

THE PIGEONS IN WAR-PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Carriers Now Being Utilized in South Africa.

Post Established by the British During the War—One Thousand Miles in the Air.

The pigeon post established at Lady-smith and Durban for carrying war messages has been such a success that special appropriations for increasing the service will be recommended by the war office. A good deal of this success of the pigeon service is due to the skill and energy of Col. Hassard, of the Royal Engineers, who has spent years in pigeon culture for just this sort of emergency, and he has demonstrated the fitness of the birds for war purposes. Col. Hassard, who was stationed at the Cape before hostilities broke out, systematically trained his pigeons for carrying messages across the rough, mountainous land, and his various pigeon posts were of the greatest value in keeping the home office apprised of the exact condition of the army.

Nearly every civilized government now has carrier pigeons connected with both their war and navy departments. France has entered into pigeon culture more extensively than any other European power, and it is roughly estimated that there are 250,000 pigeons in that country trained for war emergencies. The main pigeon loft or training station is at Chalons, where several thousand birds are kept all the time. Every frontier post and fortress has smaller lofts, and three times a week regular communication is kept up between these places by means of pigeons. This pigeon post in constant practice in times of peace would be of immediate service in times of war. The state protects the carriers, and anyone caught shooting a pigeon of any kind in France is heavily fined. The pigeon service has been established in France since 1870.

The German war department owns about 10,000 pigeons, but they have a system of reserves which they can call into service in times of war. The owners of private lofts have to register their carrier pigeons, and the war department knows exactly how many of the birds it can obtain at a moment's notice.

The Austrian government also relies largely upon private owners' pigeons for service in times of war. Every bird in the country has to be registered, and not one can be sold or sent out of the country without permission. Since 1875 a few thousand pigeons have been in regular service at the fortresses and frontier posts. Russia has a military pigeon system, which is maintained by the officers in the corps of engineers. Little is known about her system, except that lofts are scattered throughout the empire, including bleak Siberia. The intense cold of the winter months in the latter place seriously interferes with the success of the pigeon post and partly neutralizes the good effect of it. Italy's pigeon post was established in 1872, and Spain and Portugal inaugurated similar systems a few years later.

There are 1,000 homing pigeons on the books of the British navy, and several times this number on the books of the army. In the past ten years the United States army and navy departments have been interested in the carrier pigeons, and we have posts established at different points throughout the country. Their services have been useful chiefly in the navy, and experiments are being made constantly in communicating by this means between the shore and the ships. There is no system of registering homing pigeons in private lofts, and in emergency the government in need of more pigeons would have to depend upon the patriotism of the private owners for increasing its supply. That there would be plenty of volunteers no one doubts for a moment.—Collier's Weekly.

Chances in War.
War is not such a dangerous game as people think. In spite of all efforts to annihilate each other, enemies do comparatively slight damage. During the Franco-German war, with its scores of battles on a vast scale, only 194,000 men in each 1,000 were killed and 108 wounded, while 4% per 1,000 were missing. Thus any soldier engaged had about nine chances to one that he would not get a scratch, and over fifty chances to one that he would not be killed. Most of the wounds received were slight—that is to say, one-fourth of all the wounds were severe, and three-fourths were slight. But it is surprising how small a wound disables a man and knocks him out of the ranks.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Beer Sharpshooter at Spitzkoppe.
One of the Seaforth Highlanders told us that while he lay wounded he saw a Boer, faultlessly dressed with polished top boots and a silk-faced shirt, walking about among the ant hills with a cigar in his mouth, picking off the troops. He was quite alone, and it was very apparent from his frequent use of field glasses that officers were his objective. My informant, whose amazed arm prevented him using his rifle, says this sharpshooter never missed.—South African News.

Smoke Shells Suggested.
The great loss of life incurred by the English troops is mainly attributable to the charges they have had to make across open spaces in order to dislodge the enemy from the sheltering kopje. In order to minimize the death toll it has been suggested that just before a charge takes place smoke shells should be fired, which would temporarily hide the English soldiers.—Chicago Chronicle.

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED FROM THE WEEK'S DISPATCHES.

Sudden Storm on the Columbia River.
Casualties: Livermore's Marshal Shot of Cash—Excitement Over the Discovery of Dry Placers.

Lewis Thorn, well-known among horsemen of the west, died recently at Los Angeles.

