



The Battle-Ship Oregon as She Appeared by Moonlight When Being Towed Into the Drydock at Hunters Point Last Night. The Operation Was an Extremely Delicate One, the Available Opportunity of High Tide Being Scant, and There Being Only About Six Inches Leeway on Either Side of the Costly Vessel. Had She "Jammed" in Transit Experts Say a Loss of Millions Would Have Resulted. The Docking Was Cleverly Effected.

## THE DRYDOCKING OF THE OREGON.

How the Great Battle-Ship Was Handled at Hunters Point.

CAPT. HARVEY'S SKILL.

Went In on the Instant of Slack Water at Extreme High Tide.

ONLY A FEW INCHES FREE.

The Tugs Monarch and Hercules Pushed the Mammoth Hull Safely Through the Gates.

With two redstack tugs, the Monarch and Hercules, to work her along, the big battle-ship Oregon last night slipped into Hunters Point stone drydock and the falling tide grounded her gently in the docks.

It was a ticklish bit of work, for if the ebb had caught her on the dock sill her steel back would have broken like a pipe-stem. The tide in that locality, when it reaches its highest point, does not stand the usual sixty or seventy minutes, but

immediately begins its overflow, and should that great mass of 10,000 tons dead weight have come down on an insecure bed, beams and plates which fit to each other with the nicety of a watch's make-up would have been ruined beyond repair. With only a few inches to spare on each side of the bilges and under the keel the greatest care must be exercised regarding depth of water and the momentum of the great mass as it is moved toward the dock gates.

The stone basin is 500 feet long, 115 feet wide at the top and 60 feet at the bottom, while the Oregon is 69 feet 3 inches in beam and as she stands draws about 23 feet of water. It was calculated that there would be almost 27 feet of water at high tide in the dock.

At 10 o'clock the Oregon, silent, white and ghostly in the bright moonlight, arrived off Hunters Point. Under her quarter were the two tugs holding her tightly against the still flooding tide. Ahead of the majestic craft were the tugs Redmond and Rockaway standing motionless in the smooth water. The big caisson had been removed, leaving a clear roadway into the dock, and everything was ready for the rush in when the water was at rest. On the pier-head the dock superintendent was watching intently the passing current and from time to time testing its flow by throwing chips out into the stream.

A large number of people came down to see the battle-ship come in to the dock that was a few sizes too small for her.

Captain George Harvey of the Merchants' Tug Company stood on the forward turret over the two monster 13-inch rifles and directed the two tugs. From time to time could be heard his shrill whistle as he jockeyed his great team for the start.

Superintendent Dickie of the Union Iron Works was stationed in the extreme forward part of the bow waiting for the vessel to cease their drift. The other tugs took their places between the dock and ship.

Presently the floating bits of wood thrown in the water stood stationary and Captain Harvey whistled "go ahead."

The stern of the battle-ship had swung toward the south, and Captain Shaw of the Redmond was directed to push the craft back into position.

The Redmond pressed her nose against the Hercules, which was on that side of the ship, and though she made the beams of her sister tug groan, her strong engine slowly jammed the Oregon around until the snield on her stem faced the dock. Then the procession drew slowly in toward the gate.

Different currents threw her first one way then the other, but the tugs backing, stopping and going ahead kept her pointing ever toward the center of the basin and soon her forefoot was in the threshold.

Would she go in? was the question each one asked himself. The men on shore watched the tide-gauge and those on the battle-ship watched her course.

As she drew in, so accurately had she been navigated that her smooth white flanks never touched the temporary wooden fenders, though there was only about five or six inches to spare on each side.

As the space became too narrow for their entrance with the Oregon, the Her-

cules and Monarch let go, and the splendid battle-ship glided majestically into the basin, and the gate was closed behind her.

To-day the great pumps will draw the water from under her and she will settle down on the blocks which will be adjusted to a nicety to catch her ponderous weight.

Then she will be cleaned and prepared for her trial trip and will prove her metal in speed. The test of the great thirteen-inch guns and their sisters will come only when war sends them barking over the deep.

### ABORIGINAL VALUATION.

A String of Shells Buys Either a Woman or a Hog in Australasia.

"This," said Dr. J. Simms to Charles P. Wilcomb, custodian of Golden Gate Park Museum, one day last week, as he held up a string of odd-shaped shells and coconut shell ground smooth, and about four feet long, "is aboriginal money, and in Australasia will purchase either a wife or a hog—that is, both are of equal value."

Dr. Simms, who made this extraordinary statement, was at one time a resident of this City and well known as a physiologist, but now his permanent home is in New York. He has traveled three times around the world and is a collector of curios and a student of all that is odd in people and things. He spent three years in Australasia, and while there secured many oddities, a portion of which he has donated to the museum. The string of money is one of these.

Miss Oxnard has donated two very odd silver dresspins used by the women of Algeria.

John Sarnoy of this City has presented a letter dated Philadelphia, December 15, 1796, and written by Robert Morris, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and also two documents granting vessels the right to enter certain ports. One is signed by Thomas Jefferson as President and James Madison as Secretary of State, and the other by James Monroe as President and John Quincy Adams as Secretary of State.

The granite base on which will rest the bust of General Grant is being put in place near the museum. A granite base is also being placed under the statues of Leonidas which, as the inscription asserts, "Marks the spot where the first shovelful of earth was turned for the Midwinter Fair."

There was some disappointment experienced by visitors to the park because there was no music, and many who were thus disappointed went to the ocean beach. There they found music, athletic feats by Japanese and swimming contests for prizes.

There was a great crowd at the Haight-street grounds to watch Miss Essie Viola make a balloon ascension attired in bloomer costume. The young lady made a very pretty ascent, moving eastward, and coming down by parachute on one of the streets near the end of the panhandle of the park.

