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THE TRANS-PACIFIC CABLE.

Secretary Root recommends the building of the Philippine cable from Seattle and in his report states that

The secretary in this recommendabeen looking for the nearest and cheapest route. But he has not yet found it

fault of the secretary of war. He is impartial. The trouble is, we are asleep.

this cable for the mouth of the Columbia? Has it any reason to offer for declining to throw its powerful inbe convinced that the route from the the world to stand still for twenty-four mouth of the Columbia to the Philip- hours. pines is the most expedient, and when he is convinced he will recommend that route.

The time is short and immediate, energetic action is necessary. Will the Oregonian say what it thinks of putting in a bid for Oregon in this important undertaking?

The Cubans, some of them at least, are beginning to see the light, and realisland, politically, is an impossibility, and insistence upon it folly. The "Epoca," of Havana, in language more ere long be reached.

highest record of the century in the facturers and if the same rate of pro- The total cargo is valued at \$306,516. closing year of that period. The Octo- (cetlen fould have been given to the ber exports are larger than those of poean carrying lodustry the ocean carany preceding October, the total for But as one end of a forsign voyage How Astoria's Decks Would Look the ret months ending with October is must necessarily be in a foreign port. pending period in any preceding year, free-trade principles, ending with October, 1899, is \$658,375,000, vessels.

against \$527,774,000 in the corresponding months of last year. This large increase in importations is chiefly in supplies for the manufacturers, and in food stuffs which cannot be produced at

A PRETTY FIGHT IN LONDON.

London is on the verge of a newspaper war that must attract the atention of all members of the craft in the United States. Mr. Alfred C Harmsworth, a young man out of collego less than ten years, started the Daily Mail in 1898. It is a half penny Sent by mail, per year, in advance \$2.00 paper and in three years its circulation has grown to about one million copies daily. So orodigious has been its success that the staid old Londo journals have all suffered. It has coplication should be directed to the edi- led all the good and some of the worst features in American Journalism, prekinds and remittances must be address- senting them in a clumsy, unattractive way that would disgrace a frontier sheet. But the Daily Mail has become a fad and John Bull is clamoring for

The friendly relation between England and this country doubtless encourages respect for the news getting en terprise that the InSependent-Unionist sheet constantly displays. Its reporters actually print "interviews" with great statesmen and dignituries of the church. The English people will read "interviews" today. It was different in 1876, when one article of the kind in the Daily Telegraph cost the giant of Fleet strest a large part of its circulation, "because it was American." A sturdy effort was also made by two Livernool newspaper proprietors, about the cost will be less by \$2,000,008 on that time, to establish a London journal on American lines. It was called The Hour" and was, unqualifiedly, the best news vehicle in that great city. but it failed. This goes to show that tion has not regarded politics. He has young Harmsworth entered the field. with his advanced ideas, at a propitious

Mr. Arthur Pearson, the publisher of be cheaper by far to lay the cable from Pearson's Magazine, will start a new the mouth of the Columbia. Why has half penny morning newspaper at once. He is engaging experienced news editors and real reporters in this country and threatens to give Mr. Harmsworth We let the world forget that we are on it is asserted that he will issue a Sun the map. It is not too late to agitate day edition-taking advantage of the Transvaal war and the universal demand of the British public for news therefrom. By the time the conquest with the Boers is completed, Mr. Pearquated objections to a seven days' pub. lications. While the army is reducing the Borrs, he will show the dullest of With Oregon united Secretary Root can British min is the futility of expecting

> It will be a pretty war and well worth watching. -

> > OCEAN CARRYING.

San Francisco Bulletin. A correspondent inquires greater cost could not be avoided by nearly every steamer out of Tacoma giving shipmasters the privilege of carries machinery for that purpose. tuying ships and hiring seamen in The Southern states are represented foreign ports. The wages of scamen on the Saint Irene by cotton to the are largely determined by the wages value of \$69,173, which in itself is a paid to workers on farms, factories and valuable cargo, while the New England other industries. The shipowner of states have on board thousands of or less ornate and figurative, advocates whatever other country has to compete dullars' worth of iomestics and dress in the labor market with merchants, goods. Pug-t sound flour to the value farmers and manufacturers. The aver- of \$38,500 is another big item on the age wages are about forty per cent manifest, which also includes such arhigher it the United States than in ticles as hams, bacon, notions, bicycles to the United States to "the entrance Furope, and it is the average wages and bicycle parts, hardware, paper

in this and in all other countries.

