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OUR DISPIRITED SHIP-OWNERS

THE most dispirited class of business men to be met with to-day are sure them for \$2500. Some compa-American owners of vessel property, nies refuse to insure them at all. and of vessels engaged in foreign trade so ungaliant as to say that they are particularly. "If I can manage to get not as valuable as a man," and the free from the vessels now on my hands I old gentleman bowed with great will never put another dollar into that suaveness; "but there are other reakind of property again," said a ship-owner to the writer recently. "I used with them. The liability which they to have some pride in helping to keep the American flag on the seas, but it's that the decision of insurance comall gone; the government don't deserve panies is based on mortnary statistics. it. On the contrary, they seem to care though I know that the popular imlittle whether or not the American pression is that a greater number of al prohibition committee established flag floats upon the high seas and in all ports."

We suppose a great majority of shipowners are in the same frame of mind, and while it is almost impossible for refrain from putting out fresh money in this direction, either in the way of enlarging their enterprises, or replacing lost and condemned vessels to any great extent. There is no one reason for this: the whole situation is unsatisfactory. The laws having to do with the ocean-carrying trade are mossgrown and ill adapted to the competitive needs of the day. There is a lack of energy and gumption among our subject comes up for discussion. Remedial legislation falls clumsily short of its object, as, for instance, the advance wages prohibition supposed to have been secured in the Dingley bill. It is a dead-letter, and the same burden exists now as before.

The treasury is overflowing, and yet a useless and needless tomage tax is exacted, and in such a blundering way as to bring both the state and treas ury departments into foreign complications. One might continue pointing out the burdens more or less severe that weight down this class of invest ments, for the list is a long one.

If this country, with its 12,000 mile of coast line, is to have a merchant marine at all commensurate with its rank as a power, a very different spirit must be shown in congress in the immediate future. Legislation of the the puttying and patching type must give way to comprehensive measures, else we must be content with railroads alone and allow England to be the mistress of the seas in even great er degree than now. And among the most important measures demanded there are two which are pressing to the front; mail communication with foreign ports must be vastly improved, and consuls must be paid salaries and be allowed to pirate vessel-owners no

Trade not only follows the flag which the mail steamer flies, but it is a serious detriment, to vessel-owners and merchants both, to be forced to the delay of such round about trans mission of the mails as now occur It H. Wade wandered about the west is disgraceful, for example, that this picking up a precarious livelihood country should have no direct com. country should have no direct communication with so important a port at Buenos Ayres. Nearly all our mail to that port comes and goes via England or France, and so with many other ports of importance. The English government supports with glad alacrity any movement of its merchants to push foreign trade, while in this country the reverse is true. The consular service has been improved of land. He was a valuable man and he late, but human nature is the same and under the fee system it is a duty of the consul to gouge the captain as much as possible. Congress should afford relief in both these directionsmust do so, indeed-if any improve ment is to be brought about.

Springer, chairman of the committee on territories, says: "It is very probable that embling nets will be passed for some of the territoriesthat is, we may pass an act enabling some of the territories to adopt state constitutions and construct the machinery of a state government, preparatory to recognition as states. The admission of a new state is a very important matter, and cannot be done by mere application or on an arithmetical basis. Somehow an impression has been abroad that a territory

Oregon, Washington territory, British Columbia, Alaska, and across Behring straits to Siberia, in Russia, must have a certain population to and so on across the continent of qualify it for admission. There is no custom about it. The admission of a new state is entirely a matter of legislative discretion. It is within the of the Atlantic cable put an end to power of congress to erect "No Man's it as an enterprise promising any Land" into a state, and admit it to the Union. The state of Illinois was admitted when she had less than 40,-000 people. Dakota has over 400,000. Congress, in its discretion, may exclude Dakota and may admit "No Man's Land."

THE new clerk of the courts of Chester county, Penn., is Mrs. Re-

INSURANCE FOR WOMEN.

Undesirable Risks Seldom Sought After.

Chicago Herald.

"We don't care about insuring women," said the agent of an insurance company the other day. "We take women in the company, but we never sons which compel us to be cautious. women live to exceeding old age than men. It is true that men are more liable from the nature of their lives to be killed accidentally, and it is also true that their vices cause much physical degeneration.

"But, on the other hand, womer them to dispose of their ships without too great a sacrifice, they can and do dent to their sex which make them bad investments from the standpoint of an insurance agent. I am not among those who assert that they will not insure women because they do not wish to have any business dealings with them. I have heard it said that they were not prompt in keeping up their policies, but that has not been my experience. It is even said that the examining agents cannot trust a woman to tell the truth about herself—that she will neither confess to her diseases nor her ageand that she is inaccurate in national law-makers whenever this statements about her ancestors. Personally I would believe a man as quickly as a woman. However I have heard that objection seriously urged.
"In England, though a woman can-

not insure herself, yet a husband can insure her annuity, if she has one. The inference is that if he has a good if he only gets her insurance at the termination of an annuity, which is more valuable to him than the insurance, why it is probable that he will allow her to live on. The women of Great Britain should be thankful. It is not only possible but easy, I sup-pose you know, to insure a dog or You remember Tennyson's line, 'Something better than his dog, a little dearer than his horse'. I'm afraid that life insurance companies don't go even that far. Of course it seems hard when a widow is working for her children that she cannot in sure herself for them a good round sum. It is not that her life is not valuable it is simply uncertain. is more apt to break down than a man would be under the same circumstances. And so it stands and will stand for a good while to come, I

How He Got His Start.

