

Launching of the Battle-Ship Oregon

[Following is a poem written by Sam Simpson of Astoria, October 26, 1899, in honor of the launching of the battleship Oregon from the yards of the Union Iron Works, San Francisco. It is one of the world's classic, and breathing a fervor of the grand work of this, the battleship, which is our navy's pride and the world's wonder, it is most fitting to reproduce the words as originally written by Mr. Simpson.—Ed.]

O ship, like crested Pallas armed;
O bride, the hoary god hath charmed,
Leap to his proud and strong embrace,
In Freedom's squadron take thy place.

Northward, in sheen of crystal mail;
A scarf of cloud upon his breast,
Our mountain monarch, Hood, will hail
The mighty daughter of the West;
And hail with broad, uplifted shield,
The sea, thy home and battle-field,
While the vast hosts of phalanx'd frs
Swell the deep song of worshippers.

That brow of prescience, wreathed with dreams,
The mist through which his grandeur gleams
In storm and calm, has brooded o'er
The hardy tow that erstwhile came,
And wrought in tears and blood, and flame,
That stripes might stream and stars might soar,
The luster of the chosen name.

Launched on the Golden-Gated bay,
Be thine a royal bridal day;
And with the wave's exultant kiss
Comedians of olden Salamis,
When Greece was life's white morning star;
Come, welcome to a scene like this,
The memories of Trafalgar,
And Erie's crash of thunder, telling
How Perry's warrior heart was swelling;
Come through the somber dusk of years
Decatur's drumbeat in Algiers,
And from a hero's frosting lip
The whisper, "Don't give up the ship."

To greet thy nuptials, here behold,
While o'er enchanted streams and woods
October's misted splendor broods,
Our forests lit with lamps of gold,
And many a leafy mountain shrine,
Dashed with the red autumnal wine,
For thee a symbol and a sign
Of faith serene and trust untold.

Oh, swift and terrible;
Perished shore
Full
Hear no more.
So forth, O wave, be free
And peerless may thy vigil be,
Till cape and bay and cliff and crag
Flash with the glory of the flag,
Triumphant yet on land and sea;
And oh, guard well the gleaming strand
Of this, our fair Areidian land,
Woe in the storms of years gone by,
With drain of heart and wound of hand,
When men could dare and do and die.

Be worthy of the mystic name
These matchless vales and mountains bear,
That in the tents of sunset, fame
May twine a wreath for thee to wear,
And when thy flag shall kiss the breeze
Of these, our blue Northwestern seas,
Lo, white and strange and soaring high
In the vast temple of the sky,
The peaks our lisping children know
A welcoming to thee will glow,
Helens to Hood will pass the sign,
And Jefferson, with brown beign,
Will signal to the Sisters Three
That the long watch was not in vain;
For lo, upon the radiant main,
The mailed patrol of Liberty
Here, at the mighty ocean gate,
Columbia, in his pride, will greet
The Bodicea of our fleet;
And from embattled heights the voice
Of cannon make the deep rejoice,
And festal sunshine gleam upon
The green, glad hills of Oregon,
Thine and our own deep-bosomed state.

An Indian Fourth of July.

The Pendleton Tribune of July 13, says the Indian festivities on the reservation closed yesterday, and the Indians have begun to disband and go to their homes and the mountains. The celebration began July 3 and continued actively until last evening, a period of 10 days.

All the Indians of the Umatilla reservation, except a few who went to the Lapwai, moved their tipis to the celebration grounds, in campmeeting style, and gave themselves up wholly to celebrating the Glorious Fourth in a most fantastic manner. There were at least 700 tawny men and women of the Umatillas, besides a number of visiting Indians from Yakima and the Columbia river.

Their chief diversions were dancing, horseracing, parades, gambling and lying in the shade of the trees and willows of the Umatilla river.

First Wheat Threshed

Daily Guard, July 16.
The first wheat of the season of 1899 was threshed by Sam Drumheller on George Drumheller's ranch on lower Touchet, Tuesday, by a Holt sidehill combined harvester, operated by a California man says the East Oregonian. The header cuts 20 feet, and was pulled by 20 head of mules, which walked along with ease, and cut volunteer wheat which goes about 20 bushels per acre. The wheat was found a little green in some places. It weighed about 62 pounds to the bushel.

Fargo Argus: Owing to a lack of business the bottling works of Sampson & Schley have shut down for the present.

WITH CITY OFFICIALS.

Next Special Meeting Will Be Held Monday.

