

"Bull Dog of Navy," Battleship Oregon, Now State Property

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The battleship Oregon, "Bull Dog of the United States Navy," has been turned over to the state of Oregon by the Federal government and permanent anchorage provided for her at the east end of the Broadway bridge in Portland harbor.

The battleship Oregon has completed her career of usefulness in the navy. She is an obsolete vessel and been put out of commission and rendered helpless by the navy department as one of the vessels included in the terms of the international armament conference at Washington but expressly excluded from the scrapping edict at the instance of Hon. Charles E. Hughes.

In carrying out the edict of that compact large sectors have been cut out of her cylinders; her boilers wrecked, with the exception of one; her main shaft cut in two, all by means of the acetylene torch; her armament has been destroyed by boring holes in the guns and the mechanism that operates the turrets destroyed. She is pronounced by her last commander, Captain R. T. Manner, United States navy, to be so totally disabled that it would be cheaper to build a new vessel than repair her for commission again. To all outward appearances she is in first class condition. She has been completely overhauled in the navy yard at Bremerton, reprinted without and within, furniture restored and delivered to the people of Oregon as completely as possible, her old self.

The battleship Oregon by her remarkable exploits under the direction of her gallant commander, the late Captain Charles E. Clark, made herself the best known and best loved vessel of the United States navy. She placed the name of "Oregon" permanently in the hall of fame. "The Oregon" brings a thrill of patriotic pride to every American citizen. Her presence in the Portland harbor, the prized possession of the people of Oregon, will serve to renew in the minds of the public the remarkable exploits of this great vessel—the gallantry of her commander and crew and the bravery and heroism of the men who fought the Spanish war; especially the men from Oregon who volunteered themselves as a supreme sacrifice to uphold the honor of their flag and country and to rescue the inhabitants of Cuba, Porto Rico, and Philippine islands from the oppression of a foreign foe and to make them a free and happy people.

The Spanish war will never be forgotten because it established a new principle by teaching the world that it was possible for a great nation to fight a war without conquest, altruistic in motive, to set free the rescued and to reward the vanquished.

The battleship Oregon will never be forgotten because of the remarkable exploits and achievements of the ship in that war. Her memory will ever remain in the

minds of the American people along side those of the constitution and the Liberty Bell, as a reminder of willing sacrifice of American manhood and its accomplishment in the cause of liberty and in behalf of the downtrodden.

Because the Oregon was ordered and destroyed, and because she is the most priceless relic of the American people and to destroy her would be unthinkable, she has by resolution of congress and by order of the secretary of navy been recommissioned and brought to her final home in the friendly harbor of the great state which gave her a name.

The Oregon is not out of service she has been recommissioned to a second life destined to be longer and of greater usefulness than the first. Officially received by the governor of Oregon, she has been dedicated to the memory of the volunteers from Oregon who fought in the Spanish war on land and sea, and to the school children of the state. She will be a living, eloquent memorial of past deeds for liberty and honor and an inspiration to the present and future generations to strive to be worthy of such forbears, and to increase their patriotic fervor that their country might always remain as free and their flag as unsullied as when delivered to them by the old Oregon and the nation's defenders in the Spanish war.

The battleship Oregon was built by Union Iron Works, San Francisco. Contract signed 1890. Launched 1893. Put into commission 1896. Cost \$7,000,000. Carried a compliment of 450 men, 32 officers, and 75 marines. Length over all 351 feet. Beam 69 1/2 ft. Draft 27 ft. Displacement 10,230 tons. Armament: four 13 inch guns; eight 8 inch guns; four 4 inch guns, and 2 torpedo tubes.

On March 19, 1898, when the war clouds were hovering over the Eastern horizon, the battleship Oregon left San Francisco under order to proceed under a full head of steam around the horn to the Atlantic coast and joint the Atlantic fleet. She arrived April 30 at Rio de Janeiro when the war with Spain had been declared. Alone, with the knowledge that two great Spanish fleets were upon the high seas, she rushed on and arrived off the coast of Cuba just in time to go into the battle of Santiago, where she took an important part and was responsible for the sinking of two Spanish ships the "Vicaya" a small gun boat sunk by a shell fired from the 13 inch turret, and the "Cristobal Colon," flagship of the Spanish commander, Admiral Cervera. This ship attempted to escape and was chased 60 miles by the Oregon, battered defenseless by her guns and forced to run ashore.

