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INFORMATION FOR YOUNGSTERS WHO LONG FOR THE SEA.

Uncle Sam Hard to Please-Only Boys Who Are Physically Perfect Can Enter His Navy-A Trial Trip to the Mast

NAVY DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF EQUIP-ment and Recruiting. Washington, July 10, 1888.—Boys wanted, between the ages of 14 and 18, for apprentices in the U.S. Navy, to serve un til they are 21 years of age Pay at \$9, \$10 and \$11 per month. Bad bays, or boys whose parents or guardians "wish them to be disciplined" will not be received. The object of the naval training system is to train a body of first class men to man the ships of the U. S. Navy. Apply in letter or in person on board the U. S. S. Minnesota, foot of West Twenty seventh street, North river, New

The above is an advertisement which meets one's eye in the newspapers almost every day In fact. Uncle Sam's appetite for sailors is insatiate Yet the owner of this big farm is very particular as to who shall "hand reef or steer or ship as sal vagee" on his men-of war

REQUIREMENTS OF A SAILOR. Capt. G. C. Wiltse, of the Minnesota, says that only one out of seven applicants for the blue shirts and wide tronsers is accepted Out of 1.217 boys of the preacrited ages who applied during the year ending June 30, 871 were rejected, 185 were accepted, but got homewick and were never enlisted, and only 211 naturally enlisted and became apprentices The over age age of these was 17 years. Decides these who appear in this table of figures there are acores of inquirers and lada who are rejected by R. H. Marsh, the expenses clerk, because of too apparent defects These defects are cross eyes bow legs, stiff fingers, voice impediments, incapial ity of the length of legs, under height and ser things

. de Sam will-not have a boy without the consent of a guardian repolited by the surrogate. Then the youngster must | of the

fair intellect, able to read and write; must be between fourteen and eighteen years of du-try. age; must be a good boy and not sent on poard to be disciplined; must have good ere and ears; must not be troubled with ereispsy or convulsions within five years prior is enlistment; must have good teeth, a ready to ague and no symptom of chronic disease of any kind.

He must, according to his age, also come up to the standard of height, weight and chest measure shown in this table. Ft. in. Lb.

Fourteen to fifteeen...... Fifteen to sixteen ...... 4 11 Eixteen to seventeeh ..... 5 1 Seventeen to eighteen..... 5 2

The candidate must be able to require actly, with each eye singly, Snellen's senty foot test type at a distance of free feet, and, having satisfied the exminers, Drs. Wagner, Henneberger and Aceney, that he fulfills all these requirements, he must go over the masthead to the maintruck, 200 feet towards heaven above the deck, without fineting and without dizziness. The medical examination is very simple. The candidate strips to its exercision of capture of the catelless and the congress and the catelless have been made to corpress and the catelless have been dependent of the congress and the catelless have been made to corpress and the catelless have been dependent of the catelless and the catelless have been dependent of the catelless and the catelless have been dependent of the catelless and the catelless have been dependent of the catelless and the catelless have been dependent of the catelless and well decided with the condition of the maintruck, 200 feet towards heaven the maintruck, 200 feet towards heaven the congress and the catelless have been dependent of the catelless of the catelless of the catelless and the catelless have been dependent of the catelless of the catel The candidate must be able to read dis-

tried for three successive springs to en-list on the Minnesota. He had never had a day's sickness since birth, was a robust, strong, hearty lad, but he was rejected each time because the examiners detected an iscipient trouble with his throat, an enlarged bronchial tube, or something of that sort, not immediately troublesome, but promising disease later in life. Uncla Sam demands physically perfect men-Boys are rejected by the examiners for curvature of the spine quite frequently; for bad eyesight, enlarged veins, color blindness, deafness, and because they are pigeon breasted.

Many lads pass the physical examina-tion, but hesitate half way up the ropes to the main truck, look down for an instant from their giddy height, and are lost—to Uncle Sam's navy. But having successfully surmounted all obstacles, the youngster enlists, bids farewell to terra firma till he's a voter, and becomes au entered apprentice. He will be sent along with nineteen other boys in a day or two to Newport, where he goes into training on the New Hampshire for six months at least. He will be taught the common English branches-sailmaking. rowing, swimming, boxing, fencing and sailing boats. When sufficiently advanced he will be transferred to a cruising training ship, and after a time again he will be transferred to a general cruising ship of the naval service.

The next step is to the place of seeman's apprentice, second class, at \$19 per month: the first class, at \$24. After this, for the remainder of his training cruise and till be is twenty-one, he is eligible to the rating of a petty officer, such as quartermaster, cexawain, captain of top or sailmaker's mate, with pay from \$50 to \$40 a month. Amerities, according to law, have the rence in appointments to warrant B. crs. as boatswains, gunners and sailmakers. It must be borne in mind, however, that the object of the training sys-tem is not to educate officers for the navy, but seaman, and as there are but 113 of these officers only a few of the most deserving can hope to reach these positions.

