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TRAGIC COMMENTARY

On the roster of liberal American writers, the name of Chester H. Rowell, editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, has long been a distinguished one.

The voice of the navy, he writes, "speaks exactly as loud as the potential voice of his (the diplomat's) cannon."

The foregoing is a curious extension of what political scientists and strategists have termed as "the Mahan theory of seapower."

Clearly, among many writers, the use of the navy as an instrument of "pressure-politics" is becoming acceptable.

With America at present so much interested in keeping out of international conflicts that the traditional "freedom of the seas" doctrine is being waived...

In another section of his article, Mr. Rowell poses this same question, and leaves a bay window through which a ray of sunshine may filter.

It is also true that as Ignatius Phayre has reported in the March issue of Current History, Britain is seeking cooperation from America.

The birthrate drives in Italy and Germany symbolize the state of Europe today: unsecure, unreasonable, and tragic.

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CAPITOL COMPROMISES

While the fight over the Supreme court goes wildly on, other reports indicate the administration strategists are playing off opposing elements in the general political splitting off of Democratic Bourbons...

Unconfirmed comments are that the Roosevelt administration is encouraged by the non-committal stand on the part of business leaders.

Whether these reports refer to the

recently reported wage and hours legislation is not at all clear. But we hope that if a new NRA is being sought, much of the old regimenting features will be omitted.

Among the proponents of the president's court plan, Senator Pope of Idaho favors change because the proposed crop insurance law will be invalidated under the present tribunal.

Meanwhile, the Pittman neutrality bill was passed by the senate by a one-sided vote of 62 to 6. Various amendments offered by Senators Vandenberg and Borah were swept aside by the Democratic majority.

Under this bill which is to go before the House, permanent neutrality would waive America's policy of freedom of the seas, and provide for a program to avoid trouble on the high seas.

The agreement reached this week between John L. Lewis of the industrial unionization group and the Carnegie Illinois Steel corporation indicated that reason can be brought to the conference table.

EUROPE IN RETREAT

Russia surprisingly withdrew from the Spanish patrol fleet for non-intervention when her right to participate was recognized by the British and French representatives.

Another reported danger spot, Czechoslovakia, will not be threatened by Germany, according to the Czechoslovak foreign minister, Dr. Kamil Krofta.

Italy and Germany are also rivaling each other on increasing the national birthrates. Germany began first by financing marriages, and making the loans payable in babies, each baby paying off a quarter of the loan.

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TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS

This Tuesday, the citizens of Seattle will file to the polls to cast their votes for the councilmanic and other candidates and also to decide on the trackless trolley issue.

The primaries showed a small turnout among the electorate. Although the issues are not as exciting and well-publicized as in other elections, such as in November, the total votes cast were discouraging in that they indicated many citizens were not moved by municipal affairs.

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REVIVAL OF SUMO

The revival of sumo in the community will be noted this weekend. Sumo, which is a form of Japanese wrestling, has much of the color of old Japan.

Literary By-Paths

By Kikue Ukai

Kirkwood, Kenneth G. Unfamiliar Lafadio Hearn. Tokyo, Sansodo, 1936, 97 p. 1.00

A small volume, bound with a heavy fabric of a bluish-green and black, the Japanese origin of Unfamiliar Lafadio Hearn is instantly apparent. The feeling is verified on opening the book for one sees on the end-papers a typically Japanese silhouette of the bamboo, illustrated by photographs, the portrait sketch of Lafadio Hearn by Mr. Y. Nakatachi of the Sansodo press which forms the frontispiece, is especially noteworthy.

When I first learned of the book by Hearn's son-Kazuo Yokozumi—father and I, I was very much interested and anxious to read it. I was to be bitterly disappointed. Indeed, I cannot see yet how any first-rate publishing house could have persuaded itself that the book as it appeared was of any value. I do not forget that the fact that Hearn's son wrote it may have had some bearing on the matter.

My feeling is that the book should have been thoroughly edited if not entirely rewritten—possibly an impossible task—that it should have been written in Japanese and translated by an able person. It does not seem in the least convincing that Lafadio Hearn, "one of the great ones of modern English letters"—that polished writer—would ever have placed his seal of approval on his son's work. It grieves me that it ever appeared—and I speak as a sincere admirer of Lafadio Hearn.

It is a book as this of Mr. Kirkwood's, which comes from such a source, would have shed lustre on both father and son. I believe it to be admirably good. The author writes with a straightforward simplicity. There is no glazing over patently unhappy facts—neither excuses nor excuses for the subject, although it is apparent that he sympathizes. He has presented to his readers a truly "unfamiliar Lafadio Hearn", and states in his Preface that his aim has been to give us "certain aspects which have not received the emphasis they deserve" and that he has made "some attempt to fill these gaps." It seems to be the present literary trend and one cannot deny the value of such a trend provided the work is done in all sincerity from authenticated, not fancy-made, sources.

His material is given to us in three parts. Hearn's transition; Hearn the animal lover and Hearn as poet and craftsman. The first part presents as far as my limited knowledge goes, the most concise and pertinent material ever brought together in one article on Hearn's background and the making of the man that finally emerged.

We have here an account of his beginning interest in Japan, his desire to visit that country and the final realization of that desire through Mr. William Patten, art editor of Harper's. He was to write of Japan for that periodical. Dr. Patten arranged with Sir William Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific railway company, for free passage to and from Japan for Hearn and Mr. E.D. Weldon, an artist. They were also to receive \$250 each on arrival in Montreal.

Van Horne, a collector of Japanese objects of art and ceramics had previously fallen under the spell of Hearn's oriental tales, written for New Orleans newspapers and later collected in the

volume Some Chinese ghosts (1887) "In return Patten agreed that Hearn and Weldon would do some travel articles for the purpose of inspiring the public with an unquenchable desire to see Japan, and thus to encourage travel by the new Canadian steamship line".

After various delays Hearn left New York for Montreal on March 6, 1890. "His momentous journey, his great transition here commenced. He was in broken health, mentally and physically; and the whole of that year is marked tragically by quarrels, broken friendships, disputes with his publishers and everyone else, and a most pathetic misjudgment of everyone about him. At Montreal he felt he had been slighted by Mr. McNeill (afterwards Sir Donald McNeill), then the passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway company. On his arrival in Japan he separated from his companion Weldon, broke in misplaced anger with Harper's, and abandoned the Canadian Pacific railway company which had paid his passage for services later to be rendered." All this, we are told, formed "one of the saddest chapters of Hearn's troubled life".

