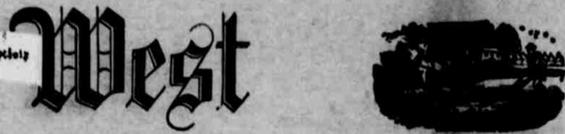


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EVENTS OF THE DAY

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE WORLD.

A Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Presented in a Condensed Form Which is Most Likely to Prove of Interest to Our Many Readers.

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The old Shamrock beat the new by half a minute in the last trial.

The striking machinists have gained many recruits to their ranks.

The coal tax in England is injuring the manufacturing interests of the nation.

The recent punitive expeditions of Germany in China are now pleasing to the Russian ruler.

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SMALLPOX AT SISKIYOU.

No Doubt About It, Says Physician Who Made the Investigation.

Seattle, May 20.—Following are private advices received by mail from Sitka, Alaska, dated May 11:

Doctors Moore of Siskiyou, and Linhart, of Juneau, have been investigating the small pox epidemic at this place, and the former says there is no doubt of the prevalence of the disease, despite reports to the contrary. The doctors visited all the infected districts, and the Indian ranch, Russian town and the Indian mission, Dr. Moore was outspoken regarding existing conditions. He said there can be no question of the seriousness of the situation. Small pox, generally in a mild form, is prevalent, and owing to the unhealthy condition of the ranch, combating the sickness will be a difficult matter.

In Russian town there were but two cases, one serious. At the mission there were found over 30 children suffering from small pox. They have been treated in the hospital which is located considerable distance from the dormitories. Up to the present time there have been several fatalities, all confined to the Indians. A rigid quarantine has been placed on the ranch, Indian policemen guarding all entrances to the infected quarters. Guards have kept visitors from the homes of the two Russians who are sick.

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NEWS OF THE STATE

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER OREGON.

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Importance—A Brief Review of the Growth and Improvements of the Many Industries Throughout Our Thriving Commonwealth—Latest Market Report.

The cost of repairing the Albany bridge amounted to \$1,837.57.

The new ice plant at Baker City will be in operation by July 1.

The annual meeting and barbeque of Wheeler County Pioneers will be held at Richmond on June 12 and 13.

The advance in the price of potatoes has caused the planting of more potatoes than ever before in the vicinity of La Grande.

The Albany council has resolved to turn over the bridge across the Willamette at that place to Linn and Benton counties or to Linn county, when the city shall be reimbursed for the cost of the improvements.

A rural mail delivery route from Eugene will be recommended to the postal department. The route will be as follows: From Eugene north on river road to the Miller ferry drier and return to Santa Clara school house, thence west to Irving road, thence southeast to Siuslaw stage road, thence west to Kemp school house thence south to foot hills by way of Martin brick yard and return to Eugene via Hawkins road. The trip will be made six times a week. Service will not be established before July.

Bear creek cattlemen shipped from Pendleton 110 head of cattle to Puget sound.

The annual field athletic contests of the Pendleton public schools will take place May 27.

Henry Brune from Rockland, sold 30 sheared yearling wethers at The Dalles for \$3.10 a head.

A bridge has been completed across the Sandy river near Leona. It is 233 feet long and 16 feet wide.

It is reported that the Golconda mine, situated in Williams creek district, has been sold for a good figure.

Jack Gordon and Pete Gagnon recently sold several quartz mining claims in the Greenhorn mountains to Gibb Leavitt for \$3,000.

Recently a piece of quartz weighing 25 pounds was picked up at the Mule Gulch placer mine, near Antwine. It is estimated to be worth \$2,000.

A clean up from 100 tons of Mammoth mine ore treated at the Virtue mill was taken to Baker City last week. The clean up amounted to \$1,100—two bars, one of the value of \$800 and another of \$300, an average of \$11 to the ton.