The Oregon returned to the Pacific coast, in November 1898, and was sent to Manila. She was sent to China in 1899, where she ran on a rock at the entrance to

Riffs, in Pow-Wow, Plan New Offensive Against "Infidels"



Various leaders of the forces of "Sultan" Abd-el-Krim are seen gathered "Somewhere in Morocco" to plan new moves in their warfare against the "infidels," i. e. France and Spain.

Amy harbor. She returned to Bremerton, Wash., and was there 18 months undergoing repairs. She was then sent to China and remained in Asiatic waters until 1906, when she returned home and went out of commission.

In 1915 she was recommissioned and led the main fleet under commander, Admiral (Fighting Bob) Evans into San Francisco. She then returned to Bremerton and remained out of commission until the World war, when she was again fitted out as a defense ship.

In September, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson, then touring the Pacific coast, chose the gallant battleship Oregon from which to speak to the officers and men of the United States navy in Puget Sound. The spot where he stood on the quarter deck is marked by a black circle.

The battleship Oregon will never set for taking over the vessel from the United States government and appropriated \$15,000 a year for her maintenance. The government reconditioned her, restored the furniture and ancient relics and delivered her in Portland at a cost of about \$20,000. The city of Portland provided suitable anchorage and built a passage way from the Broadway bridge to the vessel at a cost of \$4500 and has agreed to provide perpetual light and water.

The vessel is administered by the Battleship Oregon commission appointed by the governor, consisting of Col. Cable Abrams, chairman, Harold Waddell, Cora A. Thompson and Late H. Manning. The fifth member Col. U. G. Worrlow, resigned June 25. The vessel is free at all time

to ex-serve men and those serving in the army and navy of the United States, and to school children including high school age. Those under 14 years of age to be accompanied by guardians. A general admission charge of 25c is made to assist in the cost of maintaining the vessel.

CHAMPOEG IS POPULAR

BUTTERNUT PEOPLE FROLIC; SALIM REPRESENTED

Champoeg Park.—The Butternut Bakery people gave a great picnic to their employees through Oregon this week. There were ball games and foot races that were exciting. A ball game between those of the East side of the Willamette river and those of the West side resulted in favor of the former by a score of 14 to 13. The game between the married women versus the singles resulted in a score of 17 in favor of the married women to 16 for the singles. The "fat woman" race was a thriller. Mrs. Howard Young carried away the prizes. C. J. Brenner pitched for the West Sider and Cecil Upham for the East siders. Harry Bell had charge of the refreshments. Roy Reimann was master of special stunts, and the committee in charge of the whole affair consisted of Joseph Franz, Walter Lynch and Billie Pifer. The ball games were umpired by C. H. Upham. There were about 100 people representing the Butternut folks. Mrs. Tozier Weathered accepted an invitation to give a half-hour talk upon the history of old Champeog and the provisional government.

The Salem High School Annual Complimented

Communications of highly congratulatory tone continue to come to the Salem high school annual—the Clarion. It will be remembered that for the third consecutive year the Clarion has won first honors in the annual statewide contest for the best literary production in the form of the student annual. The decision of the judges was unanimous in favor of the Clarion.

"Can assure you that you have the best high school annual on the Pacific coast if not the best in the land. Your book would do credit to the average college. The adherence to one scheme is remarkably carried out, the printing and engraving almost flawless—well, so is the book," are sentences from a letter received by Cecil Edwards, editor of the Clarion, from the president of the Sigma Delta Chi, journalistic fraternity at Corvallis, which organization gave the trophy now in permanent possession of the SHS. C. J. McIntyre, associate professor of industrial journalism at OAC, scatters a few bouquets over the repository of the trophy in this manner: "The Clarion got the highest score of any publication of the kind that I have helped grade and it is certainly a remarkable piece of work. And the writer further urges that a copy of the book be sent to the Inland Printer, Chicago, for review in this nation-wide publication on the printing art." Other compliments testify to the excellence of the Clarion in all of its features.