Hearn was, however, despite continual financial worries—his wife's family of thirteen fastened themselves on his bounty—a state of affairs almost inconceivable to an American—happy in Japan than he had been since his nineteenth year, when his family had been "reduced from riches to poverty by an adventurer".

He was never free from the effects of his hypersensitivity and irritableness. The accident to his eye and the resultant deformity had, without doubt, much to do with the malformation of his character. It is saddening to reflect that much of his unhappiness was self-made and hence needless; that it need not have been so pronounced had the man any sense of inner stability.

But all that he was and should not have been, all that he may have dreamed and desired—who can say? But that he may have understood and that understanding, unacknowledged, may lie in his beautifully inspired writing and lectures? At any rate, Hearn is shown to us as a man, a very human man, both sinning and—perhaps not too unduly—sinned against.

As an animal lover who can find fault with him? Once he was so aroused by cruelty to a kitten that he fired four shots at his bad sight, he missed—to his lasting regret.

We see him also as a poet—a new idea to many of us, perhaps. Mr. Kirkwood gives us some of his original work in the face of Kazuo Yokozumi's "It is a mistake to call Hearn a poet".

One can at least be thankful that Hearn had at least a slip of the wine of success before death came. It is all too often the portion of genius, particularly in the literary field, that fame comes, only to lead death by the hand.

Campus

By Rube Hosokawa

Every day following our ten o'clocks, we sprint back to the dormitory post office for the day's mail. "Hi slot . . . humm . . . yep. Harding, Hoffman, Ho . . . yep. mom's weekly epistle. That one though written in baby tongue Japanese takes a long time to read. Always it ends with 'yoku benkyo wo shina sa!' And then I feel guilty for I didn't do my Lit or my Latin last night."

At regular intervals come penny postals, neatly printed, from long-legged Chinese. Art, his high school buddy. With his terse interesting sentences, he says more for one cent than do many for three.

Then steady in his correspondence is an old, old friend, a meek maiden at the U. "Lordy, he says, but that's getting tough. All of his 'ology' courses must take a lot of time, but he still remembers to forget his work long enough to write me."

Once in a while comes an envelope postmarked in Bellingham and sent by skiing pals from Mt. Baker Lodge. It says "I took powder snow and sunshine on Table Mountain . . . perfect skiing . . . we miss you . . ." Then I look at my ski sleeping in the corner. Doggone this flat country!

From Reno, Nevada comes good news. Another ex-schoolmate, recently stricken with a bad case of Streptococcus says, "Almost okay and feeling swell."

And there are others that come. Perhaps the best left unsaid . . .

Disquisitions

With the newspaperman's characteristic ability to dig up information of interest, Jack McGilvrey Maki enclosed some choice bits in a recent letter from Tokio. Jack and Mrs. Maki, the former Miss Mary Yasumura of Auburn, are now housekeeping and studying in Tokio. In the belief portions of his letter may be of interest as well as edification to readers of The Courier.

Disquisitions takes the liberty to quote certain portions. "Whether you'd like to live over here or not is another question—but no matter what vocation you go into you must know something about this land through personal contact. You've heard that thousands of times—but just jot it down in your mental notebook that it is true. You'll find Japan a fascinating place, and you'll learn by experience more than you ever learn by reading books, articles, listening to returned tourists, or by any other second-hand method."

Speaking of jobs, Jack says: "If you're a second generation girl and can type and take dictation, you can probably land a job paying from 30 to 40 yen per month more than an Imperial University graduate could get after he gets out of school. If you're a mere man, it's TOUGH."

"The news editor of one of the largest daily papers says: 'We never hire anybody but a native. Everybody we take in is the son of a friend of the president or something like that. Everything is pull.'"

"An American-trained architect, married to a second generation girl, is doing an excellent business. He says: 'If one wants to come over here and get a newspaper job, let him forget all about his education and come over here to go to a university for at least two years to get the language and a knowledge of Japanese things. Then he can use his Japanese university degree as a talking point for a job.'"

"If a Teidal graduate who has spent about 17 years in intensive study and is one of the cream of the educational crop can get a job paying around 60 to 70 yen when he graduates, you can see what the situation is."

Maki is a newly-wed, and here are his opinions on Japan's women: "You see all kinds of women over here. Dalkon legs? How does one know when all the attractive-looking ones are in Japan? I know? Japanese women cannot wear Western clothes—with few exceptions. All those you see who look well in Western clothes you immediately tab as American-raised."

"Here is one generalization that is pretty true, I think. When a Japanese woman is really good looking, she is beautiful by any standards, and when a Japanese woman is ugly she is UGLY."

All of which makes the desire to see Nippon still greater, if possible.

Hagiwara To Sing

KETCHIKAN, Alaska—Michael Hagiwara, Ketchikan high school sophomore, received word recently that his application to become a member of the Northwest high school conference chorus has been accepted. The chorus will take part in the Northwest music conference to be held at Portland, March 28 to 30.

The Alaskan Japanese is one of the four students selected to represent Ketchikan. He was rated on his voice quality and performance ability in choral singing, his scholastic standing, character, and citizenship.

Hagiwara besides being the school's leading tenor, is a varsity hoop guard and a member of the student council.

Gift For The YPC

KENT, Wash.—The Valley YPC wishes to acknowledge the donation received from Mr. and Mrs. I. Kubota of Sumner in memory of their daughter, Martha, who passed away recently.

Pink Tea

Viscount Hidemaro Konoye was honored at a dinner sponsored by the Aeolian Society Thursday evening at the Gyokko Ken, following which he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Amano at their home.

Viscount Konoye arrived here Thursday afternoon from Los Angeles and departed yesterday afternoon aboard the M.S. Hikawa Maru for Japan.

Miss Yoshi Iwana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tsunejiro Iwana of this city is to become the bride of Mr. Thomas K. Hirai, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giusuke Hirai of Renton at the St. Peters church tomorrow at 4 p.m. The Rev. G. Shoji will perform the ceremony. A reception is to be held at the Gyokko Ken at 5 p.m.

Miss Ruth Hirai is to be the maid of honor and Mr. Shiro Iwana the best man.

A dinner and shower honoring Miss Iwana was held by friends Tuesday evening at the Kin Ka Low.

A pre-Easter supper meeting will be held by the Senior World Wide Guild members at the Japanese Baptist Women's Home tomorrow at 5 p.m. The guest of honor at the supper will be Miss Tomi Tsukuno.

The betrothal of Miss Yuki Watanabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Watanabe to Mr. Fred Ueyemami, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kikuzo Ueyemami was announced at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Masuda Monday evening.