Agnes Schubert, a woman of San Francisco's tenderloin attempted suicide a few days ago by shooting.

Thomas McDermott, a keeper of a low saloon at San Francisco committed suicide a few days ago. He was a brother of Maxine Elliott, the actress.

Engineer Frank J. Shaw and Fireman Henry Witsee were killed at Oakland some days ago by the overrunning of the engine they were running.

G. W. Hall, a well-known pioneer farmer of Suisun, died recently after a lingering illness. He was a native of Massachusetts, aged 68 years.

A company has been organized on Puget sound, with the object of shipping to eastern cities all kinds of fresh fish packed in ice.

Domestic troubles and drink caused Al Cokerly to commit suicide at Hanford some days ago.

Three robbers held up the conductor and motorman of an electric car at Los Angeles and relieved them of their money and jewelry one night last week.

Paul, the two-and-a-half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Myers, died from drinking sulphuric acid. The child found the bottle containing the acid while playing around the swimming station of the San Joaquin Ice company at Selma, where his father is employed.

Governor Gage has issued requisition papers for the return to California of W. T. Wykes, arrested in St. Louis on the charge of having embezzled several thousand dollars from C. R. Whitney & Co., of San Francisco.

Richard Seely, proprietor of the Locomotive Hotel at Lemoore, committed suicide by taking morphine. No reason is given for his action, as his family relations have always been of the pleasantest and his financial standing is of the best. He leaves a wife and three children.

Governor Surveyor T. H. Ward of Washington is at Laytonville, with a staff of ten assistants. They propose taking up all fractional parts of unsurveyed grazing and redwood timber lands.

The town trustees of Livermore, after having examined the accounts of Town Marshal William Harvey, found that he was short about \$500 in his tax money. His bondsmen at once paid in all but \$300 of the shortage, and as soon as the exact amount of that which is due can be determined, the balance will be made good. Harvey has been asked to resign.

Arthur Jones, a bus driver, was shot and probably mortally wounded by J. W. Phillips of Keswick. The men were carousing in the barroom of the Monte Carlo theater, and finally got into a dispute as to which could kick the higher. Words passed into blows and then Phillips shot Jones through the body, just below the liver. Phillips was arrested.

There is considerable excitement in Southern California over the discovery of dry placer diggings near Bartow, San Bernardino county. Several men are making good wages. There is a rush on and the entire section is taken up.

Paul Chaigneau, formerly city marshal of Napa, and recently convicted of embezzlement, was sentenced to one year in San Quentin. The motion for a new trial was denied. Judge Ham refused bail pending an appeal.

While making a tour around the world, John Thomann, an old resident of St. Helena, died at Zurich, Switzerland.

The steamer Mink is reported sunk in the Sinaloa river, near Mapleton, Or., at the head of time water. She was a small steamer and had been carrying passengers and freight from tide water to Florence.

Jacob Furth, president of the Puget Sound National bank of Seattle, has purchased the coal mine at Renton from the Renton Coal company. The price paid was about \$90,000.

H. Hakes, an old resident of Fresno county, was drowned in an irrigating ditch in Central colony. He lost his balance and fell in and his infirmities rendered him helpless. His remains will be sent to his old home in Rock Island, Ill.

Miss Florence Bunnell, who lived with her parents near Susanville, was killed a few days ago while trying to jump from a cart attached to a runaway horse.

J. T. E. Arnold, of a prominent firm of London solicitors, is under arrest at San Francisco, held on information from England charging him with embezzling \$15,000 from his clients. He is said to be a son of Sir Thomas Arnold.

Captain R. R. Searle, one of the old time navigators of the Pacific coast, died at San Francisco a few days ago.

A sudden storm broke over the mouth of the Columbia river a few days ago and played havoc with fishermen. Numerous boats were overturned, and had it not been for the life saving crews stationed there the loss of life would have been heavy. Four fishermen are known to have been drowned.

Charles B. Stone, well-known throughout California, and prominent in business circles of San Francisco, died suddenly at San Mateo a few days ago.

—THE MAIL is the best county paper.

THE PHILIPPINES.

The following cablegram has been received at Washington from General MacArthur:

"Wheaton reports that two companies of insurgents, comprising the commandant, one captain, two first lieutenants, four second lieutenants, 163 men, with 188 guns in good condition, and a small quantity of ammunition, surrendered at Tarlac May 22. This is the first instance in the islands of the surrender of the organizations complete, and is regarded as significant and important."