Flax Growing in England Is Given Financial Aid

LONDON, July 1.—To encourage the growing of flax seed and flax in the United Kingdom on a commercial scale, a committee appointed by the Board of Trade has unanimously recommended that \$200,000 be made available. The development of new strains of pedigree seed is necessary, and for that purpose the flax factories at Bunford and Lopen should be acquired and controlled by the ministry of agriculture.

CONFERENCE IS SOUGHT

OLYMPIA, July 4.—Governor Hartley will confer on reclamation with Dr. Hubert Work, secretary of the interior, Monday in Seattle. Instead of in Tacoma as was at first thought, it was learned this afternoon. The governor and Secretary Work will be guests at the chamber of commerce dinner in the evening, it was said.

Only One in 50,000 Movie Actors Achieves Stardom

HOLLYWOOD, Cal.—Figures compiled during the last five years by the largest moving picture producing companies reveal that the aspirant to stardom in the films must overcome a 50,000-to-1 chance of achieving success.

The figures indicate that in the past five years screen service bureaus of Hollywood have supplied over 100,000 men, women and children, who at first were inexperienced in moving picture work. Of these 100,000, not to exceed six or seven have reached a point where their names were carried on the screen, and only two have become stars of any magnitude.

Many included in the figures had some theatrical experience, and the contrast is drawn with the fact that nearly all of the prominent stars and featured players have had stage experience.

"A beautiful face," directors say, "or a pretty figure, or both, without special histrionic ability, are useless in filmland."

MUNICH TO HOLD—EIGHT

MUNICH.—A transportation and communication exhibit will be held at Munich commencing May 20. Everything used in both will be included in the exhibition.

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The New Commandment

The Commandment, the Fulfillment of Which Shall Be the Distinguishing Badge of a Christian, According to the Words of the Master Himself on the Memorable Evening When He Gave Last Messages.

(The New Commandment was the subject of the sermon of Rev. Chas. E. Ward, pastor of the First Congregational church on Sunday morning last, preached from his pulpit. One who heard the sermon being struck with its message asked that it be published. Rev. Ward consented to write the outstanding features of the sermon, which was not originally suit.)

The New Commandment "A new commandment I give unto you: that ye love one another even as I have loved you." (John 13:34.)

Too little emphasis has been given a theme recently presented by Dr. Charles E. Jefferson as central in the Christian religion. The churches expand almost every other doctrine more frequently and vehemently than the New Commandment of our Lord.

The supper in the "upper room" was ended. Judas had already gone out into the night to perform his treachery. Then Jesus with pathetic tenderness speaks his farewell message to his intimate friends. He wishes to fortify their souls against the difficulties and dangers ahead when they would no longer have the encouragement of his physical presence. He assures them of his spiritual presence with them, then according to that beloved disciple who knew him best, Jesus sums up his teachings in this New Commandment. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples that ye love one another."

According to Jesus this is the only orthodox recognized in heaven: not creeds, not ritual, nor method of church government, nor manner of initiation into the church, but a love such as Jesus held for his intimate friends.

In India certain people wear a mark on their foreheads as a badge of their religious cult, but the Christian wears the sign of his faith in his heart! "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye love one another."

The lamentable thing of Christian history is that this New Commandment which our Lord made central has been seldom mentioned by his followers. Multitudes of church members live and die apparently without learning that such a commandment was given by our Lord. When Christians confess their sins they seldom confess the sin of breaking the New Commandment. People, often hesitate about joining the church because they are unable to support it financially, or they will not accept the Bible literally, or they can't pray in public, or take charge of a meeting. But I have never yet had a prospective member hesitate because he felt unable to keep the New Commandment!