The marriage of Miss Chiyoko Takagi to Mr. Shigeru Hirota took place last Sunday at the Seattle Buddhist church last Sunday with the Rev. T. Ichikawa performing the ceremony. A reception at the Gyokko Ken followed.

Miss Kimi Kozu was the hostess at a luncheon for friends at the Hunters' Tavern Monday evening. Guests were: the Messrs. Mine Yoshida, Toshiko Fukano, Kiyo Kaneko and Kazue Ueyeda.

Miss Michiko Kadoshima was hostess at a birthday party at her home Sunday. Other guests were: the Messrs. Betty Murakami, Mary Ogasahira, Chiyu Yamamura and the Messrs. Shuzo Yamada, Jack Nakagawa, Bill Takahashi and Sadaoyshi Shirashi.

Miss Patricia Handa was hostess at a party honoring members of the class of 1937 of the Immaculate high school Thursday evening at her home.

The Maryknoll Young Ladies' Sodality is sponsoring a card party at the church on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at 8 p.m. Miss Matususaka is general chairman for the affair assisted by the Messrs. Sachiyo Kodama, Taeko Serizawa, Hajime Suguro and Genevieve Matususaka.

The Maryknoll Women's club is honoring members of the Sodality and the Girl Scouts at a dolls' festival tea at the church tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Makers of Japanese Civilization Edited by Henry S. Tatsumi

KUUYA Kuuya (903-971) was called Ichi-no-Hijiri or "Saint of the City" (and also Ichi-no-Shoonin and Amida-Hijiri). He is regarded as the founder of the Buddhist school of worship known as Odo-ri-nenbutsu (lit. dancing prayer)—which may be termed the Japanese or Buddhist Shakers.

He was born in the capital city of Kyoto in the 3rd year of Engi (903). Some maintain that he is the son of the Emperor Daigo (898-930) and others hold that he was an offspring of Prince Tsuneyasu, the son of the Emperor Ninmyoo (849-851).

Before Kuuya became a priest at the Kokubunji (temple) in the Province of Owari (near present Nagoya), he travelled about in the central and eastern outlying provinces as a lay priest.

Touched by the hardships and sufferings of men and beasts of burden which he had witnessed on his journey and impelled by his philanthropic nature, he took it upon himself to repair roads, build bridges, and dig public wells as he travelled.

He also repaired temples and whenever he discovered a dead lying neglected on the way he saw to it that it was properly cremated and interred with all the necessary rites.

After he was ordained as a priest, he made a study of the Buddhist scriptures and spent some time in the practice of religious austerities. Prepared thus for the propagation of Buddhism, he, carrying an image of Buddha on his back and blowing a conch shell, tramped all his way up to the outlying provinces of Dewa and Mutsu where the gospel of Buddha had not yet been heard.

An episode in his journey is also recorded to throw a light on the personality of Kuuya. It is said that after imparting the way of Buddha, he had a bandit in tears repenting for the wicked life he had led and subsequently converted him to lead a life of a devoted Buddhist.

Kuuya, however, returned to Kyoto in 938 and entered the Kurama Mountains for further religious practices. Here he formed a friendship with the deer which came to visit him, but one day, much to his sorrow, one of them was shot to death by a certain Sadomori.

Not able to suppress his feeling for the creature, he went to the hunter and begged for its carcass which, eventually, was given him. Thereafter, he was often seen in the streets of the capital, with the fur of the deer on his back and one of the horns on the end of his staff, sounding a gong and continuously chanting the formula "Namu-Amida-Butsu" or "Praise be to Amida Buddha".

(to be continued)

Suyama Is Picked As School Editor

By Yoshiye Masuto

WAPATO—Eiji Suyama, senior, was recently announced editor of the Wapato high school annual, "Waschian" by Principal Frank Mitchell.

Others on the staff are: Hiroto Takehara, business mgr.; Takayae Takami, asst. business mgr.; Fumiko Ono, senior editor; Misako Kondo, junior editor; Harry Fukuyama, Shigeru Hirahana, sports editors; Yoshio Horuchi, Miyoko Umemoto, Daikichi Hata, Takato Kihara, activities.

The movie, "Tawamureni Kai-wasumagi" sponsored by the Yakima Valley JACL is to be shown tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. at the Japanese Association hall.

The League's annual informal dance is to be held, Friday evening, March 12 at the Parish hall here. Buckham's orchestra.

Tanigawa Elected

KENT—At the White River Athletic club election held last Friday, Frank Tanigawa was elected president.

Others chosen were: Jack Hori, vice pres.; Sidney Nakanishi, sec. rets.; N. Kakiyama, athletic mgr.; Mr. Hori, adviser.

Outgoing officers are: Sat Nakanishi, pres.; Ted Takeshita, vice pres.; John Okimoto, sec. rets.; Frank Takeshita, athletic mgr.; Mr. Saito, adviser.

MEETING POSTPONED

AUBURN, Wash.—The joint meeting of the Sumner and Auburn Young People's clubs planned for March 3 has been postponed indefinitely.

Courier Radio Program

Tuesday, March 9

NEW TIME SCHEDULE

10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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NANIWABUSHI, Japanese songs by Akira Inouye of Tacoma with samisen accompaniment

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SPECIAL RECORDING

Out of Town News

Comedies Slated

By Valley League

THOMAS, Wash.—Two Japanese comedies in which active members of the Valley Civic League have the leading roles, is to be featured in the entertainment of the League Friday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Thomas Buddhist church.

Charles Toshi and Kameo Nakamura have outlined the following program: Kikibotke (Living Dead)—modern comedy—Toshiko Yasutake, Tomiko Furuno; Mike Iseri, Jihel Furuno; Tadashi Tee Okura, Yoshiko Yoshimura; Sunao Sandy Iwata, Tahel Murata; Hsuko Kato, Gajo; Mun Iseri, Senta "Burglar"; 2 acts.

Tonari-doshi (Neighbor)—comedy—Walter S. Tatsumi, Tomishiko Yoshimura; Mae S. Iseri, Yoshiko Yoshimura; Chieko Otsuki, Nobuo Fujita; Masako Tanjikkawa, Toyoko Fujita, 3 acts. Odori, Meiji Musume; Jobu Yasumura, George Yasumura, Shuji Kimura, Tom Mayeda, male quartette; Odori by JACL members; short skits.

Portland Tea Set

PORTLAND—About 200 American and Japanese friends of the "Dolls' Cultural Guild" have been invited to the Dolls' Festival tea at the YWCA Social hall this evening from 8 to 10 p.m.