The apprentice will come out a sailor. guite distinct from the military part of the service. He cannot go to the Annapolis school. He will get for better food, however, than a merchant sailor. Indeed Uncle Sam keeps his sailors like lords, and the bill of fare for a week on shipboard includes fresh becf, salt pork, ham, canned goods, coffee, soft bread, ship biscuit, beans, oatmeal, cornmeal, flour, sugar, hominy and a dozen other palatable things, and many a lad would fare far better on one of Uncle Sam's men-of-war than he ever did at home or in the streets .- New York Evening World.

Points in Butter Making.

At a recent meeting of the Ithaca Dairy institute Professor Roberts stated that in his experience the Holstein's milk tested his experience the Holstein's milk tested 18.4 and the Jersey's 12½ pounds of milk to one pound of butter. A fact generally conceded at this meeting was that cream should be kept cool and sweet until there is enough for a churning, and then all conred or ripened alike by putting in a warm room and stirring from bottom to top once an hour. Experts present claimed that by this means one tenth more butter will be made than by a promiscuous mixing of the cream in all stages of ripening.

The factest armed cruiser in the world said to be the German Grief, with 2,000 as displacement and 5,400 indicated

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The republicans of the United States, assembled by their deligates in national convention, pause on the threshold of their proceedings te honor the memory of their first great leader and importal champion of liberty and the rights of the people, Abraham Lincoln, and to cover also with wreaths of imperishable remembrance and gratitude the heroic names of our later leaders who have been more recently called away from our councies, Grant, Garfield, Arthur, Logan and Conkling. May their memories be faithfully cherished. We also recall with our greetings and prayer for his recovery the name of one of our living heros whose memory will be treasured in the history both of republicans and of the republic. The name is that of the noble soldier and favorite child of victory. Philip H. Sheridan.

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In the spirit of those great leaders and of our devotion to numan liberty, and with that hostility to ad forms of despotism and oppression which is the fundamental idea of the republiwhich is the fundamental lines of the republi-can party, we could frate-hai congratulations to our fellow Americans of Brazil upon their great act of emancipation which completed the abolition of slavery throuhout the two American continents. We earnestly hope we may coon congratulate our fellow citizens of Irish birth upon the reaccful recovery of home rule for Ireland. rule for ireland.

we affirm one to its sweeth it covery of home to be actioned on the indissibility of the state on the autonomy reserved to the states to the autonomy reserved to the states under the constitution, to the personal rights and liberties of efficients in all states and ferriteites; the union and escentially to the supremental severy gright of every citizen, tich or poor, native or docing the public elections and to have that balled they counted. We held a free and honest popular ballot and just and equal representation of the federal season of all people to be the 1-modalize of our required problems and to have that balled the public a power of the theorem of the federal season of the popular ballot and just and equal representations of all people to be the 1-modalize of our required problems and the problems of the reduced the referrity and public a power of the federal season of the reduced the referrity and public and power of the reduced the referrity and public and power of the reduced the referrity and public and power of the reduced the referrity and public and power of the reduced the referrity and public and power of the reduced the referrity and public and power of the reduced the reduced the referrity and public and power of the reduced th

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The republican party would effect all needed reduction of the vational revenue by repealing the taxes on tobacco, which are an arrogance and barden to agriculture, and the tax upon spirits used in the arts and for mechanical purposes, and by such revision of the tariit laws as will tend to check imports of such articles as a e produced by our people, the production of which gives en pi-yment to our labor, and release from import darles these articles of forcign production, except luxuries, the like of which cannot be produced at home, there shall still remain a larger to be used to make the reduction for the games of gavernment, of internal taxes rather than surpost, may reart of our protective system at the road peaks of the whisky ring and agents of forgists of the position into the produced at home, there shall still remain a larger to be used to be a public scandal to do less for those whose valorous service preserved the government. We denounce the hostile spirit shown by President Cleveland in his numerous vices of the production into the produced at home, there shall still remain a larger to be used to be a public scandal to do less for those whose valorous service preserved the government. We denounce the hostile spirit shown by President Cleveland in his numerous vices of the production of the defenders of the union cannot be assured except by laws. The legislation of congress should conform to the union cannot be assured except by laws. The legislation of congress should conform to the legislation of congress should conform to the union cannot be assured except by laws. The legislation of congress should conform to the union cannot be assured except by laws. The legislation of congress should conform to the bedges and extended as to provide against the peaking that the produced at home the results and the produced at home the results and the produced at home the res

mation between states.

PCBLIC LAND LEGISLATION.

