## The Dalles Daily Chronicle

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THURSDAY. . . . . JAN. 14, 1897 The committee from the Commer cial Club is now engaged in soliciting
subscriptions for the purchase of a dismond drill. We realize as forelbly as any one, how harl times are
and bow almost impossible it seems to let go of a dollar for anything not absolutely necessary, and yet we make this venture. Five bundred dollats suffices to thoroughly pros-
pect our cosi fields. It will settle
the question. If it demonstrates, as we think it will, that we have good
paying eoal veins, the result will be paying eoal veins, the result will be
so stupendous in proportion to the amount involvel that we cannot
afford to refuse to take chances. If successful, hard times bere, at least.
will be a thing of the past, and busi-
ness will increase so rapidly we will not know where we are at.
We hone our business men and property owners will take a sensible
busmess view of the situation and

THE WHEAT OUTLOOK.
The wheat market continues to
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## markh, and lack of competiti keep prices well up.

## has several times called the sttention

old ships Constitution and Harfford that an aspropriation be male for Even in these utilitarian days, we should permit ourselves sentiment
enough at least to preserve these old battle ships. While we are paying more than four bundred thousanit dollare a day in pensions, we might not be utterly ruined financially by spending a few thousand on the old wooden veterans that carried our flag flict. Their decks were reddened with heroes' blood,their canvas spread to the free winds by as galiant hands as ever tought for liberty.
It is well to keep them, a memento of earlier days, and congress will fail of its duty if it does not provide th means for their repair.
Governor Rogers of Washingten, in his inaugurl adder, recomwends, with fish wheels, traps, and all other ways of, estehing salmon, except with gill-nets. The reason he gives husdred fish to the wheels eatch a one." Of course the most expensive way of catching the fish, and the slowest way io the best, and this be ing true, why not make it unlawfu) to catch them in any mauner except
with hook and line? As they
not bite, this ought to furnish them protection and give thonsands of people work. On the same principle we should thresh our grain with flail, harvest it with a sickle and haul it to seaboard in wagons. We sbould, on this theory, do away with
all modern inventions and all modern inventions and get back
to a closer communion with Nature. The situation at Salem remains unchanged, the house being still unorganized. It looks as though Jons than Bourne had the whip hand
the whole business, and will either be speaker or there will be none. The state is saving considerable in clerk
hire, but there is some important legislation that should be attended
to, and our legislators do not want to The following bit of delicate bu.
mor is from today's Oregonian: mor is from today's Oregonian:
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