Akiko Tsuboi, will preside over the following program: Constance Yamada, welcome talk; Hsuko Kato, koto selection; Hidoko Kokubu, koto selection; Akiko Tsuboi, talk, "Origin of the Festival"; Reiko Sugahiro, talk, "History of the Dolls"; Alice Miyake, piano solo; Yae Akai, vocal solo; Mary Marumoto, Constance Yamada, odori.

Mrs. Jiro Sakano, chairman of the tea announces the following to pour: the Mesdames, Jesse A. Rice, R. Shioni, B.M. Tanaka and Miss Misao Kobayashi.

Besides the doll exhibition there will be flower arrangement displays by Mrs. Ken Tsurumi, wife of the local consul.

Honda Is Chosen

As New Chairman

By Kazu Okamoto

SPOKANE—Harry Honda of Wapato was unanimously elected to succeed Joe Okamoto, chairman of this year's East of the Mountains Christian Conference held here recently.

Chairman Honda will be assisted by the following members of the executive board who will plan the 1938 conference at Wapato: Spady Koyama, Mary Lucy Nakamura, vice chmn.; Fumiko Ono, rec. sec.; Hiroto Takehara, corr. sec.; Kinichi Ono, treas.

The new officials were installed by the Rev. Taro Goto at a service which brought the two-day meet to a close.

Housing chairman Kazu Okamoto wishes to thank the following who acted as hosts to out-of-town delegates: the Messrs. and Mesdames, F.K. Hirata, T. Hayashi, H. Hirata, T. Goto, H.U. Kasai, Kayano, Koyama, R. Nishibara, Oshima, Suzuki, H. Takami, H. Warashina, T. Yamada, L. Yonago, J. Yoshida, J. Yamamoto.

The conference wishes to acknowledge the donations of H.U. Kasai; T. Fujita, F.K. Hirata, Fujin Kai and the assistance of T. Shiba.

Dee Girls Officers

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—At the election of officers for the Dee Girls' club, Emi Kiyokawa was chosen president. Other officers are: Tsuyako Namba, vice president; Lena Kageyama, secretary-treasurer; Yoshiye Sato, social promoter; Sumi Hori, athletic manager; Chiye Sato, assistant athletic manager, and Fumi Inukai, press correspondent.

Recently the club donated a sum to the Red Cross relief fund. They also wish to acknowledge the donation received from Mr. and Mrs. Yone Hachiya of Portland. Mrs. Hachiya, before her marriage last November, was Miss Michiko Fujii of Dee.

Hang-Overs

By Bill Hosokawa

University of Washington wrestlers won seven out of eight matches to the Washington State squad last Saturday.

Tuesday night, four days before the matches, Sato was informed he had been nominated to fill the 149-pound position.

Cutting down on food and water consumption, and working out to toughen himself, Sato trimmed his weight to 146, two pounds under the limit.

Sam Hokari, 121 pounds, and Hippo Kawahara, 129, both won their matches handily.

With George Sawada showing to advantage in the pool with the aquatic squad, the Nipponese are well represented in Washington's minor sports.

Class C Results

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, F, Ag. Pt. Buck's 7 1 134 70 875 Spartans 7 2 163 95 778 Tacoma 6 1 118 95 857

Class B Results

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, F, Ag. Pt. Troys 9 0 385 174 1,000 Comets 9 2 278 186 818 Tacoma 7 2 375 178 778

WASPS EKE OUT WIN

The Wasps edged out the Maryknoll Cadets, 15-13, at Collins Saturday with Bill Yanagimachi and Min Katsuyama sinking a fieldgoal and a charity toss respectively in the final period.

TACOMA OUTSCORES GAELS

With Takano Taira netting 5 points, the Tacoma Crusaders held the Congregational Gaels scoreless the second half, as they won, 11-3, at Tacoma Monday.

BUCKS BEAT SABRES

The Bucks pushed the Plymouth Sabres down to second place by their 10-9 victory at Plymouth Thursday.

ST. PETER'S SCARES

Tacoma had to take an overtime before they were able to beat the St. Peter's Keys, 24-20, at St. Peter's Wednesday. The score was knotted at 15-15 at the end of the regular play.

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Northwest Courier 2-Day Sumo Meet Opens Tonight at Nippon Kan Hall; Sixty Wrestlers to Revive Traditions

Some sixty sumo wrestlers from various parts of the Northwest will soon revive the traditions and rituals of the ancient sport of Japan tonight and tomorrow at Nippon Kan hall.

The two-day affair will feature elimination matches between sixteen of the best sumo men in the Northwest. Sumo judges have selected eight to perform tonight and eight tomorrow, with the winners of each night to be awarded a cup.

Those who will be in the elimination contests Saturday and Sunday nights are: Saturday—Yoshihigashi, Fife; Mutsunomi, Fife; Hiragatake, White River; Kinkazan, W.S.; Tochiyama, Seattle; Wakasaka, Seattle; Fukuyang, Seattle; Matsunokaze, Sunnydale.

Members of the judge committee are Kaneichi Yamamoto, Hajime Uetsuka, Sueyhiro Iwanaga, Jintaro Nakatsu, Dalkichi Kajitani, Yaichi Takasaki, and Yosajiro Doi.

The referees for the two nights will be Kusutaro Yamamoto and Tsuboi.

The following are the wrestlers and their sumo names:

SEATTLE Fukuda (Fukuyang), Yano, Morimatsu (Sodegaura), Saiki (Tamanishiki), Koizumi, Mizuki, Yoshida, Taubahara, Asakura, Ozaki, Tanabe (Tochiyama), Hagimori (Mukainada), Harada (Futabayama), Kawaguchi (Tamatsubaki), Kawaguchi (Tamatsubaki), Kinjo, Tanaka, Nose (Kantamago), Itami (Asashigawa).

SUNNYDALE Kawaguchi (Matsunokaze), Nakatsu.

BELLEVUE Tominaga, Yamaguchi. SNOQUALMIE Nishimoto (Katsuragawa), Tamaki (Hitakanada), Tademoto (Yumigahama), Hata (Higonishiki), Nikami (Naminoto), Nishimoto (Iritume), Hikida (Ishibiki).

WHITE RIVER Sakagami (Matsubayama), Tom Hirai (Dukiayama), George Hirai (Hiragatake), Tom Marutani (Ohtagawa), Tom Iseri (Sendagawa), Tauchiya (Midorikawa), George Hiranaoka Nakayama, Doi, Koseki, Miyoshi, Tsuchida, Maeyada, Onasaki, Takeshita, Harada, Yanagawa, Baba, Takeda, Ikuta, Sagara, Terada, (Hayakabusa), Miyoshi (Miyoshiyama), Koseki (Chibagatake), Yonetani (Omifurji), Maeda (Maedaya).