The creed-makers of the church said nothing about the New Commandment of Christ when they wrote the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene creed and the Westminster Confession and the Thirty-Nine articles. The thing that Jesus made central the controversialists did not mention!

In all this uproar about "fundamentals," that has been fruitless and senseless, no mention has been made of the New Commandment which Jesus said should be the distinguishing mark of the Christian! "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye love one another."

We once lived in a settlement of godly folks who worshipped on another day of the week than Sunday. We attended their services regularly for months. They spoke often and earnestly on the holiness of a certain day of the

week and of the nearness of the end of the world. But never once did we hear them mention the New Commandment of Christ! One of the numerous sects has taken literally the words of Jesus to the Twelve: "So ought ye to wash one another's feet" and in public service practice foot-washing. But we have never heard them mention the New Commandment of Christ!

It matters little whether or not you become skilled debaters in church doctrine, but will you take this as your creed: "I believe in the New Commandment of Christ. I believe in loving my fellow-men even as Christ has loved us!" Such a love would banish human slavery; it would rid the world of race hatred and industrial conflicts, it would free humanity from its greatest curse, war! No man, no group, no nation of people are going out to slay those whom they love with Christ-like devotion!

We have dreamed long of human brotherhood, and world peace. But the dreams have not been realized. We have talked much, but loved little. Brotherhood cannot come by negotiation or treaties. It awaits the fulfillment of the New Commandment of Christ. Many of his followers have not taken Christ in earnest in regard to this New Commandment, even though he said that its fulfillment should be the distinguishing badge of the Christian. We have sought to wear some other mark such as church membership, creed acceptance, the performance of ceremonies of worship; these are easier than to practice the patient, forgiving, unselfish love of our Master.

The average individual Christian is poor in love. He may have a goodly bank account, he may hold church membership, but he is poor in love. Any mistreatment quickly brings his fiercer passions into play. It is that we may cultivate this love which Christ held for his disciples that we gather in public worship, join in the communion service, offer up our prayers. If we miss the New Commandment we shall miss Christ and the joy of the Christian life. For the reward of love is loving and the more we give of loving the more we have left to bless our own lives. As Browning says: "For life with all its yields of weal or woe, is just our chance of the prize of learning love."

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THREE KILLED BY BOLT
NEW KENSINGTON, July 4.—Three persons were killed by lightning here today and two others were injured when a tree under which they had taken shelter in a park during a storm was struck.

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Two of MacMillan Party Exempt From Wheel Duty

CHICAGO, July 1.—The cook and engineer of the Bowdoin, which, with the Peary, are carrying the MacMillan-Navy party to the Arctic region for exploration are alone of its complement who will not have to take his turn at the wheel. The Bowdoin, of the auxiliary schooner type, has a passenger list of 10 men. The Peary has a crew of 13 men and a personnel of 13 Navy officers and men.

All members of the crew and the complement are volunteers. The crew was selected principally from three viewpoints: personality, which was ranked first; physique and ability. It requires a good personality to withstand the rigors of Arctic isolation as much as good physical condition.

Commander MacMillan is in charge of the Bowdoin, Commander Eugene E. McDonald, Jr., in charge of the Peary, and Commander E. E. Byrd, U. S. N., in charge of the Navy personnel and planes. McDonald also is chief of radio on the expedition.

Educators Advocate Latin As Aid to English Spelling

INDIANAPOLIS—Study of Latin as a means of increasing accuracy in spelling and understanding English words was advocated today by B. L. Ullman, professor of Latin at the University of Chicago, before the American Classical league of the National Educational association which is in convention here.

Prof. Ullman said a recent investigation had disclosed that the study of Latin in high schools "still shows that remarkable vitality which has ever been the marvel of observers."

More than 50 per cent of the English words, he said, are of Latin origin and "seventy-five per cent of the errors in spelling the most common English words of Latin origin by seventh, eighth and ninth grade pupils are apparently remediable by the use of proper methods in Latin classes."

Alexander L. Bonigrant, professor of Latin at the University of Mississippi, said the South today needs well-prepared Latin teachers, as the demand is much greater than the supply.

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