

# NEW MEXICO OUR GREATEST WARSHIP

### With Simple Ceremonies Giant Sea Fighter Was Launched.

## HAS TWELVE 14-INCH GUNS

Can Fire as Far as the Human Eye Can See, Although One of England's Vessels is Carrying Fifteen Inch Guns—Burns Oil Exclusively and Equipped With Electric Drive.

When the superdreadnought New Mexico was launched in the New York navy yard the other day the biggest ship in the United States navy took to the waters. There was a marked difference this time from previous launchings at the navy yard. The last dreadnought launched there was the Arizona in June, 1915, when thousands of invitations issued resulted in a multitude of spectators being on hand. This time the spectators were confined to the naval officials and the governor's party from New Mexico, numbering only about 300 instead of the 30,000 who saw the Arizona slip from the ways.

The Arizona is 608 feet long and of about 1,000 tons less displacement than the New Mexico. The New Mexico has the same armament, however, in her main battery, twelve fourteen-inch guns. Her speed is expected to be better than twenty-one knots.

There has been no disposition on the part of the navy department to conceal the facts about the new battleship, official announcement having been sent out giving the principal measurements of the ship and particulars as to her complement, etc.

**Statistics of the Warship.**  
The principal dimensions of the new dreadnought are as follows: Length, 624 feet; breadth, extreme, to outside of armor, 97 feet 4 1/2 inches; displacement, 32,000 tons; mean draft, 30 feet. Her armament consists of twelve fourteen inch guns, twenty-two five-inch, four three-pounders, four anti-aircraft guns and two torpedo tubes. She will be manned by 56 officers and 1,141 men.

The New Mexico is a sister ship of the Mississippi, recently launched at the yards of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company, and of the Idaho, still on the ways at the works of the New York Shipbuilding company at Camden, N. J. The keel of the New Mexico was laid on Oct. 14, 1915. Although her construction has been materially delayed, due to difficulty and delays in obtaining material and the scarcity of skilled labor, it is expected to finish her within the thirty-six months allowed by the contract. When launched she was about 67 per cent completed.

The navy yard is a busy place these days, with between 6,000 and 7,000 men employed. A short time after the launching of the New Mexico preparatory plans for the construction of the new superdreadnought Tennessee were begun. She will be still more powerful than the New Mexico.

The New Mexico will burn oil exclusively and will be the first battleship built by any nation equipped with the electric drive. This system of propulsion has been thoroughly tried out in service on the collier Jupiter and has proved extremely satisfactory.

It has been pointed out by naval critics that the main battery armament apparently is not as powerful as that of the Queen Elizabeth and other modern fighting ships of the British navy, but that an inch difference in the big gun caliber could not have an appreciable effect in a great sea fight.

### Guns Shoot Far Enough.

It is admitted that the fifteen inch guns of the Queen Elizabeth have a greater range than the fourteen inch rifles of the New Mexico by something less than a mile. But according to naval experts the New Mexico's fourteen inch rifles will shoot as far as the spotter's range finders and fire control officers can see, and when a battleship is engaged by the enemy at sea, what is the use of additional range when it is impossible to spot the shells as they fall or record hits when the aim is right?

Officers say the fourteen inch guns of the New Mexico will throw shells as far as the result of the shots can be noted. If this is true, they ask, what is the use of too much range during a naval engagement? The vessel armed with the heavier guns would have to come into range of the one carrying guns which shoot as far as the spotter can see.

The New Mexico will have a concentrated bow and stern fire of half of the guns brought to bear in her broadsides. When she fires a broadside it will cost about \$12,000. The estimated expense of firing a fourteen inch rifle is \$1,000.

The naval constructor in charge of the building of the New Mexico is Captain G. H. Rock. He has done his work during one of the busiest periods of American naval construction, and the New Mexico is regarded as one of the best examples of modern marine architecture ever devised.

Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, commander at the yard, made strict police regulations in connection with the launching, and no one who could not show proper credentials was allowed to approach within 100 feet of the navy yard gates.

# WILL TOUR STATE FOR GOOD ROADS

### Highway Commissioners Will Make Numerous Addresses Before Election.

During the week of May 21-26, inclusive, Highway Commissioners Benson and Adams will speak on the \$6,000,000 good roads bond bill in a number of cities in the Willamette Valley. A separate itinerary has been arranged for each. Mr. Benson will be accompanied by Jay Bowerman and another speaker will probably accompany Mr. Adams. During the same week W. L. Thompson, the third member of the Highway Commission, accompanied by James Stewart, of Fossil, will make a trip through Central Oregon, including Klamath Falls and Lakeview. His itinerary is being arranged.

