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COST OF BIG SHIPS

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Ships of the line, like the Arizona, which was launched recently, are built to give and receive punishment in sea battles. Their mission has little in common with that of the battle cruisers which have been the largest ships to engage each other during the European war. Speed is sacrificed in the construction of the battleships to weight of armor and against such a ship as the Arizona with her broadside fire from twelve 14-inch guns and protection of more than a foot of the toughest steel that can be made around the vessel's vital parts like a wall, a battle cruiser would be helpless and must depend on her speed and seek safety in flight. There are few ships in any navy fit to cope with the Arizona, ship to ship.

Guns of Large Range

The range of the Arizona's guns is from 12 to 13 miles as they will be set in her turrets, or as far as her gun-pointers and observers can see in brightest weather. As previous ships carrying the 14-inch guns, the Arizona's main battery will have a maximum elevation of nearly twenty degrees. It would be possible, it is said, to almost double the elevation and add miles to the range of the guns, but already they can shoot and hit farther it is probable they would ever be called upon to do.

Wonderful Battery

The Arizona will carry the three gun turrets which have been developed by American naval constructors, her twelve big rifles being housed in four turrets, two forward and two after. In addition she will have a secondary battery of twenty-two 5-inch, long range rifles for defense against destroyers, torpedo boats and submarines. The big guns can be fired over either broadside and around the entire circle with the exception of an arc of less than thirty degrees directly forward for the after turrets and directly astern for the forward turrets. Four of the secondary battery guns, two on each side, are so placed that they can fire three degrees across the ship's bows, taking the place of bow chasers of the old wooden ship days.

Could Fight Fleets

Compared to the Arizona the old battleships of the Oregon class are almost like toys. The new ship could engage a fleet of three of them at the same time, turning upon each as many guns as it could bring to bear and her guns would be bigger and of longer range. In addition she could steam away from them or overtake them at pleasure, developing 21 knots against their 14 or 15. The remarkable thing about the great increase in size and gun power, however, is that each of the smaller ships would need as many or more men than the Arizona, which will carry a complement of [illegible] in her crew.

Cost Enormous

The new sea fortress as she stands in the water cost more than seven million dollars. That was for hull and machinery alone. The guns and armor will cost as much more and other equipment necessary to fit her for duty will add another million to her total cost. She is longer and wider than are [illegible] the newest trans-Atlantic liners. If it is desired to get her through the Panama canal the locks and canals [illegible] will be taxed almost to the limit to give her passage way.

The Arizona is the fourth battleship to be built in a government yard and her place on the ways will be taken at once by the California, a larger and faster but similarly armed ship.

Coos Bay school teachers are noticing if not original in their methods of instructing the younger generation. And the said younger generation is right there with the comeback. A Marshfield teacher with a new way of teaching geography to her class asked them, "If I were to take you all in a balloon and drop you down in some foreign country which place would you most fear?" "The nearest hospital" was the ready retort of a small boy on a back seat.

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING

Choose always the way that seems best, however rough it may be and custom will soon render it easy and agreeable.—Pythagoras.

WHERE THE ROADS JOIN

Where the roads join a little while
We walking the world together.
The sun was sweeter for your smile
And fairer was the weather,
And then our hour of sunshine fled:
We came to where the roads divide.

Now each alone a separate way
A weary journey follows;
The sky of blue has turned to grey,
There are no singing swallows—
Upon the path a single flower,
The memory of a summer hour.

Yet forward let us travel so
The ways of fate decided;
Our separate journeys let us go
Together, though divided.
May we not hope, beyond our ken,
Somewhere the roads may join again.
—Anon.

We note among last week's news items that the Copple couple and a couple of little Copples are making a couple of weeks trip by auto to San Francisco.

Come join the Moose
Said Father Goose
And go down to the Fair.
For all our herd
They have averred
Are going to be there.

Our big invention
Invites attention
From cities far and near.
So get a move
On, let us prove
We have some Mooses here.

Plans have been made
A big parade
Of many motley crews.
And there in line
So gay and fine
Will march the Moose of Coos.

Some Coos Bay women have no sense of humor, unless it is in their choice of husbands.