We reafirm the policy of appropriating the public lands of the Uhited States to be homesteads for American citizens and settlers not aliens, which the republican party established in 1862 against the persistent opposition of the democrats in congress, which has brought our great western donals into hisgoides, if do velopement. The resocration of uncarned I adgrants to the public dum in for the use of actual settlers, which was begun pader the administration of President Arthur should be continued. We dony that the democratic party has ever restored one acre to the people, but declare that by the joint action of republicans and democrats about fifty million acres of uncarned lands, originally granted for the construction of rajironds, have been restored to the public donish in parsuages of consistions inserted by the resublican party in the original grants. We charge the democratic administration with failure to execute laws secaring to settlers title to their homesteads and with using appropriations made for that purpose to harrass innocent selfuers with spite and prosecutions under the false pretence of exposing frands and vindicating the law.

Admission of Perferences.

The government by congress of the cerriteries is based upon necessity only to the end that they may begone grates in the union; therefore, whenever the conditions of population, material resources, public intelligence and morality are such as to insure stable local government therein the people of such territories should be permitted, a right inhorent in them,

morality are such as to insure stable local government therein the people of such territories should be permitted, a rable inharmat in them, to form for themselves constitutions and state governments and be added into the union remaining preparation for statehood all officers thereof glouds be selected from bona fide residents and utizens of the territory wherein they are to serve. South Dakota should of that the impact and active and state in they are to serve. South Dakota should of right be image intoly admitted as a state in the union under the consitution framed and adopted by her people and we heartly enders the action of the apphilican senate in wice caseing blas for her admission. The reference of the demogratic house or representative, or partisan purposes to favorably consider those tills is a will alviolation of the control of the contr re t American principle of local self govern est, and merits the condemnation of all just en the pending bills in the senate for acts emble the people of Wishington, North sketa and Montanna territories to form conin the part establish state governme is and he passed without unnecessary delay, a remaining a typical place to the part of the terrories of lew rexies, Wyoming, Islaho and Trizona for the enjoyment of self-government as states. Seen of them as are now qualified as soon as possible, and others as soon as they

may become so.

THE MORMON QUESTION.

The political power of the Mormon courch in the territories as exercised in the past is a menance to free histilitions to dangerous to be long suffered. Therefore we pledge the republican party so appropriate legislation, asserting the sovereignty of the nation in all the territories where the same is questioned, and in furtherance of that and to place upon the statute book legislation stringent enough to divorce solitical from ecclesiastical nower, and thus stamp out the attendant

power, and thus stamp out the attendant wickedness of polygamy.

The republican party is in favor of the use of both gold and silver as money, and condemns the policy of the democratic administration in its efforts to demonetize silver.

We demand the reduction of letter postage to be a tent per came.

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In a republic like ours, where the citizens is the sovereign and the official the servant where no power is exercised except by the will of the people, it is important that the sovereign people should possess intelligence. The free school is the promoter of that intelligence the state of the servant o which is to preserve us a free nation. Therefore, the state or nation, or both combined, should support free institutions of learning sufficient to sford to every child growing up in the land the opportunity of a good commonstrate conductation. school schooling.
OUR MERCHART MARINE.

We earnestly recommend that prompt action be taken is a gress in the evactment of such legistation as will best secure the rehabilitation of our American merchant marine, and we protest against the passage by congress of a free ship bill as calculated to work injustice to labor by lessening the wages of those engaged in preparing materials as well as those directly employed in our shippards. We demand appropriations for the early rebuilding of our navy, for the construction of exast fortifications and modern ordinance and other approped modern means of degages for the protection of our defenseless harbors and cities for the payment of just persions to our soldiers, for necessary works of national importance in the improvement of the harbors and changels of internal coastwiser and ore given marges for the succuragement of the shipping interests of the Alantic, Gulf and Pacific states as sell as for the payment of the material public debt. This policy off

country, promote trade, open new and direct markets for our products and cheapen the cost of transportation. We affirm this to be far better for our country than the democratic policy of loaning the government's money without interest to "pet banks."

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

The conduct of foreign affairs by the present administration has been distinguished by inefficiency and cowardice. Having withdrawn from the senate all pending treaties effected by republican administrations for the removal of foreign burdens and restrictions upon our commerce and for its extension into a better of foreign burdens and restrictions upon our commerce and for its extension into a better market it has neither affected nor proposed any others in their stead. Professing adherence to the Monroe doctrine, it has seen with idle complacency the extension of foreign influence in Central America and of foreign trade everywhere among our neighbors. It has refused to charter sanction or encourage any fused to charter sanction or encourage any American organizytion for constructing the Nicaragua canal, a work of vtal importance to the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine and of our national influence in Central and South America, and necessary for the development of trade with our Pacific territory, with South America, and with the further coasts of the Pacific Ocean.

FISHERIES QUESTION.
We arraign the present democratic administration for its weak and unpatriolic treatment we affirm of a themselving devotion of the fisheries question, and its pusillanimous to the national constitution and to the indis-

system already established by law to all grades of the service to which it is applied. The spir-it and purpose of reform should be observed in all executive appointments, and all laws at varience with the object of existing reform leg-islation should be repealed, and that the dan-gers to free institutions which lurk in the pow-

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