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$\overline{\overline{T H E} \text { OREGONTAN'S INSINCERITY }}$ The Oregoman argues against the
proposed legisiation for the restora-
tion of the American ocean marine, precisely as though it were the paid attorney for the Liverpoo' Ship-

Sate: In 185, the total tomnange of United States vessels engaged in of United States vessels engaged in
the coasting trade was $1,899,976$; in the foreign trade, $1,544,633$. In 1861 the figures were: Coasting,
$2,604,344$ tons; foreign, $2,496,894$. 2,604, 344 tons; foreign, $2,496,894$.
In 1871, coast wise, $2,764,600:$ foreign,

### 646.011; foreign, $1,297,035$. In 189, conatwise, foreign, $988,119$. In 1900, const-



American tonnage engaged in the
foreign trade was but little over one-
half as great as it was immeditately
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 "It will proably be news to the
Post-Intelligencer to learn that at
no time in the past four years bave
the 'protected' coasting vessels paid twe 'protected' coasting vessels paid
any where as near as large dividends
as were paid by the deep.water shi!
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vessels engaged in the latter trade. as they have done? The volume of
Ameriesn tonnage in the foregn
trade was very nuch lighter last growers of the Pacific under tribute
to the amount of millions annually, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer
The Oregozian deliberately The Oregozian deliberately and
knowingly perverts some of the facts, manufactures others to suit its own
purpose, and is as inconsistent in its asssults upon all those who advocate govern
trade.
 was only a week since that the Oregonian insisted that the only prope ping of restoring Awerican ship, navigation laws" which deny foreign built sbips the right to ply in the that it was the bigh price of Ameriinvesting in them; and that if the could buy ships abroad they would be again undier the American flag. The Post-Intelligenser showed that under the law as it stands, American foreign-built ships and sail them in the deep-water trade from American ports, the only limitation aganst
their use being the coasting trade. Now the Uregonisn coolly reverses its argument and announces tha
ships can be built in the United States cheaper than any where else in the world; bence there is no need for subsidies. This cbange of front is that of the cheap sbyster lawyer, without regard to his own repatation This is but un incident of the bad faith and dodging of the Oregonian in dealing with the whole question. It takes the tigures of ship-building
in the United States, shows that more vessels were built in the United States last year than in Germany, and says that the "term rapidly declining' bas a strange meaning" in view of these facts. Now the Ore-
gonian is not entirely ignorant; it is simply evasive. It knows, as the Post-Intelligencer has frequently pointed out, that the United States has one of the greatest feets of ves-
seis in the world, which is being constantly enlarged from year to year; and it knows further that the fleet of vessels is engagel almost exclusively in the coasting trade, in which it is protected from any foreign competition. It knows further, and every advocate of sub. idies for deep-water ships bas pointed out, that while the growis of the conoting fleet has been great the deeline in the unprotected great, unanded deep-water fleet has been

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The statement of the Oregonian is
not true. It was manufactured soleof the foreign ship-owner. The
truth is that the Oregonian knows ittle about the shipping business and cares less. It simply has an inveterwhe system of protection to to the can industry, and attacks the pro posed shipping subsidy measure protective tariff wheh has ever been
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