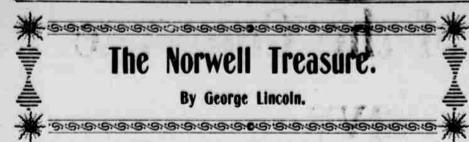
THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1898.



Why, it's absolutely absurd, Mr. Barrie, father, but now she realized that she loved and you ought to be ashamed even to listen John Sprague more, and as she realized it, to such a suggestion. Can't you see that her eyes told the story.

if she had the book it must be in the house Barbara had stolen from the room, and somewhere? She has had no opportunity to they were alone. John finished with: "And dispose of it." that's why I have little to say to you, Miss Robert Barrie, Scotchman, had tried hard Barrie.'

"''Miss Barrie!' Ah, no, John, not that: to keep his temper through the interview with young Sprague for many reasons. One I-" and she blushed and hesitated. of them was his suspicion that Sprague don't agree with father, John."

book," said John.

loved his daughter Marion, the very apple of his eye. Another was respect for Sprague himself, and perhaps the strongest of all his with father.' boast that he never let his temper master

This occasion, however, was too much, To be told by a young "whupper-snapper" that he ought to be ashamed of anything was not to be tolerated. Besides, Sprague evidently did not know that the book had been found in the house of his aunt, Bar-But there was the book." bara Myles. He turned on his caller, purple anger mounting to his forehead, and shouted:

"Yes, I can see that the book must of course be in the house." He came a step the morning I found it was gone, some one nearer and added: "And it was found there this morning. Here it is now." And he held out the priceless copy of

Izaak Walton that had long been the pride of Norwell. Sprague turned white and seemed about to fall. "Found in my aunt's house, you say?" he faltered.

was there in its accustomed place. "Aye," answered Barrie. "Now, can you was the last I saw of it. O, no, Job Doyle had it that afternoon." deny she stole it? Who else had a chance to steal it? Didn't she tell Miss Timmins Did he put it back?" it would sell for at least \$500 and she knew where she could use the money well? I "Why, John, you don't think-? don't know that she hasn't used her posihe put it back." tion as librarian to steal other books. hands? Think hard, now.

Heaven knows where she got any money to send to you at college. I shall call a meeting of the library trustees at once and see i they will not agree with me to prosecute her to the extent of the law. And now don't you step ov my threshold again so long as you live. I don't want anything to do with any breed of thieves, either you

or your-Sprague took a sudden step and "tackled" Barrie as he had many a time tackled a running half-back at foot ball practice Barrie fell heavily and looked half afraid up into the stern young face above him.

"Now, get up," said Sprague, "and if you ever say another word against my aunt in my presence, I'll-I'll give you another lesson in foot ball tricks of the goal-kicking description," he finished, half smiling to himself.

Only the morning before this interview the town of Norwell had been thrown into a spasm of excitement by the news that "our book" had been stolen. When Peter Hackett died he divided his really notable library among the public libraries of his native state, and to Norwell fell his famous Walton, the object of many a bookworm's pllgrimage to his library. Its bequest was hedged about by many conditions, the foremost of which was the solemn in junction that under no circumstances was it to be removed from the library.

It was this particular condition which caused Barbara Myles to experience a continual oppressing sense of responsibility The Walton was never absent from her mind and she visited its resting place in the libary a dozen times a day.

Econd the slender salary which came from her position she had little except an unusual education and the bibliophile's love of bocks. John Sprague was her only relative and she lovel him with the love of : mother. Robert Berrie, bringing her the quarter's salary, his daughter Marion, and of late eccentric Job Doyle comprised the list

Norwell cal

non lapsed into silence a moment as he thought of the old days when he was auditor of that line, stationed in Helena. With the stage coach lines from their in fancy to their days of power, and then with the railroad when it was finally completed through to the Pacific, and now in

other business, to look back on those sarlies and at least equally happy days, has been Mr. Shannon's experience. He'ls intimately acquainted with the heads of the North-ern Pacific, and was with that road long

efore the present management came to the helm. He is a personal friend of the cldtime frontiersman, and withal a good busi-ness man of the later days.

