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If the taxpayers of Clatsop county feel any interest in knowing what becomes of the money they are called upon to contribute to the county treasury, let them investigate the merits of a criminal case tried in the circuit court the other day, where Judge McBride directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty after the state had expended upwards of \$100 in an attempt to convict a citizen of the larceny of \$20 worth of old scrap iron.

If the Hawaiian treaty of annexation falls in the senate, it is probable the islands will be annexed by a joint resolution of congress. Texas was admitted into the Union in that way in 1845. She was an independent republic, asked for admission to the Union and congress passed a joint resolution which accomplished all that could be gained by the ratification of a formal treaty annexation. The precedent is a good one and might be invoked at once, without waiting any more time over the treaty.

A recent English authority compares the navies of the United States with that of Japan, in connection with the question of Hawaiian annexation, and pronounces that of Japan "infinitely superior" to the Yankee navy. It is such willful ignorance or blind prejudice as this which makes our people feel so unkindly towards England. No other nation on earth has kept so close a tab on the progress of the American navy as England, and its wonderful improvement in the last few years is even better understood there than by the people generally of our own country.

At this stage of the discussion the Astorian has no desire to take part in the controversy going on among the doctors concerning the communicability of cerebro spinal meningitis. It may not be improper to remark, however, that if the disease is actually contagious, or if many people can be brought by the argument now in progress to suspect it is, Astoria's proximity to Alaskan ports will not prove the unlooked blessing it was once supposed to be. No stranger would care to come or bring his family to a community exposed to a contagion whose record for fatality is more frightful than that of yellow fever.

GET THE FACTS FIRST.

David Crockett, of pioneer memory, was a man with the courage of his own convictions. His rule of action was, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead." That is always good advice, and never better than now, in regard to the Maine disaster.

A large proportion of the people of the United States apparently believe that the battleship Maine was destroyed by a Spanish mine or torpedo, and are anxious to cry havoc, and let loose the dogs of war. This assumption of Spanish guilt is fostered by two yellow journals in New York city, and a few reckless newspapers in other parts of the country.

The simple, absolute fact is, that no one knows what caused the explosion. No one knows whether it was one of the several magazines of the vessel, or her boilers, or whether it was a torpedo or mine. No one has any knowledge which would serve as a basis of an intelligent opinion.

The government is absolutely right in refusing to take any action until it has the facts for its guidance. No time is being lost. The divers are at work on the hull of the Maine. The record of her torn hull will keep. The investigation will be both prompt and thorough. Spain is giving us every opportunity in her power, for to interfere with the work would bring upon her the suspicion of every nation. The circumstances of the disaster demand that its causes shall be fully ascertained; and every civilized nation is anxious to learn the truth.

to the confidence and support of the people. It should not be embarrassed by impatience and prejudice. Every one may rest assured that no time is being wasted. And every one may be certain that if it should prove that Spanish treachery is responsible for the disaster to the Maine, the slaughter of the men on board her will be amply avenged. We must be just. We must be sure we are right. If it then becomes necessary to strike, the demands of the nation's honor and of the people's patriotism will be met to the fullest extent.

THE KLONDIKE CRAZE.

The New York Financier ponders on the strange features of the Klondike craze—that men will flock to the inhospitable regions under the Arctic circle in the mad rush for gold, when there are vast quantities of it nearer home. It points out that while the whole Arctic region did not last year produce over \$3,000,000 of gold, one single county in Colorado yielded \$12,500,000 gold, with total profits of \$3,500,000.

The county referred to is El Paso. Fifteen mines therein paid last year in dividends \$1,282,000, added \$1,000,000 to reserve funds, and developed and have in sight at least \$5,000,000 gold ore. The January production of the Cripple Creek mines was \$1,500,000, or at the rate of \$35.34 for every minute of that time. The dividends declared by these mines in January were \$1,500,000, and the profits earned fully \$250,000, or at the rate of \$5.00 per minute.

The Financier also says there are gold mines in the Cripple Creek district paying regular dividends at the rate of 25, 33 and as high as 42 per cent on the selling value of the stock, and many of them could be purchased outright for the money that will be required to see only a small percentage of the Klondike emigrants through a short season of four months. That paper goes on to say:

It may be that the man who goes to Colorado will not make a fortune, but between that state and Alaska the chances are that he will fare infinitely better in Cripple Creek than in the Klondike. The careful investor will not touch an Alaska gold mining prospect with the traditional forty-foot pole. If he feels that he must buy gold mining stocks let him seek out a legitimate dividend-paying Colorado or other western mine, whose management is honest and above-board. There are many such. Up to date Alaska has placed few, if any, on the market.

THE COAST DEFENSES.

One-half the number of improved cannon, mortars and emplacements will be located and placed in suitable position ere the expiration of 1898. The artillery board is constantly making practical surveys, so far as these relate to the army, and the establishment of adequate military protection of our sea board, frequently urged upon the government by the chambers of commerce of our maritime cities, is receiving a strong reinforcement from this source. Meanwhile there is a sense of defense from greater physical calamity which no one allied with nervousness or dyspepsia should neglect, and that is the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which by restoring the tone of the nerves and stomach invigorates the entire system. It also remedies and prevents malarial, kidney and rheumatic ailments, and cures biliousness and constipation. It is a capital appetizer, and promotes sound repose. Those who have been cured by it speak in no uncertain tones as to the effectiveness of this celebrated medicine in disease and as a medicinal stimulant.

It is computed that all the houses in London and New York could be built out of the lava thrown out of Vesuvius since the first recorded eruption in 79.

The entering wedge of a fatal complaint is often a slight cold, which a dose or two of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral might have cured at the commencement. Therefore it is advisable to have this prompt and sure remedy always at hand to meet an emergency.

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Purgatorial Pills. The druggist would hardly smile if you asked for "purgatorial pills." There are many of them. But he would probably recommend a pill that did not gripe; a sugar-coated pill, gentle in action, and sure in effect. What are they called? Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

SHIPPING AND MARINE. Illustration of a ship at sea.

MARINE NOTES.

The German ship Bischoff, wheat laden, put to sea yesterday.

The British ship Cyprene, wheat laden, put to sea yesterday.

Tide Table for March, 1898.

Table with columns for DATE, HIGH WATER, and LOW WATER, with sub-columns for A.M. and P.M. times.

VESSELS BOUND TO ASTORIA.

Table listing vessels bound to Astoria, including ship names, agents, and destinations.

LUMBER FLEET. Table listing vessels on the way and in Columbia River to load lumber.

ASTORIA'S GRAIN FLEET 1897. Table with columns for Vessel and Flag, and Wheat (Cbls and Value).

Table with columns for DATE, HIGH WATER, and LOW WATER, with sub-columns for A.M. and P.M. times.

MEDICAL TREATMENT ON TRIAL. To Any Reliable Man. Illustration of a man holding his head in pain.

MANHOOD RESTORED. By using Dr. Pease's Yellow Nerve Pills. Illustration of a man and a woman.

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Cuticura. Face Humors. Illustration of a face with skin issues.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

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