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THE "OREGON'S" TRIAL TRIP.

It Places her Foremost in the World's Navies and Makes for her Builders, \$175,000.

The official trial trip of the new battleship "Oregon" took place last Thursday off the California coast at Santa Barbara. The average speed made was 16.78 knots an hour, the greatest speed ever attained by a ship of this class, thus placing the "Oregon" at the head of the navies of the world. The new ship is a companion to the Indiana and the Massachusetts, whose records are 16.61 and 16.15 knots an hour, respectively.

In speaking of the trial, the Morning Oregonian credits Irving M. Scott with saying: "The trial to-day makes the 'Oregon' absolutely unrivaled among the ironclads of the world. She excells the Massachusetts for defence and offence, and only needs a trial to prove that she can carry those powers at a speed greater than any of her rivals. The average speed of 16.78 knots, practically for six hours, shows beyond a question her ability of sustaining great speed for long periods. In every respect, her engine performance was without an equal."

Receiving from the government a premium of \$25,000 for every quarter knot over fifteen, the "Oregon's" builders, the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, receive a premium of \$175,000.

The Baccalaureate Address.

The Baccalaureate Address to the Graduating Class of the High School was delivered last Sunday evening in the M. E. church by C. A. Hitchcock, Principal of the Ashland Public Schools. The church was crowded full of people, many being required to stand. Music for the occasion was furnished by the united choirs of the several churches of Ashland.

Prof. Hitchcock's address occupied half an hour, and was one of the most scholarly discourses to which the people of Ashland have had an opportunity to listen. His charge to the "Class of '96" was in substance, that faith founded on the solid rock of Christ, a thorough educational training, and an ambitious aim as high as the stars bring to old age, the sweet, restful satisfaction of a God given life well spent. Prof Hitchcock is an instructive talker, choosing his words with good judgement and carefully fitting them to the well balanced, elevating thoughts he expresses, and all who heard his address are bettered thereby.

The Republican Speaker.

Perhaps no political speech ever had a larger attendance in Ashland than that of Hon. Thos. H. Tongue in Ganiard's Opera House last Saturday evening. That Mr. Tongue is an interesting speaker is evidenced by the fact that for

nearly three hours, he held the undivided attention of the entire audience that filled the hall. He presented to the people, the present critical condition of the country, and the remedy he prescribed was to "simply vote the Republican ticket." Mr. Tongue is candidate for Congressman.

J. W. Merritt, the Republican candidate for County Judge, addressed the audience for a short time, proving that he is an able talker, and a man competent in all respects to creditably fill the office for which he is a candidate.

The Ashland band furnished music for the evening.

Money in Farming.

It is a notable fact that all farming interests improve where it is possible to utilize the water that the wells on the place will produce. How few people think of the value of water for irrigation, and what could be produced at a minimum cost if it were used. The question has been heretofore how to get the water to the surface economically, and this has been accomplished by the use of Gasoline or Kerosene Oil Gas Engine manufactured by Palmer and Rey Type Foundry, 405 Sansome street, San Francisco, California.

To Celebrate the Fourth.

Arrangements are already being made to scream the eagle in Ashland next Fourth of July, and all may rest assured that whatever is undertaken along this line will be carried out to the best interest and enjoyment of the community. Hose Company No. 1 will superintend the celebration. The following committee on arrangements was appointed by them last Friday evening: F. D. Wagner, H. J. Hicks, G. W. Vaupel and H. S. Evans.

Business College Burned.

Medford's business college, situated in the western portion of the city, was burned last Saturday night about 11 o'clock. The blaze was started by a student dropping a lighted lamp. The building burned so rapidly that nothing was saved, the students themselves barely escaping. The light of the fire was plainly seen from Ashland.

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in the Ashland, Oregon, Post Office, May 18, 1896:

Cusack, W. J., (3) Rice, B., Young, C., Domdexter, Walter. Persons calling for same will please say "advertised."

W. H. BRUNK, P. M.

List of Applicants.

The following named persons are applicants for certificates at the regular examination commencing May 13, 1896: Lottie V. Rowe, Allie Carter, Nervia M. Johnston, Jennie M. Hogg, Lydia Washburn, Myrtilla Black, Lillian Dodge, Libbie Pendleton, Evelyn M. Day, Julia G. White, M. Grace Amann, Anna Presley, Mrs. Francis Beaver, C. C. Presley, W. W. Ferguson, Robert I. Faucett, Katie Buckley, Fannie Donegan, Anna Clements, Anna Grisson, Ella L. Benson, Katie M. Fries, Mark B. Whipple, Mollie Ray, Frank Johnson, Emma Burch, Ray Norman Chase.

A Parody.

The following amusing parody is taken from the Students' News, of Portland:

Dedicated to business men generally:
We don't want to buy your dry goods,
We don't like you any more,
You'll be sorry when you see us
Going to some other store.
You can't sell us any shirt waists,
Four-in-hand, or other fad,
We don't want to buy your dry goods,
If you won't give us your "ad."

Vanderburg's Speech.

Hon. W. S. Vanderburg, the People's Party candidate for Congressman, delivered a speech to a few of the citizens of Ashland last Thursday afternoon in Ganiard's Opera House. His audience numbered about seventy-five. Many of those who heard him, say that the votes he gained were counterbalanced by the votes he lost.

Horticulture.

(Space would not permit the publication of the following article in last issue.)
Editor Advertiser:

I send you herewith a copy of resolution adopted at the semi-annual meeting of the Oregon State Board of Horticulture recently held.

The proposition underlying the resolution is one which ought to secure the serious consideration of every citizen. It is as follows:

To the Hon. Board of Public Instruction, Gentlemen:

Herwith we beg to hand you, for your consideration, the following resolution:

Whereas, For some time during the past, it has seemed to the several members of the State Board of Horticulture of the State of Oregon that there is a necessity for more rudimentary knowledge among our people on the subject of horticulture; and

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