"Staging now is not what it was in the early days," he continued. . "The trouble now is that whenever a stage line begins

to pay, a railroad is built, and the stages have to move further off into the newer sections of the country. I took a ride up through Okanogan county to the British Ten minutes later they sought Barbara Columbia line a short time ago on the Myles to assure har that neither "agreed stages in operation there, and it was one Columbia line a short time ago on the

of the worst experiences I ever had. The "Now, John," said Marion, "I believe that | stages are little more than mere wagonsyou and I can fathom this. Of course, the not the easy going, six to twelve horse most natural theory is that some enemy of teamed, luxurious coaches, with accommoda-Miss Myles has put this book here in this house. But there are two facts against that. No one has been in the house but old Job and one jolts along over the trails expect-Doyle, and Miss Myles hasn't any enemies. ing every minute that the next will be his last, and he arrives at his destination thor-

"Where was it found," asked John. "In the box under the seat here by the fireplace," answared Barbara. "How could ment is the word for their furnishings. They

it have come there unless, after I left here had come here and placed it in the settle?" our lines running from Mandan to Missoula, ing in, Aunt Barbara? Tell us the whole by way of Deer Lodge, the coaches had acstory again from the last time you saw the commodations for eighteen, twenty-four and thirty-six, and were drawn by teams of six "When I came home to lunch the book to twelve horses. It was a matter of 'get That there' with them. They had the mail con-

tracts, and were receiving \$364 for every mile they carried 600 pounds of baggage and "Yes, he told me so when I met him. \$150 for each extra 100 pounds. They had a monopoly of that traffic, and that is what caused the star route investigation in 1884.

The coaches could carry 4,000 pounds of ex-"Did you see it after you saw press and the same amount of mail and baggage, besides their passenger lists. They The poor little woman blushed and looked averaged eight and one-third miles over the

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SOME INCIDENTS OF THE VOYAGE Bogie of the Brazilian Coast Which Created Needless Fears-History

of the Battleship and Its

The battleship Gregon steamed out of Golden Gate on March 19 on its now famous royage of 13,000 miles around the continent to Key West, and just two months later to a day the secretary of the navy announced that it was safe in triendly waters in the West Indies.

The voyage of the Oregon is in many respects remarkable. It was the longest run undertaken by an American war ship. It passed through many grades of climatetemperate, torrid and frigid. One stretch of 6,200 miles was steamed without recoaling. Water for the use of the crew was distilled at sea, and sufficient provisions for half a thousand men were carried for a voyage around the globe.

Starting out at a time when the relations of the United States and Spain were near were as luxurious as it was possible to make a rupture, the destination of the ship left them. They rode like rocking chairs. On no doubt as to the intentions of the government. Its long, tedious voyage, with in-"Were there any signs of any one's com- and from Corinne over in Idaho to Helena, creasing perils, for the ship as it moved into the Atlantic, particularly so when it neared and rounded the nose of Brazil, bringing it within striking distance of the enemy's Cape Verde fleet. The anxiety of the nation for the Oregon's safety was intense and every heart throbbed hopefully for the gallant commander and his men as they neared the critical stage of their famous journey. The official announcement of their safety was as welcome as the Manila triumph, and the addition of the battleship to the fleet in Cuban waters makes assurance doubly sure of an early triumph for Cuban liberty.

Nine days were expected to transpire be ween the departure of the Oregon from San Francisco and her arrival at Callao, Peru. April 1 came and the great war ship had not been sighted off the coast of Peru. Great anxiety was felt for the "pride of the navy." Had she been made the victim of some Spanish plot? Did a fanatic sacrifice his life for the sake of false patriotism? No Spanish vessel of the Oregon's prowess was known to be in those waters. All sorts of rumors were circulated to explain her absence. It was announced that a fleet of strange war ships had been sighted off southern California and predictions were made that the United States vessel had succumbed to its attack.

