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COMPARE THE FIGURES.

A few weeks ago THE MIST published a statement which showed that Commissioner Schoonover received as fees more than \$100 a year in excess of the amount received by his predecessor, Mr. Spencer, coming from the same place. By again examining the abstract of claims allowed the commissioners it is discovered that an error was made in the statement and that Mr. Schoonover received during the first two years he served as commissioner the sum of \$689.00 instead missioner the sum of \$689.00 instead of \$524.18, as previously stated. Spencer, the last year he was commissioner, received \$154.40, so that it will be seen that Schoonover received \$190.55 a year more than his predecessor. In justice to Mr. Schoonover and that his receipts for services to the county may not be misunderstood this correction is made.

The Sentinel, published by Mr.

choonover's son-in-law, now comes to rescue of the old gentleman and says Pap did not receive as much by over \$100 a year during those two years as did his colleague, Barnes. Let us see. Below is a complete abstract as appears of record in the office of the county clerk, of bills allowed Commissioners Barnes and Schoonover om July 1, 1892 up to and including July, 1894, the same being the first two years of Schoonover's term and the last two years of Barnes' term as county commissioner:

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Total 2 yrs. \$641 55 Total 2 yrs .\$689 90 It will be seen by the foregoing, which is an exact copy taken from the records, that Mr. Schoonover received \$48.35 more in the two years than his colleague, Mr. Barnes, though

the latter traveled twelve miles further each time than the former. But should the Sentinel man, who has no respect for the dead, and very little for the living, ever be caught telling the truth no doubt winter would be changed to summer, the Columbia river run the other way and G. Harris, of Tennessee, is 75, and there would be three full moons in the John Sherman, of Ohio, is 72. A new month of December.

#### COMPARATIVE NAVAL STRENGTH.

The oft repeated assertion that the United States has not sufficient naval strength to compete with England, does not carry with it proof to convince. It is true England has, all told, about sixty-four battle ships, and somewhat older than would have been anticipated in one who is remembered as a page of the senate. The youngest think is 20 torpedo boats, while the United States has fifty men of-war, all told, and a much smaller number of the fifty battle ships belonging to the fifty battle ships belonging to the fifty battle ships belonging to the United States twenty-two are of the latest pattern and are firstless. To United States twenty-two are of the bined ages being less than the age of latest pattern and are first-class. To make a strict comparison of the navies no one will dispute that England's is superior only in number. But does it naturally follow that this country must have a navy equal to Great Britain in order to compete with her? It must be remembered that Great Britain's domain is scattered to all quarters of the globe, and from her far recipal source of subsistence. These colorles in time of war would have to be protected at all hazards, and to successfully do this would require a strong cessfully do this would r. quire a strong naval squadron in almost every sea, continent, he is going to do it. There was kind enough to sing a very pretty song at the Christmas gathering at the ish Guiana and her other far remote is the only protection these dependencies have, and should the conflict come there seems little doubt that the present navy of the United States could baffle all attempts to invade this territory or blockade the ports of a country whose possessions are intact, and har-bors so easily and quickly fortified. The logic of the situation would indicate that the navy of the United States would better protect her than that of England would protect her possessions. And again, granting that England

would blockade every port in the United States, which, of course, no one will concede, an inland invasion would be absolutely impossible. The United States remaining intact, could live and prosper cut off entirely from the outside world. This country produces all the necessaries of life upon which its people live, and a blockade of our ports would not prove a great victory for a foreign fleet. But there need be no alarm about such a state of affairs for a country with such a who does not advertise because it could be not advertise because it could be not alarm. of affairs for a country with such a productive interior and densely popuproductive interior and densely populated with a patriotic people with abundant resources flowing from the center to the border, would never per mit the occupation of any considerable number of its ports by a foreign power. The United States navy is all right, but there should be added to it a few more battle ships of the more a few more battle ships of the more modern type to take the place of many which have been in use for years.

clads was held at bay by the compara tively inferior defenses at Charleston The Admiral agrees with Gen. Long street that in case of war with Eng-land some of the fighting will be done in the British channel.

#### NO ESTABLISHED BOUNDARY.

To show that Great Britain doe not know that Great Britain does not know the exact location of the boundary, or, in fact, to show that the exact boundary line has never been definitely established between British Guiana and Venezuela, also to show that she continues to stretch her grasping hand over all that is in eight when permitted to do so, we quote the cor-respondence from Acting Secretary of State Adee to Minister Bayard, bearing date July 24, 1895, as printed in the Congressional Record with the other correspondence pertaining to the controversy. Mr. Adec said:

the controversy. Mr. Adee said:

In Mr. Olney's instruction No. 804, of the 20th instant, in relation to the Angio-Venezueian boundary dispute, you will note a reference to the suddeo increase of the area claimed for British Guiana, amounting to 35,000 square triles, between 1884 and 1886. This statement is made on the authority of the British publication entitled the Stateman's Year Book.