MANILA, May 22.—Two companies of insurgents surrendered to Colonel Bureson H. Liscum at Tarlac today. They included a major, a captain, six lieutenants, 163 men and 188 rifles and ammunition. The enemy intimated their intention to surrender by a letter sent to the president of Tarlac, who communicated it to Colonel Liscum.

Captain Tio, a nephew of General Tio, and 23 other rebels were killed May 18, by scouts, in an engagement near Maliboon, province of Ilocos. There was no loss on the American side. With the men were captured 38 rifles, horses and saddles. The rebel colonel, Almeida, who was paroled April 28, arrived here last evening and has been making incendiary speeches.

Washington, May 22.—According to a statement made today by the division of customs and insular affairs of the war department the total number of foreign vessels that entered the ports of Manila, Iloilo, Cebu and Jolo, Philippine islands, during February, 1900, was 50, with a total tonnage of 62,987. Of this number 22, with a total tonnage of 34,520, carried the British flag, and four, with a total tonnage of 7,111, carried the American flag.

MANILA, May 25.—Major Peyton O. March, with a battalion of the Thirty-third infantry, and Colonel Luther R. Hare, with another part of Thirty-third regiment, while scouring the country northeast of Benguet report that they have struck the trail of a party of Filipinos traveling in the mountains and believe they are escorting Aguinaldo. Major March is continuing the pursuit across an exceedingly difficult country beyond the telegraph lines.

MANILA, May 27.—Scouting, small engagements, and the capture of arms and prisoners continue daily in Northern Luzon. Last week's operations by the Ninth, Twelfth, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth and Thirty-sixth regiments resulted in the killing of 46 of the enemy, the taking of 180 prisoners and the capture of 300 rifles and a quantity of ammunition.

Kansas wants 20,000 men to help save her enormous wheat crop. State Grain Inspector McKenzie, who has just returned from the Kansas wheat belt, says the state will harvest 85,000,000 bushels, and that harvesting will begin in Southern Kansas by June 12.

The Algiers correspondent of a London paper says: There is little doubt that a holy war has been proclaimed in the extreme south of Algeria and Morocco. Probably this is due to the movements of French troops.

George Horton, a native of Detroit, aged 84 years, died recently at Napa. Horton had been a resident of St. Helena and Napa for a number of years.

Simon W. Cramer, ex-representative of Ohio, accidentally shot and killed his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer were attempting to dislodge a rat from a pile of debris. Mrs. Cramer was on the opposite side of a woodshed from her husband, who held in his hand a loaded shotgun. He thought he saw the rat and fired, striking Mrs. Cramer full in the face. Death was almost instantaneous. Mrs. Cramer was 60 years of age.

The first apriots to leave the state went from Winters on May 8. It is the earliest shipment on record.

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ROSEBURG, OREGON, April 20, 1900.
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Administratrix's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, administratrix of the estate of George W. Heckathorn, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned within six months after the date of the first publication of this notice. Dated May 4, 1900. ISABELLA HECKATHORN, Administratrix of the Estate of George W. Heckathorn, Deceased.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Land office at Roseburg, Oregon, April 25, 1900. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Wm. S. Crowell, judge of Jackson County, Oregon, at Jacksonville, Oregon, on June 9, 1900, viz: On his H. E. No. 8004, for the NE¼ NW¼, SW¼ NW¼, and NW¼ NE¼, Sec. 28, T. 33 S., R. 2 E., East. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Wm. W. Gifford, Robert Kincaid and Ralph Vaughn, all of Central Point, Jackson County, Oregon. J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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—Read THE MAIL for the news.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, administratrix of the estate of Joseph W. White-man, deceased. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to settle the same immediately, and those having claims against the same will present them to my attorneys, Colvig & Reames, at Jacksonville, Oregon, daily verified, and within six months from the date of this notice. Dated April 20, 1900. BETHEY WHITEMAN, Administratrix of the Estate of Joseph W. White-man, Deceased.

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FOREST LIEU SELECTION NO. 25.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, April 27, 1900. Notice is hereby given that J. Vawter, whose postoffice address is Medford, Oregon, has made application to select under the Act of June 4, 1897, (30 Stat. 36), the following described tracts: 5½ sec. 1, sec. 28, T. 33 S., R. 2 E., East; 3½ sec. 1, sec. 28, T. 33 S., R. 2 E., East; 3½ sec. 1, sec. 28, T. 33 S., R. 2 E., East. Within the next thirty days from date hereof protests or contests against the selection on the ground that the land described, or any portion thereof, is more valuable for its minerals than for agricultural purposes, will be received and noted for report to the general land office.

