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**GOT WHAT HE WANTED.**

The talk of jiu jitsu in this country recalls a story told by Walpole of "a great amateur, nay, practitioner of boxing and wrestling," who willingly imparted his knowledge to those who consulted him. A somewhat sedate peer visited the baronet one day, and, walking with him in his garden, made the polite remark that he would like to see a specimen of his host's reputed skill; upon which the other "seized him suddenly from behind, and threw him over his head." This is surely the earliest recorded instance of jiu jitsu in England and merited the superb reply of the wrestler to the infuriated peer: "My lord, this is a proof of my great friendship for you. This master stroke I have shown to no other person living." Ex-

**TRUMPETRY!**

Assize trumpeters, like men of other callings, have their records, of which they have good reason to be proud. The most famous of them, says "The Liverpool Post," has probably been Harry Rowe, of Nottingham. Rowe was born in 1728, and was for a time trumpeter in the Duke of Kingston's Light Horse, in which capacity he took part in the fight at Culloden. After his military service was over Rowe settled in York, and had the good fortune to be chosen as trumpeter to the High Sheriff of that county, in which office he served for forty years. When he died, in 1800, the following was his epitaph: "Here lies the body of Harry Rowe, who for the space of forty years held the office of Chief Trumpeter to the High Sheriff of Yorkshire. During his whole lifetime he was never known to give a blast that tended to the dishonor of his King and 'God Save the King' and 'Rule Britannia' were his favorite tunes."

**EDITORIAL SALAD.**

Civilization in Russia will get forward on the ballot box.

Maine elected six Democratic mayors last Monday, including one at Rockland the home of Governor Cobb and a long-time Republican stronghold. Straw?

London with a population half again as large as New York has a city debt about half as large. What has New York to show for this difference?

The subway as rapid transit to contiguous banks vaults is the latest burglar enterprise headed off by the secret service in Philadelphia.

President Castro's proposal to test the Monroe doctrine reminds us somehow of the boy's unfortunate desire to see if it was loaded.

A deep shaft in the Wall Street district has struck gold. Everybody knew that lots of money had been sunk in that region.

If the star over the north pole is called the pole-star, would a cat at the north pole be called a —, but what's the use?

Nearly a million and a half dollars is a big budget for an institution of learning. But then Columbia is a big university.

Aren't there a few more points of objection to the Armstrong recommendations on the part of the insurance companies? Their plea to be let alone suggests that they have been let alone much too long.

The Senate Philippine Committee seems to have acted on the theory that it was safe to take it out on the Filipinos, who had neither friends nor votes.

"There is not in all Europe," shouted Congressman Shackleford from the floor of the house, "a man clothed with more absolutism than Speaker Cannon." "Uncle Joe" must have doffed that gift suit of South Carolina homespun.

Now that gold has been found under Broadway, New York, new interest will attach to the operation of mining for foundations for skyscrapers. Perhaps, also, it may now be easier to get bidders for new subways if the bidders are permitted to utilize all the pay dirt they may find.

There seems to be little doubt that the Chinese government is earnestly trying to discourage and to suppress anti-foreign demonstrations by the people; but in so vast and so decentralized an empire the task is not an easy one. The part of reason and of justice is, however, for foreign countries not to embarrass but rather to aid and sustain the Chinese government in its laudable efforts. It would not be for the good of the world to have another Boxer outbreak or to have the Chinese dynasty

overthrown and the whole empire cast into the melting pot.

The action of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in reporting the Heyburn Pure Food bill with amendments, brings the bill before the popular branch, whose excellent record for this session can be still further improved by passing a measure defending public health and enforcing common honesty in the sale of food products.

Commendable efforts are now in progress for the preservation of Niagara, of the Palisades, of the White Mountain forests and of Watkins Glen. We should like to see them extended to cover the Delaware Water Gap and a few other wonders of nature in that part of the country, and to have them all successful.

**America's Navy Needs More Battleships**



By Rear Admiral JOSEPH B. COGHLAN, U. S. N.

**W**E are greatly in need of a merchant marine, but we are more in need of BATTLESHIPS. We have only eighteen ships of fighting caliber that are STRICTLY MODERN, and two of that bunch are now out of order, so that instead of forty we count only sixteen today. England has eleven ironclads alone. In her second class she has ships of first class fighting material, but we do not place any first class ships in our second class. Our vessels are good enough TO LOOK AT, and they will give as good an account as possible when needed.

There are a lot of them that have done service in the past that are now doing merely police duty, and they seem to be regarded as good enough to fly the flag. Many of our ships are old timers, and yet they are carried on our list of FIGHTING ships. It would cost a fortune to make the Olympia, Dewey's flag-ship in Manila bay, a fighting vessel.

The war in the east has taught us one lesson, and that is that the battleship is the only vessel to carry on a war or TO DECIDE A WAR at a critical issue. We must build more battleships if we are to hold our own.

We have twenty-seven battleships now in course of construction, and by 1908 we will employ 65,000 men in our navy, where now we employ only 36,000, and thus far we are going along strong lines. But our navy will never be like England's, for we are not building enough NOR BUILDING FAST ENOUGH to catch up to her.

Following the fads of various persons, we find among our twenty-seven fighting ships some millions of dollars wasted on four monitors. In the harbor of Manila I have seen one of them rolling twenty times a minute trying to hit something with a twelve inch gun, much as I have seen a woman trying to hit a hen with a stone.

