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URGENT NEED OF PACIFIC CABLE

The return of the government naval expedition which has been taking soundings for a Pacific cable route for over a year past will give fresh interest to the discussion of the military and commercial need of a telegraphic trans-Pacific link between the United States, Hawaii and the Philippines.

The most lucid and comprehensive presentation of the governmental needs of Pacific cable communication that has yet been published appears in the Independent of recent date, from the pen of Captain George Owen Squier of the signal office, war department.

This is absolutely certain, because it will be passed not for the good of the natives or of the United States but for the advantage of various interests in this country.

We are now paying about \$1,000 a day for war department messages alone to the Philippines. We are paying to an English corporation which acquired exclusive cable privileges in the Philippine islands, under Spanish concessions, 75 cents for every word transmitted from Hong Kong to Manila.

It is generally conceded that the route that will secure us independence of foreign control and a reduction in the cost of transmission is the one that should be selected by the government.

These conditions, in the opinion of Captain Squier, are furnished by the direct route from San Francisco to Honolulu, thence to Guam and the Philippines.

NO FEDERAL OFFICE-HOLDERS FOR DELEGATES.

If the advice of Secretary Dick of the national committee is followed by the local republican organizations in the various states the postmasters and revenue collectors will not nominate the republican national standard-bearer at Philadelphia in June.

The admonition sent by Secretary Dick to the chairman of the Texas republican state committee is timely and wise. While the national committee cannot assume to interfere in the selection of delegates Secretary Dick does not hesitate to say that "it is deemed advisable that, so far as practicable, delegates to the coming national convention should be composed of those not holding federal appointments."

There will be no excuse for a repetition of the monumental folly of 1892. The contest at Minneapolis was a struggle between the federal office-holders and the determined followers of a man who had been a popular idol for twenty years.

It was unfortunate, therefore, that his relations with his secretary of state should have precipitated a struggle that made a grand rally of the office-

holders at Minneapolis necessary to secure his renomination.

How far the presence and the strenuous labors of office-holders in the Minneapolis convention may have contributed toward the defeat of Mr. Harrison at the polls is a question upon which there will always be wide diversity of opinion among politicians.

PROTECTION VERSUS EXPANSION.

Congress can do pretty much as it wants to with our new possessions. It may incorporate them as an integral part of our territory or hold them outside in absolute dependence upon our sovereignty.

We should aim, therefore, to give them a territorial form of government as nearly as possible like those which we have erected on this continent, and it is a great mistake to deny them the benefit of free trade with the United States.

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A scientific or just tariff was never framed in this way, and the general concession is a fraud on its face, because the only dutiable produce which is likely to come to this country in any quantity is sugar and tobacco.

If this island and the others are to have special tariffs let us not put them at the mercy of interested schemers in this country, but rather permit the local government to frame their own bills.

Weakness is the only incorrigible fault men have.

NERVITA PILLS

Restore Vitality Lost Vigor and Manhood. Cure Impotency, Night Emissions and wasting diseases, all effects of self-abuse, or excess and indigestion. A nerve tonic and blood builder. Brings the pink glow to pale cheeks and restores the fire of youth.

NERVITA MEDICAL CO. Clinton & Jackson Sts., CHICAGO, ILL. For Sale by Charles Rogers, Drugist, Astoria, Oregon.

More men are guilty of treason through weakness than any studied design to betray.

Our aversion to the untruth is often but an imperceptible ambition to make our testimony considerable, and give our words a religious weight.

TO PARIS IN 1900.

The passenger department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway has taken advantage of the current interest in the Paris Exposition and has printed for free distribution one of the most charming books of the season, entitled, "Glimpses Across the Sea."

"Housework is hard work without Gold Dust"

Advertisement for Gold Dust Washing Powder. Includes an image of the product box and text describing its benefits for washing dishes and clothes.

Washing Dishes

To wash dishes in half the time, and do it well, follow this recipe: Always use hot water - not warm, but hot. It is best to use mops with china and glass, and, to have a nice lather, instead of using soap use

Gold Dust Washing Powder. Dissolve a tablespoonful in the hot water and wash quickly; have plenty of suds, dry towels to wipe with; have a drainer that will allow the water to run off the dishes into receptacle below, when you will have slightly polished glass and china.

THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Boston.

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Widom's is to the mind what health is to the body.

