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Astoria, Or., October 15, 1896.

The United States steamer Adams, now in commission as a training ship at San Francisco, has just started north on a five months' voyage. She will visit all the Sound ports, and even Esquimaux and Honolulu, before her return. It is hard to understand why the Columbia river was not included among the points at which the ship was ordered to stop, but the state of Oregon does not seem to be recognized by the navy department as having any seaports. Of course Portland, for obvious reasons, never puts in a bid for any favors of this sort, and the people of Astoria have become so accustomed to being passed by that they never make any protest.

It is understood that Mr. McKinley favors the project to create a department of commerce and manufactures as a cabinet post. If this be true, this addition to the presidential council will probably take place within the next year or two, for the movement in that direction is favored by most of the commercial exchanges of the country, and apparently has strong popular support. Additions to the cabinet took place in the presidential terms of John Adams, Jackson, Taylor and Cleveland, and another is evidently near at hand. Washington's council consisted of four members—secretaries of state, treasury and war and attorney general—and McKinley is likely eventually to have nine officials. This is a great gain. The country, too, has grown somewhat since Washington's day.

THIRTY YEARS LATER.

It might be inferred from much of the talk heard in these days that the United States is pursuing a downward course, and that a comparison of the present with the past would give many reasons for discouragement. The reverse of this idea is true, says the Globe-Democrat, after admitting that the country has for four years been passing through an unsatisfactory administration. The memory of the majority of men reaches back to the year 1867. That was a flush year at the end of the war. The government had paid out immense sums in closing up military accounts, and hundreds of thousands of soldiers had received payment in full. It is, therefore, a sharp test of 1896 to put it under definite analysis beside 1867. Persons who are celebrating the good old times and grumbling about existing conditions should welcome the deadly parallel, and not find fresh cause for complaint if this trial by simple arithmetic goes against them.

The figures are from the nineteenth annual abstract of the Bureau of Statistics, which has just come from the government printer. Let the much-discussed "per capita" open the tourney. All who can recall the year 1867 have the impression that the circulation of money was then lively. In that year the per capita was \$20.11; in 1896 it was \$32.56. The per capita of money in circulation in 1867 was \$18.28, one-half of it valued in gold at 72 cents on the dollar; in 1896 the per capita circulating was \$21.10, all valued at par in gold. The per capita of the national debt in 1867 was \$69.26; the year 1896 saw it reduced to \$13.41. Between the same years the per capita of interest on the debt declined from \$3.84 to 49 cents, and the annual national tax on each citizen from \$9.87 to \$4.84. These changes for the better are so striking that no disgruntled citizen will venture to mention the subject of per capita unless he is thoroughly misinformed about it.

In other directions the comparison comes out quite as well. Our population has about doubled since 1867, when the estimate was 3,211,000. Now it is 7,153,000. Each citizen now averages an annual expenditure of \$1.16 on the postoffice, against 42 cents in 1867. The average expenditure on public schools is 50 per cent greater than in 1867. These items show a positive advance in civilization. Imports are about the same per capita, though the volume has doubled. In thirty years duties on dutiable goods have declined from 46.67 per cent to 40.18 per cent, and on all imports from 44.56 per cent to 30.67 per cent. Exports are greater per head in the proportion of \$12.11 to \$7.74. The average American uses more than twice as much cotton as in 1867,

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