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What has become of the Clark marine ways and ship-yard offer made the people of Astoria sometime ago? Some say a committee of the Chamber of Commerce is investigating the financial standing of backing of Mr. Clark, but that kind of subterfuge will not do.

The Astorian's offer did not require any investigation as to his solvency or that of any one behind him. Whether he owns a dollar or not need not have made any difference as to the merits of propriety of accepting Mr. Clark's offer.

Suppose he is worthless from a financial standpoint—if he can induce others who have money to establish a \$200,000 industry in Astoria without asking a cent of the \$200,000 subscription wanted from the people of Astoria until that is done, what care we how worthless Clark is or who his backers may turn out to be?

In an international crisis the moral support of an outside nation often has an important influence. The United States, from the time of Washington's inauguration until the present day, has steadfastly adhered to the principle of "friendship for all; entangling alliances with none."

Dr. Osche has invented a new cartridge, the charge of which is acidulated water. This, on decomposition by electricity, gives oxygen and hydrogen, and on ignition of these gases suddenly develops a pressure of 1500 atmospheres.

If a woman is in good health there is no more healthful employment than housework. Generally speaking, there is no happier woman in the world. But how different when every breath is pain, every step torture.

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It is only a woman who can see anything ornamental in a clock that won't go. It is very trying to have one's husband throw dust in your eyes, but you can stand it if it is gold dust.

My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with great relief, and I can recommend it as a splendid liniment for rheumatism and other household use for which we have found it valuable.

While there is so much talk of war and a grave crisis confronts the nation, state politics at fever heat at home, Astorians should not lose sight of internal developments and improvements. The time has come when the city and port at the mouth of the Columbia must stand or fall. To stand it must have 50,000 people in five years' time.

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The proposition for the construction of a seawall, if carried out, will pave the way for the rapid and systematic building up of the city. The completion of the park schemes now in hand by the A. P. C. A. will assure those features which will attract refined people to make their homes here.

The furtherance of manufacturing enterprises by a liberal system of endorsements and co-operation will bring the best class of workmen here, who are a boon to any community. How did San Diego and Tacoma increase their population from less than 10,000 to over 40,000 in less than six years' time and raise the price of business property from \$100 to \$1,500 per front foot?

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CONGRESS AND THE ARMY.

Congress has manifested more anxiety to hurry on a war than to hurry on the needful preparations. It is quite ready to vote money to any amount, but to vote the taxes that must be required to meet the war appropriations is not so easy.

To strengthen the navy by authorizing the purchase of vessels was also quite simple, quite simple, but the navy department has not found it hard to interest congress in details of organization.

In general, however, the navy department has an easy time compared with the war department. The navy is far removed from the popular consciousness, and they are not afraid of it, but they are very jealous of the army.

Even to get men jealous to take care of the guns in the forts on the coast required years of solicitation, and the carefully prepared bill that would make it possible to fill up the army to a fighting standard in case of war has failed to pass the house even in the recent excitement when congressmen were clamoring for an immediate invasion of Cuba.

No doubt an army of volunteers can be organized for a Cuban war, but that will take some time at least, and if this government is to move as quickly and decisively as it is apparently expected to do, it would seem desirable that it have some adequate force ready at command. The occupation of Cuba will not be that perfectly simple and desirable picnic that some people imagine. It would take more than Senator Chandler's "fifteen minutes" if we were thoroughly prepared, and it is going to take a good deal more than that time to get ready.

AN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

It is rumored in official circles that the government contemplates sending an expedition to the Antarctic Circle during the coming year. This, it is said, will comprise a number of navigators, geographers, naturalists and astronomers who will explore that comparatively unknown territory. There can be little doubt that discoveries will be made of the utmost importance to science.

However useful these may be they can never exceed in value from a philanthropic point of view, that of this discovery so fraught with benefit to the human race—Hosetter's Romaine Bitters. This truly estimable medicine, discovered nearly half a century ago, has achieved a reputation for curative and preventive efficacy in cases of malarial disease which has never had a parallel in the history of medicine.

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Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The Remedy with a Record. 50 Years of Cures. Includes an illustration of a sailing ship.

SHIPPING AND MARINE. Includes a list of vessels and their destinations.

MARINE NOTES. The City of Topeka, sails for Alaska Wednesday night. The Japanese bark Tenko Maru put to sea yesterday morning.

Tide Table for April, 1910. Table with columns for DATE, HIGH WATER, LOW WATER, and various astronomical data.

VESSELS BOUND TO ASTORIA. Table listing ship names, destinations, and dates.

LUMBER FLEET. Table listing vessel names, owners, and cargo details.

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Proposals for fresh beef and fresh mutton. Office Chief Commissary, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., April 12, 1898.

Clatsop County Warrants. Notice is hereby given to all parties holding Clatsop county warrants.

Proposals for bridge across Young's Bay. Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received.

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