April 2 the gunboat Marietta, which had left Santiago several days after the Oregon, had been moored in the harbor of Callao forty-eight hours and was preparing to leave. Terrible storms were reported by the smaller boat and there were officially announced as the cause of the Oregon's delay. In spite of her great speed the weight of her equipment against a dead-ahead sea would reduce her traveling rate to that of a river

The anxiety of officials and the public was lifted April 8, when the bold lines of the battleship were described off Callao. It has fought a long battle with the elements, but had come out victorious without a mark. The steel plate was intact and the guns as firm as on the day of her trial trip. The captain was handed a sealed packet containing his orders. He was not to know his destination until the harbor bad disappeared from view. Just as soon as the bunkers could be stored to their full capacity the ship was headed about and steered into the open sea

Rounding the Horn.

Officers and crew exercised the greatest precaution when war with Spain promised to become the sequel of the Maine disaster. The ship was given a coat of iron gray and her searchlight swept the horizon for hostile salls. An extra force of lookouts was maintained day and night and no boat was permitted to approach the war ship. The progress of the vessel southward, after leaving Callao, was no summer cruhe. It seemed as if the elements had allied themselves with the Spaniards. The heavy vessel rode the waves beautifully and surprised even those who expected most of her. It was intended that the Oregon should enter the harbor of Valparaiso, but it was deemed prudent to avoid that port. The efforts of the gallant sailors of the

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Young Sprague repaid her love and sacrifice with almost the devotion of a lover He knew the story of the extra cataloging done for the big city library that he might complete his college course. His love for Marion Barrie, too, was no secret from his gentle little aunt, and she fed him, hungry for news of his sweetheart, with constant letters.

She herself had discovered the loss and reported it to the chairman of trustees, Robert Barrie, with fear and trembling. He had told the village constable and that Sherlock Holmes, being told the remark made to Miss Timmins about the value of look to see if the Walton were safe." the Walton, immediately arrested Barbara Myles. It was this that had caused the interview ending with the foot ball lesson. John Sprague left the house realizing that probably his love dream was over for good put it-'

and all, but not sorry, on the whole, that he had defended his aunt's good name in such a summary fashion.

The news of the finding of the book stag-John? gered him and he sought to explain it to John rushed out of the house, saying himself, never once departing from his stout something, as he went, about "that absentbelief in his aunt's honesty. On his way to minded chap will forget where he lives her house, where she was confined in the next.'

"Where?" demanded John.

absence of a more suitable jail, he met Job He went to Job Doyle's house, and the Doyle. Job was as eccentric and absent maid told him she expected her master back minded as Pudd'n' Head Wilson, and withal at any moment. So he concluded to wait. a bookworm of the wormiest kind. This Soon in came Job, wearing a far-away look morning he was full of the missing book and greeted John with a very formal "How and as indignant as Sprague himself at the do you do, sir? What can I do for you?" turn affairs had taken. "Tell us what you stole the Walton for,' "John, my son," said he, "what fuddle-

said John. headed piece of business is this? If I could "God bless my soul!" ejaculated Job get hold of that constable I believe I'd cane 'What do you mean, sir?"

him, I do. Why, the fool, to think Barbara "Nothing but what I said," said John -I mean Miss Myles, took it, but she laughing in spite of himself. "Now, see wouldn't. See here, John. I suppose I ought here. Mr. Doyle. You told me you were to tell you something seeing you are the reading the book that afternoon. Did you only living relative she's got. I'm in love put it back? Now, for Barbara's sake, with that little woman-yes, sir, I am-and Doyle, do try and recollect." by old maak Walton himself I'm going to "No. I have no recollection of replacing

marry her if she'll say yes. Meanwhile we'll get her out of this scrape, you and I." "Now, as a matter of fact, isn't this what

"Mr. Doyle," said Sprague, "I am surhappened? You read the Walton all the prised. Go in and win, though, I'll do all I afternoon, and when 6 o'clock struck, and can to help things along. But this is no Aunt Barbara began to put the lights out time to talk of such things. I've been to you put your great coat on-Barrie's, and we had a scrap, and he's for-"And like a fuddle-headed fool that I am bidden me the house." slipped the book into my pocket."