Mr. Benson and Mr. Bowerman will make a tour of the east side of the Willamette Valley and will address meetings as follows:

- May 21—7:30 P. M., Sandy.
- May 22—11 A. M., Hubbard; 3 P. M., Gervais; 7:30 P. M., Mt. Angel.
- May 23—11 A. M., Turner; 3 P. M., Marion; 7:30 P. M., Jefferson.
- May 24—11 A. M., Tangent; 3 P. M., Shedd; 7:30 P. M., Halsey.
- May 25—11 A. M., Harrisburg; 3 P. M., Junction City; 7:30 P. M., Eugene.
- May 26—10 A. M., Coburg; 3 P. M., Creswell; 7:30 P. M., Springfield.

The dates for Mr. Adams in the western part of the state are as follows:

- May 21—7:30 P. M., Cottage Grove.
- May 22—7:30 P. M., Newport.
- May 23—7:30 P. M., Toledo.
- May 24—3 P. M., Yamhill; 7:30 P. M., Newberg.

Following his Newberg meeting, Mr. Adams will leave for a whirlwind trip through Gilliam and Wheeler counties, being scheduled for three meetings in the two counties on Saturday, May 26. He will speak at Arlington in the morning, Condon in the afternoon and conclude the day with a night meeting at Fossil.

Mr. Adams will conclude the campaign with a meeting at Oregon City probably on the night of June 1, with a final meeting in Eugene, his home town, Saturday night, June 2.

## THE AMERICAN ROAD—1917 DEFINITION

A strip of unowned land over which anybody is free to walk, ride or drive—if he can.—Collier's Weekly.

Oregon roads are no exception.

In their campaign of misrepresentation of facts, opponents of the \$6,000,000 road bond bill are making the baseless charge that it will cost the various counties not less than \$10,000 a mile to prepare roads for hard-surfacing by the state; that for this reason few counties under the 6 per cent limitation can afford this expense and consequently will not be in a position to obtain paving under the provisions of the road bond bill. The actual experience of different counties in the state disproves this contention of the road bond opponents. Morrow County is completing the grading and draining of a stretch of 18 miles of road from Lone to Heppner. The cost for the work for the greater part of that mileage was \$150 a mile. The very most expensive sections of the road did not cost to exceed \$5000 a mile. Under the ruling of the Highway Commission it will only be necessary for counties to grade and drain the road. The state will lay the crushed rock base and the paving.

To be sure, the money from the (road) bond sale will for some time to come be spent mainly on trunk roads which will not seem directly to benefit the farmer. But they will benefit him directly. If the trunk lines do not pass his front door they are seldom many miles away and every rod of good, hard surface they give him to travel on means a saving of time, money and horseflesh. It means also better schools, accessible churches and a general uplift of conditions, to say nothing of growing land values. But the time will soon come when the trunk roads will be finished and then it will be farmers' day. Laterals will infallibly be built to connect rural communities with the central arteries so that the farmer can speed all the way from his gate to the city on a hard surface. This is worth working for. It is worth some waiting and sacrifice.—Portland Journal.

Without entering into the merits of the road bond law, there can be no question of the urgent necessity for the adoption of some plan or system that will give to the state of Oregon the roads necessary to the development of her agricultural prosperity. Oregon has regions that are as rich as the richest, yet they are lying idle for the reason that the cost of the transportation of the product of the farm is forbiddingly great. People should give this much thought before refusing to vote on the first big chance they have had to begin a comprehensive system of state-wide road construction.—Seaside Signal.

No property owner should complain about the road bond measure. It is simply a proposition by which the state proposes to build a system of permanent highways from revenue already provided and without any increase in the direct tax levy.

# Society Doings of the Season

## MRS. R. L. DRURY, IS HOSTESS FOR 17

Twelve members of the needlecraft club and five guests were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. R. L. Drury on Thursday afternoon. A delightful two course luncheon was served. Forget-me-nots and ferns were decorations. The club members present were: Mrs. W. H. Pollard, Mrs. George Catching, Mrs. A. M. Beaver, Mrs. Mae Stevenson, Mrs. R. P. Mortenson, Mrs. J. P. Fry, Mrs. J. E. Richmond, Mrs. E. E. Martin, Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, Mrs. H. E. Walker, Mrs. W. F. Walker, and Mrs. R. L. Drury. The guests were: Mrs. Silas Gay, Mrs. Henry Korf, Mrs. S. H. Baker, Mrs. D. S. Beals, Mrs. Tillie Luther and Mrs. M. J. Drury. The next meeting will be in two weeks with Mrs. Carl Fischer.