Miss Annie E. Gunning, Tyre, Mich., says: "I suffered a long time from dyspepsia. Just flesh and became very weak. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure completely cured me."

Women are completely cruel only to those they hate.

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all forms of throat and lung troubles.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, cleanse the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles.

The virtue of women is often the love of reputation and quiet.

"One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes H. N. Williams, Gentryville, Ind.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says: "Our baby was covered with running sores. Dr. J. W. H. Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases.

Mr. J. Sheer, Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles.

Small eruptions are hurt by small events; great eruptions see through and despise them.

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NOT A POISONOUS FADE BLEACH. But a true beautifier, being the only preparation sold under a positive guarantee of \$1,000 that it contains not a grain or fraction thereof of poisonous or deleterious substances.

WISDOM'S FAMOUS ROBERTINE. It is the only preparation now used by fashionable ladies to perpetuate a beautiful complexion. Ask your druggist for it and do not be induced to take anything else.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS WANTED.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., February 12, 1900: Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock, a. m., March 12, 1900, and then opened, for furnishing fuel at the several military posts in this department for fiscal year commencing July 1st, 1900.

Dr. T. N. Ball, DENTIST, 873 Commercial Street, ASTORIA, ORE. Over Schluessel's Clothing Store.

THE PROOF IS IN SAMPLING

That's an argument that's convincing - a demonstration. Ours will stand the test.

HUGHES & CO.

THE PALACE CAFE. W. W. WHIPPLE, Prop'r. Finest Restaurant in San Francisco. OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

Th. Frederikson PIANO TUNER

INSTRUMENT ON "CELLO AND VIOLIN". Phone 2374.

THE LOUVRE.

Strangers visiting in the city will find the Louvre an attractive resort wherein to spend the evening. The Amme Sisters Ladies' Orchestra is still on the bills and presents nightly a musical program of exceptional merit.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank OF ASTORIA.

At Astoria, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, February 12, 1900.

RESOURCES. Loans and discounts, \$210,295 31. Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 154 47.

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 12,500 00. Premiums on U. S. Bonds, 900 00.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in, \$50,000 00. Surplus fund, 25,000 00.

STATE OF OREGON, County of Oregon: S. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WHITE COLLAR LINE. Columbia River and Puget Sound Navigation Company.

Great Northern Railway. Through palace and tourist sleepers, dining and library observation cars. ELEGANT VESTIBULE TRAINS.

ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD. Leave PORTLAND. Arrive ASTORIA.

YAMHILL DIVISION. Passenger depot foot of Jefferson St. Leave for Oswego daily at 7:20.

OREGON SHORT LINE RAILROAD. THE DIRECT ROUTE TO Montana, Utah, Colorado and all Eastern Points.

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Table with columns: DEPART, TIME SCHEDULES, ARRIVE. Shows routes from Portland to various cities.

PULLMAN PALACE SLEEPERS. TOURISTS SLEEPERS and FREE RECLINING CHAIR CARS. Daily to Salt Lake, Denver, Omaha, Chicago, Kansas City.

THE WISCONSIN CENTRAL LINE. When people are contemplating a trip, whether on business or pleasure, they naturally want the best service obtainable.

THE MILWAUKEE. A familiar name for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway.

LUXURIOUS TRAVEL. THE "North-Western Limited" trains, electric lighted throughout, both inside and out, and steam heated, are without exception, the finest trains in the world.

THE GREAT NORTHERN. The Northern Pacific and The Canadian Pacific AT ST. PAUL FOR CHICAGO and the EAST.

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Union Pacific Overland Route. PULLMAN PALACE SLEEPERS. TOURISTS SLEEPERS and FREE RECLINING CHAIR CARS.

Salt Lake, Denver, Omaha, Chicago, Kansas City and other Eastern cities. Baggage checked through to destination.

G. W. LOUNSBERRY, Agent, Astoria, Oregon. J. H. LOTHROP, Gen. Agent, 128 Third St., cor. Alder, Portland, Ore.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY. EAST VIA SOUTH. Leave Depot Fifth and I Streets. Arrive Overland Express.

At Woodburn (daily except Sunday), morning train connects with train for Mt. Angel, Silverton, B.F. Woodruff, Springfield, and Natron, and evening train for Mt. Angel and Silverton.

Relate tickets on sale between Portland, Astoria and San Francisco. Net rates 1st class and 2nd class, including sleeper.

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