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NEW OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

During 1892 congress recognized the necessity of encouraging the building, by American citizens, of a fleet of ocean going ships, capable of the highest speed, and constructed with special reference to government naval service in case of war, and enacted certain special laws on the subject. The International Navigation company of Philadelphia, were given authority to place two of its English-built vessels, the New York and the Paris, under the American flag on condition that other ships of an equal or higher class should be immediately constructed in this country. Contracts were at once entered into with the Cramps for the construction of several new vessels, two of which, the St. Louis and the St. Paul, are fast nearing completion.

These are the first trans Atlantic passenger steamers to be constructed in the United States for a period of over twenty years, and it is expected that they will surpass in every respect those vessels plying the Atlantic under the English and French flags. The engines of these new steamers will be the most powerful quadruple expansion marine engines in the world. They are each expected to develop about 10,000 H. P. Arrangements have been made in each of the vessels for carrying about 320 first class and 200 second class passengers, besides 900 emigrants.

In speaking of the vessels, Mr. Charles H. Cramp, in a paper read before the American society of naval architects and marine engineers, said: "I will not venture prediction as to their probable performance, but will guarantee them to be perfectly safe, comfortable and economical ships. They are to be closely followed by other ships, which I will not now describe, except to say that they will not shrink from comparison or competition. The St. Louis and St. Paul have been especially arranged so as to be readily and quickly convertible into armed cruisers, carrying eight 6-inch 109 pound rapid fire guns, and the conditions of the mail contract between the United States government and the International Navigation company place at the disposal of the American these ships, almost instantly convertible into commerce destroyer, averaging greater performance than the Columbia, which, with the three others that are about to follow as quickly as the plans can be completed, will practically reinforce the United States navy by \$21,000,000 worth of ships, and that not only without the cost of building, but also without the cost of maintenance and commission in time of peace. In conclusion, allow me to say that these ships will be American from truck to keelson. No foreign materials enter into their construction. They are of American model and design, of American material and are being built by American skill and muscle."

When these ships are once placed on the trans-Atlantic line the event will mark an important epoch in the history of American ship building. Of late years there has been no congressional action that has met with such hearty approval from all sources, as has the passage of the law which made it possible for United States mail to be carried in American bottoms. With what pleasure and with what pride will every true American take passage upon one of those superb vessels, which he knows has been constructed exclusively of American material and by American workmen. Besides being comfortable and even gorgeous in all their appointments they will fly the American flag and be officered by American gentlemen. The officers being of American birth and possessed of gentlemanly instincts, will know to address with proper courtesy their fellow countrymen. An American traveling now on the English and French liners are subjected to all sorts of insults and insolence from the snobs and eads who, as a rule, officer such ships, and who are neither gentlemen themselves nor respect the rights of those who come under this class. We recall an incident in this connection in which an American lady administered a deserved rebuke to the ill bred captain of a Cunarder upon which she was a passenger. Desiring some information, the lady politely addressed this supposed gentleman, when he turned to her with a withering glance and in haughty tones inquired if she was cognizant of

when she was addressing. With an ironical smile she replied: "Excuse me, I thought I was speaking to the cook."

Even though the manners of the officers and the accommodations afforded on these ships of ours were only on a par with the English and French vessels, the mere fact of their being American should cause every person worthy the name of an American citizen to patronize these steamers of the International Navigation company. The spirit of patriotism which is so characteristic of true Americans will insure this new line a liberal patronage.

WEAN THEM GRADUALLY.

Public attention is again called to the problem of drunkenness by the recent condemnation of the saloon by Archbishop Satolli. His idea of bringing about voluntary total abstinence is through moral regeneration. Pledge-signing and prohibition have each been ineffectual in dealing with the liquor question. Besides, these methods of dealing with this prolific source of crime and misery provoke hypocrisy and disrespect for law. This fact has been amply demonstrated in Iowa and other prohibition states, where moderate drinkers increased their rations of rock and rye, and those who had been known as total abstainers began to frequent the tippling house immediately after the passage of certain acts because, in their opinion, their rights as free born American citizens were being infringed upon. They hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and among these rights is the pursuit of happiness, which includes the privilege of taking a social drink.

From the fact that prohibition is encouraged and in a measure forced upon the public by a lot of fanatics and cranks, or at best by persons who are not in sympathy with those whom they profess to be trying to reform, it is antagonized by all broad-minded and thinking people, because of their cordial dislike for its advocates. Dislike for its promoters engenders a dislike for their cause, no matter how worthy the object. Everyone will admit that the government has no moral or legal right to pass laws restricting our diet, and it follows as the night the day that it has no authority to interfere with our heaven-born right to use intoxicants. Because a comparatively few men, through their hogish propensities, overindulge in the use of liquors, it furnishes no equitable reason for the passage of a prohibitory law, which prevents the millions of moderate and occasional drinkers from the use of alcoholic beverages even in their homes if they so desire.

