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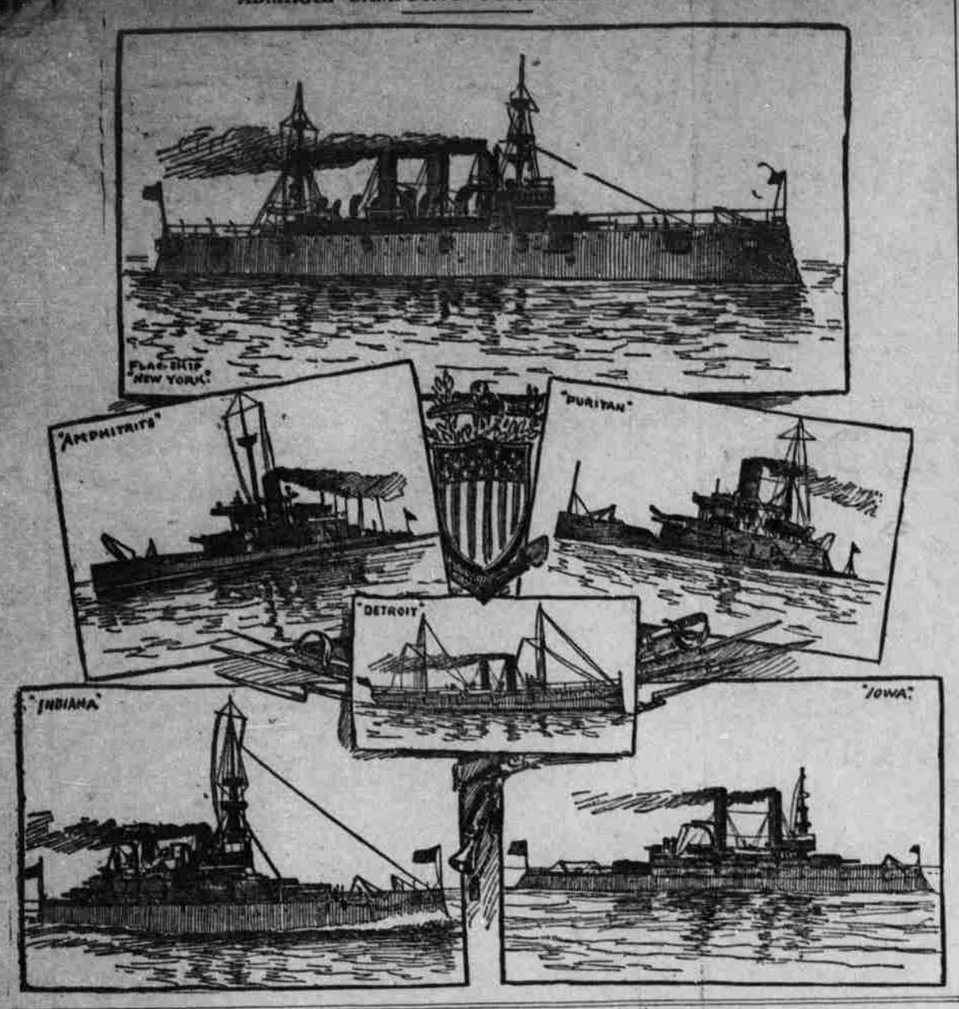

A FIGHTING COMMANDER.

Dewey, the Hero of Manila, Has Seen Hard Service.

In his sixty-one years of life Admiral George Dewey, the hero of Manila, has seen a great deal of red hot fighting. He was born among the green hills of Vermont and received his appointment to the Naval Academy at the age of 17. When he graduated in 1858 he went with the steam frigate Wabash on a cruise in Mediterranean waters. When Fort Sumter was fired upon Dewey was promoted from ensign to lieutenant and assigned to the steam sloop Mississippi, which was to take part in the fierce fighting of the West Gulf squadron. The Mississippi was a side wheeler of seventeen guns, and was commanded by Commander Melancthon Smith. The West Gulf squadron went at once to the Mississippi River to force its way up. The "History of Our Navy" thus describes the sort of things the men on the Mississippi experienced when they preceded Farragut up past New Orleans:

"The Pensacola and the Mississippi steamed slowly, with their black hulls at regular intervals sheeting the air with lurid fire as they replied to the forts. Abreast of St. Philip, where the Confederate fire was hottest, they drew in so close that the gunners afloat and those ashore heartily cursed each other as they worked."