Daily Guard, July 16.
The special meeting of the city council Thursday, held to discuss the proposed salary law resulted in its passing the council and was handed to the mayor for his signature. The ordinance is not a law yet, not having been signed by Mayor Kuykendall, who informed a GUARD reporter today that he would make a careful study of the same before giving it his official sanction, if he did at all. The ordinance is familiar to most of the residents of the city, having been published in full in the GUARD at the time first presented. In effect it slightly raises salaries and turns all fees into the city treasury.

Next Monday night another special meeting will be held, this time to discuss the large petition for the purchase of 1000 feet of new hose for the fire department. As the signers of the petition represent about two-thirds of the taxes of the city, it could not well be disregarded if there was any inclination to do so, which is not considered probable.

Daily Guard, July 16.
HARVEST ACCIDENT.—Yesterday while operating a binder a 16-year-old son of W H Robb, of Elmira, had the misfortune to catch his left hand in a cog wheel. The hand was very badly lacerated and torn. He at once came to Eugene and Dr Kuykendall dressed his wounds, finding it necessary to amputate the third finger on the hand.

CAROLINES

Will be Taken by the Monterey

Toral Agrees to Terms

Special to the Guard.
SAN FRANCISCO, July 16—It has been announced that the Monterey will seize the Caroline Islands on its Manila trip, thus adding the last of the Spanish possessions in Pacific waters to our "island empire."

[The Caroline Islands is a widely scattered archipelago east of the Philippines and north of New Guinea. The western Carolines or Palau Islands have a total area of 346 miles. The Central or Carolines proper are divided into 48 groups with 400 or 500 islands. Natives Malay or Papuan blood. Breadfruit, cocoa nuts, sugar cane, oranges and bananas are grown in abundance.]

Washington, July 16, 4:50 p m—General Shafter announces to the war department by a late cable dispatch that General Toral has agreed to the terms of surrender as proposed by Shafter. This is that the Spanish officers are allowed to retain their side arms and that the surrendered army will be returned to Spain at the expense of the United States.

This acceptance makes the surrender of Santiago and the territory east of a line passing from Acceradores on the south and Sagua on the north complete.

The Americans will make an endeavor to deprive General Blanco of communication with Spain, by cutting his cables. This will make some maneuvers now planned more easy to control.

Special to the Guard.
SAN FRANCISCO, July 15—The transports Pueblo and Peru will sail this afternoon for Honolulu. They have aboard the military which will, for the present, represent the United States, under the territorial annexation laws. The troops are from the division of California, General Merritt commanding.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15—The rumor is current here though not officially announced, that the gunboat Bennington will go to St Michaels to consort American treasure ships coming south from the gold fields. In the meantime it will keep a close lookout for that Spanish privateer.

Fire at Ashland.

Special to the Guard.
Ashland, Or, July 15—Fire was discovered about 1 o'clock this afternoon in a section of wooden buildings near the S P Depot. The flames were quite fierce and burned rapidly, the depot narrowly escaping destruction.

TWO SHIPLOADS FOR MANILA

WASHINGTON, July 16—Sixty thousand volunteers enlisted under the second call have been mustered into service.

OFF FOR MANILA.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—Arrangements have been perfected for the use of two steamers to leave this port Monday loaded with reinforcements and supplies for Manila.

CAMPAIN IN WEST INDIES.

WASHINGTON July 16.—It has been decided to leave 20,000 soldiers, beside insurgent forces, to garrison Santiago De Cuba.

The rest of the army will be rushed on the Porto Rico expedition as soon as transports can be obtained.

The Antelope Fire

Messrs W Bolton and William Ashby arrived Wednesday morning from Antelope and gave a graphic account of the fire at that place Monday morning, says The Dalles Times-Mountaineer. They stated that Mrs Thomas Condon and daughter were severely burned while endeavoring to escape from the Masonic building in which they had rooms. Mr Condon had something over \$100 in coin in the building which was destroyed.

FROM GILLIAM COUNTY.

Story of John Linn's Life Told by Condon Globe.

Had Property Interests.

The Condon Globe, of July 14, relates the facts of the murder of John A Linn, of that place, by Claud Branton, at Alder Springs, and gives the following additional information regarding the man:

"Linn was well known in this section, having been a resident here for 12 or 15 years. He was of economical habits and had accumulated considerable money and also owned a band of horses that ranged in the Ferry Canyon section. He worked for different farmers and stockmen in this section and was accounted a good hand but of a somewhat peculiar disposition. He was about 45 years of age. Branton came here last fall from Waltherville, Lane county, with his mother, and the family resided here during the winter. Mrs Branton secured a divorce from her husband at the April term of court, here, and it is rumored around town that Linn was a suitor for Mrs Branton's hand, and one story was circulated that after the party left Condon in June, Linn and Mrs Branton left the others and went to Washington and were married. This story lacks confirmation however, and is given for what it is worth.

