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McKinley ran ahead of the republican candidate for governor in every state that elected a governor except Michigan, where Pingree led him by 11,000 votes.

The general review of the year in Astoria cannot fail to be a source of satisfaction to all. Notwithstanding that the hardest times ever known on the coast prevailed during the entire year; that there was a protracted fishermen's strike, which cost the city and county thousands of dollars, yet the advancement made during the year in the way of new buildings, work on the railroad, the enlargement of manufacturing plants and above all the county's strong stand on the national issues of the day, are the foundation stones of the greater Astoria whose immediate growth is assured.

Captain James Murray, of the British steamer Aswanly, will probably have today the honor of taking out the largest cargo and deepest laden vessel ever to leave this port. The Aswanly carries nearly 10,000,000 pounds of freight, consisting entirely of breadstuffs for Australia. Her cargo is valued at \$231,118. This makes a splendid record for the port of the Columbia and develops the fact that the Australian trade, at present, at least, is more valuable than has been anticipated. The large portion of the cargo which had to be lightened down the river, was loaded into the steamer here without difficulty or accident. The days of lighterage, however, will soon be events of the past, and with the present prospect for the increasing depth of the channel, ships like the Aswanly will be common visitors here.

The New York Post says some of the Southern newspapers see trouble ahead in case Cuba should come into the Union and be "one of the United States." The first result would probably be one if not two mulatto senators sitting alongside of Morgan and Call, and whom those high-born Caucasians would not associate with outside the chamber. Maceo himself, whom they are so fond of praising, and who no doubt deserved all the praise he received, was a mulatto. If he were alive and in Washington today and were to hold a reception or give a dinner party, no Southern Democratic member of either house would go to it. If he did, he would never be re-elected. The condition of affairs in "Cuba Libre" would be such that a considerable portion of the white population would leave the island, and the political power of the blacks would be correspondingly increased. All of them, both whites and blacks, are religionists of the bigoted Spanish type, in whose minds religion and the state are inseparably joined. Their presence as a part of our law-making power would be one more element of heterogeneity, and an element especially obnoxious to the South. We do not wonder that Southern newspapers want to draw the line between Cuba Libre and annexation. Let Cuba be free, but don't come any nearer to the United States.

A MATTER OF INTEREST TO THIS COAST. A Washington special refers to the fact that an effort will be made to push the Elkins shipping bill through the present session of congress. This bill was introduced by Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, last winter, and is now on the senate calendar. Its chief object is the direct encouragement of the building of merchant vessels by American owners in American shipyards; and it aims to accomplish this by the imposition of a "discriminating duty" of 10 per cent on all goods imported in foreign vessels. That is to say, everything imported in foreign bottoms will pay 10 per cent more duty than the regular tariff rates; and articles on the free list will also pay 10 per cent of their value. The effect of this discriminating duty would be that all imports would be in American vessels; and this would mean the rapid construction of a very large number of ocean freighters, giving our shipyards a tremendous boom, furnishing work therein to thousands of iron and steel workers. In addition, it would for three or four years—that is, until our merchant fleet were increased to the full capacity of our foreign trade—produce a revenue of fifty or sixty million dollars annually, and provide

a measure of protection about equal to a general 10 per cent advance in the tariff. Aside from the benefit to the revenue which would thus accrue, this bill would not only restore to the United States the carrying trade on the high seas we once enjoyed, but enable us to contest with Great Britain for the supremacy in the world's commerce. Over a hundred million dollars a year are paid to foreign shipowners for carrying American freights. This sum would come into the pockets of the Americans every year. The new vessels would give employment to thousands of American sailors; and American shipbuilding, once put upon its feet, by the adoption of the policy outlined in the Elkins bill, would maintain itself, as would our merchant marine.

The free trade theory is that we should admit foreign built ships to American registry—a policy which they dignify by the title of "free shipping." In other words, they wish us to buy our ships ready-built abroad, instead of building them at home. Ships can be built on the Clyde for 20 per cent less than we can build them here, at the American rate of wages. But this would not solve the difficulty. It costs more to run American vessels than it does British ones, because American sailors can not and will not live as British sailors do. They demand fair wages and good food. British sailors get starveling pay and their food is of the poorest. Samuel Pillsbury once gave testimony before the London labor commission showing that condemned naval stores were purchased for English sailors in English freighters. American sailors will not stand that kind of fare, and they should not.

We trust the rumor is correct that an effort will be made to push this bill. It would help us in a number of ways, and it would be a benefit to American labor, from the miners in coal and iron mines, up through every step converting the ore into a modern steel freight steamer.

THE BALLADE OF BRAVE MEN.

By William S. Lord.

A song for the men so true, The sailors of sunken ships, The sport of the waves that blew, Devoured by the waves' white lips. There, where the seagull dips, There, 'neath the sky so blue, There, where the schoolboy strips— Brave men, there is rest for you.

A song for the shipwrecked crew, The men of the docks and slips, Propelled by a sail or screw You made many perilous trips; With the canvas torn to strips; Before the gale you flew; No more the wild wild whips— Brave men, there is rest for you.

A song for the men too few— For nature so few equip— Who drank that awful brew That only a brave man sips. The staunchest of ships are chips; No power can the sea subdue. No longer the cold spray drips— Brave men, there is rest for you.

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BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE. The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positive cure for piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by Charles Rogers, Odd Fellows' building.

CASTORIA. Cleveland and Hill were elected mayor of their respective cities in the same year. Both retire from office on the same day next March, when a republican president will be inaugurated.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes pure, rich blood. Send 21 cents in one-cent stamps to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive Dr. Pierce's 100-page "Common Sense Medical Adviser," profusely illustrated.

A herbarium of the Russian empire is to be published by the St. Petersburg National History Society. The flora of European Russia will appear first, then that of Asiatic Russia, and finally that of the Caucasus.

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It has been estimated that at least 25 per cent of the entire population of the United States make their living out of the electric light and power industry and the branches of trade dependent upon it.

A HOUSEHOLD TREASURE. D. W. Fuller, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman, Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best Cough remedy; that he has used it in his family for eight years and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested. Trial bottles free at Chas. Rogers' drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

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A Scotch member of parliament has just been brought to book by his constituents for playing golf, or conducting golf exercises, on Sunday, while away from home.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have duly qualified in the county court of the state of Oregon for Clatsop county, as executors of the last will and testament of John Hobson, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased must present the same, duly verified, to such executors at the office of Fulton Brothers, Attys. in the city of Astoria, Clatsop county, Oregon, within six months from this date. Astoria, Dec. 15th, 1916. C. W. FULTON, G. C. FULTON, Executors.

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