Three submarine ships came to the navy yard last spring for repairs. Heaven only knows when they will get away! As soon as you repair one end of a craft THE OTHER END needs rebuilding. The insides have been wholly rebuilt, and the only thing I can see to do with them is to build new hulls.

In 1908 we shall rank on paper as the second naval power of the world, but if we strike from the list such ships as the sainted Oregon, now really a second rate battleship, from the first line we will rank among the sea powers of the world only sixth, possibly fifth, but that will be the BEST RATE that we could reach.

We must continue to build ships, and in passing let me say that the government built ship is as good as, if not better than, any. The Connecticut, which is now building in the Brooklyn navy yard, will distance its mates which are being built in private yards. But the real test will come later on when the COST OF REPAIRS is known.

After all, there is only one kind of ship to build, and that is the SPEEDY BATTLESHIP of the line. All others above the water are no earthly good. The armored cruiser is beautiful TO LOOK AT, with its graceful lines and its buoyancy on the water.

The recent visitors from England showed this as they lay at the head of the line in the North river. In war they may be good for something, such as scouting in the Caribbean. We have a few for such purposes as a Santo Domingo difficulty.

**BUT FOR ACTUAL WORK AND FOR ACTUAL RESULTS IN WAR WE MUST DEPEND UPON THE BATTLESHIP OF THE LINE.**

**Political Information**

Announcements of candidates for office will be published in these columns at reasonable rates for men of all parties.

**REGISTRATION**

Registration books opened by County Clerks, Tuesday, January 7, 1906.  
Last day for filing petitions for Primary Election, April 19, 5 p. m.  
Registration books opened after primary election, April 21.  
Registration books closed for general election, May 15, 5 p. m.

**DIRECT PRIMARY ELECTION**

County Clerks give notice of Primary Election not later than March 21.  
Last day for filing petitions for placing names on ballot for state, congressional and district offices, March 20.  
Last day for filing petitions for County officers, April 1.

**DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 20, 1906.**

Canvassing votes of primary elections for state offices, May 3.

**GENERAL ELECTION**

Last day for filing certificates of nomination for state offices by assembly of electors, April 19.  
Last day for filing nominating petitions for state offices, May 4.  
Last day for filing certificates of nominations for county offices by assembly of electors, May 4.  
Last day for filing nominating petitions for county offices, May 19.

**GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 4**

**BE SURE AND REGISTER**

**CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FOR GOVERNOR.**  
Republicans of Oregon are hereby informed that I am a candidate for the nomination of Governor at the primaries to be held April 20th  
**JAMES WITHYCOMBE.**

**FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.**  
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Secretary of State, and ask the support of all Republicans.  
**F. T. WRIGHTMAN.**

**FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.**  
The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Attorney-General, subject to the approval of Republican voters at the primaries.  
**A. M. CRAWFORD.**

**FOR STATE PRINTER.**  
The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for renomination for State Printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election, April 20.  
Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to State officers generally, that of a renomination, would be greatly appreciated.  
**J. R. WHITNEY.**  
Albany, Oregon.

**FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for renomination for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and solicit the support of all Republicans at the primaries, April 20th.  
**J. H. ACKERMAN.**

**WEATHER.**

Western Oregon and Western Washington—Snow furries. Not so cold during afternoon. Northerly winds.

Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington—Snow and continued cold.

**ASTORIA'S THIRD PARTY.**

The organization of the Labor Unions of this city into declared political formation, with the equally candid expression of their purpose to compel recognition of their plans and desires, notably along the line of municipal ownership, is, of itself, important enough to invite general consideration and prompt recognition. And if, as is claimed by some, it is another Democratic project to aid them in vaulting into the political saddle of Clatsop, it is entitled to more than passing notice, at least at the hands of the Republicans. At a juncture of this sort every movement of the kind is under suspicious scrutiny and the Municipal Ownership League is not liable to escape searching inquiry as to its real independence and separate purposes. There is absolutely no reason why it should not take its place as a genuine factor in the local political world upon its own, special and independent basis, and the Astorian will give it honest and friendly welcome; but if it is to be engineered into alliance and action by the Democratic leaders, then, ———?

**TRICKY WEATHER.**

Just as Astoria was glowing and smiling and bragging over the superb spell of soft and sunlit weather that fell to her lot during the first five days of last week, a mean trick was turned within the hour of her boasting, and the bitterness of a deadly east wind swung down on her, encircling the noses of her people, investing them with colds, and rheumatics and all the discomforts incidental to such a change, and absolutely freezing the vaunting words upon their lips. It was a mean and untimely trick.

**CHRIST IN PERSIA.**

The solemn announcement is made that Christ is now in Persia; that He is again on a pilgrimage of the earth fighting the same old Adam; He has been seen, and conversed with, and is indubitably the Christ. We will concede there is a good man in Persia; that he is doing all that one poor human atom can do for the souls of his fellows; that he is pure, and true and wholly lovable, a real example to his brethren. With this admission we leave the man and his votaries, sane, and insane, to the mutations of time, place and circumstance.

**ASTORIA'S FUTURE IS YOURS.**

What of the future of this city? Is it to draw upon the community in an incoherent way; is it simply to arrive, with nothing to mark it and make it notable and realistic and compensating and worthy of anticipation. What are YOU going to do about it? It belongs to you, and yours the duty of carving and fashioning it and making it answer to your ambitions and hopes. Don't let it creep upon you, listless, void of good things, charged with inertia, barren of objectives. It is up to YOU.

**Study the Map**


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General Agent, Rock Island System,  
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