The Mississippi was with the squadron again when it ran down past New Orleans on the way back, fair targets for nineteen big guns at close range.

The hardest fight that the Mississippi ever was in was the one that ended her. The fleet was trying to run by Port Hudson with its powerful batteries. None of the squadron got by. The Mississippi ran aground in the fog and smoke and stuck hard and fast. In thirty minutes she was shot full of holes. Her crew climbed into boats on the side opposite the forts, and, after setting her on fire, made for the other side of the river under a withering rifle fire. Upon this occasion Lieut. Dewey stuck to his guns until the last and he did not quit the ship until all others had left. Admiral Porter singled him out for special praise.

In July, 1863, Dewey was on the gunboats that engaged the Confederates below Donaldsonville. In 1864 he was attached to the North Atlantic blockading squadron, assigned to the steam gunboat Agawam. The Agawam was one of the great crescent of warships, big and little, that plumped shot into Fort Fisher in December, 1864, and January, 1865. Dewey received his commission as lieutenant commander on March 3, 1865, and served for two years [illegible] on the Pacific station, first on the Pacific station, then as assistant to the lighthouse inspector of the 3d district, then as member of the board of inspection and survey, and then as member of the board of examination. In 1870 he received his first command, that of the Narragansett, which was employed on special service until 1875.

The Pacific survey of 1872-75 was intrusted to him. After two years as lighthouse inspector and five as secretary of the Lighthouse Board he was put in command of the Juniata on the Asiatic squadron in 1882. In September, 1884, he was promoted to be a captain and placed in command of the Dolphin, then brand new, and one of the four vessels to which the name "white squadron" was first given. From 1885 to 1888 he was the commander of the Pensacola, the flagship of the European squadron. In 1888 his energy and ability to complete matters of detail was recognized by making his chief of the bureau of equipment and recruiting, which carried with it the rank of commodore.

In May, 1893, he took another turn on duty as a member of the Lighthouse Board. He was made an actual commodore on Feb. 26, 1896, and was at about that time put at the head of the important Board of Inspection and Survey. He was transferred to the command of the Asiatic squadron Jan. 1, 1898.

ACTING ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Dog Kennel that Cost $5,700.

This is a $5,700 kennel, built for the dogs of a wealthy California woman, at Pleasanton. Its fittings include baths and infirmary and many "cozy corners." One cannot help wondering what that same amount of money would do if expended for friendless and neglected children.

THE CANINE PALACE.

Hens Hatch Fish Eggs.

In China hens are employed to hatch fish eggs. These are sealed in an egg-shell and placed under the unsuspecting hen for a few days until the spawn has warmed into life. The contents of the shell are then emptied into a shallow pool, where they can bask in the sunshine until the minnows are strong enough to be turned into a lake or river.

THE SAVING GRACE OF A HOBBY

It Revives Hope and Enthusiasm and Makes Life Worth Living.

"A priceless thing is a hobby. The daily tasks by which hosts of women suppert life are favorless, barren, almost hopeless. To such ones a hobby may offer the dearest hopes of ultimate freedom from the unwelcome daily task; it will at any rate serve to entertain and give point and flavor to an otherwise blank existence," is the position taken by Carrie E. Garrett discussing "Woman's Dreams and Hobbies" in the Woman's Home Companion.

"Hobbies have the power to concentrate and absorb the scattered energies which might otherwise be expended in purposeless flirtations, building superfluous bonnets, reading cheap sensations, gossiping away precious moments, picking out our friends' foibles, dissecting our own emotions, and wishing vaguely for everything which is attainable. If the hobby did nothing else but prevent these frivolities it would be a boon to humanity.

"Man found out the value of hobbies long ago. Almost every man who is good for anything has a purpose which he thinks is quite the most magnificent one which a man could pursue. It is no matter whether it is law-making, pill-making or shoemaking, he pursues it with absorbing enthusiasm, and strives to make the best laws or pills or shoes (as the case may be) to be found anywhere. And when he has not felt this sweeping enthusiasm which the genuine hobby inspires, but has been content to languidly saunter along the path of endeavor, it will commonly be found that his laws or pills or shoes are not among the best on the market. If our hobby is a power which we feel within ourselves, and which we determine to develop to its fullest extent, how rich we feel in the possession of that power even in its feeble beginnings, and with what joy and pride we contemplate its growth and perfection! Woman has found that it is not enough to merely look pretty; that love cannot be her 'whole existence' (the poet to the contrary, notwithstanding), and that even with the richest plenitude of gowns, jewels and enjoyments life still needs a purpose. If it is at all a respectable purpose, and pursued with general zeal, it cannot fail to thrive and increase and bear fruit."

