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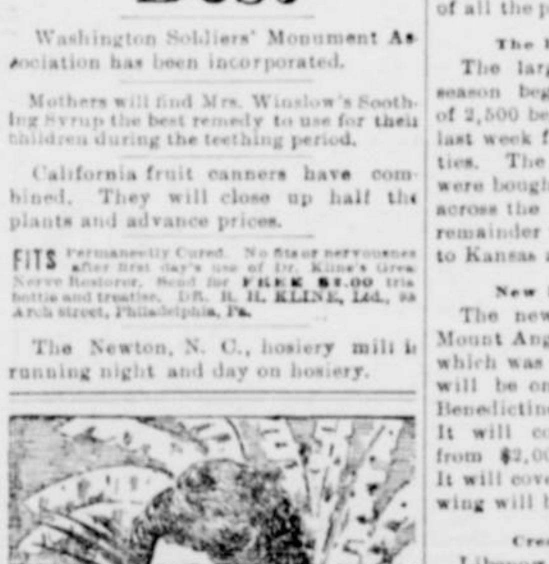

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PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Commercial and Financial Happenings of Interest to the Growing Western States.

New Fish Hatchery.

John Crawford, superintendent of the Kalama state fish hatchery, who has been in the Wind river country and at Wenatchee selecting sites for new hatcheries, says new hatcheries will be established during the coming year at the following places in Washington: Willapa harbor, Wenatchee, Wind river, Nooksack, Samish lake, and possibly one at the falls of the Lewis river, in this county. In addition to these improvements will be made at the Kalama hatchery, among which will be the addition of an eyeing station. Mr. Crawford estimates that the number of young salmon which will be hatched at the Kalama hatchery this year will be close to 12,000,000. Eight thousand young salmon have been marked at the hatchery, and will be turned loose in the stream shortly.

A Flourishing Industry.

The new brewery at Whatcom Creek, Wash., is now running full blast and is making an excellent quality of beer. The machinery of this plant is all run by electricity, and with a five-ton compressor they make all the ice necessary for their own use. The capacity is 20 barrels a day, and eight to ten men are kept busy. The new enterprise has a clear field in that part of the country, the nearest other brewery being Seattle.

Prospects for a Telephone Line.

The project of a telephone line to Eugene or Coos bay has been discussed at various times by the business men of Florence, but no active steps have been taken for building the line. Now the postmaster of Florence has received a communication from the Long Distance Telephone Company of San Francisco, containing a proposition to build a telephone line from Eugene to Florence if sufficient inducements are offered. It is thought that enough interest will be taken in the matter to have the line built.

Extending the Oil Belt.

The oil-bearing sections of Southern California promise to be greatly enlarged before long. Not only at Newport is development work going on, with promising indications, but also between that point on the coast and the Whittier field several new explorations are being made, or are planned. It is evident from present indications that the oil business of Southern California is as yet only in its infancy.

Mill Changes Ownership.

The Pioneer Woolen Mill Company, consisting of Messrs. Carter Bros. & Walker, last week purchased The Dalles woolen mill property of the stockholders. This company has been successfully operating the mill for the past year and is now the sole owner. The mill is now running night and day, and a grand success is being made of the enterprise by the new owners.

California Fruit Shipments.

The shipment of oranges and lemons last year to date was 1,289,794 boxes; for May the shipments were 129,180 boxes. Including lemons, the shipments this season to date are over 500,000 boxes short of last year, from Riverside, Cal. The orange shipments from Redlands now amount to 419,110 boxes—nearly 300,000 less than Riverside.

Machinery Has Arrived.

The first shipment of 10 carloads of refrigerating machinery for Schmidt Bros.' cold-storage plant at Astoria arrived at that place this week on the Harvest Queen. Wilson Frederick will superintend the setting up of the machinery, which, when installed, will make Schmidt Bros.' plant at the head of all the plants of its kind on the coast.

The Dalles Cattle Shipment.

The largest cattle shipment of the season began when a portion of a lot of 2,500 began arriving at The Dalles last week from Crook and Wasco counties. The dry cows, about 400 head, were bought by J. L. Keiley and driven across the river to pasture, while the remainder will be loaded and shipped to Kansas and Nebraska.

New Benedictine Monastery.

The new Benedictine monastery at Mount Angel, Or., the corner-stone of which was laid by Archbishop Christie, will be one of the most important Benedictine institutions in the world. It will cost when completed not far from $2,000,000, and probably more. It will cover nearly three acres. One wing will be completed in 1900.

Creamery Being Erected.

