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ON the first page of this issue the WEST SHORE presents excellent portraits of the republican and democratic nominees for governor and representative in congress of the new state of Washington. The portraits are grouped around a representation of the new state seal, the design for which the WEST SHORE presents to the people of Washington, with the hope that it may be adopted and used through ages of unbroken prosperity.

At last we have a war ship that can run away from any armed vessel afloat. The "preservation of our navy" has long been a question unsolved, but the Cramps have settled it at last, and if with such speed our navy can not be preserved, it will be the fault of the commanding officers, who have not yet learned the art of running away from danger.

As an indication of the avidity with which our timber lands are being seized upon everywhere in the northwest, the fact that the Tillamook *Headlight* contained 144 timber claim notices in its last issue is most suggestive. If one paper has so many, what must be the total of the northwest? Evidently the man who wants a slice of Uncle Sam's timber land in this region must be diligent or he will be disappointed.

For the preservation of the good name of the people of Washington, it is to be hoped that the conscienceless plunderers of the relief funds in Spokane will meet with speedy punishment through the exertions of their fellow citizens. There are rogues everywhere, and Spokane is simply unfortunate in the peculiar object her rogues selected for their plunder. It is doubly unfortunate in that it may have the effect of curbing the liberality of the people when calamity overtakes some other of our fair young cities.

THREE hundred thousand pounds of grapes passed through Portland by a special train from California to the east by the Oregon Short Line. The choice of this route was made because of the burning of bridges on the Central Pacific. Not far distant is the time when Oregon grapes in equal quantities will be sent by the same route, for thousands of choice grape vines have been set out the past few years, and many large vineyards will soon come into fine bearing condition.

DURING the week the Oregon state fair has been in progress at Salem, and in many respects is the finest ever held by the association. Exhibits of live stock, such as cattle, horses, sheep and hogs, are very fine, the entries being numerous and comprising superb representatives of nearly all the finest strains of blood. The poultry show is also very superior in numbers and quality. The same may be said of the exhibits of agricultural and dairy products. Great crowds from all over the northwest have been in attendance daily, viewing the exhibits and witnessing the speed programme.

On Thursday, the 26th of this month, the mammoth exposition of the North Pacific Industrial Association will begin in Portland. The association has the largest and most complete building for that purpose on the Pacific coast, and has spent \$250,000 in preparation for this event. Every available inch of floor space has been engaged and the exhibits will be of the widest diversity of character ever gathered together west of the Rocky mountains. The music will be furnished by Senor Liberati's great New York band and will be equal to the music at any exposition in the United States. Reduced rates of fare have been secured, and no doubt for a month Portland will be crowded with visitors.

THAT "lost cabin" story by an "old timer" with the indefinite name of Jones, which appeared in the *Whatecom Reveille*, has nothing remarkable about it but the fact that the editors of the northwest are willing to display their ignorance of the history of the country by giving it space in their columns. If they will only bear in mind that Puget sound was explored thoroughly in 1792 and not only its existence but its exact location and nature were well known; that Astor's expedition arrived at Astoria in 1811 instead of 1803; that it was not until 1806 that Lewis and Clarke made their famous overland journey; that the war of 1812 did not "break out" in 1809; and that the fur hunters did not build stone cabins in a country so densely timbered as Puget sound, they will not be caught by these "old timers" so often. It certainly would be "exciting to hunt for the old cabin" and about as profitable as a quest for the habitation of the filaloo bird.