Development of the Transvaal.

In 1892 the main trunk line from Cape Town was pushed forward from its then northern terminus to Johannesburg. The distance from Cape Town to Johannesburg by rail is 1,013 miles. In 1894 the road was completed from Delagoa Bay, a port in Portuguese territory on the southeast coast of Africa, to Johannesburg—a distance of 377 miles. The third road reached Johannesburg a year later, from Durban, a port in the British colony of Natal, distant 483 miles.

From 23,000 ounces of gold in 1887, the annual output has risen to 3,000,000 ounces in 1897, giving the Transvaal the second place in the world's gold production. There is no doubt that the present output of the country will rapidly increase; and probably within a few years, notwithstanding the increased output of other countries, the Transvaal will rank first as a gold producer.

The town of Johannesburg may be taken as a good index of the wonderful expansion of the gold-mining industry of the district. From a few huts in 1886, it has developed into a town unexcelled, if indeed equaled, in the imposing character of its buildings by any of the enterprising mining towns in Western America. Indeed, Johannesburg has but little of the aspect of an American mining camp. In its general appearance it reminds an American more of Spokane or Salt Lake City.—John Hays Hammond, in the Engineering Magazine.

Tom—Do you believe that marriage, as a rule, is a failure? Jack—Judging from my own experience, I believe it is. Tom—Why, I didn't know that you had ever been married. Jack—That's just it—I failed to marry.—Chicago News.

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Popular songs are often so popular that they become unpopular.

When it comes to jealousy and crowing a man is superior to a rooster.

A war artist is always successful, even though his battles are drawn.

A jolly good fellow is hardly ever classed synonymously with a first-class financier.

When a man boasts of having money to burn he will soon have ashes to throw away.

Only a small portion of the world loves a lover; the rest of it considers him a chump.

A bachelor as a rule is the acme of selfishness, and happy is the woman that fails to get him.

Every man intends to have his own way after marriage, but sometimes his wife relieves him of a false impression.—Chicago News.

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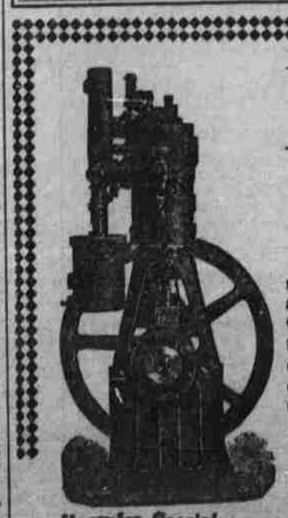

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WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Trade Conditions in the Leading Cities of the World.

[Reported by Downing, Hopkins & Co., Inc., Board of Trade Brokers, 711 to 714 Chamber of Commerce building, Portland, Oregon.]

Not in the memory of the oldest wheat trader has there been a time when the wheat markets the world over exhibited as much activity and irregularity as chracterized them the last week. The buying furore that started in the previous week was continued with increased force. Sensational advances were reported everywhere on Monday and Tuesday. May in Chicago touched $1.85; in New York it was $1.91; in Duluth $1.80; in Minneapolis $1.60; in Toledo $1.65; in Liverpool $1.64, and in Paris $1.64. May at one time was $1 over last year, and at another $1.15. These were the highest prices, with one exception, since August, 1869, and that was the September corner run by B. P. Hutchinson, in 1888, when the price was put to $2. In 1877 it advanced to $1.76¾. Short sellers suffered terrific losses, and the tension became extreme. The bulge culminated Tuesday, and prices declined irregularly, Chicago showing a loss of 55c, New York 47c, Duluth 40c, Minneapolis 20c, Toledo 28c, and Liverpool 8c. The advance has been of material benefit to farmers and millers having wheat to sell. They took advantage of it both here and in Europe, and the wheat was rushed to market, as there has seldom been a chance to sell it for such prices for more than a day or two at a time. Arrivals at primary points were 4,228,222 bushels or more than double last year's. English farmers' deliveries were 84,400 quarters, an increase of 34,000 quarters for the week, with an advance of 8s per quarter, the price being 45s, 11d, the highest in over 16 years.