FIFE Nobu Yoshida (Tamanishiki), Ben Yoshida, Yoshi Ohashi, Daichi Yoshioka, Koichi Kasai, Masao, Joe Yamamoto, Yotsugami (Kiyosami), Ohashi, Kawasaki (Takarayama), Pete Nishikawa (Fukuyama), Harry Nishikawa (Akinkawa), Sasaki, Sakahara (Sakurayama), Kondo, (Kannuriyama), Shimizu (Shimizuakawa), Yaguchi (Takanoori).

SALLECK Sasaki (Ararai), Tack Arai (Ararai), Osawa (Asayayama), Abe (Fukunishiki), Ikeda (Shinonagawa), Abe (Asakaze), Ishimaru (Takinoto).

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HIDE ARAI NETS 30 PTS. With Mariko Kondo feeding her the ball with deadly accuracy, Hide Arai ran up a new season scoring record with 30 points as G.S.G. drubbed Sumner, 48-5, at Baptist Monday.

AUBURN UNDEFEATED Auburn rang up its sixth consecutive win when they stopped the Hide Arai-Mariko Kondo combination by the score of 16-4 at Auburn Saturday. Hannah Tokumasa netted 10 points.

G.L. EDGES OUT W.W.G. In less than 30 seconds of play, Helen Hong dropped in the winning basket to give Green Lake a 12-11 victory over the Baptist W.W.G. in the church gym Monday. Ritsuko Masuda netted two baskets in the closing two minutes to put the Baptist girls ahead by a point for awhile.

BELLEVUE WHIPS PRESBY With Betty Sakaguchi and Nellie Aramaki netting 19 and 20 points respectively, Bellevue trounced the Presbyterians 41-6, at the Lakeside gym Wednesday.

LOTUS TRIMS PRESBY Jean Ishikawa tossed enough points in against Presbyterian to win the game singlehanded as the Lotus girls won, 31-7, at Baptist Saturday. She tallied 6 fieldgoals.

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Hoop Schedule

Class AA Collins—Sat., March 6 7 p.m.—Auburn vs. Students 8 p.m.—Taiyo vs. Waseda Green Lake—Sat., March 6 8 p.m.—Hi Stars vs. Hornets 9 p.m.—Waku vs. University

Class A Collins—Sat., March 6 9 p.m.—Midgels vs. Mustangs Auburn—Sat., March 6 8 p.m.—Bellevue vs. Panthers

Class B Gr. Lake—Sat., March 6 7 p.m.—Ramblers vs. Troys Auburn—Sat., March 6 9 p.m.—Lancers vs. Auburn Baptist—Wed., March 10 7 p.m.—So. Park vs. Mustangs 8 p.m.—Green Lake vs. Ramblers Tacoma—Fri., March 12 8 p.m.—Tacoma vs. Flashers

Class C Collins—Sat., March 6 5 p.m.—Wasps vs. Gaels Tacoma—Mon., March 8 7 p.m.—Tacoma vs. Sabres (replay)

Class D 8 p.m.—Sparklers vs. Tacoma Plymouth—Thurs., March 11 8 p.m.—Sabres vs. Mikados So. Park—Sat., March 6 6 p.m.—Cadets vs. Mikados 7 p.m.—Hawkeyes vs. Cavaliers 8 p.m.—Spartans vs. Bucks

Girls Auburn—Sat., March 6 7 p.m.—Green Lake vs. Auburn 8 p.m.—Sumner vs. Bellevue Baptist—Thurs., March 11 8 p.m.—Meteorites vs. Chinese Baptist—Sat., March 6 8 p.m.—W.W.G. vs. Presbyterian 9 p.m.—Congregational vs. Chinese Girls Baptist—Mon., March 8 8 p.m.—Lotus vs. G.S.G.

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110 PTS. AGAINST TAIYOS Kent and the Pirates won 64-39 and 46-15 respectively over the Taiyo Independents Saturday and Tuesday. Ted Nakata swished the Kent gym hoop for 28 tallies. Shig Kosugi netted 13 points for the Pirates.

WATANABE LEADS MIDGETS Swishing in 15 tallies, Shig Watanabe led the Midgets to a 27-20 victory over the Valley Panthers at the Auburn high school gym Saturday. Half score stood 12-1.

LYNX KNOCK OVER TROJANS Upsetting predictions, the Lynx aided by Masahiko Bitow with 12 counters downed the Lotus Trojans, 30-21, at Collins Saturday. The quarter scores were 8-11, 10-16, 24-16, the Lynx trailing the first half.

Salem Youth Wins Oregon Mat Crown SALEM, Ore.—The Oregon wrestling championship in the 112-pound weight was won by Kay Mio of Salem high school recently in the state tournament held here.

Six Japanese wrestlers entered the tourney with five of them surviving the preliminary and quarter-final matches. Those who fought in the semifinals were Tom Mio, John Sugai, Kenny Takayama, Hiroshi Shishido, and Kay Mio. These four represented Salem high school while Nishikawa, the final Nipponese entrant, hailed from Benson.

The action in the matches we saw was for the most part, brief but exceedingly fast. Occasionally, the contestants would "freeze" and remain absolutely motionless with their arms around each other, waiting for the "psychological" moment to start action again. In the event that a contestant's belt loosened, the referee would stop the bout, fasten the belt, slap both contestants on the back and the action would start again.

Agility, it would seem, is as important as weight and strength in the rather ungentle art of sumo. The outstanding men who showed in the January 31 contest were not those who carried around huge bellies.

After even this brief introduction to sumo, it was easy for us to see why sumo is enjoying such popularity in Japan today.

It not only features the men who are probably the finest physical specimens in Japan, but it also has a certain spiritual content which is present in the ceremonies involved in starting a match.

And on top of that the sport of sumo is dramatic for often the winner is the contestant who seemed on the verge of defeat, but who, by some trick of agility or by calling on hidden reserves of strength, emerges the victor.

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Can Auburn Stop Chinese Students at Collins Tonight?

Again that cry will be sounded on the Collins floor tonight and that challenge this time will be taken up by Auburn. Of late Auburn has been showing wealth of power as it tripped Waseda and following that up with a victory over University Nippons.

But the Students have held their own so far, and are strong on the offensive, being the highest scoring team in the league.

