

REPORT IS FALSE

GRANTS PASS DENIES HAVING A SCOURGE OF SMALLPOX.

The Disease Is Under Thorough Control and There Is Said to Be No Danger from Infection.

(From Daily, March 23d.)

Many of the papers of Western and Southern Oregon have repeatedly called attention to the fact that Grants Pass, county seat of Josephine county, had smallpox, and some of the towns in that section of the country have even gone so far as to quarantine against that city.

"We respectfully call your attention to the many false and damaging reports which are being circulated regarding the existence of smallpox at this place. We hear that in some places we are credited with having a number of cases reaching into the hundreds, and that we are dying at a rapid rate.

"There is no excitement nor agitation here and absolutely no reason for any. The utter ridiculousness of the circulated reports gives reason for the belief that they are circulated by rival towns for the purpose of injuring our trade, and while we hesitate to ascribe a motive so contemptible, we can imagine no other cause for the persistent circulation of utter and complete falsehood.

A GREAT SUCCESS

THE PACIFIC HOMESTEAD FILLS A LONG-FELT WANT.

Last Issue, the Best One Published, Contains Many Valuable Articles for the Farmers.

This week's Pacific Homestead, the Northwest's greatest farm paper, published in Salem, was mailed to its 25,000 readers (5000 circulation) yesterday. This issue contains an address on "Celery Culture," delivered at the Farmers' Institute at Toledo last week.

Saturday Night

ENDS IT

I now have my stock of shoes, notions etc. so far reduced that I will box up the remainder and sell it out to some dealer, so will sell no more at retail after Saturday night.

Am making preparations to push my sewing machine and bicycle business on a larger scale, together with another important line which I will announce in a day or two, so this week ends the old stock.

Govern yourselves accordingly.

Am having a most satisfactory business on sewing machines already. Thursday we sold five to as many satisfied customers. You will understand why, if you examine the Standard, Paragon, or White. Always glad to show you.

F. A. WIGGINS, 307 Commercial St.

OUTLOOK IS GOOD

SUMMARY OF SAM GOLDSMITH'S OBSERVATIONS IN THE VALLEY.

He Says Prospects for Good Crops and a Consequent Era of Increased Prosperity Were Never Better.

(From Daily, March 23d.)

"The prospects for good crops and a subsequent increased degree of prosperity for Oregon, and particularly the Willamette valley, were never better than they are at this time," said Sam Goldsmith, the well-known commercial man, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Goldsmith has just completed a trip to Ashland and he says the grain prospects, everywhere, are grand, and there is every indication for an enormous yield.

"In the fruit districts, the prospects for a full crop of everything are most encouraging," said the observant salesman. "The prune crop will be enormous, as will other varieties, while smaller fruit and berries will be plentiful. Cattle are in the best of condition and farmers are prosperous.

Politically, Mr. Goldsmith says the populists and democrats are not as aggressive as in the past, and interest in those organizations and the principles they represent, is on the decrease. The visit to Oregon and the speaking of Col. W. J. Bryan, the democratic leader, says Mr. Goldsmith, will not be sufficient to renew the spirit of inactivity and indifference that is manifested by the disciples of the white metal.

WELL REPRESENTED.

Editor Statesman: The state administration will be well represented in the Marion county republican convention. Perhaps this is only incidental; in some cases it is assuredly so. In other cases, it falls to see what advantage is expected to be gained by the state administration in an off year, in taking such a hand in Marion county political affairs, if, indeed, there is any such intention.

- H. Cook, Turner; employe insane asylum farm.
N. W. Kellaway, Turner; employe school for deaf-mutes.
D. T. Brown, East Salem; employe insane asylum.
W. L. Simeral, Macleay; farmer at reform school.
J. B. Early, Macleay; teacher deaf-mute school.
M. W. Hunt, Salem No. 2; attorney for the state land board.
Ross, E. Moores, Salem No. 2; state printing expert.
J. J. Murphy, Salem No. 2; clerk of the supreme court.
F. W. C. Perrine, Salem, No. 1; bailiff of the supreme court.
George G. Brown, Salem No. 3; clerk in the state land department.
A. L. Shreve, Stayton, engineer at reform school.
Dr. W. C. Smith, Turner; physician deaf-mute school.
Watson Townsend, Yew Park; teacher at reform school.