FOREST LIEU SELECTION NO. 24.

United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, April 24, 1900. Notice is hereby given that J. Vawter, whose postoffice address is Medford, Oregon, has made application to select under the Act of June 4, 1897, (30 Stat. 36), the following described tracts: Lot 1, being the SW¼ NW¼, section 7, T. 33 S., R. 3 E., East. Within the next thirty days from date hereof protests or contests against the selection on the ground that the land described, or any portion thereof, is more valuable for its minerals than for agricultural purposes, will be received and noted for report to the general land office.

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F. of A.—Court Mt. Pitt No. 24, meets in Porters Hall every Wednesday at 8 p. m.
G. W. W. P.—Meets at 8 p. m. in the hall.
I. L. P.—Meets at 8 p. m. in the hall.
J. O. F.—Lodge No. 54, meets in I. O. F. hall every Saturday at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome.
J. M. H.—Meets at 8 p. m. in the hall.
J. H. S.—Meets at 8 p. m. in the hall.
J. O. F.—Honor River Encampment, No. 50, meets in I. O. F. hall the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m.
W. T. Y.—Meets at 8 p. m. in the hall.

Oliver Rebekah Lodge No. 28, meets in I. O. F. hall first and third Tuesday of each month. Visiting sisters invited to attend.

A. F. & A. M.—Meets first Friday on or before full moon at 8 p. m. in Masonic hall.
N. L. N.—Meets at 8 p. m. in the hall.
W. V. L.—Meets at 8 p. m. in the hall.

K. of P.—Tallman lodge No. 31, meets Monday evening at 8 p. m. in the hall. Visiting brothers always welcome.
S. E. C.—Meets at 8 p. m. in the hall.

Knights of the Macabees.—Triumph Tent No. 14, meets in regular review on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in A. O. U. W. hall at 7:30 p. m. Visiting knights cordially invited to attend.

A. O. U. W.—Degree of Honor—Elder lodge No. 50, meets every second and fourth Tuesday evening of each month at 8 p. m. in the hall. Visiting brothers invited to attend.

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Woodmen of the World.—Camp No. 50, meets every Friday evening in Adkins-Deuel block, Medford, Oregon.
W. H. M.—Meets at 8 p. m. in the hall.

Chrysanthemum Circle, No. 54, Women of Woodcraft.—Meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m. in the hall. Visiting sisters invited to attend.

W. R. C.—Chester A. Arthur Corps, No. 54, meets second and fourth Monday of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. in the hall. Visiting sisters invited to attend.

G. A. R.—Chester A. Arthur Post No. 47, meets in Woodman hall every second and fourth Monday night in each month at 7:30 p. m. Visiting comrades cordially invited to attend.

W. C. T. U.—Meets every other Wednesday in the Hallway block.
ADDIE HALL, Pres.
MRS. MAY COX, Sec.

CHURCHES OF MEDFORD.

Saint Marks Episcopal Sunday School meets at 10 o'clock every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 a. m. on Sunday. Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Chas. Booth, Rector.

Methodist Episcopal Church—W. B. Moore, pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. H. I. Gilkey, supt. Class meeting every Sabbath at 8 o'clock. Sermon, Levi Faucett, leader. Epworth League meets every Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. Preaching every Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. Ladies' sewing circle every week. Missionary society meets the first Friday in each month.

Presbyterian Church—Rev. A. Haberly, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Junior Endeavor society at 3:30 p. m. on Sunday. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Baptist church—Rev. T. L. Crandall, pastor. Sabbath services: Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school 10 a. m.; B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. covenant meeting at 8:30 p. m. on Saturday preceding first Sabbath. Strangers and friends always welcome.

Christian church—Corner of Sixth and I streets. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Junior Endeavor society at 3:30 p. m. on Sunday. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Ladies' sewing circle every week. Missionary society meets the first Friday in each month.

Methodist Episcopal Church South—Rev. E. P. Wilson, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League, prayer and praise meeting each Sunday at 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Women's Home Mission Society meets first Thursday in each month at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. E. H. Pickett, president.

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