The people in Ohio know Jeptha

occasionally runs over to New York.

He was there recently at the Fifth
Avenue hotel. Worth \$8,000,000 or manufacturers to receive all the lat-\$10,000,000, he enjoys the good est designs in postal cards as they things of this life with all the zest of are turned out from the factory. a luxury loving expert. He can re- Trial samples on hand at one cent member very well, for it is not so many years ago, when he had not Am prepared to send money all over money enough to pay his board the world with promptness and disbills. toward forty years of age. He paint ed a picture one day for a telegraph operator in the early period of the system, and for his pay was taught the use of the instruments. Then he was hired by the company, and began to earn \$50 a month. He held some stock in two or three short lines of telegraph when the Western Union was formed out of all the united lines, and he had gathered in some money out of his speculations in was soon in the directory of the great company, and finally became its pres-While president of the Western Union he was the chief promotor of the overland line of telegraph to the California coast. He made his fortune in that venture. He visited California in the summer of 1860, ade arrangements to absorb the California state telegraph lines and used the latter organization to con struct the overland line as far east as Salt Lake. The Western Union com pany constructed westward to Salt Lake, where the lines were joined in the latter part of 1861. The first news dispatch received over the com-pleted line announced the killing of General E. D. Baker, at the Ball's Bluff disaster. Soon after the overand line was completed, President Wade undertook for his company the gigantic task of building a telegraph from California northward through Asia to a junction with the telegraph systems of Europe. Great progres hed been made in carrying out this project, when the successful laying

A Sound Legal Opinion.

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Dr. Burchard's Words "Rum, Remanis and Rebellion."

A. Owen Crozier, of this city, a for-mer associate of the late John B. Finch, while in Chicago attending the recent national conference of the prohibition party, dined with Mrs. Finch, widow of the dead temperance

"We had a very pleasant time." Mr. Crozier said yesterday to a Democrat reporter, "recalling anecdotes and traits of character in the life of Mr. Finch. I will give you an incident to show the keen political mind which he possessed, and his quickness to catch an expression that might have some influence on the political situation. I sometimes hesitate to mention this for fear it may be misunderstood. During the campaign of 1884, Mr. Finch as chairman of the nationhis headquarters at the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York city. Just before the close of the campaign, when the delegation of ministers, with Dr. Burchard as their spokesman, called up-on Mr. Blaine in the parlors of that hotel, Mr. Finch, out of curiosity, the reception being of a semi-public na-ture, stepped to the doors of the parlors and listened to the speeches. When Dr. Burchard gave forth that now celebrated expression—"Rum, Bomanism and Rebellion"—Mr. Finch's quick ear caught it, and as he expressed it, he "involuntarily took out his note book and pencil," and wrote it down. Dan Manning, the Democratic manager, was standing just behind Mr. Finch, also listening intently, and when he saw Finch write in his note book, as if thinking aloud he exclaimed:

"Then he did say it!"
"Yes,'" said Finch, smiling and turning to Manning, 'certainly he said it. I heard him say it."
"Then give me that! cried Manning, and reaching over and tearing the leaf free Firstly was heard he the leaf from Finch's note book, he was gone in an instant to the tele-graph office. The effect of those three

eason for killing her off he will, but the only gets her insurance at the time for the Republicans to defend or deny, and they were used everywhere. Finch did not intend to have them get into Democratic hands. It was his custom to take down in his note book anything like that which he thought he might wish to use. His quickness in catching what he wanted for use is seen by this incident."-Grand Rapids Democrat.

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NEW TO-DAY.

Proposals for City Printing. NOTICE is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Auditor and Police Judge until Monday, January 23d, 1888, for all City Printing.

Bids must state the price per square for each insertion, and size of type pro-posed to be used.

The Common Council reserves the

right to reject any and all bids.
By order of the Common Council.
Attest: T. S. JEWETT.
Auditor and Police Judge,
Astoria, Oregon, January 12th, 1888.

Codar Street Improvement Notice. NOTICE is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria propose to order the improvement of that portion of Cedar street, in the City of Astoria, Claisop county, Oregon, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively, from the east side of West Sixth street to the east side of Salmon street, by re-placing all missing piles with new ones, and replacing all defective stringers with new and sound ones, and replank-ing the same with new and sound fir planks four inches in thickness, to a width of thirty feet through the center thereof, said improvement to be made to the established grade of said street, to the established grade of said street, and unless a remonstrance signed by the owners of two-thirds of the property fronting on said portion of said street be filed with the Auditor and Police Judge within ten days of the final publication of this notice, to wit: on or before Tuesday, February 7th, 1888, the Common Council will order said improvement to be made.

By order of the Common Council.

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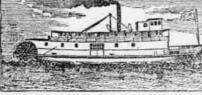
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