

### 2,000,000 ARE SLOWLY DYING

Lewis Ernsten, First Secretary of American Legation in Chinese Capital, Says Famine Stalks Unchecked in China.



MR. LEWIS ERNSTEN

NEW YORK, April 20.—Two million persons within 800 miles of Peking are facing starvation, according to Lewis Ernsten, first secretary of the American legation in the Chinese capital, who arrived here on board the Adriatic of the White Star line. Mr. Ernsten has been away since December, 1909, when he was transferred from duty at the American legation in Turkey to Peking. He is on leave of absence.

"Conditions in China are far worse than they are supposed to be. Thousands are dying and the relief sent by civilized countries has proven but a drop in the bucket. Distribution is difficult and despite the best efforts of the Red Cross society suffering is extensive and acute."

### Asks Carload of Babies.

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 20.—Because the stock is making few visits in Fort Worth the United Charities Association has announced that, at the request of many young married couples, it had written to charity organizations in New York asking that a carload of infants between the ages of two months and three years be sent here immediately. The other morning a carload of sixty-six New York babies passed through, in charge of nurses, bound for Houston, where homes already have been found for them. Fort Worth tried to obtain a few of these, but the demand in Houston was greater than the supply, so Fort Worth has ordered a carload of its own.

### New Hampshire Grand Army.

CONCORD, N. H., April 20.—Grand Army men of New Hampshire are gathering here today in annual encampment, which will also serve to commemorate the semi-centennial of the breaking out of the civil war. A camp-fire and public reception will be held this evening with addresses of welcome by Governor Bass, Mayor French, and others.

Has'ns for Health.

### HOSE CART USED WEDDING CHAISE

Medford Fire Department Meets Jack Dent and His Bride, Who Was Formerly Miss Margaret Ewbank, on Their Return From Eugene.

Wednesday afternoon a telegram was received by the fire boys that Jack Dent and bride would be on the 11:20 express from Eugene. The boys forthwith proceeded to get busy. The boys were all notified to be "on deck" in uniform to receive their brother fireman and bride. But for fear that Jack would give the boys the slip at Gold Hill or Central Point, an auto was hired and Harry Ling, Henry Haswell and Frank Lindley rode to Gold Hill to meet them and insure a safe delivery at Medford. In the meantime the boys at home took a two-wheeled hand hose cart and fixed up a comfortable seat thereon with plenty of cushions and robes, decorated the wheels with the national colors, also bells and waited for the train. It came and with it Jack and his bride and their escorts from Gold Hill. As Jack came in sight of the hose cart he was heard to exclaim, "Gee? This is where Frank Lindley gets even with me." Jack was escorted into the cart and when Mrs. Dent was invited to take a seat beside him she threw up her hands and said, "Oh My No," but Jack said, "Come on," and like a good sensible little wife she "came."

The lead rope was run out and the boys grated hold and the procession started. Harry Ling and Alix Wright were the leaders and the way they bowed their heads and pressed would have made an old stage driver weep for joy. "Sody Pop" Bigham and Baz Gorgary were the heavy weight wheelers and Chief Amann, Henry Haswell, Harry Wilson, Claude Metz, Doc Dambison and others worked in the swing. They went carefully down North Front street until they swung into East Main and then the leaders became unmanageable and away they went for East Medford. Chief Amann used to be a square gaited trotter when the boys had to haul a hose cart to the fire, but since our city dads furnished him that fine auto runabout he has got out of practice somewhat, and when the leaders struck their stride it would have been difficult for a race horse man to decide whether Gene was a "side wheeler" or a "diagonal tratter" he trotted and he passed and when the wheelers stopped on his heels he went up in the air and ran like everything. It is about one mile from the depot to Mr. Dent's residence and when the boys had delivered them safely at their home, the chief

### MERCURY DOES NOT TOUCH 30

Clear Sky Prevails and Much Smudging is Done but is Unnecessary—O'Gara Kept in Constant Touch With Situation.

A light frost settled in the valley Wednesday night as predicted by Prof. O'Gara, but did no damage. A few instances of smudging were recorded but was unnecessary as the mercury did not fall quite to 30 degrees. A clear sky prevailed throughout the night. The frost will be out of danger in a short time and midnight vigils will soon be a thing of the past.