Libenow & Payne are erecting a condensed milk factory at New Westminster, B. C. The location is an excellent one, being in the heart of a large and growing dairy district, with excellent transportation facilities both by rail and the steamers of the Fraser river.

Call for Bond Bids.

The clerk of Boise, Idaho, has called for sealed bids for the purchase of municipal funding bonds to the amount of $55,000. The bonds are in denominations of $500 each, and bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. The bonds will be sold to the highest bidder and will not be sold for less than par.

July Races in Portland.

From July 1 to 8 races will be held at the Irvington track in Portland, under the auspices of the Irvington Park Speed Association, managed by T. D. Condon and Richard Hughes. Good purses are offered.

Spokane has offered sufficient inducements to cause Foot, Schultze & Co., of St. Paul, to come to that city and begin the erection of a shoe factory, that is to cost $75,000 and give employment to 100 hands.

Plant in Operation.

The sheep-shearing plant at Lewiston, Mont., will soon begin operations. The first sheep to be shorn will be those of the Fergus Land & Live Stock Company, William Fergus & Co., Brook Bros. and the McDonald Sheep Company.

A letter from Dawson says that the clean-up for the present season will amount to at least $18,000,000, more than twice last year's yield. The portion of Dawson which was destroyed by fire on April 25 is rapidly being built.

Half a Crop of Fruit.

According to a report just issued by the state board of horticulture, based on the condition of orchards May 15, Oregon's fruit yield this year will be about 56 per cent of the average. "As the climatic conditions since that date has been very unfavorable," says the report, "a further discount on these estimates would not be out of order." Taking 100 to represent an average yield, the condition of the various fruits in the state at large is indicated by the following figures:

	No. of localities reported.	Per cent of average crop.
Apples	58	61
Peaches	18	73
French prunes	44	60
Italian prunes	31	40
Cherries	48	61
Pears	43	43

Berries of all kinds are reported a full crop from every section. Orchards with southern exposures show a greater loss and more damage to trees than those planted on northern exposures; and, again, orchards on bottom lands show more damages to trees and fruits than on hillsides and higher plateaus, while orchards located well up on mountain sides are reported as having sustained no damage whatever to either tree or fruit.

To Revive the Dairy Interests.

A movement has been started by the Colfax chamber of commerce to revive the interest in dairying in Whitman county. A meeting of the farmers of that section has been called and prominent Eastern dairymen will make addresses.

Big Orders From Australia.

The Bandon broomhandle factory, at Bandon, filled an order last month for 60,000 handles for Australia and is working on an order for the same amount now for the same place.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 58c; Valley, 59c; Bluestem, 61c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $3.20; graham, $2.65; superfine, $2.15 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 45c; choice gray, 43@44c per bushel.

Barley—Feed barley, $22.00; brewing, $23.00 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $17 per ton; middlings, $22; shorts, $18; chop, $16.00 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, $8@9; clover, $7 @8; Oregon wild hay, $6 per ton.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c; seconds, 27@30c; dairy, 25@27c store, 20@22c.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12½c; Young America, 15c; new cheese, 10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3@4 per dozen; hens, $4.00@5.00; springs, $1.25@3; geese, $6.00@7.00 for old, $4.50@5 for young; ducks, $5.00@5.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15@16c per pound.

Potatoes—$1@1.10 per sack; sweets, 2c per pound.

Vegetables—Beets, $1; turnips, 90c per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, $1@1.25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75c per dozen; parsnips, $1 per sack; beans, 3c per pound; celery, 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 3@3½c per pound.

Onions—Oregon, 50@75c per sack.

Hops—11@13c; 1897 crop, 4@6c.

Wool—Valley, 12@13c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 6@10c; mohair, 27c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 7½c; spring lambs, 7½c per lb.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $4.50; light and feeders, $2.50@3.00; dressed, $5.00@6.00 per 100 pounds.

Beef—Gross, top steers, 4.00@$4.50; cows, $2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5@6½c per pound.

Veal—Large, 6@7c; small, 7½@8c per pound.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, 80c@$1.10 per 100 pounds.
Potatoes, $35@40.
Beets, per sack, $1@1 25.
Turnips, per sack, 50@75c.
Carrots, per sack, $1.
Parsnips, per sack, $1.75.
Cauliflower, $1.00 per doz.
Celery, 35@40c.
Cabbage, native and California $2.50 per 100 pounds.
Apples, $2.50@3.50 per box.
Pears, 50c@$1.50 per box.
Prunes, 50c per box.

Butter—Creamery, 18c per pound; dairy and ranch, 12@18c per pound.

Eggs, 19c.