Procrastination is the thief of time.

A Fourth of July visitor to Marshfield chanced to remark while at the Chandler that he was a light sleeper. On settling his bill he found they had charged him extra for light.

The Coos Bay girl who boasts of her many engagements proudly declaring that she has never returned a ring is laying herself liable to Federal authorities on a charge of robbing the males.

At least no Coos Bay druggist can tell you he has "something just as good" when you ask for postage stamps.

Those motorcycle racers Monday were brave men. You could see at the finish they were full of grit.

Living on Coos Bay we have all heard the old saw, "what noise attracts an oyster?" Why, a din-ner, of course.

Fishing for compliments around Coos Bay is about as productive as fishing for trout, you're likely to land a crab.

Some men never do anything [illegible] until they find themselves in straightened circumstances.

A Bandon man enjoying the recent ... [illegible] ... was asked what he would say if he should meet his wife. "Great Scott! at present," was his reply.

Remember girls, marriage is a lottery where you're apt to draw surprises.

If Gen. Grant had a standing army of as many men as attended ... [illegible] ... the country would have been ... [illegible] ... would be a long way toward its ... [illegible]

The shortest "poem" we ever saw:
"We
Im-
agine
Flies."
The editor informs us that if we designate the above as a "poem" he will be obliged to refer to our head as a "pomegranate." He is thus wrote a "poem" about our poem which we thought was sort of an extra ... [illegible] ... but soon our remonstrance returned his wording clear:

A poet eager, a little verse,
An editor, a muttered curse,
Poem encounter, then a hearse.
The gates of Heaven, an, reverse.

PRIZE SPELLING BEE

OHIO SPELLING BEE DEVELOPS TONGUE TWISTERS

Many Succeeded With First 5000 Words But Were Stumped With a Select List of 100.

THE OLD SPELLIN' BE

Startin' to school again, beats 'em go by
Skippin' an' jumpin' an' carryin' on high;
Laughed with 'em, sang with 'em, joined in their glee,
For it made me remember the old spellin' bee.

All long the wall in the old whitewashed school,
Two rows of us standin,' accordin' to rule,
One after one goin' down at a word!
Four syllables long, and a regular herd!

Long line a-shrinkin' each side of the the room
And the soft country twilight approachin' the gloom,
But some of us left yet along the old wall
Just burnin' to feel we could outspell 'em all!

Get along fine with the big words that seemed
Almost as hard as a man ever dreamed,
Till "pathisis" was given—too much for me,
Right there was the end of the old spellin' bee.

COLUMBUS, O., July 8.—When 33 out of 76 entrants in the first annual state "spelling bee" were still in the running after the list of 5000 suggested words had been exhausted it was decided to halt the oral contest and put the thirty-three at work in a written competition with 100 words selected at random from the dictionary.

The list of jawbreakers proved fatal. Claude C. Gossett, aged 20, Hillsboro, won the first honors with a grade of 87. He was given $14 cash and a set of "Modern Eloquence," the gift of Governor F. B. Willis, who pronounced some of the words in the oral contest. Second and third honors were tied with grades of 85. The next grade was 86. There was a tie also on the next grade, 83.

Final List of Words.

Here are the hundred words:

Olentangy, Nonpareil, Prophecy, Pyrotechnics, Capias, Mesa, Matador, Sepulchral, Vitreous, Finale, Attache, Commandant, Sarcophagus, Decollete, Kaiser, Consomme, Erysipelas, Resume, Surtout, Legible, Auxiliary, Crenate, Abeyance, Baptismal, Contumely, Cynosure, Connoisseur, Pyre, Punctilious, Reconnaissance, [illegible], Precentor, Kolerable, Tertian, Calliope, Kirberra, Sirry, [illegible], Vaseline, Minstrelsy, [illegible], Spaniel, Passe, [illegible], Soiree, Knoles, Khedive, Vignette, Crochet, Tenerolate, Prehensile, Venison, Monterey, Melada, Schuylkill, Nuncio, Poughkeepsie, Carribean, Baydune, Sapphire, Xyster, Manacle, Triptych, Rarely, Theine, Raceme, Onerous, Immedles, Oleomargarine, Suite, Menhaden, Himalaya, Sierra, Superannuate, Aurelian, Opelousas, Pontchartrain, Renaissance, Debris, Ordnance, Liquefy, Diverse, Thesaurus, Vaudeville, Ensoul, [illegible], Equable, Abattoir, Peripatetic, Pusillanimous, Paddle, Facetious, Morceau, Nuance, Interlining, Imbibed, Seuthern, Dotheras, Nicotine, Mirage