I add for your better information that the same statement is found in the British Colonial Office List, a government publication. In the issue for 1885 the following passage occurs, on page 24, under the head of British Guiana:

"It is impossible to specify the exact area of the colony, (British Guiana), as its precise boundaries between Venezuela and Brazil, respectively, are undetermined, but it has been computed to be 76,000 square miles."

In the issue of the same List for 1886 the

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same statement occurs, on page 33, with the change of area to "about 109,000 square the change of area to account the two volumes miles."

The official maps in the two volumes mentioned are identical, so that the increase of 33,000 square miles claimed for British Guiana is not thereby explained, but later Colonial Office List maps show a varying sweep of the boundary westward into what previously figured as Venezuelan territory, while no change is noted on the Brazilian frontier.

Thus it will be seen that Great Britain's refusal to arbitrate the boundary dispute is based on the ground that she has no legitimate right to the territory claimed, and fears the board of arbitration would establish the bound ary where it properly belongs. Nations as well as individuals are never willing to arbitrate a question when they have no established claim.

#### AGES OF SENATORS.

The Concord Monitor publishes a list of the senators of the United States in which it gives their places of birth and ages. The oldest man among them is, as he has been for some time, the venerable Justin S. Morrill, of Vermont, who is 85. The next in age is John M. Palmer, of Illinois, who is 78.

The combined ages of the second of th The combined ages of the senators from Vermont exceed in amount that of the two senators from any other state, amounting to but one short of 150 years. Alabama sends two veter ans, James L. Pugh, being 74 years old, and John L. Morgan, 71. Isham senator from Iowa, John H. Geer, begins his career in the senate at 70. George F. Hoar, of Massachusettes, is

several individual members of ate. Britain, but it is well always to be on Britain, but it is well always to be on the alert. The only thing necessary to prevent war with Great Britain is for the United States to put forth a determined front with seventy millions determined front with seventy millions.

Rev. Bryan, of University Park, Portland, has been holding a series of meetings here, but took time to go back and spend Christmas with his determined front with seventy millions of loyal hearts back of it. England does not care to go to war with this country, but if by intimidation Lord seems but one position for Americans to occupy in this controversy, and that church. possessions would fall an easy prey to is to stand by the administration foreign invasion. Her boasted navy England's refusal to arbitrate the Venezuela boundary dispute is an admission that she is in the wrong and realizes what the final outcome would be

> THE official returns of the state elec tion in Massachusetta show that out of the 575,000 women entitled to regis ter and vote on the question of equal suffrage, only 22,068 went to the polls; that in forty-seven towns not a woman voted, and in 138 towns their vote averaged only fifteen; and that in not a single county or district was a major-ity given for the proposition. It is quite evident that the women of the state most noted for their education

eating because he can't cook.

Congressional Committees

The fact that Congressman Her-mann did not secure the chairmanship of the rivers and harbors committee of the house is a serious less to Oreof the house is a serious less to Oregon and the Pacific coast. He did, however, retain his place on the committee, being second on the list, and is yet able to serve Oregon well in that position. The chairmanship of the committee was given to Hooker of New York, though Mr. Herrman was istly entitled to it by the rule of rotation. He did, however, secure the chairmanship of the committee on irrigation and arid lands.

Congressman Ellis, of this district was made chairman of the committee on expenditures in the department of justice, and also retained his place on the committee on public lands. In the general make-up of committees Oregon fared well, with the one excepon, that of the rivers and harbors

#### SENATE COMMITTEES.

Senator McBride was made chair man of the committee on transporta-tion routes to the seaboard, and is also a member of the committee on public lands, commerce, coast defenses, and Indian depredations and international expositions. It was very fortunate for Oregon that Senator Mitchell was se-lected as chairman of the committee appointed by the senate caucus to formulate the standing committees, and to this fact is largely due the success of Senator McBride in securing good places, something very unusual for a new senator to obtain. Commerce is a very important committee for Ore-gon, and Senator McBride will no gon, and Senator McBride will no doubt make the best use of his position.