## MRS. O'ROUKE HONORED

Thurston, May 19.—Complimentary to Mrs. Frank O'Rourke who left yesterday for Washington county, her friends gave her a very enjoyable afternoon at the home of Mrs. Taylor Needham, Tuesday. Those present were: Mesdames, Frank O'Rourke, Ira Gray, John Price, John Danks, Taylor Needham, M. E. Russell, Harry Russell, Charles Hastings, Ross Mathews, John Edmonston, Al Weaver, Jack Hearshey, Wayne Yarnell, Ray Edmonston, Will Rennie, M. Miller, Fred Callison, George Platt, J. H. Hill, E. C. Rowe, Sam Caruthers, Walter Edmonston, and the Misses Elizabeth McMahon, Louise Squirk, Mary Miller, and Beatrice Darling.

## PROGRESSIVE 22

Lots of business, a good deal of pleasure and some delightful refreshments were the elements of the Progressive 22 meeting, for which Mrs. Lee W. Clark was the hostess on Friday evening. Those present were: Mesdames, Al Montgomery, J. P. Fry, H. A. Korf, Riley Snodgrass, W. C. Hill, Harry Brunette, Silas Gay, W. F. Walker, Vena McLean, Curtis Hayden, D. J. Glendenning, S. Richmond, Chas. Dority, Newt Griffin, and Lee W. Clark.

Mrs. William Donaldson will entertain the Twenty-two next on the evening of the second Friday in June.

## HAVE "500" PARTY

The E. G. Perkins home was the scene of a delightful card party last Thursday night, when the following young folks gathered there: Misses Esther Furuset, Lola Barr, Vera Nelson, Vera Perkins, and Marjorie Machen, and Messrs. Claud Signor, Clinton Conley, Norman Anderson, Jack Gorrie, and Roy Cairns. Welsh rare bit and grape juice proved palatable refreshments.

The affair was first planned in honor of Francis Lamberty, who was here for a few days's visit, but he found he had to return to Bend that afternoon.

## GIRLS ENTERTAIN MOTHERS

The seventh grade girls of the domestic science class prepared and served a luncheon at which their mothers were guests Thursday afternoon. The nutritious luncheon was as follows: Tomato soup with croutons, fruit salad, salmon loaf, hot rolls and strawberry shortcake. Those attending were: Mrs. James Laxton, Mrs. A. F. Herrick, Mrs. R. W. Smith, Mrs. Kary Girard, Mrs. W. McPherson, Mrs. A. Crump and Mrs. A. C. Travis.

## ENJOY SENIOR BREAKFAST

The Misses Marie De Pue, Lola Barr, Vera Perkins, and Marjorie Machen, seniors of the University of Oregon, enjoyed the first annual breakfast to the senior girls, with the others of the class of '17, Saturday morning. The affair was given at the home of President and Mrs. P. L. Campbell, and the Univesity Y. W. C. A. and Mrs. Campbell were hostesses.

## MRS. HOWARD ENTERTAINS

Mrs. N. L. Howard was hostess to the Priscilla club last Friday afternoon. The rooms were fragrant with lilies and Narcissus. Dainty refreshments were served. Guests of the club were: Mrs. Virgil Castell, Mrs. Tom Allen and Mrs. Strubbin. The club members were: Mrs. Paul Brattain, Mrs. William Donaldson, Mrs. James Withrow, Mrs. I. D. Larimer, Mrs. Delbert Beals, and Mrs. Howard.

## LOCAL MUSICIANS APPEAR

Probably 1000 persons attended the opening of a beautiful display of pictures given in Eugene by Chas. E. Glass, Thursday evening.

Among those musicians who appeared at the opening were: Miss Jean Fischer, Miss Ruth Scott, Miss Edna Duryee, Miss Mabel Duryee, Mrs. Daise Beckett Middleton.

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB MEETS

The neighborhood club met at the home of Mrs. W. A. Vincent Friday afternoon. Sewing and chat whiled away a pleasant afternoon. A dainty lunch was served. Mrs. Tillie Luther will be the hostess to the club in two weeks.

