

OLD OREGON TO BE DISMANTLED

Battleship Which Helped Annihilate Spanish Fleet, Is Doomed

San Francisco, May 17.—"Good bye dear old Oregon," was the sentiment voiced by hundreds of men, women and children during the last week of the Victory Liberty Loan campaign, when they visited the famous old battleship for the last time, as she lay at anchor in San Francisco bay.

A few weeks after the sinking of the battleship Maine, at Havana, the Oregon was in San Francisco harbor, when there flashed across the continent, on March 12, 1898, from the Navy Department to the Oregon's commander, an order to proceed to Callao (Peru), as soon as possible.

On March 17, Captain Charles E. Clark assumed command, and two days later began the celebrated trip around the "Horn."

Captain Clark was not advised that he had been declared against Spain until his arrival at Rio Janeiro, April 20. Great concern was felt in the United States for the lonely Oregon, as the whereabouts of the Spanish fleet, under Admiral Cervera, which had just left the Cape Verde Islands, was unknown.

The Nation breathed a sigh of relief, when word was received that the Oregon had arrived safely at Jupiter Inlet, Fla., May 24, after a trip of 14,000 miles in 65 days.

A few days later she joined Admiral Sampson's fleet off Santiago, Cuba, and she participated in the great battle of Sunday, July 3, 1898, when Cervera's fleet was annihilated.

Subsequently the Oregon steamed from New York to Manila, where she was on duty during the American operations in the Philippines.

Of late years she has been used for a training school for young sailors and has been the feature of many celebrations and other events.

She was built at the Union Iron Works, at San Francisco, in 1896, and carried a complement of 32 officers and 671 men. Her displacement was 10,288 tons.

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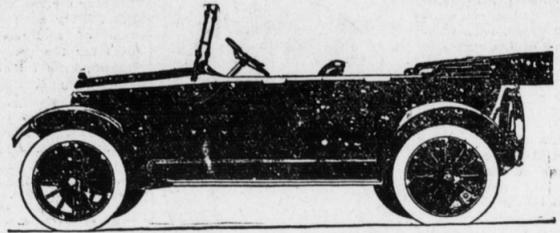
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French Women Take First Move Toward Securing Suffrage

Paris, May 17. — Women in France hitherto been slow to make any move in politics, but a movement on their part in favor of the vote has taken recently a great step forward as shown by a manifesto placarded on the walls of Paris. The document sets out the claims of women to the right to vote and adds: "Women vote in Great Britain, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Germany, Austria, Poland, Bohemia, the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand."

The manifesto is signed by the National Council of French Women, the French League for the rights of women, the Society for the Improvement of the Condition of Women, the So-

cietly for the Rights of Mankind, the Fraternal Union of Women, and the French Women's Suffrage Union.

Middletown Teacher Is Injured Punishing Pupil

Mrs. S. E. Parfitt, teacher in the grammar school building, is confined to her bed, at the home of Miss Jean McClure, Emaus street, from a badly injured ankle, the results of punishing Leonard Wall, who had disobeyed her. He tried to get away and in doing so, Mrs. Parfitt was dragged down the steps, in the scuffle, her heels caught and were pulled from her shoes. A blood vessel burst in her ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Colquhoun, of E. Emaus street have returned from an automobile trip to Philadelphia, Boston and the White Mountains.

The Independent Baseball team of town will hold an ice cream and cake social, and jitney dance this evening, at the Luna Rink. Good music and lots of sport.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brandt, who spent the past several days in town, returned to their home at Altoona. The Middletown Praying Band will meet at the home of Mrs. George Rehrer, Pike street, this evening.

Jacob Augst has returned home from Oberlin, where he was called on account of the death, and funeral of his cousin, the late Mrs. Louise Shakespeare.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Banks have returned home from a several days visit to Chambersburg.

Brownstone Castle, No. 456, Knights of Golden Eagle, will attend divine services in the Presbyterian Church, Sunday morning, at 11 A. M., when the Rev. T. C. McCarrell, will preach a special sermon to them, taking for his subject, "A Man Of Valor." Special music will be rendered by the choir.

