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

Once or twice for about a year the Evening Telegram has revived the ghost story about the O. R. & N. being absorbed by the U. P., and now, in its issue of Tuesday, it says it has more evidence of the truth of the story. Strange that with all of the "absorbing" the O. R. & N. does not seem to absorb.

TIRESON FINANCIAL CRANKS.

The labors of the United States senate, in making provision to meet the expenses of the war, are becoming tiresome to the country. As a rule, senators who were hottest and most hasty for war, are profoundly moved to wearisome speech-making against all measures that have the stamp of the common sense of human experience upon them. Such sentiments as are spread out thick and thin in the senate, largely prevail in the house, but there are ways and means of cutting short harangues. If it were not for this mercy there would be but one consolation, and that is no business at all could be done. It would astonish the majority of our professional currency reformers, who think the country has been captivated by a few phrases much repeated at the money centers, to make a study for a few days of the Congressional Record. They would find masses of speeches made in supposed reference to the needs of the country that has entered upon war, to do something toward paying the current expenses, and they contain voluminously every rank and ridiculous invention of cranks that has been spouted from the stump ever since the days when an important class of our statesmen presumed and proclaimed, that the debt of the United States that became colossal during the great civil war, could and should be extinguished by the unlimited use of the printing press. Substantially the most strenuous urgency of a system of finance upon the people of the United States since the union was re-established by the force of arms has been, that we should adopt the Confederate policy. A great number of our fellow citizens do not seem to be clear in their minds why the debt of the United States for war bills of expenses should not have been paid and wiped out just as the Confederate obligations were disposed of. It is curious that since the Confederates are again decidedly our countrymen they should not unanimously reject the idea that swamped the Confederacy in cheap money. Many of them, however, would like to try their recipe that succeeded so well in a part of the country for wiping out debts upon the whole of it. There is not one of the old fanatic heresies of finance that have sortered out of the soil of ignorance like ragweed in a barnyard, that isn't being flaunted here now; and yet everybody is a professor of "immediate and adequate measures" to pay for the war while it is on, as largely as it can be done, with an intelligent regard for the general welfare.

THE OREGON'S GREAT VICTORY.

Chicago Times-Herald.

The remarkable trip of the battleship Oregon from San Francisco to Sand Key, Fla., is acknowledged by naval authorities to be without parallel in the history of the modern steam navies of the world. As a feat of maritime prowess and successful naval engineering it will rank as one of the notable events of our sun-conquest with Spain.

This record-breaking voyage covered a total of 17,600 miles in 31 days, without accident or mishap, making it the longest trip ever made by a modern battle ship. The continuous run without a single stop of 1500 knots, from San Francisco to Callao, is the most remarkable feature of the voyage, never equaled by any other battle ship. The nearest approach to this record is said to be the run of a British flagship from England to China, a distance of 2,600 miles. Whatever long-distance may be claimed by the European navies, however, it is not possible that any battleship of the first class, of equal tonnage with the Oregon, ever covered a distance of 2,600 knots at an average speed of thirteen knots, which is

a part of the Oregon's phenomenal record.

Captain Charles E. Clark, commander of the Oregon, has set a pace for the maritime record-breakers that will probably stand unchallenged for a good many years. The achievement is notable not only from an engineering standpoint, but as a proof of the superior excellence in naval construction and of superior equipment and training of American naval commanders and seamen.

The nation is proud of the Oregon, its commander and its gallant crew.

TO HELP THE FARMERS.

The work of the O. R. & N. Co. in aid of the development of the farming industries throughout the state is meeting with success. Already a number of conventions, fruitful of good results, have been held in Eastern Oregon, and soon ones will be held in Astoria. In carrying out these plans the company not only augments, but it employs an expert scientist, Mr. Judson, under whose direction several experimental farms are being carried on to test the best grasses and grains to be grown in this climate. Already seed has been planted in Clatsop with a view to ascertain the best butter making grass suited to this particular locality, where peculiar conditions exist. The following from Tuesday's Oregonian shows some of the results of the Walla Walla experimental farms:

Industrial Agent Johnson of the O. R. & N., yesterday returned from a trip to the experimental stations of the railroad company in the Island Empire. At the Walla Walla farm he found everything in the finest possible condition. Of the more than 250 varieties of grains and grasses sown there, only four or five have failed to germinate.

At the Smead fruit farm, at Blalock, where the O. R. & N. is conducting experiments in fruits and many irrigated plants, Mr. Judson set out 250 of the same kinds of tobacco plants that he transplanted at Walla Walla. They were grown at the same place and had reached the same stage—three leaves to each plant—and the results at harvest time are expected to determine which locality is the better for tobacco culture. Ten thousand more tobacco plants will be set out at Blalock.

