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The House committee on merchant marine and fisheries ordered a favorable report upon a measure of great importance to those engaged in the shipping trade, just before adjournment. The bill removes the present limit of five per cent for crew space and of 50 per cent for all deductions, including propelling power. The removal of these limitations conduces to the health and comfort of the crews and to the construction of speedy vessels. It preserves that space for the berthing of the crew which is constructed and cared for with regard to the health and comfort of the men. There is now no statutory regulation in this country governing the construction and space of the quarters of the crew. The various deductions for propelling power, sail, room, navigation spaces, etc., correspond with the deductions permitted by Great Britain and Norway and other nations. It is proposed that the bill shall go into effect on the first day of next July. The owners of vessels documented before that date are thereafter to have the option of availing themselves of its benefits or retaining their present certificates of measurement. Provision is made for an international appendix designed to give American vessels in foreign ports the full advantage of any decrease in net tonnage which may be established hereafter by the laws of other nations. Under the French law the net tonnage is considerably lower than under the British law, and by means of the instrument proposed the American vessels may secure for American vessels any benefit which may occur from modifications of foreign measurement laws. This provision has been incorporated in a distinct bill (House regular 5715) which has already been reported by the committee.

It has been computed that since Emory, the first Methodist preacher, received the first Methodist church in membership into the Methodist church in 1785, there are now in the United States no less than 25,000,000 members have been enrolled by the several branches of the Methodist church. Two million children are estimated as attending the Methodist Sunday schools, the present year, with 300,000 teachers instructing them. For the one little meeting-house dedicated by Emory's initial sermon in 1785, there are, one hundred and twenty-eight years later, more than fifty-two thousand churches of the several branches of Methodism in the United States, valued at \$112,000,000. Suppose these fifty-two thousand churches to have been built an equal number yearly, the annual average for the one hundred and twenty-eight years would be four hundred and six new churches.

The year 1894 closes to a close with bright stars which contrast strongly with the lowering heavens of a year ago. In the domain of politics, business, and especially in Astoria's improved prospects, there is encouragement and hope. It is true the gains in business have not been great, but things are on the up instead of the down grade, as was the case at the close of last year. Commercial interests are no longer menaced with the fear of tariff changes, a congress overwhelmingly Republican has been elected, and there is every reason to believe that the whole country's prospects will be, in a large degree, brightened before the end of another twelve months.

In connection with the first article in a series which the famous Dr. Parkman had just announced to write for the benefit of the people's condition, the one of a certain kind has called a new book, "New Good Digestion" by Dr. Warren.

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Some glimmering of the truth of Prof. Drummond's theory of natural law in the Spiritual World, may be found in the reflection that under the same immutable law of nature that decrees the dissolution and return of the corporeal frame of the late ex-Senator Fair to the original elements of which it is composed, the immense fortune accumulated by him will also undergo distribution and gradual return to the sources from which it was derived; and herein is a strong argument against the socialism and superficial philosophy of the day, which sees something dangerous and menacing to the welfare of society in the facility with which men of superior ability by a lifetime of energy and economy, lay up large stores of money or property.

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It is said that another raft will be constructed in the big frame at Stetler early next spring. It is the opinion of men who know the eccentricities of Mother Ocean, and have spent a lifetime on the bounding billow, that about the only way the promoters can get their raft to San Francisco, is by taking it overland. They should never be allowed to go to sea with it, for history shows plainly that they are a source of great danger to navigation. One dose like that of last winter is enough for more than a generation.

With between seven and eight thousand liquor saloons New York has only 52 churches of all denominations. Of these 103 are Episcopalian, the largest number of any single denomination, and next come the Catholics with 84. The Presbyterians follow with 79, the Methodists with 65, and the Baptists with 59. The Jews have 41 synagogues and the churches of the Congregationalists number but 7.

The people who hear and read the speeches of Mr. Henri Watkinson delivered at New England dinners, Grand Army parades, and such like, might not recognize the same gentleman in some of his cross roads' orations and private demonstrations in the seclusion of his sanatorium in "Louisville."

There is no place like Oregon after all. Just now, while we are enjoying bright sunshine and balmy air, our neighbors on the other side of the Rocky Mountains are trying to keep from being smothered beneath the drifting snow.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.
 Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the undersigned has been duly appointed the assignee of I. W. Case, and that he has qualified as such assignee by filing with the clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Clatsop County, his bond as required by law. All persons having claims against said I. W. Case are notified to present the same to the undersigned, daily, at the office of the Astoria National Bank, in the city of Astoria, in said county, within three months from this date.
 Dated at Astoria, Oregon, this 11th day of November, 1894.
 D. E. WARREN,
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