Cheese—Native, 14c.

Poultry—Old hens, 16c per pound; spring chickens, 14c; turkeys, 16c.

Fresh meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 9c; cows, prime, 8c; mutton, 9c; pork, 7c; veal, 8@10c.

Wheat—Feed wheat, $20.

Oats—Choice, per ton, $27@28.

Hay—Puget Sound mixed, $7.00@8; choice Eastern Washington timothy, $12.00.

Corn—Whole, $23.50; cracked, $24; feed meal, $24.00.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, $25@26; whole, $24.

Flour—Patent, per barrel, $3.35; straights, $3.10; California brands, $3.25; buckwheat flour, $3.50; graham, per barrel, $3.60; whole wheat flour, $3.75; rye flour, $4.50.

Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, $15; shorts, per ton, $16.

Feed—Chopped feed, $21@22 per ton; middlings, per ton, $22; oil cake meal, per ton, $33.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 10@12c per pound; Oregon, Eastern, 8@12c; Valley, 15@17c; Northern, 8@10c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $17.50@20; bran, $15.50@16.50 per ton.

Onions—Silverskin, 50@90c per sack.

Butter — Fancy creamery, 17@18c; do seconds, 16@17c; fancy dairy, 15c; do seconds, 14@14½c per pound.

Eggs — Store, 16@17c; fancy ranch, 18@19c.

Hops—1898 crop, 15c.

Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, $2@2.50; Mexican limes, $4.50@5; California lemons, 75c@$1.25; do choice, $2.50 per box.

Hay—Wheat, $13@15.50; wheat and oat, $13@16; oat, $14@16; best barley, $12@13; alfalfa, $11@12 per ton; straw, 40@70c per bale.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1.50@1.75; Oregon Burbanks, $1.65@$1.85; river Burbanks, 75c@$1; Salinas Burbanks, $1@1.10 per sack.

Tropical fruits—Bananas, $1.50@2.50 per bunch; pineapples, $2.50@4.50; Persian dates, 6@6½c per pound.

GRANDFATHER'S FOURTH.

Grandfather Watts used to tell us boys
That a Fourth wa'n't a Fourth without any noise.
He would say, with a thump of his hickory stick,
That it made an American right down sick
To see his sons on the Nation's day
Sit round in a sort of listless way,
With no oration and no train-band,
No fire-work show and no root-beer stand,
While his grandsons, before they were out of bibs,
Were ashamed—great Scott!—to fire off squibs.

And so each Independence morn
Grandfather Watts took his powder-horn,
And the flint-lock shotgun his father had
When he fought under Schuyler, a country lad.
And Grandfather Watts would start and tramp
Ten miles to the woods at Beaver Camp;
For Grandfather Watts used to say—and scowl—
That a decent chipmunk or woodchuck or owl
Was better company, friendly or shy,
Than folks who didn't keep Fourth of July.
And so he would pull his hat down on his brow,
And march for the woods, sou'east by sou'.

But once—ah! long, long years ago;
For grandfather's gone where good men go—
One hot, hot Fourth, by ways of our own,
Such short-cuts as boys have always known,
We hurried and followed the dear old man
Beyond where the wilderness began,
To the deep black woods at the foot of the Hump,
And there was a clearing and a stump—

A stump in the heart of a great wide wood;
And there on that stump our grandfather stood,
Talking and shouting out there in the sun,
And firing that funny old flint-lock gun
Once in a minute, his head all bare,
Having his Fourth of July out there—
The Fourth of July he used to know
Back in eighteen-and-twenty or so.

First, with his face to the heaven's blue,
He read the "Declaration" through;
And then, with gestures to the left and right,
He made an oration erudite,
Full of words six syllables long;
And then our grandfather broke into song,
And scaring the squirrels in the trees,
Gave "Hail, Columbia!" to the breeze.

And I tell you, the old man never heard
When we joined in the chorus, word for word!
But he sang out strong to the bright blue sky,
And if voices joined in his Fourth of July,
He heard them as echoes from days gone by.

And when he had done, we all slipped back,
As still as we came, on our twisting track;
While words more clear than the flint-lock shots
Rang in our ears.
And Grandfather Watts?
He shouldered the gun his father bore,
And marched off home, nor'west by nor'.
—Harper's Young People.

What Happened.

THIS is what happened to a boy one Fourth of July. I was not the boy, because I chanced to be a girl; but I know him very well, and he told me about it yesterday.

He was called Dick, though it was not his real name. He and his friend, Bob Shannon, had been having a glorious time all day, on this particular Fourth.