Waseda, after suffering two defeats in a row, will come back to winning form tonight in the other Collins Double A game tonight when they meet the strengthened Taiyo Cubs.

Two games have been scheduled on the Green Lake floor with University Nippons colliding forces with the Waku. The Hi-Stars will have the Hornets in their hair.

Only two A games have been billed in this week's schedule. Although both teams are cinched for the play-offs, the Midgets clash with the Mustangs at Collins tonight. A victory for the Mustang tonight can give that team an open chance for the title when the play-offs roll by. However, the fast playing of the Midgets will offset that chance.

The other A game is between Bellevue and the Valley Panthers at Auburn tonight.

AUBURN IN 2ND SPOT Unlosing a fourth quarter attack to pot 17 tallies, Auburn landed in second place by knocking over the University Nippons, 39-32.

High scorers were Yoshio Natsuhara 12, J. Fong 11, Auburn George Kambe 13, U. Nippons.

STUDENTS STING HORNETS The buzzing Hornets flocked back to their hives at the end of a 36-22 merry chase with the Chinese Students. Quarter scores were 4-5, 14-9, 22-12.

Ed Luke swished in 10 points for the Students. Tom Kubota led the Hornets with 9 counters.

MARYKNOLL WINS TITLE The Maryknoll Japanese 90-point hoopers defeated St. Joseph, 22-20, in the last 30 seconds of play to annex the city basketball championship Saturday. The scoring was Tom Yamauchi 6, Peter Iwata 6, Noboru Tosaya 4, Paul Nomura 3, Augie Aratani 2, James Takizaki 1.

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### TOUR FOR DEBATE IS BEING PLANNED BY SEATTLE YOUNG

Conference Called Tomorrow On Project; Students At U.W. On Teams

#### GIRLS TAKE ONE SIDE

With the subject, "Should Japanese Girls go to College" a movement is under way to organize a debate tour for students from the University of Washington. Negotiations are now under way with interested people in Portland, Hood River and the Yakima Valley.

As the plan now stands there would be a boys' team and a girls' team. The tour is sponsored by the Japanese Students Club at the university.

will be a meeting at the Catherine Elaine Home. All who are interested are invited to attend and join in the meeting. This is simply a preliminary discussion, and is called for the purpose of getting viewpoints and information on which to base subsequent action.

The question of girls attending college is one which has not been fully settled in the minds of many first generation, and the discussion of the subject is one which always arouses much interest.

The trip would be made during the Easter vacation. Bill Takahashi has been named as manager of the tour. Probable team members are:

Boys—Saburo Hisayasu, Giro Kubo and Charles Tazuda. Girls—Helen Koto, Mary Okamura and Michi Yasumura, with May Ota and Chiye Horuchi as alternates.

Last year two teams of men from Seattle went to Portland on a debate tour, the trip being sponsored by the Portland JACCL and it was highly successful. The results led to the suggestion that the proposed tour be made this spring.

Reports on negotiations for the proposed tour will be made at the meeting tomorrow evening. At Portland the JACCL is considering the plan, and the same body is making a study of it at Yaleima. At Hood River the Rev. Tanaka is undertaking to handle arrangements.

#### MATRONS' CLUB

The March program meeting of the Young Japanese Matrons' Club is to be held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Masuda next Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. The guest speaker is to be Miss Mary Brakel, clinic dietitian at the Harborview hospital, who will speak on "Nutrition."

#### Earley Confident In Port Election

Although feeling confident of his re-election at the polls next Tuesday, supporters of Jack A. Earley, candidate for port commissioner, are making a last-minute drive. Earley is now president of the commission.

Earley is endorsed by all labor groups in Seattle. He also is supported by a county-wide group of women who are working on a non-partisan basis and has received widespread veterans' endorsement this week, as well as other voting groups.

#### Ellsworth Is Still Active For Public

Continuing his program of public service in which there is no remuneration except the satisfaction of duty well done, A. I. Ellsworth is a candidate for the school board next Tuesday.

Mr. Ellsworth was one of the organizers, and the president, for three terms of the Seattle area, Boy Scouts, actively supports Camp Fire Girls; Commander Seattle Post No. 1, American Legion in 1924, and has four children in public schools and the university.

#### Scavotto Backing Street Car Bonds

Seeking re-election on his record and his campaign for the welfare of the city, James Scavotto has been making an active canvass. This week he entered the fight in favor of the bond issue intended to raise money with which to rehabilitate the street railway system.

Scavotto is a member of the Association of Washington Cities, and has waged a fight for a redistribution of state gasoline, liquor and sales tax moneys to allow cities a larger share.

#### Fitts Asks Job As Port Commissioner

Declaring that the original policy of the Port Commission has been voided, and that the present commission has failed to achieve efficiency, Frank Fitts, former councilman, seeks a seat on the commission at the election next Tuesday.

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#### Nimura, Japanese Dancer, Appearing At Moore Tonight

Hailed as one of the world's greatest dancers, Yelchi Nimura, famous Japanese artist, will give a recital at the Moore Theatre tonight, being presented by Cecilia Schultz as one of the stars in her series at the theatre.

The artist arrived in Seattle this week, direct from an engagement in New York, after having made a tour of European countries where he was accorded a generous reception. He danced in Egypt, Rumania, Germany, France and other countries, before coming to New York. He had made a tour of European capitals previously, at that time appearing before Queen Marie of Rumania. A Budapest newspaper critic said: "For his art we have no expression—we must create new words."

Nimura will be assisted at the dance recital tonight by his dancing partner and American pupil, Miss Lisan Kay.

#### HARA TO DESCRIBE LATE JAPAN TOUR

Secretary of Center Slated For Lecture Before The Folk Arts People

What promises to be an interesting and instructive affair has been planned for next Monday evening at the home of Mrs. H. J. Horluck.

The entertainment will take the form of a lecture, to be given by Seichi Hara. The lecture is under the title, "Present Day Japan as I Saw It," and it will be given before the committee members of the International Folk Arts Association.

Mr. Hara is secretary of the Japanese Culture Center. He took a study party of Taiyo Club members to Japan on a tour, which is said to have been very successful. They went to many historical places and were heartily welcomed by cultural leaders. Mr. Hara is but recently returned from his tour, and has arranged the meeting Monday evening to tell friends and those interested what his impressions are.

While the speaker will devote the major part of his remarks to the development of cultural life in the Island Empire as it disclosed itself to him, he also will speak of the industrial life as it is being worked out at present.

#### CHURCH NOTES

##### BAPTIST

"Ye Are My Witness" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. Emery Andrews at 7:15 p.m. tomorrow.

