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Second District. Congressman—J N Williamson.

Union and Wallowa. Joint Senator—Peter McDonald. Joint Representative—J H Dobbin

Eighth Judicial District. Prosecuting Atty.—Leroy Lomax

Union County. Representative—N C McLeod. Clerk—Jas B Gilham. Sheriff—J W Waldon. Assessor—Ben Brown. Recorder—D H Proctor. Treasurer—John Frawley. Commissioner—J M Selders. School Supt.—R A Wikerson. Surveyor—T R Berry. Coroner—J O Henry.

La Grande Precinct. Justice Peace—J E Hough. Constable—J W Frazer

OUR MERCHANT MARINE.

There is probably not a citizen in the United States, when he reads that of our immense foreign trade carried on by sea voyages, only 9.1 per cent thereof is carried in American ships but wishes in his heart that something could be done that American commerce be carried in American ships.

It is believed that both Democrats and republicans join in this wish, and differ only in the methods of accomplishing the desired end.

Logically the democrats who adhere to "the time honored principles" of their party, can find no authority or power granted specifically by the U. S constitution to the national government to do much or any thing in the way of encouraging the shipping interest of the country, and while they deeply regret the situation see no way for the nation to change it for the better.

The Republican are unhampered by any such constitutional scruples, but so far have been unable to agree upon any plan to place our flag over a fleet of ships sufficiently large to carry the things we sell to and purchase from foreign countries and bring home what we buy.

The result of the combined operation of the Democratic dogma of "strict construction of the constitution," and the inability of enough Republicans to agree upon a plan, to out vote the Democrats and dissenting Republicans, has been and yet is that not national aid has been given to encourage American ships, and we have to depend upon foreign ships to carry 90.9 percent of our foreign commerce; paying to foreign ship owners for their service \$200,000 annually, and taking the chance of a general war cutting off our commerce.

In 1903 there were unloaded from ships 3,881,036 tons of

foreign goods and carried from American ports, in American ships 3,930,938 tons of stuff to foreign countries, making a total of 7,818,474 tons carried that year in American ships.

In 1903 there were unloaded from foreign ships at American wharves 24,697,892 tons of foreign stuff for use and consumption in the United States. In the same year foreign ships carried from our ports to foreign countries 24,823,164 tons of stuff for sale in foreign land, making a total of 49,521,056 tons carried under foreign flags. Of this amount 25,046,878 tons were carried in British ships, a little more than one half.

Expressed in dollars, in 1903 American ships carried from foreign lands to the United States and from the United States to foreign nations over seas \$214,895,032 worth of stuff. In the same year our imports from and exports to foreign lands under foreign flags passed for the first time in history the two billion mark, and stands at \$2,026,801,420 worth of stuff.

It is not because ships cannot be made in the United States as good and cheaply as elsewhere that we are so dependent upon foreign ship owners, for in 1903 we had 523,602 tons of steam Ocean going ships of American build in our foreign trade, and 896,264, tons of home built sailing vessels.

In 1903 there were built in American ship yards 470 sailing vessels with an aggregate gross tonnage of 89,979 tons, and in the same year 551 steam vessels were constructed there with a total tonnage of 278,781 tons.

In 1875 there were 28,050 sailing vessels with a tonnage of 3,885,064 tons, and 4,235 steam vessels with a total of 1,168,668 tons in our merchant Marine.

In 1903 our merchant Marine consisted of 16,371 sailing vessels with a total tonnage of 2,879,257 tons, 8,054 steam vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 3,408,689 tons.

The fact that the U. S. government has built at home, one among the largest and most complete in the world, demonstrates that ships, as big as any body builds, have been built in the U. S. gives additional emphasis to the query. Why do we not own enough ships to do our own business with?

Read the county seat articles in this issue and every other issue of the Observer until election day. You want to know all about this question so you will vote right. There is only one way to vote and vote right and that is to vote for La Grande. The county seat should be in La Grande if we wish to cut down the county debt. The removal of the county seat does not mean an increase of debt, but the reverse, the decrease of the debt.

Valuable Book

The Observer received Monday morning by mail the latest report of the U S geological survey entitled "Mineral Resources of the United States for the year 1902." It contains 1,038 pages filled with data concerning our mineral products which in 1902 were greater than in any previous year, and measured by dollars amounted to \$3,200,839,415 worth. It gives our gold product for 1902 at \$80,000,000. This is the largest amount of gold that has ever been dug out by the American miners in a single year.

The silver mines are also yielding more in coin value than ever before, the yield in 1902 being \$71,757,875 worth. The total amount of coinable metal, [gold and silver] unearthed by our miners in 1902 was sufficient to make 161,768,000 bright new dollars.

Wool Goes Down

Pendleton May 24—At the first sales today at Pendleton this year under the auspices of the Wool Growers Association, 200,000 pounds were sold, the prices being 10.1-8 14 1-8 cents, a falling off in both price and quantity, from the flat sales day last year. The growers were well satisfied, however.

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