They began at 5 o'clock in the morning, with fish horns and torpedoes, then at 6 o'clock came the "Antiques and Horribles," and the two boys followed them all over town, miles and miles, till their feet were sore, and their voices hoarse with shouting. Such a sight as the "Antiques and Horribles" used to be! I remember that myself, if I was "only a girl."

They were dressed in rags and tatters, with their masked faces grinning horribly under ridiculous old hats. They blew huge tin horns, hooted and yelled, and were surrounded by a crowd of shrieking boys, who tried to out-hoot and out-yell them. What a delightful moment was that, when, after my little heart had stood still with fright at the near approach of an awful monster, with a negro's face and billy goat's horns, the face was suddenly removed, and I saw the smiling, ruddy face of Sam Judkins, the grocer's boy, greeting me with the customary "Hello, Sissy!"

As a rule, it was an insult to be called Sissy, and I could not abide it; but at that moment it was music in my ears.

Well, Bob Shannon and Dick followed the "Horribles" to the end, and then they went home and had breakfast. After that they fired off crackers in the back yard, with occasional concerts on the fish horn till noon; and then they went and took a swim. Refreshed by the cool water, they felt equal to anything, and gladly joined the party that was going to fire off the old brass cannon in the vacant lot behind the school house. This was a truly martial joy.

Dick, who was a boy of lively imagination, felt like Napoleon (before Waterloo), and Wellington and Grant before Richmond, all rolled into one, and forgot that Alexander and Leonidas, his favorite heroes of antiquity, knew nothing about the joys of gunpowder, and had never heard the "crack!" "bang!" the sharp spurt of the match and the soft "f-z-z-z!" of the powder which make boys' hearts leap today.

By-and-by the old cannon broke, as everyone supposed it would, and strange to say, no one was hurt.

"It's all nonsense," said Dick, "about boys getting hurt so much on the Fourth of July. That is, of course boys do get hurt, but it's only the stupid fellows who don't know beans. A fellow who knows what he's about has no need to get hurt. "Come along, Bob, and let's fire off this powder that's left."

Of course, that would be great fun, and make a fitting link of delight between the day and the crowning joy of the evening fireworks. Where should they go to fire the powder? Why, the flat gravel roof on the ell of Dick's house would be the very place—of course it would!

"Come along!"

It was nice and hot on the roof in the afternoon sun; the boys liked it hot. Carefully they poured the remaining powder out of the horn, making a pleasant little heap beside the stout chimney, which was to be their bulwark and place of defense.

Then they laid the trail, very scientifically, round the chimney, and then they stood and looked at it a little while, tasting the pure joy of anticipation, and quite sure that there were no boys so happy or so fortunate as they were in the world of Boston.

"Shall we touch it off now? Oh, wait just a minute! think what fun it will be, wasn't it lucky we got this old horn? It holds such a jolly lot. Hi! won't the folks in the street jump? Come on, Dick, let's set her off now."

"All right! Get behind the chimney, and I'll touch her off. Oh, I say, isn't this fun!"

Bob hid himself behind the chimney; Dick, slow match in hand, got well out of the way, as he thought, and with a shout of triumph touched off the fuse.

A blinding flash, a hiss, as of fifty wildcats tied by their tails and turned into the standing corn of the Philistines, and then a loud cry, as if the Philistines, or somebody, were having an exceedingly hard time of it.

Dick crouched down, with his hands pressed to his blackened face, and Bob bent over him in genuine concern.

"I say, Dick, old man, are you much hurt?"

"Oh, I don't know! It's my eyes I care about, that's all. I can't see anything."

"Come along down to the doctor, old man. Shall I take your hand?"

"Take your grandmother! Don't I know the way in the dark? I say, Bob."

"Yes, Dick."

"We know what a Fourth of July fool is now, don't we?"

"I reckon we do, and it's worse than an April fool a good deal. Come along!"

Fortunately the injury to Dick's eyes was slight, and he escaped with a week in a dark room, and a fine array of blisters, the traces of which adorned his face for many a day; but he has learned how not to burn powder on the Fourth of July.—The Household.

Our Nation's Birthday.

JULY 4th is our nation's birthday. It is the anniversary of the beginning of the existence of the United States as an independent government. It brings to us all the delight which springs from a glad remembrance of past times when the foundations of the happy present were laid. It is commemorative and therefore festive. Everybody is familiar with the anniversary idea.

