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LETTER FROM HONOLULU

EDYTH TOZIER WEATHERED

Writes About That Delightful Land and Tells of Its Fruits, Flowers and Fish—Homeward Bound.

Honolulu, Aug. 25.

To The Independent.—My, how time flies by here. So much to see and so much doing. This is my third trip in two years, yet I am just as enthusiastic as I was on my first visit.

Have just returned from a week's stay at one of the big plantations, sixty miles from Honolulu. The train follows the ocean beach, and often it jumps around the base of towering rocks between waves, just like a child playing on the shore. It is very interesting and awe inspiring when a wave dashes against the car windows. Then the thousands of acres of green sugar cane on lowlands and on the hills seem to be challenging Old Pacific for supremacy. Hundreds of acres of rice being cultivated by aid of the water buffalo. You pass through many Japanese villages, miles of coconuts, pine apples and all kinds of tropical fruits. The same variety are never seen on the mainland, as they will not ship. I have eaten delicious fruits of which I had never seen or heard until coming to Waialua plantation. The names of the stations enroute I never can remember, for the pronunciation is beyond me. The large Eua plantation and mill is pronounced Eva. Waialua plantation, my destination, covers 10,000 acres. They employ 3,000 Japs, 1,000 mixed nationalities and about 100 white men. There is thirty miles of railroad on the plantation—work night and day at the mill. Often I wondered how long that handful of whites would last if the Japs turned loose. Life on a big plantation is not so bad. The white families have beautiful homes, automobiles, carriages and riding horses. Everyone is healthy. They are very sociable with one another and time never drags. They get good wages and live well.

I did not seem so far away from Oregon while there. Mrs. Fred Williams, whom I was visiting, was formerly Miss Florence Ellis, of Marshfield. Another guest at her home was Mrs. Sophia Mellis, the widow of Alfred Mellis, formerly of Portland. We three spent a day on the same plantation with Mrs. George Crookshank, a sister of William Rettle of Fossil, Ore., and on Sunday Rev. Edward Potwine, for so many years pastor of the Episcopal church at Pendleton, preached at Waialua. He has been pastor for four years at St. Elizabeth's mission, Honolulu. He is well known throughout Oregon, and though a bachelor for fifty years, is to be married September 5 to Miss Alice Shipman of Los Angeles, who has been teaching music in Honolulu for ten years. A charming young lady and very popular. There are many Oregon people living here on the Islands. I run across them everywhere.

A few days ago a party of us went (automobile) far up in the mountains and had lunch at one of quaintest and dearest outlying places, run by the Y. W. C. A. during the summer. There I met Miss Spencer, I had known in Portland, now living in Honolulu. Upon the mountains at that place are hundreds of acres of pine apples, just as tempting as nice ripe water melons. They grow close to the ground—just one pine apple on the little bunch of green leaves. There is lots of money here in pine apples, quickly and easily grown, but little trouble and quick returns. I cannot imagine a more beautiful or interesting outlying place for a person who has limited time and money to spend than here in Honolulu.

Alice Roosevelt-Longworth and her husband have been here for several weeks and will remain for some time. They rented a furnished cottage at the beach and enjoyed and play like children. They enjoy the bathing and surf canoeing, which is a great sport here, especially among the natives. As for myself, I enjoy the horse-back riding over the hills, through deep forest of beautiful ferns, along the beach and among fields of waving cane. The view from the hills is beyond description. One great advantage here in riding or tramping is, there is no poisonous bug or snakes of any kind. A showman once brought a snake here, and the authorities immediately purchased and killed it.

I wish the Hillsboro school children could see the thousands of beautifully colored fish of the most wonderful shapes. To visit the fish markets here in early morning is one of the sights of Honolulu. They have the flying fish here in the tropics and are seen when you are out in the steamer. They resemble a flock of birds skipping over the water.

On September 4 I leave Honolulu with the nine Hawaiian ladies who are on a pleasure trip to the Pacific Coast. They are college girls, good musicians and fine singers here. I will take them to Hillsboro for a part of a day and am sure my friends there will give them a cordial welcome. One young lady, Miss Todd, was born and raised on the island of Hawaii, right near Capt. Cook's monument. The older Hawaiians never felt kindly toward Capt. Cook because he discovered the Islands. We will go to Forest Grove and visit Pacific University. We expect to reach Portland about September 22.

There is many interesting things to tell concerning these Islands. In my next letter I will tell of my visit to the greatest active volcano in the world.