Edward Meinslar, of town, and Miss Sadie Martin, of Elizabethtown, were united in marriage at Hazers-town, Md., on Wednesday, May 14. They will reside at the home of the grooms' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meinslar, South Wood street.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church will hold special services at their meeting, 6.30, Sunday evening, in honor of the thirtieth anniversary.

The J. T. K. Club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Raymond Gilbert, North Catherine street, last evening, and after the business of the evening was transacted, a social hour was spent. Refreshments served to Miss Verona Keifer, Miss Agnes Markley, Miss Ruth McNair, Miss Erma Breneman, Miss Martha Swartz, Miss Romaine Kinnard, Mrs. C. Loyd Lindemuth, Mrs. Roy Meckley.

Mrs. H. S. Barrow of Macon, Ga., is spending some time at the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Carpenter, of Rife's Extension.

H. S. Roth and J. J. Landis have returned from a few days at Philadelphia, where they received treatment for their eyes.

Mrs. Wesley Raymond has returned to her home at Philadelphia, after her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Weller, for the past ten days.

NEVER VOTED Springfield, Ill.—John Lamun, aged 96, is an eccentric. Here's what he will and will not do. Has never voted and says he never will. Will eat nothing that ever beathed life. Keeps his clock three hours ahead of standard time. Will make no statement under oath. Insists the correct way to spell his name is "Lamun" instead of "Lemon," as relatives claim is proper.

Because of his eccentricities, relatives attempted to have a conservator appointed for him. But County Probate Judge Jenkins ruled it unnecessary.

A son of Lamun's said his father has been doing things according to customs of 1868. When a great change in his life began. In that year, the so-called group of religious fanatics converted his father.

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ARE INTERESTED IN PORTO RICO

Congressmen Return Home From a Visit to the Island

San Juan, Porto Rico, May 17. — That Congress is to take a greater interest in Porto Rico as a result of the visit of nineteen representatives who have just returned to the States after spending a week here, is the impression created here by the representatives themselves and by the statement of Representative Townier, of Iowa, chairman of the Committee on Insular Affairs in the House, that a committee for Congress should visit the island every two years.

The visit just concluded was in no way an official one, the representatives having been invited here as the guests of the Insular Legislature through Resident Commissioner Cordova Davila. Their presence here was taken advantage of by representatives of all interests of the island to present statements and two days were given over to public hearings.

The representatives of the Unionist party, the majority party of the island, urged Porto Rico's independence ultimately as the attainment of their ideal but the visitors from Washington were not impressed with

the idea that separation from the United States represented the real desire of the people of the island.

Corset Is Underwear and Subject to Tax

It's all settled! Corsets are underwear. So are camisoles, "teddies," union suits, bloomers, etc., and so forth and so on.

For weeks experts of the Internal Revenue Bureau have pondered definition of underwear and other articles subject to the so-called luxury taxes, which went into effect, May 1, in preparation for returns governing administration of the tax.

Arguments were made on one side and the other, seeking to show that certain articles were not underwear, but something else. Finally the ex-

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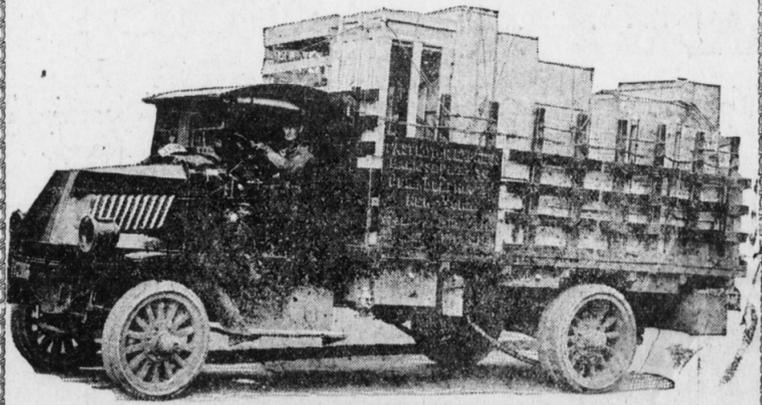
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