"Young Green also came here from the Waltherville country and worked for Pat Shelly during the spring. The two men, Linn, Branton and Green, left here on the 5th day of June with a band of Linn's horses for the Valley, and Mrs Branton left at about the same time.

"Linn was a member of Condon Camp Woodmen of the World, and carried a \$3000 policy on his life in that order, drawn in favor of his legal heirs. He had no known relatives on this coast, but is supposed to have a sister living either at Galesburg or Alberton, Ill.

"Linn made his home with the family of John Palmer, of Ferry Canyon most of the time for the last 16 years. Ed Palmer, who perhaps knows as much of Linn's business as any man in the county, informed the Globe that Linn took his trunk, which contained all his papers, letters etc, with him or rather, sent it in the wagon in which Mrs Branton went. He was moving his horses across the mountains for a better range and had arranged with Claud Branton to run the band on shares. He had \$1500 due him on July 1st as he had promised Ed Palmer to let him have that sum on that date to invest in cattle. He expected to return to Palmer's about the first of the month and spend the Fourth there. Ed thinks he had perhaps \$120 with him when he left here."

"Late advices from Eugene addressed to P H Stephenson, in response to inquiries made by him, are to the effect that the coroner and prosecuting attorney have returned from Alder Springs after holding an inquest over all that remained of the body of John Linn. The body had been cremated in the camp-fire and so carefully had the fiendish butcher accomplished his horrible task, all that could be received by the officers was a few charred bones, buttons suspender buckles etc. A section of the skull, portion of lower jaw, toe joints and some teeth are all that can be positively identified as having belonged to a human being. The suspender buckles found are of rather large size and bear the word "GLADIATOR" on middle bar. An ax, found beside the campfire, stained with blood had evidently been used by the murderer to chop the body of his victim into small pieces to facilitate the work of cremation."

"Taken altogether it was one of the most cold blooded and atrocious crimes ever perpetrated in the state.

A Bicycle Story

Merton Boddy, Accused of Appropriating a Silent Steed.

On the Fourth of July, Fred Lamprecht, who resides about six miles west of Eugene rode to town on his wheel to see the celebration, and leaving his bicycle, while strolling around a foot some one appropriated it.

The officers were notified but failed to find any trace of it at the time. It was recently found in a vacant house in the western part of town and developments led to the arrest of Merton Boddy, aged 16 years who resides near where the wheel was found and he is accused of stealing the wheel.

This afternoon young Boddy is being given a jury trial in Justice Wintermeier's court. Deputy Attorney Harris appearing for the state and Chas Kiesinger for the accused.

The Klamath Falls Express says: Dick Smith, C A Burden and Chester Hatton went to Spring creek Friday to lure the rainbow trout from their haunts.

THE K OF P PICNIC

Successful in Every Feature and Largely Attended.

At Meriau's Park Yesterday.

Daily Guard, July 14
To those in attendance the picnic given at Meriau's park yesterday afternoon and evening by Helmet lodge, Knights of Pythias, will go down in history as one of the most successful they ever participated in.

The Knights have a happy faculty of being most successful in their efforts to entertain their friends and in nowise did this event detract for their well earned reputation, rather adding to it.

At 2 o'clock the advance guard left the city for the park and shortly after large numbers were seen wending their way pleneward, some in vehicles, Bangs running several tally-ho's during the day, while not a few utilized the bicycle as a means of conveyance. In all over 100 people participated in the pleasures of the day.

BASEBALL—FAT AND LEAN.

The main event of the afternoon was a game of baseball between a team from the "Fats" and one from the "Leans." The bleachers were crowded with the fair sex, and they were most enthusiastic in applauding a star play of their favorite fat or lean hero of the diamond, showering bouquets, embraces and other nice things on them in a most promiscuous fashion.

"Fat" Griffin, as twirler for the Fats, was easily the hero of the day. He fanned out the opposing team in one, two, three order, and did effective work as a base runner, some of the young ladies going around for him, when his wind expired. His "corkscrew" curve was a dazzler and probably accounts for the defeat of the Leans. Close seconds as favorites with the bleachers were Alexander, Vincent and Hardy for the Fats, and Nicklin, Deacon Davis, "Fat" Yoran and Coolinde for the Leans, their individual work being of a star order.