BEECHAM A BENEFACTOR.

The following paragraph has been appearing of late in nearly all of the leading English papers, and as a result thousands of boxes of Beecham's Pills have found their way to the fighting line in South Africa and a great benefit to the soldiers has resulted.

"The proprietor of Beecham's Pills desires us to state that he will be pleased to send a gratis box of his well-known production, postage paid, to any individual soldier now on active service in South Africa, if any readers will send to St. Helen's an address which will find their absent friend at the seat of war. He has adopted this course in consequence of having received so many letters complaining that this medicine cannot at present be obtained at the front."

Mr. Beecham's public spirit is constantly asserting itself. It was only the other day we read of his bidding for the manuscript of the now famous "Absent Minded Beggar" and of the honors which his town had bestowed upon him as mayor of St. Helens. Small wonder that thousands who have been benefited by his medicine regard him as a personal benefactor rather than a misty personality only known by reason of the world-wide popularity of the article which bears his name.

Nothing can be further apart than true humility and servility.—Beecher.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

GRAND OPENING

Of summer clothing at FRIEDMAN'S NEW RACKET. If prices talk, anyone seeing the goods that are in need of them will surely make the purchase as we have an immense line of crash suits as low as \$1.50 per suit, crash coats at 65c. A good Alpaca coat for \$1.50 or good serviceable suit for \$3. Fine Grand Army suits from \$7 to \$10 with an extra set of gilt G. A. R. buttons for parades. In fact anything in the clothing line for men, boys and children. The purchaser will save big money by buying at Friedman's New Racket. For hats, dry goods or notions, laces, embroideries, lace curtains, etc., remember

FRIEDMAN'S NEW RACKET

Corner State and Commercial Streets

Salem, Oregon

The Choicest Dry Goods and Shoes

Will now be disposed of for less money than the goods can be purchased wholesale today. When I first started closing out the Willis Bros. stock, I had twice as much goods as I have today. It was an immense stock. We are out of some staples, but that is to be expected. We invite the people to inspect our goods and learn our prices. We have full lines of corsets, gloves, hosiery and underwear. Some fine dress goods, silks and velvets. Shoes in great variety, late styles, good quality. Willis Bros. did not handle cheap shoes, but sold only standard goods, and now you can purchase them for less than merchants have to pay for them. Fine stock of men's hats and white vests, men's shirts, gloves, socks, ties, etc., etc.

ISADORE GREENBAUM, 1st Door South of the Postoffice.

Northwest Farm Notes.

A planing mill, box factory and wood working establishment is among the new industries recently started at Union.

A canning establishment for fruit and vegetables is to be started immediately at Puyallup, Wash., says the Independent.

The Condon Globe says the county thereabout is expected to give a big harvest this year, as every farmer has from 300 to 1000 acres of grain.

Brome grass is said to be superior to both clover and alfalfa in quality and quantity. Some progressive farmers should investigate and try it.—Ex.

Crops throughout the valley are generally in fine condition and the prospects for a bountiful yield is first-class. The grass on the range is good and stockmen look forward to a prosperous year.—Jacksonville Times.

At Deep Creek in Columbia county, a man has sold three steers for \$170, and a number of horses have changed owners at \$100 to \$125 per head. Good cows are scarce at \$35 to \$45 a head.

The gentleman that has just purchased the J. B. Knowl's farm informs us that he will be the first thing put in some 25,000 acre. If more of the farmers would do this same thing better crops would be assured.—Independence Enterprise.

William H. Herren and wife were up yesterday from their home on lower Eight Mile, where their peach trees are already in bloom. Prospects there are of the very best for immense yields of fruit, lambs, calves, colts, grain, everything.—Heppner Gazette.

Chas. Rice, of Kings Valley, sold to Lee Brown, of Soap Creek, some fine yearling sheep that averaged 124 pounds, getting \$4.40 per 100 pounds. Gene Dodele bought some sheep at the same rate and paid 20 cents a pound for wool.—Polk Co. Itemizer.

A. C. Hausman cultivated and picked 20 acres of hops last year, but he will probably never do so again. He will plow up 8 acres this year, and we are told that there are others who will not cultivate their hops this year.—Brownsville Times.