"Exactly."

bigger addle-pated ape than me?"

PROFITABLE STAGE LINES.

that he never had.

"Poor boy," replied Doyle; "and Marionhow does she feel?"

"But how did it get into the settle?" "I haven't seen her since she got here, but "Simplestaining in the world. When you went into the houseit's easy to imagine how she will treat "I took my coat off, and it slipped out o

"That reminds me, I went to see Barrie the pocket. "Right again." myself this morning, and a new maid came

to the door whom I never saw, and when she asked me my name I couldn't tell her. No, sir; I couldu't, and she thought she'd got a lunatic, I guess, because she slammed the door in my face, and I couldn't think tell him about it." what my name was till I got 'round the corner. But about the book. Of course the Job told him the whole story, concluding thing has just been mislaid, and I'll make with Barrie smart for this. Why, darn it all, 1 "Robert Barrie, you'd better take back was reading the book myself that aftersome things you said this morning to John noon, and I went home with Barbara-I'll here.

call her that this time without the Missand she didn't have it. Put it back? Why, certainly, I always do. Of course. Fuddleheaded fool! I'll cane him." John went straight to his nunt's, deter-

mined not to tell her of the futile interview with Barrie and its ending. But Cupid ruled otherwise. He found Marion Barrie in the house, and, realizing how hopeless his love must be now, was hardly civil to her. Even his nunt noticed it, and said:

"The stage coach days are about over in Why, John, Marion has been my only Montana and Idaho," said S. F. Shannor comfort, except always you, since this hapto a reporter of the Tacoma Ledger. "With ened, and you act as if you were angry the extension of the Northern Pacific branch with her. O, what are they going to do with into Lewiston, Idaho, the little stage line me, John? What did Mr. Barrie say?" into that town will have to give way. There And John could keep in no longer. It all are but three stage lines left in Montana, erne in a rush of passionate words, re- and it is only a matter of time before they strained only by Marion's presence. will be gone. But those were great days As she listened the color left her face, and when the great Gilman Saulsbury lines a great tear filled each eye. She loved her were operating in Montana," and Mr. Shan-



"I DO NOT AGREE W ITH FATHER, JOHN."

uncomfortable and finally said: "No. Mr. | entire distance, or nine and one-half miles Doyle was waiting outside for me and it was actual running time. This was over mounstorming flercely. , So I just put out the tains and plains and in all kinds of weather. remaining lights and I do believe I did not Our stages used to leave Bozeman in the morning and arrive in Helena, ninety-eight "Yes, yes," said John. "What then?" miles away, in the evening. "Why we walked home together." she said "Montana was in its stage lines second shyly, "and I asked Job in to have a cup

only to California. There will never be anof tea, and he took off his coat and other country such as those two for stage lines. The rouds were all good and hard through all kinds of weather, and the horses "Why-why in the settle-why-John, you could fairly fly. There was money in staging then. The Gilman-Saulsbury company lon't think. Why, where are you going, is said to have made \$16,000,000 out of their stage lines, and I guess that is true. The

mail contracts and the heavy passenger lists, to say nothing of the express, made the profits count up, even after they had divided with those in charge of the mail contracts,

and after the government had forced them to give up a part of their stealings. "There were several hold-ups by road

remember, and I was connected with the lines during the '70s and early '80s, we never lost any bullion.