Prohibition is inoperative because under existing conditions only such persons as believe in total abstinence are identified with the movement. Their numbers have not been increased by the enactment of prohibitory laws, nor has the consumption of stimulants been checked by their existence. Those who are in sympathy with the movement would abstain from drinking just the same if no law of this kind were in operation. Prohibition is not the thing. We should be permitted to drink if we so elect. The most effectual way of dealing with the evil is not in the government saying "thou shalt not," but by encouraging the general use of beverages containing a low percentage of alcohol. Those who have given this perplexing question most scientific study have given it as their opinion that the encouragement of the use of light wines and beers would materially lessen the aggregate of intemperance.

This theory is borne out by the statement of those who have visited extensively in France, Germany and England. In these countries the use of beers and wines is almost universal. This is particularly true of Germany, where, it is said, children are weaned from their mother's breast to a mug of beer. While the appetite of the people living in these countries is just as strong for intoxicants as that of Americans, it is satisfied by the use of lighter stimulants, and the attendant results are by far less frightful than here where stronger liquors like whisky and brandy are generally used. Besides reducing intemperance the use of light wines is advocated by many notable hygienists in the place of teas and coffees. If people were permitted to partake of light wines and malt liquors as openly as they are of beverages like soda water and lemonade, there would be fewer cases of drunkenness as a result of pure cussedness. As Americans learn to satisfy their desire for alcoholic stimulants through the use of lighter beverages, drunkards will be gradually weaned. This seems the only logical way of dealing with this momentous and puzzling question.

Toledo Tidbits.

TOLEDO, OR., Aug. 21, 1894.
ED. GAZETTE.—Again I will try to give the readers of your paper a few of the happenings of Toledo and vicinity.

Hunting and fishing is at its height in this county at present.

Dr. W. H. H. Rich went to the valley on business on Tuesday last.

A party consisting of Messrs. Dedrick and Starr and their wives, is camping near Otter Rock, where they expect to remain about ten days.

Hard times are gradually leaving this part of the country, and before many months we all hope to see better times than there has ever been on Yaquina bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent will run the boarding house at the rock quarry this season. They will set a good table as M. S. V. is noted throughout Oregon as a hotel keeper.

Robert Campbell, our city butcher, goes to Cape Foulweather very often this summer, and the boys apprehend something serious before long. Well, Bob needs a good cook.

The steamer Walluski is undergoing repairs and will soon be ready to resume work on the river. The repairs are being made by O. K. Altree, and everything will be in ship shape.

Miss Cora Gray returned to her home near Philomath last Saturday. Miss Gray has been visiting here some time with her sisters, Mrs. Geo. Bethers and Mrs. Will Rich. Her many young friends regret to lose her bright face from this city.

The government rock quarry starts in full blast tomorrow or next day. It is a pleasant sound which greets the ear in passing by the quarry when work is under way. The sound of the hammer on the steel drills rings and echoes through the mountains, and the heavy "shots" or blasts can be heard many miles, while the steam derricks are continually moving the rock from the ledge, loading it upon the scows or barges. When a barge is loaded it is dropped up or down with the tide and another is put in its place. As fast as the scows are loaded the tow boat takes them away to Newport, or the mouth of the river, where it is unloaded and taken upon cars to the great Pacific and dumped to form the jetty.

A new fishing industry is soon to be inaugurated on this coast. Cod fishing has been talked of for the past twenty years and at last it is to be tried. A collection of quite a large sum of money has been raised to defray the necessary expense of catching and curing a ton or more of codfish to be sent East and tested to find out whether or not they are the same as the renowned cod of the eastern coast. It is thought by good judges that they are one and the same fish. If this should prove true it would make one of the largest industries in the United States, as there is no limit to the quantity of fish. Everyone is highly elated over the matter. We only hope it will be the success that some of the old-timers think it will be.

A REPORTER.

Mountain Top.

Miss Lulu Harrington will go home next week after spending a few days visiting in Corvallis and Philomath.

Mr. M. Stewart and Mr. C. McTimmonds have their grain stacked and ready for the threshing machine. W. A. Gellatly's crop will be ready in a few days.

Superintendent R. F. Holm visited the Mountain Top school on Friday last. School closed in the afternoon for the summer. Appropriate exercises took place in the grove near the school house, and were attended by thirteen visitors. The following is the report of this school district, No. 95, for the six weeks ending August 17th. Miss Lulu Harrington, teacher: Number days taught, 29; days attendance, 2774; days absence, 78; times tardy, 3; boys enrolled, 6; girls enrolled, 8; average daily attendance, 10. Visitors: Mrs. J. N. Wood, Mrs. M. Stewart, Mrs. C. McTimmonds, Mrs. W. A. Gellatly, Messrs. Walter Norton, Clay Tatom, Guy Wood, Bert and Ray James, Miss Lillie Taylor, Miss Phoebe James, Miss Lina Wood, Pearl Wood, and Sup't R. F. Holm.

