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SAW JAP SOLDIERS GOING TO WAR

PORTLAND CITIZEN RECEIVES LETTERS FROM FRIENDS IN KOREA, WHO DESCRIBE CONDITIONS IN A GRAPHIC MANNER—JAPS HIDE EVERYTHING.

Mrs. J. Hunter Wells of this city has received a letter, dated April 11, from a woman missionary in Ping Yang, Korea, which gives some interesting details on the war in the far east. The missionary writes as follows:

"We have been busy these days, for there has been so much going on and so much to see. The city is now comparatively free from soldiers, but they have been going through by the thousands, with enormous loads of provisions. I never thought before how much it means to feed an army in the field. The Japanese have now reached Lyanchen, the Presbyterian mission near Wiju, and the missionaries there are in the same lines with us. The Russians left Lyanchen just as the Japanese arrived. You have heard how Dr. and Mrs. Sharrocks and Mr. Whitmore refused to leave. While the Russians were in control trouble was caused by suffering soldiers, but after a complaint to the officer in command notices were posted on our houses and there was no further annoyance. The soldiers tried to take away the fodder and feed for our cows.

"None of the missionaries left Ping Yang. The United States sent a cruiser to Chinnampo for us, but the Japanese were in such firm possession by the time it arrived that there was no risk

in staying, but even if it were otherwise we would prefer to stay here and risk whatever danger there might be. So far we have been as comfortable as could be expected, and will doubtless continue so, unless the Japanese should suffer a sudden defeat in the north.

"There have been many interesting sights. The soldiers, both infantry and cavalry, went north through the two gates of the city, so we had a good view of them. Their cannons and pontoon bridges were very interesting. Are you not sorry you are missing it all?"

"We have been having interesting and distinguished company at our houses in the way of army officers and newspaper correspondents. The first of these were Mr. Jack London, whose interesting letters to 'Collier's' and the London News man. They came on without passports and are away ahead of the others, who are just arriving.

"The principal source of worry has been about orders for our food and clothing. For a while it looked as though we were not going to get any supplies, but the Japanese have such complete control that a cablegram has been sent for food to be forwarded at once. Clothing will be sent later. I don't know what we will do for shoes, etc., but by dividing up the foreign community will doubtless be able to manage.

"Missionary work continues, as you have heard, and travel in the country, within the Japanese lines, which include all Korea, is to a certain extent allowable, so there is no serious interruption to our work. War, however, is exciting and is not conducive to work, but it is remarkable how even things are in the midst of the excitement."

Letter From Well-Known Author.

Dr. J. Hunter Wells is in receipt of another letter from James S. Gale, of Seoul, Korea, dated April 13, telling of the war and other matters. Mr. Gale is the author of the Korean-English dictionary, "Korean Sketches" and the popular book "The Vanguard," a story of Korea, already in its second edition. Dr. Gale writes as follows concerning the war:

"We know absolutely nothing of the war. The Japs hide everything. No man's left hand knows what his right hand does these days. All the newspaper correspondents who sailed forth so jubilantly have been turned down and will never run any danger of dum dum bullets. It is a great struggle, and no doubt the fate of the far east hangs on it. I like the Russians personally, but may the Japs win!"

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REV. EZRA MAUER, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER. Rev. Mr. Mauer was elected presiding elder of Salem district by the Evangelical Conference at Jefferson, Or.

ROSE SHOW WILL BE FINEST EVER

DISPLAY INTENDED TO BE FINEST SEEN IN PORTLAND—DATE FOR EXHIBITION WILL DEPEND UPON THE TIME WHEN ROSES ARE IN BEST BLOOM.

The annual rose show to be given by the Portland Rose society, will probably be held this year on June 10 and 11. The society is working hard to make Portland the rose city of the world, and the success of the coming show will do much toward accomplishing this end. According to present indications, this will be the banner effort of the society. Preparations were begun early, and arrangements are now almost completed.

"We don't want the show until we can display the finest exhibition roses," said one of the executive board, at a meeting held yesterday afternoon in the parlors of First Presbyterian church.

"One year, the best roses we ever had for an Oregon exhibition, were shown on the third of July." It appears that the date when the show will be held is very indefinite, and that the only thing left for the members to do is to have everything ready, so that when the roses are at their best, there may be no delay in holding the exhibition.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Dryden and Lamberson has been named to prepare a classified premium list of roses.

Mrs. P. J. Mann, chairman for the afternoon, appointed Mrs. Dryden, Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Klosterman to request retail merchants to decorate their stores with Rose society colors, during the carnival.

The Crystal Ice company offered to make a display at the show of roses frozen in ice. They will put in ice any roses furnished the society. Their offer was accepted.

Mrs. J. K. Gill, who is arranging with various schools and clubs of the city to furnish floats for the parade, has received acceptances from St. Mary's academy, Holmes and Behnke-Walker business colleges and Hill Military academy. The following have not yet decided as to whether or not they will participate: High school, Bishop Scott academy, Camera club, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, the Rowing club and the Multnomah club.

A number of persons have offered to send exhibitions, if some one will arrange them so that they will appear to the best advantage. A committee will probably be appointed to look after these details.

There will be five booths at the exhibition, rose, candy, ice cream, lemonade and tea.