This is considered remarkable, in view of the fact that the seeds came from nearly all lands under the sun. Mr. Judson took 25 trays of young tobacco plants from the Belgian gardener at Pendleton, who had been entrusted with the work of growing them in the transplanting stage, and set them in the field at the Walla Walla station, thus finishing all planting at that farm. There were 418 plants in the lot, of three varieties—Comstock's Spanish leaf, Sumatra and Havana.

At the Smead fruit farm, everything promises the best results. President C. R. Smead is putting in a three-section evaporating plant, having 800 trays and a capacity for handling 15,000 pounds of green fruit daily. The drying room is 16x20, and workroom 25x50 feet. It will be a model of its kind when completed, which will be within 30 days. It may be ready for work in about two weeks.

Mr. Judson reports crop prospects throughout the Island Empire as of the very best. There was a big yield last year, but on all hands this season a still larger yield is promised, and the chances of injury are growing slimmer every day. "I never saw such crops out of doors," said Mr. Judson, "and I am told they have not been surpassed at this time of the year, even in this favored land."

LE CHANT DE LA VICTOIRE.

Yankee Dewey went to sea, Sailing in a cruiser, He took along for company, Men and guns, a few, sir. Yankee Dewey, ha, ha, ha! Dewey, you're a dandy, With men and guns and cruisers, too. You're certainly quite handy.

He sailed away to the Philippines, With orders for to snatch them, And thrash the Spaniards right and left, Whenever he could catch them.

And Yankee Dewey did it, too. He did it so complete, sir. That not a blooming ship is left Of all that Spanish fleet, sir.

Trade Winds, Ritchie, Br. sh. 2722, San Francisco.

Mooran, Kelk, Br. sh. 165 tons, Yokohama.

Broderick Castle, Ferguson, Br. sh. 165, Shanghai.

Edenford, Jones, Br. sh. 181 tons, San Francisco.

Thalassa, Hellmige, Ger. br. 125 tons, Hamburg.

Colbert, Lorgau, Fr. br. 125 tons, Table Bay.

Penrhyn Castle, Davies, Br. br. 130 tons, San Francisco.

Invercald, Jackson, Br. br. 130 tons, San Francisco.

Yolo, Panniculic, Br. sh. 167 tons, Hong Kong.

Christine, Warnecke, Ger. br. 190 tons, Hong Kong.

Laurébank, Lindsay, Br. br. 227 tons, Shanghai.

Windshurst, Haase, Ger. br. 123 tons, Yokohama.

JURY TRIALS.

The outcome of murder trials all over the land at present evinces clearly enough the unwillingness of petit juries to find criminals, indicted by a grand jury, guilty of the worst offense against the law and society, namely, premeditated murder, and the reluctance of judges to pronounce the extreme penalty. But there is no escaping the penalties which nature exacts for disregard of or deliberate violation of her laws. Dyspepsia, born of imprudence in eating and drinking, rheumatism caused by needless exposure in inclement weather, dangerous organic troubles resulting from unchecked inactivity of the kidneys, and all the formidable outbreaks of so called minor ailments and their neglect, are curable with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, also a competent head-covering for either sex, and may be secured by using Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer.

The short cut to success with Sculling's Best

tea coffee baking powder flavoring extracts and spices

is to money-back them.

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AND SHIPPING MARINE



MARINE NOTES.

The Columbia crossed out yesterday for San Francisco.

The British ship Glenbank will leave up for Portland today.

The British ship Glenard, Captain Turner, 158 tons, 11 days from San Francisco, arrived in yesterday.

The State arrived in yesterday from San Francisco and discharged fruit and vegetables for local merchants before proceeding up.

The Yukon dredger Lavelle Young, lying at the O. R. & N. dock, will be taken north the next day of the Alton, due today.

The shirt waist country are doing a rushing business.

Sick headache absolutely and permanently cured by using Makai Tea. A pleasant herb drink. Cures constipation and indigestion, makes you eat, sleep, work and happy. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back. 25 cts. and 50 cts. For sale by Estes-Corn Drug Co.

The exaggerated politeness of some men is a positive insult.

Dyspepsia can be cured by using Akers' Acidic Tablets. One little tablet will give immediate relief or money refunded. Sold in hand-size boxes at 25 cts. For sale by Estes-Corn Drug Co.

Last year's modeling straw hat is now trying to pose as new.

Experience is the best teacher. Use Akers' Acidic remedy in any case of coughs, colds or fevers. Should it fail to give immediate relief money refunded. Sold in boxes at 25 cts. and 50 cts. For sale by Estes-Corn Drug Co.

The woman who is never this regards a change of work as pastime.

That the blood should perform its vital functions, it is absolutely necessary. It should not only be pure but rich in life-giving elements. These results are best effected by the use of well-known standard blood purifier. Ayera Saraparilla.

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