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AMERICAN WOODEN SHIPS VERSUS ENGLISH IRON.

UNDER the above caption, a recent number of the Boston Journal gives the following: Senator Beck of Kentucky, a state where ships of any kind are never seen, took it upon himself in a recent speech to speak of English iron ships as fine sailing ships, and American as "miserable old wooden sailing crafts." It is very evident that the Kentucky senator was speaking upon a subject of which he had little knowledge, and therefore the sentiment of patriotism, if nothing else, should have restrained him from indulging in a fling at our shipping interest. Undoubtedly the best, and in fact about the only chance we have to compare the respective merits of American and English ships, is that afforded in the grain trade of the Pacific coast from San Francisco. An elaborate statement, covering two years' export of grain from San Francisco to England, employing 237 American wooden ships, 146 English wood and 414 English iron ships, has been prepared, and a careful comparison of the operations of this immense fleet shows that in all respects the American are superior to British of either wood or iron construction. As regarded speed, capacity per ton, safety while at sea, both as to life and property, the much vaunted British iron ships do not come up to Senator Beck's maligned American wooden sailing ships. In fact, comparing the losses and detentions resulting from the operation of the American wooden ships with British iron ships in the traffic in 1882 and 1883, it was worth 68 per cent. more to insure the iron than the wooden fleet. So far as freight rates were concerned the British enjoyed the advantage, owing to the fact that the English Lloyd's and English merchants discriminate in favor of their own shipping.

SPEAKER Carlisle said the other day that he believed the time would come when the form of an oath would be done away with in the courts. This expression of opinion was brought out in a general conversation upon the subject of the rejection of the testimony of an agnostic in the Swain court-martial. Mr. Carlisle said that under the present methods of taking testimony, the evidence of a worthless character who took the oath, would be taken against that of the most scrupulous and high-minded man, who, from his very sense of truth, could not say that he knew there was a God. He thinks that there never was a case tried in any court where there was not perjury of some kind on both sides. He never yet has, in all his legal experience, seen evidence that the oath alone restrains a man from making misstatements in his own interests. He would have each man give evidence without any preliminary form, and then it would stand according to the character of the witness. Each witness would be upon his honor. There would be no trouble in providing penalties for giving false evidence as there now is.

Hot Springs, Ark., has become a no-license town for two years in a curious way. There is a statute that at each state election, the question of license shall be submitted to the ballot. If a majority of the voters be not for license, then it is unlawful for the county court to grant them. At the last election the question was overlooked inadvertently. It was taken for granted that by common consent license would be voted. The returns showed three ballots in the county against license, and none for. Thus the anomaly of three votes closing all the saloons in the county for two years and thwarting the will of thousands is presented. There were thirty saloons in Hot Springs, which paid a revenue of \$32,000 to the county and city. The matter was taken before the courts, but the saloon-keepers were defeated and they must suspend business for the next two years.

Gov. McDaniel of Georgia, is troubled by a complicated case, in which the intervention of the courts may become necessary. In the elections for the county and other local offices, commissions had to be signed for nearly two thousand persons. Owing to the misplacement of papers in the executive office, many of these commissions have been sent to the defeated candidates. In only one instance, however, has the recipient of such commission refused to rectify the error. McArthur of Eastman was defeated in the race for a local judgeship, but was commissioned by error. He now refuses to surrender his commission, which is for four years.

To-day takes place the closing act in the election of Grover Cleveland as president of the United States. The people voted on the 4th of November and elected the electors who met in their respective state capitals on the 3rd of December and voted for their party candidates, the votes going on by mail and messenger to Washington. At noon to-day the president of the senate in the presence of both houses of congress opens the certificates, counts the votes and announces who is elected president and vice president of the nation for the four years from the 4th of next month.

The bill introduced by Holman in congress last Friday to protect the purity of the ballot, provides that every person hereafter elected or appointed to fill any office of the United States shall take and subscribe to the following oath: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not, directly or indirectly, given, promised or advanced to be paid any money, or given or conveyed any money, or given or conveyed any other article of value to any person or persons to assist, aid or procure my election or appointment."

According to a story published by the Fargo, D. T., Argus, Stanley Hunter, a newspaper man and the author of the "Spoondyke papers," has become chief of the Teton Indians. The account says that Hunter was adopted some years ago by Little Knife, the hereditary chief of the Teton, lately deceased.

Undimmed by the failure of the tremendous storm that he predicted for December, but which did not come off at that time, Wiggins is now reported to have set the 17th-19th of next month for the performance. It is to be a sort of tornado-blizzard-typhoon-hurricane-cyclone arrangement.

The Danish nation has something over 2,000,000 people; an annual revenue of \$19,000,000; ran \$1,000,000 behind the estimates last year, and now proposes to construct two torpedo boats at an expense of \$6,000,000 and to erect fortifications at a further cost of \$10,500,000.

One of the trans-Atlantic steamship lines is about to issue tickets to entitle passengers to merely lodging and conveyance, meals to be charged at the end of the voyage. This is a concession to passengers susceptible to sea-sickness.

WILLIAM M. EVARTS is the thirty-sixth man elected to the United States senate from New York. No senator has represented that state throughout three consecutive senatorial terms.

The management of the New Orleans exposition are over \$319,000 behind, and an appropriation from the government is wanted sufficient to cover this amount.

There has been a bad winter for Maine lumbermen. Up to the present time the cut on the St. Croix waters is 25 per cent below what it was estimated at last fall.

The Standard is telling how General Grant should have acted at Shiloh. What he did do is something for which the Standard will never forgive him.

GEN. SIMON CAMERON, of Pennsylvania, now nearly eighty-six years old, is about to make a tour of the south.

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