

ABOUT NAVAL STATIONS

REPORT OF BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS.

Substantial Wharf Necessary to Good Drydock on Puget Sound—Disadvantages of Cavite.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Probably the most interesting report that comes from the Navy Department each year is that of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, now under the direction of Admiral Hichborn. The report of this year is fully as interesting as those that have preceded it, and aside from what has heretofore been telegraphed, the following extracts will be of interest.

Repair Naval Station. "In order that repair work be performed elsewhere than in the dry dock, it is absolutely necessary that a substantial wharf be provided. Repair work on the lower end of the wharf is estimated to cost 20 per cent more than it would had that vessel been conveniently located at the wharf. There has been available during the past three years an appropriation for a wharf.

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"The skylights of the construction shop leak badly in many places. Attempts to repair them have been unsuccessful, and, in my opinion, new glass skylights should be fitted.

"The low ground around the dock and shops should be improved, and a two-story roadway, and a permanent roadway, should be constructed around the dock.

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GOLD HILL'S MARKED IMPROVEMENT FOR ONE YEAR.

Center of a Very Rich Mining Section, Which is Being Extensively Developed—Other Matters.

GOLD HILL, Nov. 4.—All the towns of the Rogue River Valley in Southern Oregon have prospered during the last year, but, in proportion to population, Gold Hill shows the greatest growth. During this time Ashland has erected as many new buildings as comprise the entire structure of the town.

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COUNTRY HOME

Near Gold Hill

Mrs. Mary A. Pryce and Mrs. Margaret Jones, two widowed sisters, aged 29 and 27, respectively, own and operate a 1600-acre farm adjoining Gold Hill. Their country home is shown in the illustration. It is elegantly furnished and contains all the modern conveniences. These young women are highly cultured and excellent entertainers. Mrs. Pryce is a pianist and Mrs. Jones is a fine performer on the piano, being a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music.



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TEAMS OF FIFTY HORSES

WONDERFUL OUTFITS THAT DO NEW YORK'S HEAVY TRUCKING.

Vehicle Designed to Carry Loads of Nearly 100 Tons—Curious Way Horses Are Hitched to Them.

There are employed in this city at heavy trucking, and the number of horses hooked up together leave the biggest of circus teams far in the shade. The bandwagon with maybe 30 horses hooked up together is not in it, and the driving of the team by a single man is a considerable feat.

How Team is Hooked to Vehicle. The manner in which the team is hooked to one who sees such an outfit for the first time, is sure to prove of interest. At the wheel, as might be expected, are four men, but these are not hooked to a pole; they are hooked to shafts. There are three of these shafts, the middle one projecting between the two horses.

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WHITE STATIONERY

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