##### METHODIST

The Rev. Hideo Hashimoto of Salem, Oregon will speak at the evening service at 7:30 p.m.

##### CONGREGATIONAL

A report on the Puyallup valley conference will be given at the C.E. meeting tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Mutsu Hashiguchi will lead the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

##### PRESBYTERIAN

A bird's eye view of the Bible will be made at 11 a.m. tomorrow. Dicon will lead the service at 7 p.m.

##### ST. PETERS

The Junior Young People's Fellowship group will meet tomorrow at 11 a.m.

The Rev. J.R. Pennell will conduct the young people's service at 8 p.m.

##### MARYKNOLL

Low mass will begin from 7 a.m. tomorrow High Mass will follow at 9:30 a.m. Evening service will be held at 7:15 p.m.

##### SHINSHU BUDDHIST

The Rev. T. Ichikawa will conduct service at 11 a.m.

##### NICHIREN

Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. and young people's service, 10:45 a.m.

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#### A. I. ELLSWORTH

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Election March 9

Ellsworth has devoted much time for the past twenty-five years to the Boy Scout and Camp Fire Girls movements to build American character.

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He has been active in patriotic work conducted by the American Legion.

He has had twenty-six years of successful business experience in the canned salmon industry.

Ellsworth became a candidate for the school board in response to a petition signed by nearly 1,000 citizens who believe he would truly represent parents and pupils on the School Board.

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#### Prizes Are Given For Sumo Tourney

A liberal list of prizes and trophies has been contributed by mercantile houses and organizations for the artists who will take part in the Northwest tournament to be staged tonight and tomorrow night at Nippon Kan under the sponsorship of The Courier.

The Japanese Association of Seattle is contributing one trophy, and another one will be provided

jointly by The North American Times and The Great Northern Daily News.

Interest being manifest in the tournament indicates a large list of entries and a good attendance. The prizes will consist of rice, sake, groceries and other commodities, contributed by the following firms and business men: M and M Dye Works; North Coast Trading Co., Sashihara, Atlas Hotel, Atlas Cafe, Jackson Furniture Co., Furuya Co., Uye-minami Co., Jinya Hikida, Seattle Fish & Oyster Co., Nikko Low, Kin Ka Low, Tsukinoya, Gyoikko

and his orchestra also will be heard. Miss Tajitsu is a Seattle girl who has appeared in many musical presentations here. She is a pupil of Madam Davenport Engberg.

#### MISS TAJITSU, GIRL VIOLINIST, TO PLAY ON KIRO ON TUESDAY

Featured on the program to be given on station KIRO next Tuesday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m., will be Miss Kazuko Tajitsu, talented second generation 14-year old Japanese girl violinist, who appears as part of the "Thirty Minutes of Music" sponsored by Schwabacher Bros. & Co. Inc. Max Dolin and his orchestra also will be heard.

musical accompaniment) Mineko Nakashima, hostess; Ayako Kogita, guest; Okoto-shakuhachi ensemble—Mrs. T. Nakashima, Mrs. C. Sasaki, Okoto, Mr. C. Ohya, shakuhachi; Mrs. T. Masuda, explanation; Ikebana—Madame K. Ohtani; Shizuyo Fukutani, explanation; Masako Yamada, Haruko Nomura, Buyoo and song. Katsuko Nakata is general chairman of the tea. Her committee members are: Chizu Okazaki, place; Michi Yasumura, invitation and hostesses; Ruth Kazama, refreshments; Lily Hirata, programs; Molly Fukutani, entertainment; Stella Yozoru, dolls; Hide Morimizu, transportation.

#### Fuyo Kai To Hold Annual Dolls' Tea

Japanese musical numbers, demonstrations of the tea ceremony and flower arrangement and a talk on the Dolls' Festival will feature the annual Dolls' Festival tea to be given by the Fuyo Kai, Japanese women's organization at the University of Washington. The affair is to be held tomorrow afternoon at the D.A.R. hall.

The complete program is as follows: Talk on Dolls' Festival by Mrs. Henry S. Tatum; Chano-yu Ondo (tea ceremony with

# SHALL WE RISK OUR LIVES ANY LONGER? OR

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*Shall we adopt the quick and immediate plan unanimously approved by the City Council... carefully analyzed and approved by J. D. Ross, Superintendent of City Light?*

The following analysis of the Railway Settlement Plan you will vote upon Tuesday, March 9, was made over the Radio by J. D. ROSS, Supt. of City Light, on February 26, 1937

Let's think out this railway proposition logically. The present street car in a very few years will be as much a relic on transportation systems as is the old horse car of thirty years ago. There will remain a place for electric rail transportation in the suburbs such as in New York City and in interurban or long distance transit such as between cities, but for urban transportation the street car is fast becoming a thing of the past.

The presidents of a number of street car systems got together and did their best to modernize street cars. They brought out the so-called Presidents Car. To my notion after having ridden on a number of them I would say that they are just another street car, a little more comfortable perhaps, a little less noisy, but on the whole the same old street car done over. What is the difference between this so-called Presidents Car, a trackless trolley, a bus or a common ordinary street car? Essentially they are the same as an old street car but with fine feathers. Now take this fine-feathered street car, put air filled tires under it and remove the street rail from the street and you have a trackless trolley.

The principal difference then between the Presidents Car and the trackless trolley is that the trackless trolley has complete flexibility in traffic, weaving in and out like an automobile, pulling up to the curb to take up passengers and allowing other traffic to go by, while the Presidents Car remains just as the old street car did, an obstruction to all other traffic on the street and serves as a hazard for every passenger that boards it. The only difference between the gasoline bus and the trackless trolley is that a gasoline bus has a gasoline motor instead of an electric motor. Here again we have a difference in practical results. Seattle makes its own cheap electricity that will be used by the trackless trolley, while the bus must import gasoline from California. The trackless trolley is replacing the street car at a very rapid rate. It is a rubber-tired coach with comfortable seats and good lighting. It requires no rails and can easily move to right or left of the trolley. It comes to the curb to take on its passengers. It is needless to say that this will avoid a great number of accidents from passing automobiles. The passengers do not have to go into the street and dodge automobiles in order to board.

The trolley bus brings in another new idea, namely, the possibility of having express service and local service on the same trolley. Facilities are provided for allowing the express car the right of way on all trolley lines. When the express car pulls up behind the slower moving local, the operator of the local pulls over to the curb, presses a button, removes the local trolley wheels and replaces them when the express has gone by. All the people of Seattle can, therefore, have an express system in their more congested districts as well as local service. This speeds up the transportation to a considerable degree.

