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The Weekly Astorian, the second oldest weekly in the state of Oregon, has next to the Portland Oregonian, the largest weekly circulation in the state.

Mr. Bryan indicated at Atlanta that he approves President McKinley's choice of a consul general at Havana.

If we escape war with Spain, it will be because congress voted \$50,000,000 unconditionally for the national defense.

The largest Klondike mine continues to be the fact that a large stream of gold continues to flow toward Dawson City.

Our two warships purchased from Brazil will come in handy on the reserve line. Their acquisition is another peace argument.

It is a good thing that the journals of Spain are of the opinion that we are preparing for war in earnest. They need not have wasted any time in coming to that conclusion. When the Maine was blown up, and it was suggested that General Lee was not wanted in Cuba, and Spain took a high and mighty tone with us in general, and rushed her ships of war under our nose, we concluded to put the house in order.

Not only should the committee of direction sustain President Kinney in a movement to properly celebrate the finishing of the railroad but every citizen should join heart and hand in giving prominence to the greatest event in the history of Astoria. The golden spike is to be driven, visitors are to be entertained and a good record of the day made for publication in the east of which each and every one may be proud. The beginning of a new era of business prosperity is close at hand, and the importance of the situation cannot be overestimated.

What the O. R. & N. Co. has done for eastern Oregon in developing the wool, beet sugar and stock industries of that section of the state, through the efforts of Industrial Agent Judson, can be accomplished in Clatsop county, in behalf of our native resources, through the same means. Mr. Judson will visit Astoria within a fortnight and the Club wish to arrange to receive and entertain him and discuss with him the needs of this city and county and the best means to be employed to secure successful accomplishment of our aims and purposes. All plans should be well boiled down and ready for presentation. No doubt through the methods pursued by Mr. Judson the successful raising and spinning of flax in Clatsop will become one of our greatest industries. All those who experimented last year in the growing of flax are called upon to continue this season their good work. Doubtless the Foard & Stokes Co., agents for the Stewarts, Listburn, Ireland, greatest spinners of flax in the world, who distributed free last year a ton of the finest seed for planting in Clatsop, will lend their aid this year. One more good test will probably secure the desired result. Unity of action is all that is required.

IT LOOKS LIKE PEACE.

Only two weeks ago the president and cabinet were profoundly impressed with the danger of immediate war with Spain. Neither the president nor any member of the government gave formal expression to his convictions on the subject, but the active preparations so suddenly and unanimously made for war, told the American people much more eloquently than words could express it that national safety and honor were in peril.

Today it looks much more like peace. No formal expression comes from the government, but the war clouds which hung over the administration only a week ago have certainly been largely dissipated, and it can be read in the casual expressions and also in the action of government officials from the president down that they are reasonably hopeful of a peaceful adjustment of all issues with Spain.

Two causes have contributed very largely, if not in a controlling degree, to change the aspect of the strained relations between Spain and the United States. The most impressive argument made to Spain to restrain her headlong tendency toward war, was the united expression of congress without a single

dissenting voice, placing fifty millions at the disposal of the president to be expended in his discretion for the common defense, and it told the story unmistakably of 75,000,000 of people united as one man in support of the government. This has not only profoundly impressed Spain and her people, but it has profoundly impressed every government of the world of the dignity and inherent power of our great republic.

The next strong argument in favor of peace is the now demonstrated inability of Spain to prosecute a great war. Her little war with Cuba, where not 20,000 men could be concentrated on the entire island to meet the Spanish armies in battle, has absolutely exhausted the credit of the Spanish government. Her 4 per cent securities are now selling at little more than half their face value, and it means that the money centers of Europe will not, and cannot, extend the credit of Spain by furnishing her the war loans which would be necessary to sustain war against the United States. Besides the inability of Spain under the most favorable circumstances to maintain the national credit under such a staggering load of debt, the money centers understand that a war with the United States would not only defeat Spain, but would probably overthrow her government and extinguish the last semblance of Spanish credit.

These arguments have been apparently omnipotent in halting war. The Spanish government did not desire war, but the Spanish people, inflamed by factional strife and the lingering hatred of declining Spain for the greatest and steadily growing republic of the world, have been aggressive in demanding war. They believed us entirely unprepared to defend ourselves, but that delusion has perished by the prompt action of our government and the known fact that if war were to come at once, we would greatly outstep Spain in our naval power and drive her from the seas.