The prospect for a good fruit crop is excellent. The scarcity of last year will make this seem all the more abundant. It is a little early to hold, it is true, but Oregon doesn't have two fruit failures in succession.—Forest Grove Times.

In John Natter's garden the pansies and fragrant wall-flowers are blooming and the bees are buzzing, and all nature is enjoying the spring sunshine. In his solid rock cellar blasted under the hill the thermometer stands at 45 and things keep cool all summer.—Heppner Gazette.

Klamath, Oregon, Express: We are informed that this is a hard winter on beef feeders. The prices are lower at present than last fall. California being loaded up with Mexican and Arizona cattle shipped in during the autumn months, which are now being put on the market.

Pat Connolly, of Grange, Crook county arrived in the city yesterday afternoon. He reports stock in splendid shape after the winter, which causes stockmen to feel jubilant as they consider this the most prosperous year they have ever had in Oregon.—The Dalles T. M.

Stock Inspector Pearson of Grant county says that every sheepman will be required to get a permit before he will be allowed to move his sheep. The law, he says, requires this, but it has never been enforced in the past.

March 13, fourteen double decked cars containing 3000 head of sheep were started over the road from The Dalles to St. Paul. They were shipped by John Little, of Antelope, and will go via the Northern Pacific. This is the first of the many large shipments which will leave that place during the spring and summer.

Baker City Democrat: Hon. George Chandler returned to Baker City yesterday bringing with him a carload of thoroughbred cattle, two bulls and 19 cows, purchased in Missouri and Iowa. To be put on his Wingville farm, in Powder valley. The cattle were taken to Wingville yesterday.

Paul Belts sold a cow to Mr. Ross for \$47.50. She was a fine animal. R. G. Wigle sold one for \$43. A. J. Wigle sold one for \$40 and one for \$32. Robt. White one for \$38 and cows are still on the rise. Creameries are causing the demand for milk stock.

Farmers, don't all turn your attention to cattle, though the demand will bear a few more.—Brownsville Times.

Welcome to the little black bug, regardless of name, age or previous condition of servitude! The following is from the Jacksonville Times: "Z. Cameron of Uniontown reports that a

small black bug, with red spots on each side is creating much havoc with the San Jose scale in his and other orchards in the Applegate section. It loosens the scale from the tree and afterwards devours it."

Hon. A. S. Roberts shipped on the boat this morning 650 head of yearling sheep, mostly wethers. They will be delivered at Troutdale to the Union Meat Co. They were sold by weight at \$4.80 per hundred and will average not far from 100 pounds each. At this rate they will net Mr. Roberts about \$3000. Four dollars and sixty cents or more for a yearling sheep! Breathing and sistering, let us go into the sheep business.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Mr. C. L. Hubbard, who, with a force of men, has been cutting oak barrel staves in the hills near Dallas during the past winter, now has 24,000 staves ready for shipment, and next week will begin on another contract which will continue as long as he wishes to engage in the work. The staves are shipped to Portland, and are used by a large barrel factory in that city. Mr. Hubbard pays his hands good wages, and thousands of dollars are distributed in this community through this new industry.—Dallas Observer.

Farmers are delighted with the prospects of growing crops in this vicinity, all kinds of which are now looking in better condition than ever before at this season of the year. A heavy man, too, are rejoicing. The range is smiling with an abundant growth of grass. The orchardist and fruit grower not to be behind as recipient of the distribution of the gifts of this prosperous year anticipates a generous harvest—and unless some unknown event occurs—he will get it.—Ashland Tidings.

Sheepowners of Morrow county have found that it pays to protect their flocks from the predaceous coyote. With the price of wool at the top notch, a heavy demand for mutton and a yearling for spring lamb that will become a vociferous cry as soon as Lent is over, it became a matter of individual interest to pursue, capture and scalp the voracious little beast. The lengths to which self-interest thus strongly backed has gone in this direction is attested by the fact that in the neighborhood of a big sheep ranch some forty miles from Heppner 200 coyotes have been killed during the winter and, it is added, "the sheep can now stray around there of evenings without chaperones."—Ex.