Leiter sold over 1,000,000 bushels last week, and in five weeks has disposed of about 10,000,000 bushels. How much more he owns no one but himself knows. His interests in May have been largely reduced, but he is so largely spread out in other markets, the wheat being held there in some instances on joint account, that no reliable figures can be made as to his position. His interest, however, is the lightest in a year.

Seattle Market.

Potatoes—Yakimas, $11@12 per ton; natives, $8@10; sweets, 2½c per pound; box of 60 pounds, $1.75.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 21c; ranch, 10@13c; dairy, 14@16c; Iowa fancy creamery, 20c.

Cheese—Native Washington, 11@12c; Eastern cheese, 12½c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 15c; California ranch, 14c.

Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, 8c; cows, 7@7½c; mutton, 8c; pork, 7½c; veal, small, 8c.

Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, hens, 14c; dressed, 16c; turkeys, live, 14c; dressed, 17@18c.

Fresh Fish—Halibut, 6@7c; steel heads, 7@8c; salmon trout, 9@10c; flounders and sole, 3@4c; tom cod, 4c; ling cod, 4@5c; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 3@5c; herring, 4c.

Olympia oysters, per sack, $3@3.25.

Corn—Whole, $25; cracked, per ton, $25; feed meal, $25 per ton.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, $26; whole, $25.

Flour—Patents, per barrel, $5.25@5.50; straights, $5.00; California brands, $6.25; Dakota brands, $5.00@$5.75; buckwheat flour, $6.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, $17; shorts, per ton, $18.

Feed—Chopped feed, $21@22 per ton; middlings, per ton, $18@19; oil cake meal, per ton, $35.

Hay—Puget Sound, new, per ton, $10@13; Eastern Washington timothy, $17; alfalfa, $11; straw, $7.

Oats—Choice, per ton, $28@30.

Wheat—Feed wheat, per ton, $26.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 87@88c; Valley and Bluestem, 90c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $5.00; graham, $4.85; superfine, $2.75 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 42@43c; choice gray, 39@40c per bushel.

Barley—Feed barley, $23; brewing, $24 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $19 per ton; middlings, $25; shorts, $19.

Hay—Timothy, $12@13; clover, $11@12; Oregon wild hay, $9@10 per ton.

Eggs—Oregon, 12@12½c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32½@35c; fair to good, 25@30c; dairy, 25@30c per roll.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 11c; Young America, 12½c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3.50 per dozen; hens, $4.00; springs, $2.00@4; geese, $6.00@6.50; ducks, young, $4@5.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@12c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 40@50c per sack; sweets, $1.75@2 per cental.

Onions—Oregon, $2.25@2.50 per sack.

Hops—5@12½c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4@6c.

Wool—Valley, 14@15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@12c; mohair, 25c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 3½c; dressed mutton, 7c; spring lambs, 9c per lb.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $4.75; light and feeders, $3.00@4.00; dressed, $5.50@6.50 per 100 pounds.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $3.50@4.00; cows, $2.50@3.25; dressed beef, 5@7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 5c; small, 6c per pound.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Southern coast lambs, 7@8c; San Joaquin, 7@8c; Northern, 11@12c per lb.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $21.50@23; California bran, $18.50@19.50 per ton.

Onions—New, 40@50c per sack.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20c; do seconds, 19c; fancy dairy, 19c; good to choice, 16@19c per pound.

Potatoes—Early Rose, 40@50c.

Eggs—Store, 13@14c; ranch, 14½@16c.

Fresh Fruit—Apples, $1.40@1.50 per large box; cherries, 40c@75; do red and white, 35@60c per box.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, navels, $1.25@3.00; Mexican limes, $4.50; California lemons, 75c@$1.00; do choice, $1.25@2.00; per box.

Hay—Wheat, $19@25; wheat and oat, $20@23; oat, $14.50@16.50; best barley, $18@21; alfalfa, $13.00@14.00; clover, $13@15.

Cheese—Fancy mild, new, 9½c; old, 10c per pound.