EDYTH TOZIER WEATHERED.
Some folks can't mind their business; They either have no business, Or else they have no mind.

According to an eastern grocery paper, the enforcement of the pure food laws will result in the practical elimination of the bluing process employed by sugar refiners, and the marketing of that staple in its natural color. It will present a yellowish tint instead of the bluish white now common to granulated sugar. Without education along the lines of pure food production and explanatory advertising regarding these processes, the public may not take kindly to the change.

The Legislature of 1907 passed an act appropriating \$125,000 per annum for the University of Oregon. On May 23, 1907, Eugene Palmer and Cyrus H. Walker petitions to the secretary of state petitions demanding that this act be referred to a vote of the people.

The secretary of state refused to file the petition because the "warning clause" had been omitted and because it did not contain a full and correct copy of the title of the act. Mandamus proceedings were brought and Judge Galloway held that the petition was fatally defective and need not be filed.

The supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Eakin, has reversed this, holding that the requirements had been substantially complied with. The University of Oregon appropriation bill therefore will not go into effect until it has been approved by an affirmative vote of the people.

IN TIME OF PEACE PREPARE FOR WAR

DON'T GET CAUGHT NAPPING.

Rev. Vrooman, Before the Y. M. C. A., Says "Get Your Gun and Be Prepared to Shoot."

The Y. M. C. A. hall at Portland Sunday night by persons anxious to hear Rev. Hiram Vrooman's address on "Our Possible War With Japan." In part the speaker said: "The rumors of our possible war with Japan are of such a character as to challenge the serious attention of every thoughtful citizen of our country, and especially every one of the Pacific coast.

"The hour is at hand for us to awaken to a realization of our danger and to begin at once upon precautionary and defensive measures, some of which it is the purpose of this address to set forth.

"But before considering measures of precaution and defense let us take a look at the situation. The situation presents, first, some things that are plainly manifest; second, some things that are highly probable; third, some things that are altogether possible, and fourth and last, but not least, things whose seeming impossibility cannot be proved. These things whose seeming impossibility we cannot prove must be in a measure portentous until this proof is secured. We will consider these things in their order.

First—The thing unmistakably manifest is that Japan is concentrating the entirety of her powers as a nation in carrying forward some well-planned and far-reaching strategic movement which, probably, is no less ambitious than to secure permanent military control of the Pacific. The rapidity of her progress on the Pacific, since her victory over Russia, is in ratio with the rapidity of her rise as a nation since the time, but a few years ago, when it first occurred to her to become a world power. And her rise as a nation stands out unprecedented among all the nations during all the ages. The pace of her progress on the Pacific right now is far more rapid than that of the United States.

"Second—The highly probable thing is that, for economic and commercial advantages and for securing relief to her home congestion of population and for the sake of prestige, Japan is seeking aggressively to increase, as rapidly as possible, the influx of her own people into our Pacific coast states.

"Third—An altogether possible thing is that, in addition to securing economic and commercial advantages and relief to her home congestion of population and greater prestige as a nation, she is encouraging her own people to come here as rapidly as possible for the sake of military advantages.

"Japan is providing for invaluable assistance to her cause, in the possible event of war with us, at any time soon or in the distant future, by establishing her own people in our States. This is true because we could never expect of any Japanese, whether he became a naturalized citizen of this country or not, to sympathize with this country or not, posed to Japan. But, on the contrary, we would always expect him to render any service to Japan that might be possible in time of war.

"It there should ever be war between the United States and Japan there would be on our shores in advance of hostilities what would be practically equivalent to as many Japanese soldiers as there are Japanese in our midst.

"Fourth—The thing which has not yet been proved to be impossible is the successful carrying out of a particular stratagem on the part of Japan by which she would be in possession of the Pacific coast cities of America, holding the people of Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle and other large cities as hostages of war and seizing, as the

prize of war, all property other than real estate, before the American fleet of war vessels arrives this side of Cape Horn next spring. The fact that we do not know that such a strategic coup for them and calamity for us is impossible is in itself portentous. And if it should be among the possible things we may be sure that Japan knows it.

"The precautionary and defensive measures which I present here, without hesitancy, as being amply justified by the facts of the situation, are three in number:

"First—A public opinion should at once be created or such a virile character as to prevent our own people from giving employment of any kind to any Japanese. This would establish an economic condition which would, by perfectly peaceable methods, make it impossible for any large number of Japanese to remain in our midst. They cannot remain where they cannot find remunerative employment without being supported by their own government. And their government would support none who were here for any other reasons than military. I should like to see this opinion so strong in regard to this matter that any man or woman giving employment to a Japanese would be considered as unfriendly to the public good and boycotted out of business and social standing.