parison of the cost of maintaining other things. present peace be assured and its fu- American and British ships, for the Two hundred dozen suspenders is a ture happiness be guaranteed," and, purpose, it was supposed, of estabrights and the merging of different American merchant marine should not dication that the matives are still go elements in a new spirit upon the basis receive a fair share of the ocean-car- ing the page that kills. There are thir a thorough investigation of the condi- on. prejudicial in compliance with the law tions under which the ocean-carrying. Other items of interest on the man of destiny." There is more of the same trade was carried on in the two countries are shotguns to the value of \$500 sort but this is sufficient to indicate tries, and reported that it cost S7 per bixes of type for Celestial printing of cludes by declaring that annexation is officer and man a British stearnship organs, cook stoves, mattresses, sewing the "only honest and rational solution of the same tonnage. For reasons machines, drugs and furniture enough remaining." Undoubtedly Cuba would which need not be enumerated, this to furnish several houses. A typewriin the maintenance of tramp steamers. Jap knows a good thing when he sees

greater than the total for the correst the industry had to be prosecuted under and it is apparent that for the first steamships carrying the mails are retime in the history of the country the quired to ship at least one-half Arcerceed two billion dollars. For the 10 the constwise trade tends to establish steamers, Victoria, St. Irene and City mouths ending with October, 1899, the a higher rate for that branch of the of Dublin, were lying alongside each total exports were \$1,029,242,000, while in the difference is not so great as the fog and rain, was discharging and the corresponding months or last year difference between the wages of Ameritaking on cargo for San Francisco, th they were \$987,879,000. Imports have in- ican and of British deep-sea vessets, fishing schooner Edith was at the low creased more than exports, for they While we may soon build ships as er end of the wharf discharging he were unusually low in 1868, wile ex- cherply as our competitors, there is no cargo of hallbut; the Dauntless, just

Dr. C. F. B. Burchmore, House Physician of the Suffolk Dispensary, Boston, writes:

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Within dve years from the present time," remarks the Kansas City Star. the Philippine islands will have the government of any land in the Orient-a government that wil give the are two full-rigged ships and a big colstrongest protection to life and proper- lier. The wharves of the Tacoma Mill for self government but also for the capabilities of the natives not only for self government but also for the acquisition of wealth, and that will ac complish more in twenty years than has been done in the last four hun dred years to make the islands prospercus archipeiago filled with happy and prosperous people. Yes there are some foolish persons in this country who have wrought themselves up to the incomprehensible belief that the extension of the principles of the American government to this rich Pa- the departure of a shipload of troops cifle archipelago is a menace to the

ORIENTAL COMMERCE

Every Section of the Country Inter ested in Cargos Sent Out of

Puget Sound. Tacoma News.

The big carrier St. Irene went to see yesterday morning, having under her hatches one of the largest, as well a the most varied cargoes of freight shipped from this port to the Orient

of maintaining an American vessel on or, the manifest as consigned to Yothe ocean greater than the cost of kohama is surprising. The "little brown maintaining competing European ves- men of the East" are making rapid sels. He also wants to know if this strides in the use of electricity and

into an established community of a that establishes the standard of wages boxes, nail machines, oleomargarine During President Cleveland's first densed milk, sole leather, codfish, sale term he caused to be made a com- cheese, butter and a hundred and on

> item showing that the Orientals are lishing the assumption that if the rast afopting American ways, and that American shipper was permitted to the day of the livided skirt and flow purchase vessels in the cheapest mar- ing blouse is fast drawing to a close ket there would be no reason why the and \$2,000 worth of eigaretts is an in rying trade. Captain Russell, consul- ty-six rolls of carpet, mostly samples general at Liverpool at the time, made that will lead to larger shipments late

> rent more to officer and man an Amera fices, two kinetoscopes valued at \$900 lean transatiantic steamship than to three bogsheads of leaf tobacco, two

was sufficient to show that the right. There are 500 barrels of bottled beer to purchase ships in the cheapest mar- consigned to Manila, which will flow statistics, the foreign commerce of the shipper. The 40 per cent difference in duty there, and there are two hundred wages is about equal to the average cases of whisky for those who are ms likely to make his rate of protection afforded our manus projudiced against the German drink

TACOMA'S COMMERCE

Portland Would Get Out of the Way.

ports were unusally high in that year, as cheaply unless the government shall North Pacific taking on freight for The total importation in the 10 months contribute to the maintenance of such Vancouver; the Victorian getting ready for her run to Victoria, the little Sen-

GOVERNMENT FOR PHILIPPINES, tinel and another Scattle boat unload ing passengers, made a lively scene along the waterfront. The other docks were busy

In the bay every buoy has a sailing versel tied to it, while at the bunkers and the St. Paul & Tacoma Mill have a number of schooners taking on luntber, while three British sailing ships are at the elevators and flouring mills

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and they take good care that their eating shall be as appetizing as their fighting. Consequently they have orwill last them only two months. The orders will be continued so long as war six months. They certainly do not intend to be deprived of a good table during their absence from England and the contents of the cases would make many panquets of Guildhall mag-

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