Winners in Many Bees

The 76 entrants were ... [illegible] ... champions, boys and girls 11 years up ... [illegible] ... grade and high schools. They had been chosen first by spelling bees in the various schools, then in townships, and finally in each county.

Some of the entrants came from the larger cities, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Dayton and Canton not being represented. Girls averaged better than boys and the country schools better than the village schools. High schools and grade schools seemed to be on a parity.

Two thousand persons assembled in Memorial Hall for the final contest. It was thought to eliminate some by a preliminary written contest of 500 words taken from lists which had been published in advance. Everyone of the 76 however, spelled correctly all the hundred words. Then began the oral contest. After five hours of persistent pronouncing of ... [illegible] ... of the 76 remained and the 5000 words exhausted.

Then it was decided to have another written contest. The words selected were of some of them of ... [illegible] ... type. The high grades ... [illegible] ... in this test are considered remarkable since some of the words were proper names with which the boys and girls were not familiar.

Keen Interest by Hearers

Stanchgrave ... [illegible] ... the present generation with the charge that it cannot spell were silenced, if not forever, then for a long, long time by the remarkable performance of the boys and girls who spelled morning, afternoon and evening in good natured and closely fought contest.

Keen interest was maintained all the time. There were lots of ... [illegible] ... in the audience and they did not hesitate to dispute the decision of the umpire whenever the evidence of their ears was at variance with that which the judges awarded.

Gov. Willis, who pronounced some of the words, was the championship spelling bee participated in by Congressmen at Washington two years ago.

NEWS OF OREGON

PORTLAND—Two Japanese were arrested for fighting a bloody duel over the sale price of the daughter of one of the duelists.

WASCO—Over 1,000 persons gathered at the ninth annual pioneer's picnic held by the Sherman county people.

SALEM—Dorothy Hauch aged 14 and Maude Smith, aged 13, were drowned in the Willamette river while attempting the rescue of another girl.

FOREST GROVE—E. L. Burlingham will build a large warehouse on land leased from the Southern Pacific.

PORTLAND—Ernest Kuhn, aged 18 years, was drowned while swimming in the Oregon slough near Bridgetown.

SALEM—Aviator Frederick Dekor did not fly at the Salem cherry fair on account of engine trouble but will make another attempt July 13.

ECHO—A severe dust storm put out of business the light plant at Hermiston which furnished electricity to that place and Umatilla, Stanfield and Echo.

PENDLETON—Dale Gniff, charged with bigamy, has been surrendered by the sheriff of Umatilla county to the sheriff of Lane county.

CORVALLIS—Benton county grand jury will investigate the killing of Will Purdy and the larceny of funds from the Corvallis state bank.

DALLAS—Clinton Holland, aged 3 years, injured one eye badly by falling on a pair of scissors.

PENDLETON—The post office receipts of Pendleton have increased $745, for the quarter ending June 30.

WOODBURN—Company I, Oregon National Guard, have left Woodburn for Portland and will go in camp at Gearhart.

WALOWA—Tom Kelty, while in swimming with two of his younger brothers, was drowned.

PORTLAND—Jim Wong, a Chinaman, is held at Portland on a charge of selling opium.

EUGENE—The Commercial Club is trying to interest members of the grange and farmers in general in the establishment of a potato starch plant.

ALBANY—James J. Davies, the director general of the Order of Moose, took part in exercises held at Albany.

PENDLETON—It is reported that the hot winds are doing much damage to the wheat crop on farms around Pendleton.

EUGENE—Johnson's hall, the new administration building at the University of Oregon has been completed.

BAKER—For a prize of a silk dress two girls representing rival lumber companies took part in sawing contest, being required to saw cord wood.

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