

## EPIDEMIC SPREADS.

### Violent Form of Smallpox in Eastern Oregon.

Smallpox of a malignant type is raging through Eastern Oregon. One death has been reported, and several patients are on the point of death. The disease has spread from Shaniko, its starting point, to the surrounding country, and has now asserted itself in the Dalles, Prineville and other points along the road.

Dr. Woods Hutchinson, State Health officer, left for the scene of the epidemic to personally take charge of the operations and, if possible, to stop the spread of the disease.

The smallpox reported in Eastern Oregon is of a different type to that which Oregon has seen for some years. The cases before have been of such a mild form as to even raise a question among the physicians as to whether or not they were really smallpox. The cases reported thus far in Eastern Oregon are very severe, and regarded as highly dangerous. The members of the State Board of Health are alarmed over the outlook, and say that nothing short of prompt action can keep the disease from causing a number of deaths.

The difference between the present epidemic and those of recent years is accounted for by the fact that it started from a case which was contracted in Pennsylvania. A man who came to Shaniko for the purpose of taking up a timber claim was taken with the disease, and all of the cases can be traced directly to this one.

At the time that the visitor came to Shaniko he was feeling indisposed, but did not think that there was anything serious the matter with him. He went into the mountains by stage, but was taken so sick that he had to return at once. The drivers never dreamed of smallpox, and did not think of such a thing as vaccination or of disinfecting the stage he had ridden in.

In their ignorance regarding the disease, the people of Shaniko were not enlightened in the least by the Shaniko physician, who is said to have pronounced the case a serious case of poison oak, and to have treated the patient for it until he died a few days later.

Germany is not likely to lose her trans-Atlantic record for sometime to come, says the London representative of the Tribune. The contract for the new Cunard liners have not yet been placed, and the new North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser William II., which will leave Bremen today on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic will, it is confidently expected, wrest from the Kronprinz Wilhelm the honor of being the fastest trans-Atlantic liner afloat, and as she is over 706 feet long, she will be the longest. Some idea of the magnitude of the new steamer may be judged from the fact that she has eight decks and four sets of quadruple expansion engines, an aggregate of 40,000-horse power. There are accommodations for 775 first class, 343 second-class and 750 steerage passengers, and the crew will number over 600.

Dr. Charles Lowry, secretary of the Kansas State Board of Health, has gone to Rice County to investigate the report that several railroad laborers are the victims of the bubonic plague. A tramp hired to work with a section gang recently started a disease which quickly killed nine. The surrounding territory is in strict quarantine. One physician pronounces the plague black smallpox. Every case has proven fatal.

### Much Lumpy Jaw in Baker County

BAKER CITY, Or., April 13.—Few new developments have manifested themselves during the past two days with regard to the reported epidemic of "lumpy jaw" in Baker County. The arrival of Animal Inspector Hutchinson is being patiently awaited by the more alarmed ones. A few residents are skeptical and refuse to believe any cases of the disease have been found among men or women, but local medical men frankly admit the city is the home of several who undoubtedly suffer from the affliction.

Butchers say "lumpy jaw" has been prevalent among cattle in this county for the past 30 years, to their knowledge, and probably longer, but this is the first time during those years they have heard of the human race being subject to it. Archie Murray, one of the most prominent and largest owners of cattle in Eastern Oregon, states he has had a number of animals at his place upon Lower Burnt River suffering from "lumpy jaw," but instead of killing them as others do, he presented them to the Indians. The red men devoured the carcasses with evident relish, he reports, but never was there an instance where the germs were contributed to them, at least no outside manifestations of the presence of such disease were found.

Two men have died in the county recently and at the time of their death the exact cause was not given out, but it is now admitted they succumbed to "lumpy jaw." Cases are known in this community at the present time. One in particular is said to be doomed. The germs taken from patients in town have been compared under a microscope with others secured from cattle in the stock yards at Chicago and are said to be identical, with no possible chance for a doubt.

Surgeons aver the disease does not attack the blood and if the germs start from the exterior of the body, some hope may be had of saving the afflicted one by cutting out the diseased parts, but if starting in the throat, lungs or other places where it might be spread through eating infested meat or drinking milk, little encouragement is held out for recovery. A person is not doomed to instant death, but to lingering suffering, sometimes for six months and again for a year.

As many of the herds are now upon the ranges, the work of the state officers will be difficult. The entire community is alarmed with the progress made by the loathsome disease and the one aim is to stamp it out. Just how or where the first case started is a mystery.

### Ship Sunk by Dewey.

MANILA, April 13.—The warship Reina Christina, the flagship of Admiral Montejó, which was sunk by Admiral Dewey, was floated and beached yesterday. The skeletons of about 80 of her crew were found in the bulk.

One skeleton was evidently that of an officer, for it had a sword by its side. There are 15 shell holes in the hull of the Reina Christina, one made by an eight-inch and others smaller. The main injection valve is missing, showing the ship was scuttled when abandoned. The hull is in fair condition.

Captain Albert R. Couden, commanding the naval station at Cavite, took charge of the remains of the sailors, expressing a desire to give them an American naval funeral. The Spanish residents are anxious, however, to ship the skeletons to Spain, and it is suggested that transport Summer convey them to Spain by the way of the Suez Canal in June.

A wrecking company is endeavoring to raise all the sunken Spanish warships.

### Two Masked Outlaws Terrorize a Village.

WHATCOM, Wash., April 14.—Two masked outlaws held up the village of Ferndale in true Missouri style last night, shot at every man who appeared on the streets, robbed the postoffice of \$150, and succeeded in making their escape without leaving the slightest clue to their identity.

