

A LETTER FROM AN OREGON BOY WRITING while aboard the Battleship Oregon on their recent trip to the Atlantic.

"On the 1st, we crossed the Equator. The Oregon is the first American battleship to cross the Equator. Every one who has not previously crossed the line had to be shaved. For two days before we reached the Equator the men who had crossed the line before were preparing to initiate those who had not. The night before we reached the line, Neptune's messenger came aboard, and brought the following message: "Captain of U. S. S. Oregon—I will visit your ship to-morrow. Respectfully yours,

Neptunes Rex.

At eleven o'clock next day, all hands were called aft and lined up. At a signal, Neptune, Mrs. Neptune and their court came aft, also the policemen, dressed in the suits of a defunct minstrel troupe and armed with clubs made of canvas and stuffed with the contents of an old mattress. Then came King Neptune, and his bride. He had long hair and whiskers, made of rope, and she was represented by a "Blue Jacket" dressed in a Mother Hubbard. The captain made a speech and turned the ship over to them. Neptune replied by complimenting him on being the commander of so fine a ship and crew.

The bridge of the Oregon is fifteen feet above deck, and a big canvas bag was stretched from the bridge and four feet of water run into it. A smooth chute of plained boards was rigged so the lower end of it came within three feet of the water, and the end rested on the bridge and was greased so it was slick as ice. On the bridge was the barber's chair, where two fellows presided, one armed with a bucket of molasses and flour, and the other with a big wooden razor stained with blood.

The first victim was the captain, but he paid a fine and so escaped, as did all the other officers. The victim was placed in the chair, and his face liberally lathered with the mixture. He was then asked his name, or some other question, and as he opened his mouth to reply, it was filled with dough. The barber then shaved the molasses off, the chair was given a sudden tilt, and he slid down the chute like lightning. At the bottom a bug-bear was waiting, and as I came sliding down, he caught my ankle and by a sudden twist landed me on my back in the water, and four other bears fell on me and held me under. When they thought I had enough, they towed me across the tank and a big fellow hauled me out. I was told to wash my face, and as I turned to do so I was thrown in again and subjected to the same operation. When I tried to wade out, a hose was played on my face and blinded me so I could not get out. I had seen about a hundred men served the same trick, but I was so dazed that I did it before I thought. From eleven to one o'clock the ship belonged to Neptune, and his crowd. By that time every one had been shaved, and each man received his certificate from Neptune, and then he bid us farewell, and departed. The certificates are to prevent anyone from shaving you again in case you should cross the line with strangers. I never saw anything that I enjoyed so much as I did seeing others initiated.

We made 4,436 miles in 16 days, which is good time for a vessel of this size. We are anchored over the old city of Lima, which was sunk by an earthquake, and about a mile away is the island that came up when the city sank.

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"A few weeks later I woke up one night with a fearful pain in my head. I tried different remedies, but could not get rid of the awful pain. I managed to pull through, however, till morning when the doctor was sent for. He said it was another attack of the trouble and I was apt to have a serious time of it. His prophecy proved true. I suffered severely from this disease for many weeks. The pains often came in the night and were so severe that it was impossible to sleep.

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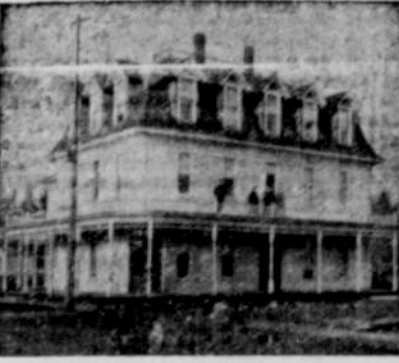
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