resignation of officers shall be considered at the regular meeting.

Sec. 5. The Education Committee of the Northwest American Japanese Association shall sit at all meetings and transactions of this organization but shall act in advisory capacity only.

Article V
 Regular meetings shall be held on some convenient date in October, January and May, which shall be decided upon by the officers.

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be attended by the representatives of the respective organizations.

Sec. 2. There shall be two representatives from each organization, who are entitled to one vote to every ten members.

Article VI
 Business transactions shall be decided by the majority vote.

Section 1. In case of necessity for final decisions, the officers of the Federation are required to meet and form a motion which is to be presented for discussion at the various organizations one month previous to the regular meeting. The representative vote on such motions will be final.

Article VII
 All financial obligations shall be disbursed at the regular meetings.

Article VIII
 The Constitution may be amended by two-thirds of the vote.

PLAYFIELD NEEDED PLEA VOICED BY GENERAL PUBLIC

Lack of Playground Responsible
 For Many Losses of Lives

COLLINS FIELD INADEQUATE

The Japanese children of this community need a playground. Collins Playfield at 14th and Washington is not ideally located to allow the children to play. At present, only a few of the nearer children avail themselves of the facilities at Collins, the rest stay away because of the distance.

Use Street Corners

Some play their games in tiny backyards or vacant lots totally unsuited for sport. These places have empty tin cans, nails, old boards and other unsanitary debris scattered around. Even more dangerous than that, the children play in the street intersections where only an occasional machine passes. When that occasional machine does come, they are too absorbed in their play to notice it until the machine is right in their midst, and in their excitement, run into its path, causing an injury and oftentimes a fatality. At times a reckless, thoughtless driver happens along that unfrequented street intersection and deliberately runs his machine through the youngsters playing, enjoying with an insane joy the spectacle of the young ones running helter skelter for their lives. If he should injure one of them, this careless driver is just the coward to speed up and nothing further is ever known of him.

Encourages Vandalism

There is still another great evil of the lack of playfield facilities. The youngsters having no place to play, nothing else to do but gather in gangs at street corners planning, talking over nothing innocently. "An idle brain is the devil's workshop" inevitably proves itself. These youngsters soon start planning and executing petty offenses and nuisances. They acquaint themselves with the way of the streets, and being constantly subjected to the temptations, they take the road of least resistance and learn ways of easy, soft living, later developing into criminals that go down on the police blotter as "vagrants," without a visible means of support.

An Immediate Necessity

There is a crying, distressing need of a community playground in this neighborhood for the rising generation to play in. The streets are not suited for clean, wholesome body building play and recreation. Collins is not located in the center of the Japanese community. The Japanese Association would do well to look into this matter carefully.

JAPANESE NIGHT EDITOR OF U. OF W. JOURNAL SEEN AS PRODIGY

He is at present the night editor of the University of Washington Daily, this youth of 17 summers and of Japanese parentage. A prodigy they call him and truly the floral honors do not seem to be misplaced. His name is Wellington Shibata, more popularly known as just plain "Welly." As a high school student he compiled an enviable record at Lewis and Clark of Spokane, graduating as the Valedictorian. After his Freshman year at the University he made a tour of Japan, where he observed many important and interesting things to assist him in the future. At present he is majoring in journalism at the University where the professors laud his literary ability.

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BROADER LINES FAVORED

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It appears, then, that Christians must eternally be looking toward groups and denominations for the fullest expression of spiritual and humanitarian motives. That America, and especially second generation America needs more religion as a stabilizing factor, at least for the manifold complexities of our present-day social order, is an admitted fact. More religion, yes, but not any cut and dried formula about how one will go to heaven if good, and incidentally repress one's own individuality by affiliation with the denominational order, thereby bearing all the earmarks and external characteristics belonging to a product of glorified religious babbitry, but rather a practical working basis for life, and an attempt to solve some of the great problems of today.

In preference, therefore, should we have a system of unified individuality, where each mortal, in his own conscience, will "belong" in communion with God rather than whether he has submitted to a set creed ritual purported to be handed down from Sinai instead of the childish make-believe that it is.

Let us leave our theological weapons at the door and gather in the temple of brotherhood to do the things about which we agree, take hold as one man of the thorny problems of peace, industry, race relations, in round-table discussion groups and forums where we can sit elbow to elbow. Put religious ideals into the schools, not creeds, but practical religion in the broadest sense. No one wants his child's mind to be the dumping ground for twenty creeds but surely, Americans can unite in these practical ways upon the religion of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

And in the meantime, Christianity remains divided against itself, truly in the moronic mode, "Big Washee," "Little Washee" and "No Washee."

B. Y. P. U. RALLY AT EVERETT SUCCESSFUL

Iwao Okazaki's Reply to Toast Impressive

Twenty-seven representatives of the local Japanese Baptist Young People's Union headed by Rev. F. W. Wightman, attended the Northwest Baptist Young People's Rally held at Everett, Washington, January 2. The plans and schemes of the coming year were mapped out and scheduled. The concluding feature of the Rally was a banquet. Everybody returned from the conclave full of inspirational ideas and brimming over with enthusiasm and pep. A big, successful year is looked forward to by all the members of the Union.

Mr. Iwao Okazaki's reply to a toast was one of the outstanding features of the Rally.

Free Prize Tickets

Tickets Distributed By Japanese Retailers

Fifteen thousand coupons were distributed by the Japanese Retail Merchants' Association during the holiday season.

The coupons are to be turned in at any of the stores listed on the back of the coupon by January 10.

One hundred sacks of rice to be given away to the first one hundred people with the most number of coupons. Gifts will be distributed to others who have saved more than twenty-five coupons.

The coupons will be counted on January 15.

SEATTLE GATEWAY

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Washington lumber has been rather low within the past few years, the export for 1927 has increased considerably and future outlook for this coming year seems bright. Practically all the lumber exported to Japan is from Seattle and neighboring ports via the Great Circle route. Flour and grain are other principal local commodities exported to Japan.

Friendship Grows

Seattle's trade, both foreign and domestic, is increasing; in 1913 her total trade amounted to \$114,021,792, and in 1925 it reached a total of \$730,668,972. The Orient is our best customer in foreign trade, handling approximately 50 per cent of the total foreign traffic. Most of the trade between the United States and Japan is through Seattle, she being the nucleus port of America negotiating with the Eastern Empire. Seattle's silk import in 1925 alone totaled \$228,998,521. With the Japanese business condition becoming more stabilized and with commerce expanding between Japan and the United States, the future outlook with both eager to trade with each other denotes further manifestation of friendship.

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ORATORY CONTEST

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intellectually as well.

Boost Contest

The year 1928 is ushering in a series of get-togethers of an educational nature, the first of these being the Seinenkai Oratorical Contest, which is due on Friday, the 13th, at Nippon Kan Hall. Let us make the best of the opportunity afforded us through this oratorical contest to express ourselves. Let us all get behind it and boost it over the top and show the first generation of our true self.

Cups to Be Awarded

The contests are divided into three divisions, the English Oratory, Japanese Oratory, and the Declamatory, with the cups as award for the winner of each division. The judgment will be rendered by competent judges. There are quite a few entries already but there's room for more—the more the merrier, as the old saying goes. Those interested in entering please notify either Okubo at the Student Club or Sakano at Main Jewelry. The entry so far points to a very interesting time.

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