

STATE NEWS.

Smallpox at Coquille.

MARSHFIELD, Oct. 30.—There are now four cases of smallpox at Coquille City, and so far one death has occurred from the dreaded disease. The telegraph lines are down between here and Coquille and news cannot be obtained, as that city is quarantined. Officers are guarding every road leading into town. The daily mail, due from Roseburg at 6 o'clock this morning, was stopped three miles from here and sent back to Coquille City. The people here are very much alarmed. The city council has notified the city board at Empire City that it will quarantine that city if it does not take some steps towards stopping people coming from Coquille. The steamer Antelope, running between here and Coquille, is tied up, and there is no communication whatever between the two cities. The death reported at Coquille was that of a man named McKeon. He died early in the week. At first it was thought his death was caused by measles. McKeon was a stranger in the place and had recently come from Seattle, where he is supposed to have contracted the disease.

MARSHFIELD, Oct. 31.—The telegraph line between this place and Coquille City will not be up until to-morrow morning. The smallpox scare here is still running high. By order of the city council, which convened to-day, City Marshal Dunham has made several arrests, and has a force of about 30 guards posted within the city limits. A pesthouse has been fixed up, about a mile from this city, where every one coming through Coquille City will be kept until the officers are satisfied that there is no danger of contracting the disease.

NEWS FROM COQUILLE CITY.

It is reported here late this evening, upon good authority, that Dr. Kime, of Bandon, visited Coquille City to-day, and that he reports three well-developed cases of smallpox, with five others down with the symptoms. He sent a special carrier to Empire City to warn the authorities to quarantine against the infected district, and the reports are that all travel on the Coquille river is stopped.

MARSHFIELD, Nov. 1.—There are now eight cases of fully developed smallpox at Coquille City. The mail was allowed to come in to-day after being fumigated at Eastport. Every point here is strictly quarantined and no one is allowed to come into town. The city authorities of Gardiner to-day refused all passengers going to Drain's station to pass that place, and they were consequently returned to this city. The steamer Arcata bound for San Francisco with a full list of passengers, is not allowed to touch at Empire City. There are several suspected cases here and in Empire City, which are strictly guarded and every precaution to stop the disease has been taken.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

COQUILLE CITY, Nov. 1.—There are two new cases of smallpox here, but no further suspected cases. The disease is still confined entirely to the persons who nursed the man from Marshfield, who died on the 21st ult. All the cases, so far, are of a very mild type. The first cases are convalescent. The cases are all well isolated and thoroughly quarantined.

NATURAL HISTORY

About Sparrows.

A friend to sparrows thinks they have an antipathy to red and a fondness for blue; one tame bird fainted at the sight of scarlet; another chose blue cloth for its nest, and always preferred to sleep on that color; a third would never touch the cards with red tokens, and the wild birds would fly away from the crumbs if their feeder wore a red jacket.

A Rope to the Shore.

A gentleman who was fond of studying the habits of insects one day found a large spider near a pond of water. He took a long stick and put the spider on one end of it. He then went to the side of the pond, and, stretching out as far as he could, fixed the other end in the bottom of the pond, and left the stick standing straight up out of the water, with the spider upon it. He then sat down on the bank to watch what the spider would do. It first went down the stick until it came to the water, but finding there was no hope of getting off there, it returned to the top. It then went up and down the different sides of the stick feeling and looking carefully, until it found there was no escape at any part. Then it went once more to the top, and remained quiet for a while, as if thinking what to do. After a short pause the insect began to spin a thread, long enough to reach from the stick to the edge of the pond; when this was done it fastened one end of the thread to the top of the stick, and let the rest float in the breeze. It waited until the wind stretched the thread out towards the side of the pond. The insect then went crawling along the thread till it reached the end. After floating in the air for a moment it alighted safely on the ground and scampered off to its home.

Fishing Monkeys.

Some years ago a party of officers were amusing themselves with fishing for whittings behind the Rock of Gibraltar. While so engaged they were obliged to shift their ground on account of being pelted from above, they did not know from whom. At last, however, they came to a place where they were left in peace and where they caught plenty of fish. After a while the drums beat to arms, and the officers rowing their boat ashore, left it high and dry on the beach. On returning, they were greatly surprised to find their boat not so far up the beach as they had left it, and at some little distance from its former position. Their amazement was increased on examining their tackle, to find some hooks baited which they had left bare, and to see the oars and lines laid quite differently from the way they had left them. The cause of this was afterwards explained. Another officer had observed some young monkeys pelting the fishing party from behind the rocks. Two or three old ones came and drove the young ones away and set themselves to watching the officers fishing. When the men had left, the monkeys came down, pushed the boat off, baited the hooks and began to fish. As they were impatient their sport was small; but when they did catch any they were greatly delighted. They soon tired and landed the boat taking the fish they caught to their holes.

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