HOW WHEELER WAS LOCATED.

The running about the rooms and corridors that General Wheeler does in the course of a day when in congress would completely wear out a less indelible man, writes a Washington correspondent in the New York Sun. There is considerable method in that, however, as it enables him to escape many importunate constituents—they are never able to catch up with him. One day during the last session a stranger went to the room of the military committee and enquired if General Wheeler was in. The affable attendant got into conversation with him and found him to be some one whom the general would like to see. The stranger said he had been up to the house two days hunting General Wheeler, and every one would tell him the general was just here, or there, or in the smoking room, but he never could find him. Said the attendant: "Do you really want to see General Wheeler?"

"I certainly do," replied the visitor. "Then take my advice, sir. Pick out any spot on this side of the capitol—it doesn't matter where, and just stand there quietly for ten minutes, and I am morally certain the general will come by it, and thus you will have your opportunity to speak to him."

"I expect that's good advice," returned the visitor, "and I think I will stay right here for a while."

In less than three minutes General Wheeler bounced into the room, and seeing his friend, expressed the utmost delight in the meeting, while the doorkeeper looked on with an I-told-you-so air.

FINNS ARE COMING.

Philadelphia, March 22.—The Red Star steamer Switzerland brought here, from Antwerp, nearly 200 Finns, who are said to be the first of many thousands fleeing from the cruel government of the czar of Russia. The party will locate in Minnesota, Iowa and Montana.

If Gen. Joe Wheeler has decided to run for congress again without getting a license from the Hon. Joe Bailey, another war is hatching.

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HOW TO SELECT A WIFE.

The Rev. George Neil, pastor of the Pitman M. E. church, in the suburban city of New Brunswick, N. J., told the young men of his congregation how to select their wives Sunday evening. A week ago he gave the young women some advice on choosing husbands. He said to the men:

"Beware of the coquette; she has a very small soul. I think I can find examples of her promenade George street. She has a mannish look, wears a short skirt, and a man's hat with a feather in it. Flirting is a fearful thing. Have nothing to do with a flirt, because such a young woman has no power to love."

"Beware of the baby grown to the woman state, young men. A baby is not a trustworthy being, neither is this baby woman. The wife should stand side by side with her husband and share his burdens. But baby won't do that."

"Choose a woman who can permanently love. It is false, what many assert that love ends after the honeymoon. If I may make a personal reference, I may say that I have been married thirteen years, and I am more the lover than I was thirteen years ago."

"Your wife ought to be your housewife. Love becomes a little sour if the bread is heavy every week and if the steak comes up not done. Your wife should have the power of discreet speech. A woman who wants to vote, wants to get at meetings and harangue for woman suffrage, who wants to go to conventions and be away from home—don't marry her. I know what I am talking about."

"Don't marry a professional beauty. But don't marry an ugly woman, unless she possesses many good qualities. There is such a thing as happy marriages. Some men and some women are failures, but marriage is not a failure. Next to the love of God is the love of a pure and noble woman."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Teach me to feel another's woe, To hide the fault I see; That mercy I to others show, That mercy show to me. —Pope.

SILVERITES QUARREL.

Seattle, March 22.—A quarrel between the silverites of Tacoma and this city, threatens to leave Seattle out of Bryan's itinerary in this state.

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Market Reports

The local market quotations yesterday were as follows:

- Wheat—43 cents at the Salem Flouring Mills Co's office.
Oats—28 and 30 cents (buying).
Hay—Cheaf, buying \$8 to \$8.50; timothy, \$9 to \$10.
Flour—75 and 80 cents per sack.
Mill feed—Bran, \$13; shorts, \$15.
Butter—15 to 20 cents, buying.
Eggs 9/8 and 10 cents, cash.
Poultry—Chickens 8c per pound.
Pork—Fat, 4/4 gross, 5/2 net.
Beef—Steers, 4@4 1/2c; cows, 3 1/2@3 3/4c; good heifer, 4c.
Mutton—Sheep, 4c on foot.
Veal—7c dressed.
Potatoes—25@30 cents.

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The stores, (two in number) are located at No. 235 and 333 Commercial street, and are well stocked with a complete line of drugs and medicines, toilet articles, perfumery, brushes, etc., etc.

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