The outlaws made their first appearance in the postoffice, where they ordered the postmaster to deliver to them the contents of his till. The postmaster refused, and while one robber with two revolvers in his hands kept him covered, the other emptied the contents of the till into a sack. Nothing but money was taken. Four men who were in the office when the robbers came in were compelled to leave, the robbers firing shots over their heads as they took their departure.

Knowing nothing of what was going on, William Keener started to enter the office while the robbers were at their work. Two shots which barely missed him caused him to beat a hasty retreat.

As the robbers departed they shot into a saloon where five men were looking through a window into the street. The bullet flattened out against an iron strip across it without doing any damage.

The officers returned from Ferndale today without being able to get any trace of the robbers or a description which tallied from any two citizens.

### Head Like a Horse and Body Sixty Feet Long.

VICTORIA, B.C., April 14.—Officers of the cable station at Bamfield Creek are sponsors for a story that a sea serpent from 40 to 60 feet long and with a head like a horse, has been seen off the station. The cable operators say in letters to the local newspapers that Indians had been telling of the existence of a sea serpent, but the stories were not credited. David Osborne, one of the officials, says that a week ago the animal was seen from the cable station to raise a big horse-like head and swim out from the mouth of Bamfield Creek into Barley Sound.

Mr. Godson, of the cable staff, says that when he first saw the animal it looked like a massive sea weed, but presently he saw the head elevated, and the big serpent moved off, toward the sea. Mr. Godson says it moved off with the speed of a torpedo-boat. On April 10th an Indian saw the thing and was so frightened that he ran his canoe into the breakers, left it and fled along the beach to the cable station. The Indian said the thing had a head shaped like a horse and its body, ten feet of which was lifted, was the size of a barrel. The Indians in the neighborhood are terrified.

John de Falco, the Italian convict who was serving a life sentence at the penitentiary for killing his wife in Portland on February 26th, through jealousy, ended his existence at the prison by cutting his throat and severing his windpipe with an instrument known as a cell knife, with a blade about one-inch long.

After a careful survey of conditions in the West, George J. Gould, who has been on a trip over the Missouri Pacific and Wabash lines, is convinced that the present era of prosperity which the West is enjoying will continue for at least another year.

Governor Peabody, of Colorado, has notified the members of the fire and police board of Denver to appear before him this week to show cause why they should not be removed for alleged malfeasance and misfeasance in office. The particular charge for which they must stand trial is permitting gambling in the city in violation of the law.

### Real Estate Transfers.

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Transfers from March 26, to April 13.

U. S. A. to Ernest A. Chamberlain. Patent. Lots 2, 3 and 4 sec 12 and lot 1 sec 13, 3 S, 11.

James E. Rhoades to W. H. Easter. Se, Ne 24, 4 S, 10. \$400.00.

Elizabeth Laurence to Jim Rhoades. Se, Ne 24, 4 S, 10. \$300.00.

Edward Lowe and wife to State of Oregon. Quit claim. N, 1/2 Nw sec 36 2 N, 8. \$1.00.

John W. Blodgett and wife to State of Oregon. Quit claim. N, 1/2 Nw sec 36 2 N, 8. \$1.00.

D. A. Blodgett and wife to state of Oregon. Quit claim. N, 1/2 Nw sec 36 2 N, 8. \$1.00.

Isaac Bays and wife to W. N. Bays. E, 1/2 Ne 29, 3 S, 9, W, 1/2 Nw & Se. Nw 19, 3 S, 8 and tract in Ne of 24, 3 S, 9. \$1000.00.

Two mortgages securing \$1250.00 filed, One mortgage securing \$150.00 satisfied.

U. S. A. to James Tone. Patent. Se Sw sec 3 and N 1/4 Nw and Nw Ne sec 10, 2 S, 10 W.

U. S. A. to heirs of William Tone. S 1/2 Nw, Sw Ne and Ne Sw 10, 2 S, 10.

Lewis Parrish and wife to Frederick Kabke. 1 acre in sec 35, 2 N, 10 \$25.00.

No mortgages.

Two mortgages securing \$2600.00 satisfied.

Word reached Pendleton Monday of a startling epidemic in the John Day region, Frank Birch, an employe on a ranch, breaking out in crazy fashion and adopting Tracy-like tactics in the neighborhood. Birch worked for E. L. McBroom of Monument. He obtained a rifle and ammunition and ordered W. A. Sweek, the first man he met in the road to get off his horse at the rifle's point, and took the horse. Then he went to McBroom's ranch, apparently looking for McBroom. He forced H. E. Herse, another employe of McBroom's, down from an apple tree, firing one shot. He then located McBroom, who fled a mile, with Birch after him shooting. Herse got a deputy sheriff named Murphy at Monument, and Herse, Murphy and Fred Westberg, of Monument, ambushed Birch. The incipient Tracy swung off his horse as the trio confronted him, threw his rifle over the saddle and prepared to fight it out. Murphy shot and Birch's horse plunged so hard that it stunned the shielded man. Birch was landed in Canyon City Jail and will be tried in May.

A dispatch from Washington says: The department clerk who for several months have submitted to Dr. Wiley's borax-cured food experiments are slowly assuming a pink complexion. Dr. Wiley's food experiments are conducted with the strictest secrecy. A dozen or more young men connected with the Department of Agriculture have for several months been living on a diet prescribed by Dr. Wiley, who is seeking to determine the chemical effects of borax and other chemicals on prepared food. It has only developed within the last week that all who have been at the doctor's table are taking on the pink complexion. It is not thought that this is due to borax which has been given to the young men in their food, but to some chemical ingredient which has been mixed with the food unknown to the subjects. The only admission that will be made at the Department is that the drugs used in the food have, up to date, proved absolutely harmless. The pink complexion which some chemical evidently causes gives the men a healthy appearance, such as would result from good circulation of blood brought on by outdoor exercise.