The North Powder Irrigation Company, which recently purchased the big Graydon ditch, south east of Baker City, has completed surveys for the extension of the ditch into the lower valley. The work of construction of the ditch will begin this week.

Portland Markets. Wheat—Walla Walla, 60c; valley, nominal; bluestem, 61c@62c; per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$2.90@3.40 per barrel; Graham, \$2.60.

Oats—White, \$1.35@1.40 per cental; gray, \$1.30@1.32 1/2 per cental.

Barley—Feed, \$1.70@1.75; brewing, \$1.70@1.75 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$17.00; middlings, \$21.50; shorts, \$20.00; chop, \$16.

Hay—Timothy, \$12.50@14; clover, \$7@9.50; Oregon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton.

Hops—12 lb. per lb. Wool—Valley, 11c@13c; Eastern Oregon, 7c@10c; mohair, 20c@21c per pound.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 15c@17c; dairy, 13c@14c; store, 11c@12c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 12c@12 1/2c per dozen.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13c@13 1/2c; Young America, 13 1/2c@14c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50@4; hens, \$4@5.00; dressed, 11c@12c per pound; springs, \$3@5 per dozen; ducks, \$5@6; geese, \$6@7; turkeys, live, 10c@12c; dressed, 14c@16c per pound.

Potatoes—Old, \$1@1.15 per sack; new, 25c@2.50 per cwt.

Maize—Lamb, 45c@50c per pound gross; best sheep, wethers, with wool, \$4.25@4.50; dressed, 6c@7c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, heavy, \$5.75@6; light, \$4.75@5; dressed, 7c@7 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Large, 6 1/2c@7c per pound; small, 7c@8c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, \$5.50@5.25; cows and heifers, \$4.50@4.75; dressed beef, 8 1/2c@9c per pound.

A telegram of 12 words is sent to any part of New Zealand by simply affixing to it a 6d stamp—12 cents.

Improvements already authorized or contemplated in New York City will cost the tremendous sum of \$277,800,000.

The United States leads all other nations in the matter of fruit growing. Strawberries were valued at \$80,000,000 last year and grapes at \$100,000,000.

St. Paul and Minneapolis, it is said, have the lowest death rates of any cities in the United States.

The government finds it exceedingly difficult to find properly qualified carpenters for the navy.

The Austro-Hungarian census just completed shows the total population to be 47,000,000 an increase since 1890 of nine per cent.

Thomas A. Edison, preparing to manufacture and sell a new storage battery, says: "I have made many fortunes for others; this invention will make one for Edison."

LAUNCHING OF THE OHIO.

The Big 14,000-Ton Hull Slid Into the Bay With Perfect Success.

San Francisco, May 20.—On a platform, decorated with the national colors, which had been built around the prow of the big battleship Ohio at the Union Iron Works, in this city Saturday, were gathered the president and members of the cabinet, Governor News, of Ohio, Miss Deshler, his niece, who was to christen the ship; Mrs. Barber, who was to act for Mrs. McKinley, and many uniformed officers of the army and navy waiting for the signal to start the big iron monster down the ways into San Francisco bay. Miss Barber, with her finger on the button, was looking intently at the indicator.

At 12:22 1/2, two and a half minutes before the tide was at its highest, the time set for the launching, there suddenly shot into the face of the indicator the word "ready." Miss Barber pressed the button. The last block fell away. At the same time, Miss Deshler, a young lady of 17 years, let go the bottle of champagne suspended at the side of the bow by a red, white and blue ribbon, and as it crashed against the side she uttered the words, "I christen thee Ohio."

Released from its bonds the heavy hull of 14,000 tons of steel went plunging through the thick grease of its cradle. Slowly at first, then faster and faster, she slid down the ways, taking the flood majestically and piling up the water in great waves in front of her. The band crashed, presented him with a plate of burned shrimps, and the multitude shouted. No ship ever given to the American navy has taken her initial plunge into the sea under more favorable auspices or in the presence of a more distinguished company.

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