## FLORENCE E. COFFIN ENTERTAINS SATURDAY

Florence E. Coffin was at home in formally Saturday evening. Purple Japanese Iris and purple lilacs adorned the front rooms while a yellow luncheon was served in the dining room. Japanese roses and lighted candles with yellow shades gave a touch of spring like beauty to the elegantly decorated table. Place cards were arranged for the Misses Lulu Geil, Bess Palmer, Effie Rhodes, Estella Martin, Edna Swartz, Mrs. Verna Tagg Bates, Mrs. Mae B. Stevenson and Misses Minnie Goulet and Dora Fullerton of Eugene.

## EIGHT GO PICNICING

Misses Vera Perkins, Lola Barr, Esther Furuset, and Marjorie Machen, and Messrs. Ted Stewart, Harold Perkins, Roy Cairns, and Clinton Conley, enjoyed an all-day outing up the McKenzie river yesterday.

A delightful picnic party was enjoyed at Vida Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Griffin, Miss Druce Barnes, and Orville Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards entertained Mr. Edward's sister, Miss Grace Edwards, and Miss Ada McBride, of Eugene, at dinner and for the evening on Friday.

A good crowd of local young folks and a number of their out of town friends enjoyed a dance in the Stevens hall last Saturday night. Ted Stewart wasin charge.

## Assists in Ordination Service

On Sunday morning at the First Christian church in Eugene the baccalaureate sermon, for the graduating class of the Eugene Bible University, was preached by Dr. A. L. Crim.

After the service 19 divinity students were ordained to the Christian ministry. This is the largest ordination class in the history of the University. Reverend C. H. Jensen of the Springfield Christian church assisted in the service.

## C. E. Meeting Good

The Christian Endeavor meeting was very good last evening. Miss Elsie Weddle led the meeting and the topic was "Growing as Christ Grew."

There were many good talks and the leaders gave a very interesting address along the lines of growing in love, patience and christian fellowship.

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# Prices Low Now Compared to 1963

### Sugar Was 25 Cents Pound and Flour Five Dollars a Sack in Those Days

Every newspaper one picks up these days is full of stories about the high prices of food stuffs. Every crowd or assemblage of men and women talk H. C. of L. day after day. It is a favorite subject, a very important subject, one that touches and concerns every bread winner in the country. But is it not a new subject, even in this great country of plenty?

Our fathers and mothers talked H. C. of L. fifty years ago, and they had better reasons for talking it over and over than we have today, notwithstanding prices are going higher and higher every day, everything included except salvation and country newspaper subscription rates.

The Clearfield Republican for May 4, prints a few items taken from an old daybook of the C. Kratzer & Son store of Clearfield from November 26, 1863 to September 8, 1866. Following are a few of the items: 1 yard muslin, 50; 2 pounds sugar, 50; 5 gals coal oil, \$4.50; 1 pair socks, 50; 1 pound candy, 50; 1/2 pound tea, 50; 1 sack flour \$4.50; 2 lbs coffee, 95; 3 lbs nails, 30; 1/2 yd drilling, 37; 2 lbs tobacco, 20; 1 gal molasses \$1.20; 10 lbs sugar, \$2.50; 1 sack flour \$5.00; 2 lbs flitch, \$4.75; 1/2 gal coal oil, 95; 1/2 yd oil cloth, 30; 1/2 gal vinegar, 40; 1 lb tea, \$2.40; 2 yds Nainsook \$1.50; 19 lbs ham, \$4.75; 4 yds. toweling, \$1.50 10 lbs carpet chain, \$3.75 4 lbs sugar, \$1.12; 5 yds muslin, \$2.75; 14 yds calico, \$4.20; 12 lbs ham \$4.20; 11 yds gingham, \$5.75; 17 1/2 lbs ham, \$6.22; 1 sk flour, \$5.50; 6 lbs nails, 60; 1 cart whip, \$1.87; 1 sk flour, 56; 50; 1/2 bushel potatoes, \$1.25; 1 pair gum shoes \$1.75; 1 1/4 lbs rice \$6.00; 1 lb tea \$2.40; 2 yds oil cloth, \$3.00; 1 lb. tobacco, \$1.20.

John Sankey, who is mentioned among the other customers, was the father of B.G. Sankey of this city.

## ON A TRIP

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