The score at the end of five innings resulted in 55 for the Fats and 16 for the Leans according to the Fats score card, and 35 for the Fats and 20 for the Leans by the Leans score. Miss Mae Wulf was official score keeper for the Leans and Mrs W M Renshaw for the Fats.

The position of umpire was of necessity hard to fill, and as they were bowled off the field, a volunteer was called for. Harry Holden was umpire, with Smith, Taylor and Chas Watts as substitutes.

The line-up of the teams is given as follows:

FATS	LEANS
Drew Griffin	c DE Yoran
G W Griffin	p Geo Barger
Andy Taylor	ss Fred Fish
Chas Hardy	1b Deacon Davis
J O Watts	2b Geo Smith
H A Vincent	3b J Montgomery
Geo Hunter	rf DW Coolidge
Robt Brady	cf L H Patterson
W H Alexander	lf T Nicklin

SUBSTITUTES

E K Henderson	Owen Van Dayn
Geo Fisher	L T Harris
Galney Matthews	C A Wintermeier
A C Woodcock	Jud Skinner
D P Hall	H T Condon
H W Rowland	C D Edwards
W W Brown	J C Goodale, Jr
	C L Winter
	W L Cheshire

As a number of the boys were unable to attend until evening, the lunch was deferred until 7 o'clock. At this time over 100 people were provided with eatables, furnished by the ladies; that from a culinary standpoint would be hard to equal. The lunch was served in the grove adjoining the pavilion.

Boat rides on the lake and bicycle and buggy rides through the many fine drives of the park were pleasant modes of enjoying the day.

In the evening the pavilion was lighted up and a couple of hours spent in dancing. About 10 o'clock a long line of tally-ho's started on their return to the city, leaving a pleasant recollection of the happy time dwelling in the minds of all, and expressed wishes that the Knights would picnic again.

The members of the lodge express their sincere thanks especially to Messdames D E Yoran, Drew Griffin and I T Nicklin, and to all others who rendered assistance in making the picnic such a decided success.

Cash Buyer's Union

E H Ingham desires to inform the public that the Cash Buyer's Union, of which he is a member, held a meeting at Portland last week and this, at which thirty members of the union were present.

Representatives of large factories and wholesale houses from all over the Union were present with their samples, and during the ten days of the meeting \$1,000,000 of sales were made.

PEACE PENDING

Madrid Government Working to This End

MILES WILL INVADE PORTO RICO

All American Troops Except Immunes to be Withdrawn from Cuba

No Increase to be Made in Army

Special to the Guard.
MADRID, July 15—An imperial decree was today published suspending the rights of individuals in Spain.

This is considered proof that the imperialists favor peace. It is expected that a liberal commission will at once be appointed whose duty will be to arrange with the American government for cessation of the war. It is realized that this will virtually have to be arranged on the basis proposed by the United States, but the reverse in the navy, the disorganized condition of the army, and the depleted treasury makes the move almost obligatory, or at most could only be delayed, not averted.

WASHINGTON, July 15, 3:30 p m—General Nelson H Miles who a few days since took charge of the American Army in Cuba, notified the war department today that the war would be vigorously prosecuted by the land forces. He expects to begin the invasion of Porto Rico within a week, and the transports have already been notified to be in readiness to carry our soldiers to their new field of action.

This does not mean that all the American troops will be taken from Cuba. It will be necessary to have some remain to hold the territory already acquired. As the rainy season is approaching and the yellow fever is beginning to break out on the island, it has been decided by the commanding officer that the Southern regiments of immunes will remain in Cuba, while the remainder of the army goes to Porto Rico.

TAMPA, July 15—By order received from the war department all transports held at this place have been released, and no additional troops will be sent to the Antilles. The force now there is deemed sufficient to cope with the enemy.

CHARLESTON, July 15—The embarkation of troops from this point has ceased, orders to this effect having been received from the department since the fall of Santiago.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16—The gunboat Bennington has left for northern waters on a cruise after the Spanish warship, supposed to be in American waters.

LATER.

Early Peace Is Now Expected.

Special to the Guard.
WASHINGTON, July 15, 7:20 p m—The latest cable advices from Madrid indicate that peace will soon result from the continued American successes.

This will not come as a surprise to American officials as they have been in a position to grasp the situation as it is forced upon the Spanish government.

Officials of foreign countries, who have been studying the war from a military and commercial standpoint, have before this expressed the opinion that the fall of Santiago would result in peace overtures from Madrid.

Yellow fever has already taken hold upon the American army at Santiago and within the past 24 hours 23 new cases and three deaths have been reported in Shafter's army.