At Wednesday's meeting of the city council the following routine matters were disposed of:  
A resolution for the laying of a 4-inch water main on Knight street from Taft street to Summit avenue was passed.  
A plat of the Myers addition to the city of Medford was approved and accepted.  
A permit to build a residence on South Central avenue was granted to A. P. Talent.  
A parcel of land deeded by A. P. Talent for street purposes was accepted.  
A motion to widen and straighten Palm street was carried and a petition to close North Central avenue was granted.  
A motion to alter the specifications so as to admit the use of cement pipe in sewer construction was passed.  
The matter of the construction of sewers was referred to the street and finance committees who will take the matter up with the Jacobsen-Bade Company.  
said in a faint whisper "Boys: here is where I ride," and proceeded to get into the cart and the boys hauled him back to the fire hall.  
"Who?" said Sody Pop. "That was the poppinest run that I ever made," Lawton took them all back into the horse parlor to the wash rack and gave them a cold shower bath and they all went home happy.

### MILLAR ASKS WHITE LABOR

Councilman Millar Would Withhold Contract Until Company Agreed to Employ Only American Labor in Laying Water and Sewer Mains.

An effort was made by George H. Millar, socialist councilman from the Third ward, at a recent session of the city council to check the granting of a contract to the Jacobsen-Bade Company until that company had agreed to employ only American labor. The motion offered by Mr. Millar was out of order at the time and was not brought up again.

### Dockstader Tonight.

Lew Dockstader will be the attraction at the Medford theatre, Thursday, April 20, when the "Twentieth century" pattern of minstrelsy will be shown here for the first time.

This year Dockstader calls his entertainment the "Possum Hunt Club Revue," which introduces the entire company in a series of laughable incidents. He has surrounded himself with the following choice selections from the funny fold: Carroll Johnson, Eddie Mazier, "Happy" Naulty, Chas. Falk, William Brandt, Frank Farron, Chas. J. Raymond, Louis F. Muir and a host of others.

Dockstader begins the fun-making the moment he enters the scene of the first part, which takes place on the lawn of the club house during reception. The story—for it is "minstrelsy with a plot," concerns Dockstader's trip to the north pole. The members of the "Possum Hunt club" elect "Lew" for the honor and it is to escape this dreaded trip about which the funny story is written. Through the machinations of the o'odoo man and a bottle of wonderful dream water he is put to sleep and some big stage pictures depict its reality. It takes him and the members of the organization for a trip to the strange island of "Chanticleer" with its gorgeous "coon" bird characters, on board the ship Thermidor. During this there is a travesty of the comic opera, "Pinafore," which furnishes no end of merriment, and a spectacular and picturesque dance called "Louisiana" introducing Carroll Johnson and 20 others. Dockstader escapes in an airship of most wonderful construction which circles over the heads of the audience. The awakening shows the triumphant return of the whole troupe to the rathskeller of the club house for a beefsteak dinner, where there are introduced some of the most amusing acts of the entertainment. Seats now on sale.

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<b>Clearance of Ladies' Suits</b>		<b>Ladies' \$1.00 cumfy-cut union suits trimmed with linen lace</b> . . . . . <b>65c</b>		<b>Clearance Sale of Hats</b>	
\$15.00 ladies' suits now	<b>\$11.25</b>	10 doz. ladies' swiss vests worth up to 15c at	<b>5c</b>	Gage Hand-Tailored. Everyone a Perfect Dream. Gage Hats Lead for Style.	
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\$20.00 ladies' suits now	<b>\$15.00</b>	Initial handkerchiefs	<b>5c</b>	\$18 Gage hats now	<b>\$12.90</b>
\$25.00 ladies' suits now	<b>\$18.75</b>	Men's 50c suspenders	<b>29c</b>	\$12 Gage hats now	<b>\$8.65</b>
\$30.00 ladies' suits now	<b>\$22.50</b>	Men's 50c 4-in-hand ties	<b>29c</b>	\$10 Gage hats now	<b>\$6.95</b>
\$40.00 ladies' suits now	<b>\$29.50</b>	Men's 25c 4-in-hand ties	<b>13c</b>	\$8 Gage hats now	<b>\$5.15</b>

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