This was her fourth ascent from these grounds and each was successful. Miss Leona Adair, her sister, will take a trip toward the clouds next Sunday.

Mayor Sutro was at his home in Sutro Heights. He will start on his vacation this week, but where he is going none will tell, but it is known that he has packed a number of articles he will send to his ranch near Calistoga, but he may switch off and go to Washington.

Dew will not form on some colors. While a yellow board will be covered with dew, a red or a black one beside it will be perfectly dry.

## BARON DE HIRSCH'S NAME

The Independent Order of B'nai B'rith Will Hold a Memorial Service.

HE STOOD FOR HUMANITY.

An Invitation Extended to the Clergy of All Denominations to Participate in It.

The American flag floated at half-mast yesterday over the B'nai B'rith building and over the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in respect to the memory of the late Baron de Hirsch, whose death was announced in THE CALL a few days since.

Yesterday morning the general committee of the Grand Lodge Independent Order B'nai B'rith held a meeting in the grand secretary's office for the purpose of taking preliminary steps in the matter of holding a memorial service. There were present E. I. Wolfe, grand president; M. P. Stein, first vice-grand president; Edward Bare, second vice-president; B. Harris, grand treasurer; Jacob Levinson, grand secretary; M. Marcuse, Simon Hochstadter, Louis Cohn and Abram Jones, past grand presidents.

After some discussion it was decided that there should be a memorial service; that there should be an address by the grand president, E. I. Wolfe; an oration by Edmund Tansky, grand orator; addresses by clergymen of different denominations and music by a choir to be selected from among the singers in the different churches of this City. It was also decided that there should be a service in this City in which all the lodges of the order shall take part and that the lodges in the interior shall hold services in their respective localities.

The following preamble presented by Grand President Wolfe was adopted and a copy ordered sent to each lodge:

WHEREAS, In the death of Baron Maurice von Hirsch the entire Jewish community of the whole civilized world has suffered an irreparable loss, and in order that proper expression may be given of our feelings, and as a token of respect to the memory of the departed, be it

Resolved, That District Grand Lodge No. 4, Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, representing as it does the Jewish community of the Pacific Coast, do invite all the lodges in the City of San Francisco to meet in B'nai B'rith Hall, 121 Eddy street, on Thursday, May 21, at 8 p. m., to participate in memorial service in honor of our distinguished colleague.

Resolved, That the president of each lodge in San Francisco be invited to meet with the general committee in the office of its secretary at 10 a. m. on Sunday, May 3, 1896, to make suitable arrangements.

Resolved, That the grand secretary communicate with all the lodges outside of the City, asking them to set aside May 21 for the purpose of holding memorial services in the cities in which they are located or on some date as near to that as possible.

Resolved, That the clergy of all denomina-

tions be invited to participate with us at the demonstration, as the beneficence and charitable spirit of the honored dead knew no limitation of nation or creed, but showed his belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Before adjournment the committee appointed Louis Cohn of Occidental Lodge a grand trustee in place of Benjamin Harris, chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Julius Platzeck.

### BISHOP DUBS.

He Preached a Sermon in Grace Methodist Episcopal Church on the Testimony of Christ.

Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, at Twenty-first and Capp streets, was filled to its utmost last evening by a congregation assembled to listen to a sermon by Bishop R. Dubs, D. D., of the United Evangelical Church.

The Bishop is a man of medium height, inclined to stoutness, and has a pleasant, intelligent face. His hair and beard are almost white. He is a forcible and eloquent speaker.

His sermon, which was listened to with profound attention, was on the testimony of Christ. He told of the great truths that are advanced by the teachers who are working in the cause of Christ and whose mission is to teach that there is salvation for those who lead a good Christian life.

He dwelt at some length upon the class that expresses itself against a belief in Christ and in a hereafter, and by a number of well-told anecdotes proved that while there is no danger they continue to maintain the views they express, in times of danger they retract and call upon Christ to save them. He also spoke of the various methods of worship, and said that no matter what the form is the finger of each points to Calvary.

The Bishop, who has been forty-one years in the ministry, has made a flying visit to this City. He arrived here on Friday and left for Chicago, his home, this morning.

### NO DRIFTING INTO HEAVEN.

Man Must Be Judged by the Works of His Earthly Life.

The pulpit of the Howard Presbyterian Church was occupied by the Rev. Dr. J. Cumming Smith at the evening service. In his discourse the speaker impressed upon his hearers his abiding faith in the inspiration of the word of God as revealed through the agency of man.

All of the inspired writings bore on their faces the imprint of truth and the divinity of Jesus Christ. And the man who does not accept the word of God as laid down in Holy Writ will have a hard time to get into heaven.

"No man," he said, "can drift into the kingdom of God by chance or strategy. He must go there as a man and upon the record of his life. A sudden change of heart at the hour of death will not be sufficient. Man is the same being when about to die that he was in the prime of health, and if he does not receive the spirit of God and the teachings of Christ during his lifetime a fear of death accompanied by a sudden conversion will not do to take chances upon of drifting into heaven under the pretense of not knowing better."

"A man to be a good Christian must be frank, manly and straightforward. Christ possessed all of these manly qualities when on earth, and in his dealings with his fellow-men, and so must his followers now do likewise."

### The Trap Shooters.

The Alta Gun Club held its opening inanimate target shoot of the season yesterday at the Seven Mile House. In the principal match the conditions were 25 blue rocks, known traps, unknown angles. The annexed scores were made: L. Holden 17, Jos. Dwyer 15, P. Sweeney 13, J. Noonan 16, J. J. Noonan 16, E. Dwyer 14, F. Walpert 13, Ben Sulken 10, D. Wilson 4, T. Downey 5.

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