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The president's call for 50,000 additional volunteers will be answered without the slightest difficulty or delay. The response to the first call was so magnificent and unparalleled as to excite a wave of admiration throughout the entire world. War department records show that more than 70,000 men offered themselves, and the limited number selected resulted in widespread disappointment everywhere in the country. If the government had at that time asked for a million men that number would now be in the ranks of the volunteers. Whole regiments of brawny volunteers who were chagrined because there was no room for them under the first call will now hasten to tender themselves as soon as the enrollment posts are designated. It is understood that no preference will be shown to the national guard organizations this time, and the tens of thousands of willing patriots, not affiliated with any military organization, will thus be afforded the coveted opportunity of serving the government in whatever quarter they may be required.

From all parts of Eastern Oregon the news comes that Mr. Moody will get the votes of his people without regard to party. He is known throughout Wasco and Cook counties, and his business relations with the majority of its people has given him such a standing in their confidence and affection that his vote is expected to be very large. He knows all about the interests of that section, being both a producer and a shipper. His business as a shipper at the Dalles has made him know thoroughly well the needs of an open river. On all these grounds the people of eastern Oregon are supporting him. They prefer to vote for a man who knows their interests and whose own interests are identical with theirs, to voting for a man who only pledges himself to vote for a monetary plan that would probably send the present high prices of their produce continually downward. For the same reasons, the voters of Clatsop county ought also to support him regardless of party. He will be found to be a big enough man to take care of the interests of the whole congressional district.

The volume of money in circulation is the largest in our history, and it yields within 11 cents of the largest per capita circulation on record. On May 1, the total amount of money in circulation in the United States—not counting that in the treasury—was \$1,067,704,42. This was a net increase of \$5,702,757 for the month of April, and of that \$4,908,758 was in gold. The bureau of statistics estimates the population of the United States, on May 1, at 74,255,000. This gives a per capita circulation of \$14.33, which is but 11 cents less than the highest figure it ever reached, in 1882, when the estimated population was only \$12,20,000. Such a per capita circulation for such a large population has never been known in the history of the world's finances. The countries which have a larger per capita and they are very few, indeed—have populations much smaller than ours. Furthermore, over one-third of our money circulation is gold—the exact figure being \$57,085,50. And every dollar, whether of silver or paper, passes current at its gold value, and will buy as much as will gold coin. And yet there are traitorous men in the senate who are laboring to destroy this condition of affairs; to force all our silver and paper down in purchasing power to the billion value of the silver dollar—a little over 40 cents—and force this huge mass of gold coin out of circulation, making it a mere commodity, to be gambled in by speculators.

OUR NEW NAVY.

"Fifteen years ago," said Representative Boutelle, in the debate on the naval appropriation bill the other day, "the Star Spangled Banner was not flying on a single modern ship—war, not one. We had not a modern gun afloat in the navy of the United States. We could not make a ton of armor in this country."

In fifteen years, while we have not done all that we ought to have done in that direction, we have at least accomplished a notable work, for the character of which we have no reason to feel ashamed."

Looking back in the light of the splendid achievement of Dewey in Manila bay, one wonders that any American could ever have been so unpatriotic as to oppose the building of a new and modern navy. Yet those who gave attention to the beginnings of that work, in the closing congress of President Arthur's term, will remember the opposition which the project then encountered. The Arthur administration, however, succeeded in authorizing the building of the gunboat Dolphin, said to be yet one of the best boats of her class in the whole navy; the Boston, which took such a prominent part with Dewey, and the famous Olympia, now having her engines refitted at the Brooklyn navy yard. These ships were the nucleus of the new navy.

It is to the credit of Grover Cleveland that he made Henry C. Whitney secretary of the navy. Mr. Whitney was and is a democrat, but he was never the kind of a democrat we are familiar with in the west. An intelligent and educated man, trained in business methods, he realized that a revolution had come in naval construction; and, more, that the nation which had not a good navy, no matter how strong it might be on land, could never win in warfare with nations possessing modern ships and guns.

He set to work to carry out the plans and projects of his predecessor. The wiregrass and pennyrail obstructionists in congress were estopped from opposition, because it was a "Dimmycrat" administration. So the new navy was well under way by 1882, and the work was intelligently and parsimoniously carried on through the Harrison administration. The second Cleveland administration kept it up, and when Spain's threshing could no longer postpone, we had a good navy, though a small one, to do the work.

Mr. Boutelle, in the speech quoted from above, gave the following interesting resume of the work done and doing in these fifteen years:

In that period the total appropriations for the naval service of the United States is, for the regular expenses of the service and the construction of ships and ordnance, has amounted to \$287,367,340 including the present bill.

During that time we have increased the authorization of vessels of the new navy, including those in the present bill, by 250 tons.

The appropriations for the increase of the navy during that period, including the present bill, have been \$511,127,26.

The increase of the naval force of enlisted men during the fifteen years has been 500 men.

When we come to the increase of the armament of the navy in fifteen years, starting from the condition where we had not a single modern gun afloat, we have put aside and authorized, including the provisions of this present bill, a navy capable of throwing at every full discharge of its guns 122,200 pounds of metal. The number of ships shows a similar proportion. We have built in fifteen years time 145 vessels of all classes.

Of torpedo boats and destroyers there have been 63 authorized.

We did not begin the work too soon. If anything, we postponed it too long—or, perhaps, did not push it fast enough when we did begin. But this war is opening the eyes of the people. It is showing them that in these days a nation must be able to cope with any other on the seas, if it desires to maintain its dignity and honor. And the American navy will be made as powerful as any on earth before we cease work upon it.

MANY CURIOUS INVENTORS

The officials of the patent office say that they have never been so bothered as during the present fiscal year by applicants for patents whose claims upon investigation prove to have neither novelty nor merit, and which are simply crazy quilts, so to speak, constructed from really valuable material that are the products of truly inventive minds, and which have long since been utilized. But among all people who investigate, and are susceptible of conviction by proof, there can be no doubt that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a discovery of sovereign merit, one of the finest tonics and regulators of the stomach, liver and bowels in existence. Nervous subjects, the bilious and rancid, those troubled with inactivity of kidneys and bladder, the aged, delicate, infirm and convalescent find in this medicine of unbound popularity and sustaining power a most reliable auxiliary of health and preventive of disease.

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and spices

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MARINE NOTES.

The Mansanita left up for Portland yesterday morning.

The steamer Harrison, from Tillamook, arrived in yesterday.

The British ship Loudon Hill, 298 tons, Captain Cruikshank, 7 days from Royal Roads, in ballast, arrived in yesterday in tow of the tug Wanderer.

Tide Table for May, 1898.

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Mon.	8:57:06	9:24:09	2:56:07	2:51:23
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