In addition to these apparently conclusive arguments against war, the leading nations of Europe are greatly interested in preserving peace. They are influenced not merely for the protection of the large amount of Spanish securities held by their people, but by the general and reasonable apprehension that a war between the United States and Spain might unsettle the peace of Europe and cause general disruption throughout the leading nations of the world.

Altogether the indications today point to peace, and business and monetary circles throughout the country have been greatly tranquillized. We are not entirely beyond the danger of war, but there are today many and very powerful reasons against war which would have been unheard and unfeared a fortnight ago. Let us have peace.

HANDBOOK OF THE TARIFF.

The understanding of the complicated provisions of the new tariff has been greatly simplified by the issuance of this manual, which contains decisions of the federal courts, general appraisers and the secretary of the treasury on most points. To digest the tariff law is no easy task, but to digest the food taken into the gastric receptacle is rendered facile and agreeable by the systematic use of that thorough stomachic, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This is a family medicine of comprehensive use. It prevents and cures malarial, kidney and rheumatic trouble, remedies nervousness and insomnia, and removes constipation and biliousness. Appetite, as well as the ability to satisfy it without subsequent abdominal disturbance, is restored by this fine stomachic, which also accelerates convalescence. Persons in the decline of life and the infirm of every age and sex find it of material assistance.

The largest printing office in the world is in Washington, D. C. It is for printing government documents.

BEATS THE KLONDIKE.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Maricopa, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than gold and silver have been struck in his sea than is now in circulation in the whole world.

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AYER'S Sarsaparilla. Is the original Sarsaparilla, the standard of the world. Others have imitated the remedy. They can't imitate the record: 50 Years of Cures.

SHIPPING AND MARINE. Illustration of a ship at sea.

MARINE NOTES. The tug Relief arrived from the Sound yesterday. The British bark Pass of Leno left for Portland yesterday.

ASTORIA'S GRAIN FLEET. Vessel and Flag, Cils, Value. Includes: Hinchaburn, Br. sh., 47,750, \$8,000; Hinchaburn, Br. sh., 47,750, \$8,000.

Tide Table for March, 1898. DATE, HIGH WATER, LOW WATER. Includes: Wed. 12:26, 9:04; Thu. 12:36, 9:14; Fri. 12:46, 9:24.

VESSELS BOUND TO ASTORIA.

Ben Veitch, Aher, Ger sh, 147 tons, Santa Rosa. Otago, Esk, Swd bk, 970 tons, Hamour. Corway, Clatic, Jones, Br sh, 1391 tons, Vaparasio.

What is Scott's Emulsion?

It is a strengthening food and tonic, remarkable in its flesh-forming properties. It contains Cod-Liver Oil emulsified or partially digested, combined with the well-known and highly prized Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, so that their potency is materially increased.

What Will It Do?

It will arrest loss of flesh and restore to a normal condition the infant, the child and the adult. It will enrich the blood of the anemic; will stop the cough, heal the irritation of the throat and lungs, and cure incipient consumption.

900 DROPS CASTORIA. Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomach and Bowels of INFANTS - CHILDREN.

MANHOOD RESTORED. Before and After. Illustration of a man and a woman. Medical advertisement for a restorative medicine.

Medical Treatment on Trial. To Any Reliable Man. Advertisement for a medical treatment.

CALL FOR REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION. A republican convention for Clatsop county is hereby called to meet at the city hall in the city of Astoria.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY. This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza.

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SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF CHAS. H. FITCHER IS ON THE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA. Advertisement for Castoria.

MANHOOD RESTORED. Advertisement for a restorative medicine.

Medical Treatment on Trial. Advertisement for a medical treatment.

CALL FOR REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION. Advertisement for a republican convention.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY. Advertisement for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. Tickets to all points EAST. For Sale by O. R. & N. Agent, Astoria.

A. & C. R. R. R. TIME CARD. In Effect Oct. 25, 1897. Leave Seattle for Astoria via Flavel at 7:30 a. m. and 3 p. m. daily.

O. R. & N. TO THE EAST GIVES CHOICE OF Transcontinental ROUTES. Great Northern Railway via Spokane, Minneapolis and St. Paul and Chicago.

Lowest Rates to All Eastern Cities. OCEAN STEAMERS. Leave Astoria for San Francisco every four days as follows: State of California, Saturday, February 20th.

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