'Montana has only three stage lines left now, and these run through rich agricultural districts. Cattle and sheep ranches are abundant, and the lines are doing a good business. In a few years the railroads will become jealcus of them, if they are not now, and build through their districts. Then the stage lines will be only a matter of history. All the lines run out of Livingston, Mont. From Billings, Great Falls and Big Sandy, on the Great Northern, they run into Livingston. The first two virtually meet at

Utica. "I Oregon and Washington there are a few stage lines, but the day for staging has gone," concluded Mr. Shannon, regretfully.

Praved Death for Her Pet Mule. Through her efforts to save a pet mule from being burned to death, relates the Cleveland Le der, Mrs. Fred Martin of 18 Camden street received serious burne about the head and face. Shortly after 10 o'clock Tuesday morning flames were seen issuing

from the barn in the rear of the Martin house. Mr. and Mrs. Martin immediately rushed into the yard in their endeavor to extinguish the flames. It was found, how-ever, that the fire had gained too much headway and Mr. Martin hurriedly called the fire department. While her husband was thus engaged Mrs.

Martin heard the mournful bray of her pet Accordingly Mr Barrie was sent for, and mule, which was in the barn at the time the fire started. Without considering what the results would be she heroically braved the flames and forced her way into the barn. Her husband returned, and, missing his wife, came to the conclusion that she was in the barn. He rushed in after her But if you want to play any foot ball tricks on me, why I guess I'd make a good 'wayback. Did you ever in your life meet and succeeded in dragging her out into the open air. She fainted at this juncture, and by the time she had recovered the fire had been extinguished and nothing but the charred remains of the mule were left. And Robert Barrie was forced to admit

A physician was called and her injuries were given attention. It was found that her face, head and shoulders were badly burned and that she had evidently inheled considerable smoke.

"I'll have to give it up," she said to her confederate. "What's the matter?" "Why, how can I be expected to tell the fortune of that big gawking idiot success-fully when I can't worm any sort of a tip out of him as to the kind of a fortune-tell-ing he wants to hear?" Yes: there are many difficulties of which we fittle wot or entirely wot not, as the case may be

Facific built ship to join their brethren on the Atlantic awakened the greatest interest and admiration everywhere. Chilian coasting ships reported the progress of the Oregon southward and told of great guns being pointed at them when they approached for closer inspection. The natives, who were as much astonished at the appearance of the battleship as were the aborigines when Coaround the earth's surface. The Oregon lumbus landed in the West Indies, spread is supplied with bunkers that give her a all sorts of reports concerning a terrible sea coal capacity of 1.594 tone. This will enable monster off the coast. her to steam 4.500 miles without recoaling.

At the straits of Magellan the Oregon was only twenty-four hours behind schedule time. All the way from that point came the story of the gallant cruise. Warnings had been cabled the officers to look out for the agents in those days, but as far as I can Spanish torpedo boat Temarario, which was

in the vicinity of Montevideo. This craft was of no particular consequence, as had been repeatedly shown. It was aged and

rusteaten, boilers out of whack and masupplementary rapid-fire battery consists of chinery lacking repairs. But from the motwenty 6-pounders, six 1-pounders, four ment the Oregon touched Atlantic waters Gatlings, two field pieces and three torpedo the Temarario began to grow in the imagtubes. ination of correspondents and in a few days reached the formidable proportions of a Captain Charles Edgar Clark was en-

battleship capable of sending the Oregon o the bottom. These absurd reports intensified public fears for the Oregon's safety. The bogie did not move from its sheltered harbor when the Oregon passed by, without saluting.

At Rio Janeiro the Oregon and Marietta vere joined by the Nichteroy, renamed the Buffalo, a dynamite cruiser purchased from Brazil. From that point on the vigilance of

the crews were increased and everything prepared for instant action. Bahia was reached May 6, where cable instructions were received. The movements of the fleet thereafter were kept secret until safe waters were reached.

