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FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

GREAT WARSHIP OREGON.

She Will Probably Be Presented With a Silver Service.

Mayor Mason, of Portland, and Mayor Crosby, of Astoria, were the only members of the committee appointed for that duty who waited upon Governor Penney at his residence, to confer with his excellency with regard to the programme for visiting San Francisco on the day of the launch of the battle-ship Oregon, and also to consult with him with reference to the character of the testimonial to be presented to the vessel.

During the interview, Governor Penney expressed his disinclination to have anything to do with these matters, as he believed them to be solely the prerogatives of the various municipalities of the state. He added that the legislature was not vested with power to make an appropriation for such purpose.

His excellency further remarked that he did not approve of wasting so much money in the construction of a navy, as he did not believe that the country would ever need it. Finally, he remarked that if Oregon really desired to present the ship with a testimonial, nothing would be more appropriate than a silver service, especially now that silver was so cheap.

The local authorities now have the subject in hand, and a committee of five was appointed, consisting of Mayor Mason, M. C. Crosby, J. H. D. Gray, James Cook and R. B. Knapp, to make an appeal to the citizens of this commonwealth for contributions to the proposed testimonial which is to be presented to the ship upon her arrival at this port next May or June.

The next meeting of this committee will be subject to the call of Chairman Mason.

The mayor of this city has received a handsome steel plate engraved invitation from the Union iron works, bearing a finely executed picture of the Oregon, and the names of Miss Daisy Ainsworth and Miss Eugenia Shelby, who will be conspicuous figures at the launch which will take place at 10:30 o'clock October 26.—Telegram.

Accurately Informed.

"I have been told," said Mr. Dubois watching the steam hammer in the rolling mill, "that a good hammerman can break the crystal of a watch with that 30 ton hammer," says Tib Bits.

"Yes," said the hammerman, "it can be done."

"I should like to see it," said Mr. Dubois eagerly, feeling in his watch pocket.

"I can do it, sir," replied the man.

"And will you?" replied Mr.

Dubois drawing out his watch. "Come, I am anxious to see it tried."

He laid his watch on the great anvil plate. The hammer rose to its full height, and the next instant all its ponderous weight, with a crushing force which shook the ground for acre round, came down on the watch.

"There sir," said the man, "it you don't believe that crystal is broken, just step down and you can see it sticking on the hammer."

Mr. Dubois swallowed a whole mouthful of lumps and gasped before he could speak.

"But I forgot to say," he exclaimed, "that it was to break the crystal without injuring the watch."

"Oh, yes," said the hammerman, "Yes I know. I have heard, that rubbish myself."

FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Oct. 3.—The Star says: "The President has made a radical change in the matter of Federal appointments. He proposes hereafter to accept the recommendations made by the heads of departments to which the appointments relate instead of undertaking to pass personally on the merits of the applicant's individual case and making the selection himself. He pursued this latter course during his first administration and undertook to continue it is this, but pressure upon him for office has become so great that he has finally been compelled in the interest of his health to abandon the task, and to divide the work of filling the office among his eight assistants in the Cabinet.

In this he adopts the policy of President Harrison and nearly all his predecessors in the White House who quickly realized the hopelessness of passing personally on the many thousand appointments at their disposal. Senators and Representatives in Congress and politicians generally have been informed of the new order of things, and now, instead of making personal appeals to the President they direct their best energies to securing the indorsement of the members of the Cabinet having jurisdiction in the matter. This plan divides the work among eight men and gives the President more time to devote to the consideration of the general business of the government. Although it adds to the official burden of the Cabinet Minister it is said to be a responsibility they are perfectly willing to assume.—The Republic.

Henry Rice, an aged negro who resides, or did not more than a year ago, at Rolla, this State, makes what is probably the most remarkable claim that ever came from mouth of a human being, viz: That he has sold his soul to the devil and that his satanic majesty sealed the bargain by putting his trade-mark on the negro's breast. In support of this preposterous statement Rice exhibits a deep scar, situated directly

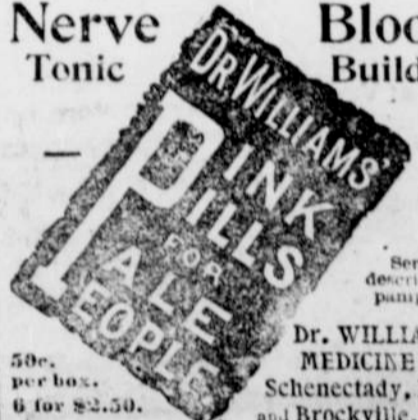
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over the heart, which appears to have burned deep into the flesh with branding iron about the shape of a 2 year old heifer. This scar the negro declares is the print or mark of the devil's hoof, and that is a memorial of a compact which he made with the King of the sulphurous regions away back in slavery days. According to the terms of the contract the negro is to have supernatural powers over his race during the few fleeting days that he remain a tenant on earth, and that when all is over his soul is to go not to God who gave it, but to the devil who has marked it as his own. When Rice and the devil had settled on the conditions outlined above the lessee of the negro's soul placed his cloven hoof over the heart of the wicked African and left the indelible impress as evidence of his future proprietary right

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