The rose booth, a frame structure 25 by 50 feet, will be the largest in the exhibition. The arrangements for music have not yet been completed.

Following is a list that will comprise the parades, and all who wish to participate should apply by letter to Mrs. Rose Hoyt, 735 Hoyt street: First day, automobiles and bicycles of all classes. Second day, floats, teams, vehicles, double and single pony carts and saddle horses.

TIMID SHEEP SHY AT CITY SIGHTS

DROVE OF 900 WILD AND WOOLLY QUADRUPEDS LED BY BALKY GOAT STAMPEDED IN WRIGGLING MASS AT SECOND AND ALDER STREETS.

When "Jim" Wright put 900 sheep aboard the steamer Regulator at The Dalles and started them for Portland, he probably felt a foreboding that trouble would occur when the drove came to be transferred on the hoof from the dock to the stock yards. But he consoled himself with the thought that his herders were equal to the occasion. And so they were.

A stout boy appeared on Alder street at about 4 o'clock Friday evening, dragging a small, discreditable looking masculine goat by means of a rope tied about its neck. Half a block behind him, huddled together and moving forward, backward and sidewise by turns, were Wright's 900 sheep, in charge of three herders and a dog. It was the first time the sheep had visited the city, and to them the sights were strange and appalling. So, also, was the goat. As a leader, he did not inspire their confidence. He was old and decrepit. His whiskers were sparse, and a portion of his left ear was missing. His idea of leadership was to balk along on his rear shanks and make the boy work hard. Evidently, he was a low-born, cheap goat from Tin Can alley, that had suddenly been taken up and pressed into service without any regard for fitness or civil service regulations.

There is a queer element in the sheep character that cropped out the moment Wright's 900 started up Alder street. They fear a strange trail, and refused to cross any street that intersected the road on which they were traveling. When they reached Second street, the entire drove stopped and massed together so compactly that those in the center were forced upward until they stood on their hind feet. The drovers and the dog continued to push them from the rear and both sides, but those in front merely circled to the left or right as fast as the bunch moved forward, so that no headway was made. As for their leader—the stubborn goat was dimly visible in the distance, dangling on the end of his rope, and sliding on his "shank" as he made a feeble endeavor to impede the progress of the boy, who strode steadily on like a hero under orders to march into the jaws of death. He was heedless of everything, excepting his task. Hoodlums lined up on the sidewalk and hooted, but he saw them not. A dog scooted out and grabbed a tuft of hair from the protesting goat, but the boy trudged on unmoved. That boy was born a drum-major, and will die at least a lieutenant general.

The head drover at length worked his way forward through the mass of sheep and succeeded in pushing a few of them half way across Second street and then the sheep, seeing that they must go on, broke into a run straight ahead, followed by the entire herd. The drove ran until they reached Third street, where they came to a sudden stop, packed together like a log jam on a bar, and again the drovers had their work to do all over again. They were a long time getting through the business district, and it was particularly hard to force the sheep across street-car tracks.

By the time they reached Eighth street they had conquered their fears of the intersections, and trotted along contentedly, all landing safely at the stock yards.

FRAZIER LOSES VALUABLE LAUNCH

Charles R. Frazier, formerly chief of police deputy under Sheriff William A. Storey, lost a gasoline launch at the fire which destroyed the Day Lumber company's plant in South Portland recently.

For some days prior to the fire Mr. Frazier had been negotiating the sale of the launch. He asked \$400 for it, but the prospective buyer wanted it for \$275. Over this difference they argued until an agreement on the \$400 basis was reached, then the fire, which occurred last Thursday night, wiped the lumber mill out of existence. Mr. Frazier was part owner in the mill, and when he heard the fire alarm that night he arose and hurriedly dressed. He had left his launch at the mill, and in addition to a desire to rush there and assist in saving the plant, he wanted to get the launch out of danger's way.

Long before he reached the fire the flames were rapidly devouring the mill property. Arriving at the mill, Mr. Frazier was about to get the launch freed from its moorings, when a huge smoke stack fell and struck it and it sank. Next day he raised the launch and saved considerable of the fixtures, which were stored near the mill site. That night a band of wharf rats stole the fittings. Consequently, Mr. Frazier is out just \$40, aside from his interest in the mill.

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PORTLAND ACTORS MAY FORM UNION

It is altogether probable that Portland will soon have an actors' union. Sam J. Wheeler, a member of the Actors' National Protective union, who is in the city filling a professional engagement, is agitating the formation of a local organization. Mr. Wheeler is when he heard the fire alarm that night he arose and hurriedly dressed. He had left his launch at the mill, and in addition to a desire to rush there and assist in saving the plant, he wanted to get the launch out of danger's way.

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TENNESSEE STOCK BREEDERS. Governor Frazer cordially greeted the delegates and Prof. Andrew M. Soule explained the purpose and plan of the meeting. Permanent organization was effected and the remainder of the day was devoted to papers and discussions on various topics of interest to those engaged in cattle raising and the breeding of horses, mules and sheep.

Belshazar's Luck. From the New York Sun. Belshazar observed the writing on the wall. "I suppose," he wailed, "that means my wife will have the room repapered, and I'll have to eat in the coal bin." Fearing the worst, he was pleasantly disappointed by the ensuing disasters.

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