A Good Thing to Keep at Hand.

From the Troy (Kansas) Chief. Some years ago we were very much subject to severe spells of cholera morbus, and now when we feel any of the symptoms that usually precede that ailment, such as sickness at the stomach, diarrhoea, etc., we become scared. We have found Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy the very thing to straighten one out in such cases, and always keep it about. We are not writing this for a pay testimonial, but to let our readers know what is a good thing to keep handy in the house. For sale by Graham & Wells.

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Trade is Improving.

C. T. Brace, of St. Louis, trustee of the Corvallis Carriage and Wagon company arrived in town this week and will remain several days looking after his extensive business interests. He says that within the past sixty days a marked improvement in trade has been noted. St. Louis is a large manufacturing and commercial center, one of its chief industries being the manufacture of products from iron. The Paddock Hawley Iron Co., of that city with which Mr. Brace is connected, does a large jobbing trade throughout the country, and as the iron business acts as a sort of reflector or thermometer for other lines, he is in a position to speak intelligently regarding trade in general. He says that stocks are very low and, in order to fill the large orders now coming in for goods, manufacturing for the coming season will be unusually brisk. Mr. Brace confirms the general opinion that democratic tariff tinkering has been a very potent factor in causing the present depression, and that now the matter is settled, for the time at least, it will have a very wholesome effect on all branches of trade, not because it is such a measure as the best interests of the country demanded, but because the country is relieved from the uncertainty of congressional action which has been hanging fire ever since the elections of 1892.

Two New Driers.

Hugh Finley, the Long Tom fruit grower, was in town Tuesday after material for the two new driers which are now being built on his place by Henry Stone. These driers are of the Kurtz patent and will have a capacity of 110 bushels each every 24 hours. Mr. Kurtz is on the ground superintending the work. The trays are being built by Messrs. Newhouse & Shesgreen, of this city, who make a specialty of manufacturing such work to order.

Mr. Finley has 1800 prune trees—800 petites and 1000 Italians. The former are loaded and will yield at least three bushels per tree, or all told about 2500 bushels. Owing to a late frost which injured the Italians that variety will produce less than one third of a crop. Mr. Finley believes however, that his trees will average one bushel each and estimates his total output for this season at 3500 bushels; or in dried fruit, 70,000 pounds. The market price will not be less than five cents per pound, which would yield an income from the twelve acres, of \$3500, or about \$300 per acre. Mr. Finley says there is plenty of money in growing prunes even at four cents and there is nothing to indicate that a less price will ever be offered.

Gene M. Simpson has disposed of his interest in the Evening Informer to Bert Van Cleve and will leave in a few days for Elk City in hopes of benefiting his failing health.

Trouble is brewing among the local Chinese. Whether it is a highbinder affair or the result of some personal difficulty, no one seems to know. At any rate, Ti, a well-known Chinese character here, is at outs with the brethren opposite the Informer office, and carries a loaded shot gun whenever he appears on the street. Should the feeling intensify we may have a "scare head" item next week.

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The children of S. M. Martin, who lives near Sulphur springs, have all been seriously ill this week with cholera morbus. A little girl aged about 13 years—one of the first to be taken sick—died Tuesday, after suffering intense pain. The family failed to realize at first the seriousness of the trouble and medical aid was not summoned until too late. Dr. Pernot was called and succeeded in relieving the sufferings of the other children who are now rapidly improving.



Mrs. J. H. HORNBY, 152 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, Cal., writes:

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AN ENGLISH COMMENTARY.

Said an eminent English scientist recently: "The danger that confronts the great American people to-day is not the possible adoption of a wrong financial policy for the nation, or the spread of socialism, or the increase of corruption among public men. All these are bad enough, to be sure, but they are as nothing compared to the terrible national disease—I had almost said national crime—of overwork. The mad rush for wealth is set at a killing pace, and thousands fall by the way every year."

You are likely to be one of the victims! How do we know? Because it is the exception to find a man or woman of adult age in perfect health. Nervous Disorders are spreading with fearful rapidity. Among the symptoms are—Backache, Blisters, Cold Hands and Feet, Dizziness, Hot Flashes, Fluttering Sensation, Fainting, Headache, Irritability of the Heart, Melancholy, Failing Memory, Palpitation, Rheumatism, Short Breath, Sleeplessness, Nervous Dyspepsia, Sexual Debility, Fits, etc. REV. C. A. CARROLL, pastor First Baptist Church, Yellow Springs, O., writes as follows: "I have used Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine for the past six months. I find it acts like a charm on the whole nervous system. I have not found its equal in giving immediate relief. Dr. Miles' Little Nerve and Liver Pills only need a trial and they will recommend themselves to be the best pills in the market."

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