No other country makes so much as we do of anniversaries. We love to celebrate the birth of things, of events, of institutions, of discoveries, of achievements and of individuals. So the anniversary of our country's birth appeals to every noblest and most natural instinct in our American human nature. We feel the Fourth of July morn to be auspicious. We would fain congratulate our friends and neighbors on its renewed dawning. It is for us "a high day." It is the greatest birthday we know. It commemorates the nativity of a child that was destined to become a giant, and is one already, in whose strength we all are strong.

The Fourth of July is Independence day. We celebrate not only the independence which our forefathers won from a foreign tyrant, but the civil liberty that made so precious and essential a part of the signal deliverance. Independence day stands for internal as well as external freedom, for liberty of speech, liberty of press, liberty of religion. As the oak is contained in the acorn, so every equal right which the citizens of this happy land enjoy was wrapped up, as to its germ, its promise and potency, within the folds of that now faded and time-worn paper on which the Declaration of Independence was written.

Therefore the more enthusiasm on the Fourth of July the better. The more we can have of wholesale, hearty, unstinted celebration the better. The sentiment of loyalty and love for the flag needs constant deepening. The spirit of independence, of robust Americanism, can be strengthened to advantage. Love of one's country is the very essence of good citizenship—nay, of manly manhood.

The Village Fourth.

Within the shaded doorway
The eager children stand,
For the strains of stirring music
Announce the coming band.

The roar of distant cannon
Mingles with the chime of bells,
While nearer still and nearer
The joyous tumult swells.

Dear grandma leaves her knitting,
And with baby on her knee
Comes and sits among the children,
Who are shouting now with glee.

For adown the street comes marching
A long and varied train
Keeping step to "Yankee Doodle,"
The merry old refrain.

Now the last of the procession,
With its flags and streamers gay,
Whisks around a distant corner
In a cloud of dust away.

WHY WE CELEBRATE.

July Fourth Commemorates Washington's Victory Over Old George III.

THE American people have been celebrating the Fourth of July, drinking red lemonade and firing red crackers ever since that time back in 1776 when grandpa crawled up in that ivy-mantled tower at Philadelphia and rang the big cracked bell.

You see, it was this way: An old rooster over in England named George Threetimes thought he owned us. He had a dead cinch on his own country and he imagined he had the same on this one. He taxed our tea, he did, and used the money to sport around with the boys. When we began to cave around about it he sent a job-lot of his soldiers over here to hold us down. This caused more indignation and one day the matter was brought to a focus when a lot of our boys got together and held a square men's meeting. Among those present were Patrick Henry and George Washington. Pat made a ringing speech and told them that the people ought to rise up out of their lethargy and make this a free country. A declaration of independence was written out and signed and the bell was rung, as we have said.

When old George Threetimes heard of this he sent over more soldiers and tried to wipe out the little band parading under George Washington.

But Mr. Threetimes' gingerbread soldiers couldn't fool our George—nit! Our George let them chase him around New Jersey and Pennsylvania and when they finally did catch him they at once tried to let him go. But George didn't go—not much! That night our George crossed the Delaware river and made old George Threetimes' army look like boiled lobsters. Our George found the most of them at a 50-cent dance, but he sailed right in, nevertheless, and history tells us that he broke up the ball. Because he won the war we made our George President and we have been having Presidents and Fourth of Julys ever since.—Exchange.

With a Bang.

Mrs. See (buying fireworks)—Rockets are dearer than they were a year ago.

Clerk—Yes'm. They go up every year—Up-to-Date.

One Little Firecracker.

One little firecracker, eager for a lark;
Two little shavings ready for a spark;
Three little papers in a pretty little blaze;
Four little flames going all sorts of ways;
Five little dry sticks just in trim to burn;
Six old timbers waiting for their turn;
Seven great stories full of fire and fright;
Eight burning buildings—such a sorry sight!
Nine big blocks—up in flames they leap;
Ten million dollars in a blackened heap!

When He Was a Boy.

"What's the matter with Boggles' hand? I notice that he has it bandaged."

"He was showing his small boy how they shot firecrackers when he was a boy."

"Did he show him?"

"Yes, exactly. But it wasn't till after he had done it that he remembered that it was so."—Chicago Tribune.

—San Francisco Examiner.

A Philanthropist.

Lady of the House—I should think a big, strong fellow like you would rather work than go around begging.

Sleepy Sim—I would if it wasn't fer one ting.

"What's that?"

"I ain't got no family meself, and I'm afraid if I went to work I might crowd out some poor chap wot has little ones to support."—Chicago Evening News.

The value of the fruit consumed in Great Britain every year is estimated at $50,000,000.

Confession of a Millionaire.

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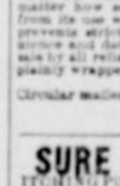

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