#### The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

WEDNESDAY ...

MEANS TOWARD GREATER SAFE TY AT SEA.

THE number of vessels reported among the missing the past season is considerable. It is probable that the number is as large as that of any previous winter. It is distressing to think of the many losses placed under this class, especially in these enlightened times when so many inventions looking to the safety of human life have been brought forward and have proved to be of great value. Life preservers of every kind and form of construction are used on ships. Even the mattress in the berths and seats upon deck can be turned into life preservers. Lifeboats and life-rafts without number testify to the ingenuity of man in providing means of saving life in case of disaster at sea. These are not to be considered lightly, for they are part of the necessary equipment of sea going vessels and have proved instrumental in saving hundreds of imperilled lives. Through the knowledge of the nearness of these safeguards the ocean traveler teels a certain sense of security and is relieved of much anxiety as a consequence. Yet, these appliances for saving life point to the fact that the ocean presents almost as many dangers even to our great steamers as it times. This seems to be acknowledged by the very manner in which in these ter. They are in no sense a part of a vessel on which they are carried, nor do they add in any way to the strength or safety of the ship. It seems, therefore, incongruous that while an im- Delaware there was no law against mense amount of time and ingenuity his catching all the shad he could inhas been expended in perfecting apveigle into his net. It doesn't cost a paratus for escaping from a sinking great deal to take up a temporary vessel, so little comparatively has been done toward perfecting construction with a view to making vesstruction with a view to making ves-sels practically unsinkable. The near-fisherman has resolved to try the est approach to this is to be seen in peaceful method of emigration by the ocean steamer in which a number of bulkheads are fitted-the theory being that these would be of suffi-

that could stand the test that would priest and pastor then alternately be necessary to pronounce them prac- spoke on the religious thoughts apally unsinkable. And yet instead of propriate to the close of the year, attention being turned in that direc- and on the good relations that should tion it is for the most part strained exist between Christians. to discover some better means of rescuing the victims of this peglect. All M. Lessar speaks of Turkistan as this seems to be very unwise, and for the most pacific country in the world. many reasons. It would seem, if only Not a crime has been committed in in the interest of the ship-owner, that Turkistan for two years and a half, to make his property as strong and he says. The obvious explanation is durable as possible in the beginning that since Russia conquered the counwould be to provide to a certain ex- try there has been no one there to entent against the loss of it or the expenditure of much money in repairs. In exclusively cargo carrying vessels it might be impracticable to carry out Britian a debt of \$5,000,000, on which this idea of a perfectly safe vessel it pays only 1 per ceat of interest under all conditions of weather. In Russia and France are creditors to passenger steamers, however, it Greece on the same terms. would seem possible that this could be done-although the value of having cargo room in them has yet to be ment to authorize a federation of the considered—the internal devices to Australian colonies, provides that any make them absolutely safe from the colony may, at its discretion and danger of fire and of foundering without consulting the others, secede would not be of a character from the union. that would prevent the stowing of some cargo. This is somewhat a matter of education, are millions of capital in New En-Many may doubt the practicability of an innovation of this kind, but cent." there is little doubt that when better times for shipping set in new ideas in the matter of construction of vessels will be brought forward and the above mentioned class of vessel is not likely to be overlooked in the consideration which will then be given to these matters. The first cost of a vessel might be somewhat increased in meeting these requirements, but it might then be considered more profitable to build smaller vessels. Furthermore much of the life saving appliances might be done away with, considerable money being saved in consequence and besides the matter of longevity of the

present time.

ONE seventh part of the land surface of the earth constitutes the dominion of the czar of all the Russias. More than 100,000,000 people call him father, and are under his absolute government. In Russia a child is born on an average every eight seconds throughout the year, and a death occurs every eleven seconds. At the present rate of increase the population will double in about sixty years. But Russia is very far behind most civilized nations in the care of

vessel is no mean thing to be consid-

ered.

children and in the preservation of life. Statistics show that 60 per cent, of all the children die under the age of five years. The average duration of life in Russia is only twenty-six years, which is much below the average in the western countries of Europe and in the United States

When Admiral Nachimoff destroyed the whole Turkish fleet at one blow off Sinope in 1853, Russia, of course, "regretted the unfortunate occurrence," and made a show of blaming its author. But the offending admiral was privately invested with the order of the White Eagle, and the advantage he gained was utilized to the utmost. So, too, when General Tehernaieff, in June, 1865, captured Tashkend (the present capital of Russian Turkistan), by a sudden dash like that of Komaroff, similar protestations and assurances, of precisely equal value, were made by the cabinet of St. Petersburg. But Tchernaieff, while ostensibly censured, was secretly rewarded, and Russia took good care to retain the captured city.

THE president is said to be much disappointed at the poor prospect of relief from the pressure of office seekers. He has refused again and again to consider cases until applicants went home and left him unembarrassed. By this policy he has driven away one set after another, but the stream of arrivals does not diminsh and every day at least a dozen states are represented by delegations or indid to the smaller vessels of earlier could close the doors by refusing to make any appointments until the days we provide for saving life at sea, to think there is to be no relief as days we provide for saving casualty that long as an appointment remains to be made.

> The Jersey fisherman couldn't catch shad as long as he remained a Jerseyman, but by becoming a citizen of residence in the state of peaches and great statesmen, and so, rather than moving across the river.

A RARE instance of Christian tolercient buoyancy to keep up the vessel ation is exemplified in Aarau, Switzin case of damage through collision erland, where Protestants and Cathoor otherwise. But in practice this lies occupy the same church. On has failed in many instances and is New Year's eve it was filled, and the not adequate to the demands of the whole congregation united in singing a hymn, after which the Catholic There are really no vessels affoat choir executed a piece of music. The

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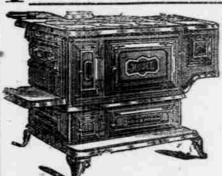
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