Senator Mitchell has been quite ortunate in receiving committee appaintments. He is a member of the committee on claims, on judiciary, on ostoffices and postroads, on privileges and elections, on transportation routes to the seaboard, to inquire into all claims of citizens of the United States sgainst the government of Nicaragua, construction of the Nicaragua canal. The appointment on these committees—seven altogether—is a just recognition of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Mitchell during his long service in the senate, and the people of Oregon have confidence that their large that the large that their large that the large that their large tha in the senate, and the people of Ore-gon have confidence that their inter-ests will be well looked after by their delegation at Washington.

#### CLATSKANIE.

Miss Fannie Quigley is visiting in our city this week. Miss Fannie Burns is in Astoria this

Edith Lindgren came in from Port-land Monday and started next day for Mist on horseback accompanied by her

brother, Charlie. The boys at Saldern's camp are having a lay off this uncertain weather, and are taking time to look around

Miss Abbie Bryant is home spendng her vacation with her parents and friends. She expects to return to Mc-

and see the sights.

put down at 68, but he is really 69 years of age. David B. Hill, of New York, is but 52, younger, we think, than is generally supposed, and Arthur P. Gorman, of Marryland, is but 56, somewhat older than would have been anticipated in one who is remembered as a regre of the secret. The membered

Mrs. Nichols returned this week

from her trip to Portland to accom-pany Mrs. Kelly. Miss Laura Nichols THERE seems little likelihood of war continued her trip to The Dalles to between the United Stares and Great spend some time with her sister there.

> family, expecting to return Friday and esume the services. spend a little time at the homestead with parents and friends. Miss Mary

song at the Christmas gathering at the Norman Merrill is visiting Califor nia in company with the many hund reds who are filling the steamers and trains for San Francisco this winter.

grandfather did not, ought to wear knee pants and a queue. The man who does not advertise because it costs money should quit paying rent for the same reason. The man who does not advertise because he tried it once and failed, should throw away his cigar because the light went out. The man who does not advertise because he does not know how himself, ought to stop eating because he can't cook.

The exercises at the church on Christmas Eve were quite well attended and seem to have given genaral satisfaction. A large and finely proportioned tree located in one corner of the room was quite nicely decorated and loaded with presents, but before the distribution a programme of song and recitations was listened to by the large audience assembled. Miss Jennie Myers, in addition to presiding at the organ quite acceptably, recited at the organ quite acceptably, recited a very appropriate selection, and later on Mabel Blackford gave another with The story of European rule in American has been mainly one of oppression and bloodshed. England treats Canada with moderation, because America an obligato solo by Mrs. Frank Merrill in which we are likely to engage is with Great Britain and that the first shot fired will sound the knell of the British Empire. According to the Admiral's figures, the American navy won twenty-seven of the thirty odd fights in the war of 1812, and could do better now. The United States has fifty modern fighting ships, large and small, and in these times battle ships can be bought ready made. Three hundred torpedo hoats could be completed within six months. As for our coast cities it must be remembered that during the civil war a fleet of iron-

Professor Fabrique with his violin accompanied by Blackford on the organ gave a pleasing selection that soon stopped a crying baby that listened with the rest of the audience. A distribution of a sack of candy and nuts followed these exercises and each one present was remembered in this way. After this the presents brought in by friends were distributed, the were distributed, the name on each package being called by W. H. Conyers and taken to the recipient by a few of the young ladies present. It was about 10 P. M., when the church was emptied and the peo-ple sought their homes for rest and

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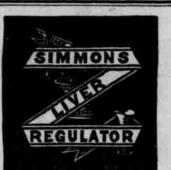
#### Two Boys Drowned.

News has been received at Canyonville that two boys, 8 and 11 years old, sons of Edward Maloey, were drowned Tuesday while crossing the South Umpqua river, seven miles north of Canyonville. Thei boat was found floating down the river empty. Their bodies have not yet been

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Many persons say the masquerade ball on Christmas night was the event of the season, and preparations to get themselves properly and tastefully disguised have been going on for some time. We are not advised how many numbers were sold or cannot at this wirting describe the costumes, but willing describe the costumes, but prises experienced when the unveiling took place. The night was pretty fully spent in the heel-and-toe exercises.

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#### Petition for Liquor License.

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To THE HONORABLE COUNTY COURT OF Columbia County, Oregon.

We, the undersigned legal voters, residing in Deer Island precinct, Columbia County, State of Gregon, would respectfully petition your Honorable body at its next regular term, which will be held on the 8th day of January, 1896, in the Court House, in the City of 8t. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, that a license be granted to Joel Bate to sell spirituous, vinous and mait liquors in quantities less than one gallon, in Deer Island precinct, Columbia county, Oregon, and that said license be granted for a period of one year, for which we will ever pray:

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