In 1922 there were 64,000 surface cars in operation in the United States, but there were only 36,000 in operation at the beginning of 1937. In other words, America has wiped out and relegated to oblivion almost half of its street cars since 1922. There are 3,000 less street cars in operation this year than there were one year ago. In more than 140 cities of 25,000 population or over the transportation system has been changed entirely to rubber-tired vehicles. In the last five years approximately 13,000 gasoline and electric trolley buses have been sold as compared to

less than 700 street cars in the same period. The best economy shows that there is a definite place for both the trackless trolley and the gas buses.

The Mayor of Chicago, Edward J. Kelly, has made a written recommendation dated January 26, 1937, that the Chicago transportation system be completely modernized and that all rail cars to be eliminated in favor of the more modern rubber-tired vehicles.

Every city of 50,000 or over in the country is now using either gasoline buses or trolley buses or both in some capacity. This tendency has been rapidly increasing. Our sister city in the state, Spokane, more than a year ago junked all of its street cars and replaced them with rubber-tired vehicles. There isn't

The important link in any plan to give Seattle modern transportation and make it pay is the removing of the prior debt of \$8,336,000 in bonds held by the Stone and Webster Company. This debt can be cut down now and should be cut down before any modernizing is done. If we attempt to modernize first, we probably will never be able to get Stone and Webster to cut down that debt, because every dollar that we put into the system without first reducing that debt, makes their bonds that much better. Financiers and equipment manufacturers all recognize that important point. They know that the Stone and Webster bonds would be a prior lien and would come first and naturally they would refuse to put their money into any plan that would merely make it possible for Stone and Webster to hold out for the full amount of their bonds.

a street car today in Spokane. Our sister city on the Coast, Portland, has already put in 120 trackless trolleys and has fifty more on the way. Seattle cannot be first in this modernization even on the Pacific Coast, but Seattle has the opportunity now to at least keep in step with the march of progress.

In our own City of Seattle we have a peculiar and somewhat unique situation, namely, that the business section is situated on a narrow isthmus or bottle neck joining the north and south ends. All traffic from the north end districts and south end districts funnel in to only four streets—First, Second, Third and Fourth Avenues.

Because of the flexibility of the trackless trolley and the bus, their use is found to be equivalent to widening the streets 25%. This allows much more rapid transit across the business district of both the transportation system and all private automobiles. The buses become a unit in the ordinary traffic, whereas all traffic must delay and drop down to the time required by the street cars at the present time.

There is another equivalent to the widening of the streets, namely, that with more people leaving their automobiles at home there will be less automobiles on the streets. We must never forget that the City of Seattle has its own electricity but must get gasoline from California. With the price of electricity in Seattle lower than in other cities and the price of gasoline constantly going up, the operating cost will be continually in favor of trackless trolleys. Seattle should have no difficulty in arriving at a determination of what it should use.

An exhaustive study of our Street Railway problem has been completed by the Street Railway Department and the City Com-

roller's Office under the direction and full cooperation of the City Council. The best transportation experts in the country worked with the Street Railway Department in gathering authentic data from all over America and working out plans. It was only after they had done this that investors could be induced to finance a plan. THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SINGLE ISSUE OF STREET RAILWAY BONDS SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES IN 13 YEARS TO MY KNOWLEDGE. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT POINT TO REMEMBER. INVESTORS AND INVESTMENT BANKERS HAVE LOOKED UPON STREET RAILWAY PROPERTIES AS POOR INVESTMENTS AND IT WAS ONLY BY WORKING OUT A PLAN THAT WOULD GUARANTEE PROFITABLE OPERATION, THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO GET THE OFFER OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAT OUR STREET RAILWAY SYSTEM NEEDS.

It was only after considerable effort on the part of myself and others that we were able to induce any investors to become interested in the Seattle Street Railway. The men who did become interested are some of those who have in the past financed and refinanced \$20,000,000 of City Light bonds. These bonds would become more salable if Seattle's street railway system were sound financially. The reason why they became interested at all is because every time City Light, or any city department, for that matter, had bonds to sell, the street railway system, which has been maligned all over the investment world, rose as a specter from the grave and caused City Light to pay higher rates of interest than it would have if the street railway system were on a sound financial basis. Investors throughout the country know only that the city owns both the street railway system and City Light. They do not know that they are separate institutions. So our present street railway system is a black eye on all other City of Seattle bonds.

Regardless of what plan is advanced for modernizing the street railway system, we must never forget that the investors who put up the money are the ones that take all the risk. It is their money that will be used. The people take no risk whatsoever. Therefore, the bankers must see to it that the plan is workable in every respect.

Operating costs of the present street railway system are far too high and patronage is far too low. That is why the present system is in difficulties and that is why needed improvements cannot be made to the present system. Anyone with money to invest will not invest it in an ailing business unless it can clearly be shown that the money so invested will effect a complete cure.

The investor will have to be shown that the money he puts into the street railway will lower operating costs and increase patronage. Trackless trolleys and buses will do both.

Total costs under the complete rehabilitation plan will be reduced more than a half million dollars per annum. Patronage will increase rapidly. More people will ride the trackless trolley and buses and leave their automobiles at home. Every trolley bus and motor bus installation in the country has experienced a great increase in patronage. Here is what actually has happened in other cities that have already modernized as Seattle must do:

#### The records in these other cities who have modernized show that increase in passenger revenue is marked and instantaneous after up-to-date vehicles are installed

In the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, patronage increased over 200% on First Avenue; within a year after change, Madison Avenue showed an increase of 91.3%; Eighth Avenue, 118.7%; Ninth Avenue Line, 143.8%; and Second Avenue, 50%. In the Borough of Richmond, New York, revenues increased 43% immediately after the change from street railway to modernized buses.

Modernization of transportation systems in the following cities have shown increases in gross revenues as follows:

Providence, R. I.	24.6%
Oakwood System, Dayton, Ohio	25.7%
Grand Rapids, Mich.	25.6%
Columbus, Ohio	33.7%

Springfield, Ohio	39.0%
Chattanooga, Tenn.	50.0%
Morristown, Pa.	58.0%

If, after complete rehabilitation, Seattle's system shows even 20% increase, it will amount to \$875,000 for the first full year, based on our present earnings.

It is the desire of all of us that the street railway system be put on a paying basis as soon as possible, not just because Seattle deserves the best transportation possible, but because a financially sound street railway means so much to the general credit of all departments of the City.

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