Construction and Armament.

All the material for the construction and armament of the battleship Oregon came from the far western states. The iron mines of California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico supplied the crude metal which was afterward converted into steel for the hull, great strips of armor and

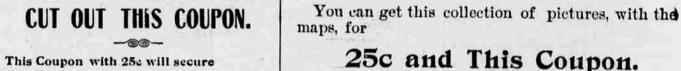
ponderous castings for the guns. The Union Iron works of San Francisco was given the contract for the construction of the Oregon. It was stipulated that the speed should be at leas. fifteen knots per hour and the estimated horse-power of the engines 9,000. For every quarter knot by which the Oregon exceeded the terms of the contract in this regard the builders were to receive a bonus of \$25,000. Should the rate of speed fall below the standard stipulated a penalty of \$25,000 was to be exacted in the

developing 2,111 horse power in excess of the captain and assigned to the command of the contract.

In size the Oregon is only surpassed by Nearly three months ago he was hastily one ship in the navy-the lowa. The dis- detached from the Monterey while stationed placement of this Pacific-born monster is at the Mare island navy yard, San Frau-

cosed to make her more seaworthy. When By this transfer Captain Clark relieved Capthe Oregon was constructed she was in- tain A. H. McCormick, who was then in tended for coast service. her designers command of the Oregon, who was in poor never thinking of a record-breaking cruise health.

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Wyoming News Notes. The news that Prof. Knight's anaylsis of the coal being mined at Rawlins contains 61 per cent coke has caused a great rush to

that field. Frank Snavely, who started the Pilot Thermopylae, got out two issues booming the hot springs and the new town and was then taken to the insane asylum for treat-

ment. The Nebraska fish commissioner took car of young fish to Laramic to make an exchange with the fish commissioner of Wyoming.

The rolling mills at Laramie were compelled to shut down on account of a lack of nen to operate them, so many having gone

Editor Korns, formerly of the Casper Derick, will re-engage in newspaper work a hadron. Timber wolves are reported as absolutely

warming in the forests of the Jackson Hole While and Tilton mountain vicinities. these volves are not as large as the big force works are not as inforce as the off gray varieties, they are more active and ferocious, it being estimated that they have already this spring destroyed on the ranger above mentioned at least 300 head of cattle The Clark's Fork placer mines are to be

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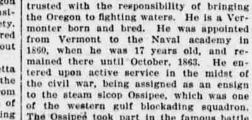
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practical experience in fighting such as seldom falls to the lot of a modern naval mcer.

Within three years after the war Clark had risen through the ranks of master and lieutenant to that of lieutenant commander He was attached to the steamer Suwanee when she was wrecked on July 7, 1868. Since that time he has held various commands,

having been attached to the North Atlantic and Aslatic stations, the Naval academy the training ship New Hampshire, the Boston navy yard, the Mare Island navy yard and the torpedo station. He was in command of the steamer Ranger when that vessel was engaged in the survey of the North Pacific

ocean from 1881 to 1886, and was lighthous Inspector from 1887 to 1891. He was promoted to the rank of comnander in 1881. In September, 1893, he took command of the Mohican and cruised in her

for a year. He was in charge of the receivame proportion. An average of 16.79 knots ing ship Independence, in 1895, and on June was maintained in her trial trip, the engines 26, 1896, he was promoted to the rank of

oast defense vessel Monterey.

10.288 tons. The excess weight of the Iowa cisco, and ordered to take command of the comes from her high decks, which are sup- magnificent first-class battleship Oregon.

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How the Companies Made Money in the Days that Are Past.

Impossible Task. Chicago Post: The fortune teller excused perself for a minute and left the room. "I'll have to give it up," she said to her

"Well, John Sprague. I'm a bald-headed idiot. Come on down to Barrie's and tell him the story, and then we'll go out hunting for the constable with a shotgun." "No, you'd better send for Mr. Barrie and