"Second—A private detective agency should operate under the auspices of a citizens' organization for the purpose of ascertaining the number of Japanese in the different cities and states, where they reside, what they do and other desirable information.

"Third—A rifle with plenty of ammunition should forthwith be in every house where there is a man capable of handling a gun. This alone would prevent any possible sudden uprising on the part of the Japanese in our midst, because the success of any sudden attack would depend upon their bringing up our armories and powder magazines and confronting an unarmed people.

"There is one other precaution which should be taken to give effectiveness to these three special ones. It is that public opinion should not tolerate even the slightest unlawful acts of violence toward any Japanese. Every personal insult or act of discourtesy on the part of any one toward a Japanese should be punished summarily and to the full limit of the law. The same righteous and patriotic indignation which boycotts the man giving employment to a Japanese should punish without mercy the man who, without ample cause, does personal harm to any Japanese. The relation between us as individuals should be that of friendship."

STAMPING OUT THE DISEASE

SUPPLIES VACCINE FREE.

Further improvement of Conditions on Western Ranges—Loss of Stock Reduced.

Washington, Sept. 11.—Further evidence of the government's concern over the improvement of range conditions in the National Forests is shown in the announcement just made that stock owners will be furnished free of charge supplies of vaccine for the treatment of stock afflicted with black leg, tuberculosis and other animal diseases. This arrangement has been made by the Forest Service with Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Stockmen holding permits for grazing in the National Forests will now be furnished with an effective means of combating with out cost all of the most dangerous diseases to which stock is subject. The vaccine can be obtained simply by applying to the supervisor of the Forest upon which the stock is grazed who will at once forward the approved request to the Bureau of Animal Industry where it will be filled. Full directions will be furnished for its use.

The Forest Service and the Bureau of Animal Industry are working hard in an endeavor to eradicate or diminish the common forms of stock disease found on the western ranges and their efforts are meeting with much success. It is anticipated that a large number of stockmen will avail themselves of this latest offer of assistance and as a result the loss of stock will be greatly reduced and range conditions improved.

The county cruisers of Washington county, Oregon, have finished their work and the estimate for taxation purposes amounts to \$64,500,000, approximately, or over a fourth of the entire roll of the county.

Base Ball goods of all kinds A. R. Lee Spear's Bicycle shop on Main street.

Auction Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public auction, at the Col. Cornelius farm, 2 miles west of Glencoe, and 7 miles N. W. of Hillsboro, beginning at 10 a. m., on Friday, September 27, bay horse, 8 years old, 1450; gray mare, 9 years, 1450; gray horse, 11 years, 1200; gray mare, 9 years, 1400; black mare, 7 years, 1300, colt by side; bay mare, 3 years, 1200; bay mare, 4 years, 1150; 3 Black D. yearling colts; sorrel mare colt, and bay horse colt, both are spring colts out of Black D., bay mare, 8 years old; 10 head sheep; 4 cows in milk, one fresh; 3 yearling heifers, heifer calf, Holstein bull, 9 months old; sow with 7 pigs, sow with 5 pigs, 8 shoats, 11 sucking pigs, Poland China boar Bait 3 1/2 inch wagon, 2 5-8 Millburn wagon, top buggy, 2 hay racks 15 and 16 ft, 3 bailing racks, 8-ft Deering binder nearly new, Osborne mower 6-ft cut, Osborne rake 12-ft, 8-ft tedder new, 12-hoe Gundlach drill, 8-ft disk harrow, spring-tooth harrow, 3 section land roller, 4 walking plows 14 in. gang plow, Chatham fanning mill, garden cultivator, 3 sets double forkness set single harness, hay fork with ropes and pulleys, 2 X-cut saws, 5 & 7 ft; Myers' cylinder pump, 35 ft pipe; 1000-lb platform scales, grindstone, Royal steel range, 2 heating stoves, dining table, 10 2 cupboards and other household furniture, and many other articles. Lunch at noon. Terms of sale.—Under \$10, cash; \$10 and over, 1 year's time, bankable note, at 8 per cent. 2 per cent discount for cash. W. E. SMITH.

B. P. Cornelius, auctioneer.

The London woman who chased her husband 5,000 miles must have been very easy to suit, considering that her spouse was an English tailor.

Possibly it would be better not to offer prizes for large families without imposing some conditions as to the manner in which they are reared.

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