

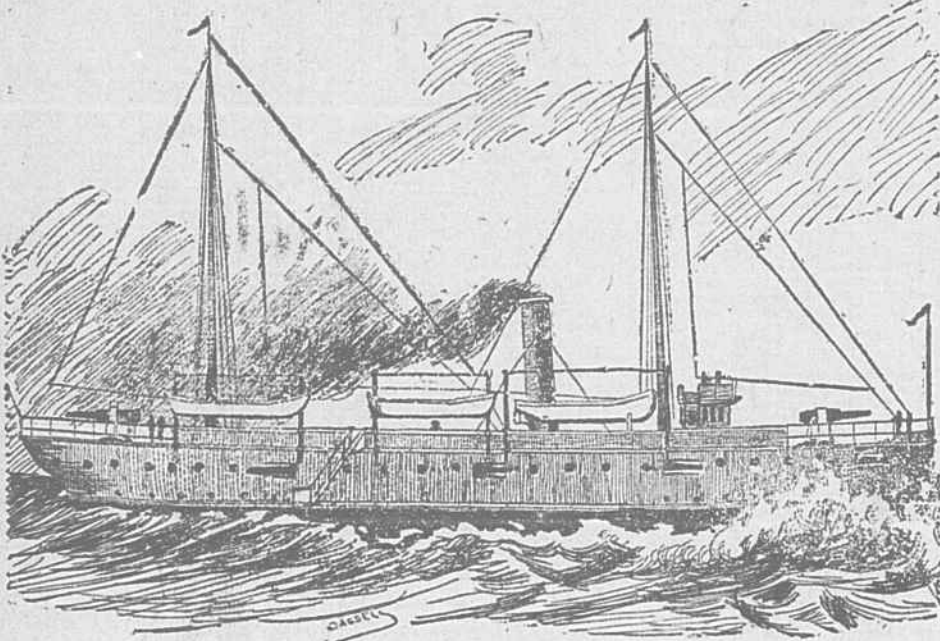
A TRIM CRAFT

Is the Dapper Little Gunboat "Wheeling," AND SHE'S SAUCY THING, TOO, With Her Up-to-Date Armament of Long-Fire Rifle Guns,

SECRETARY HERBERT'S SKINDNESS

Gives the Intelligencer the Opportunity to Present the First Published Representation of the "Wheeling," Together with a Description of the Craft From the Pen of Chief Naval Constructor Hichbone—Her Cost is \$219,000—Will be Ready for Launching in May, Probably—The Local Committee Arranging for the Trip to San Francisco,

Through the kindness of Secretary of the Navy Hilary A. Herbert, and of Chief Naval Constructor Philip Hichbone, of the bureau of construction and repairs, the Intelligencer is enabled this morning to give a faithful illustration of the gunboat, "Wheeling," now building at the shipyard of the Union Iron Works at San Francisco. It is made from a photographic reproduction from the plans of the craft. In addition to publishing the first illustration of the "Wheeling," there follows an accurate description of the trim little boat from the pen of Constructor Hichbone, of the navy department. He says:



The Gunboat "Wheeling."

authorized by act of Congress approved March 21, 1885, and are two of the six light-draft boats then provided for.

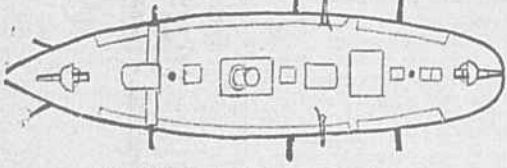
The framing will be of steel from the keel up; the upper edge of the wood plank will lap the top side plating about two feet six inches. Plank of Georgia pine will be worked on the frames, secured thereto by composition bolts in such manner as to prevent galvanic action. The outside surface of the plank will be coppered.

No plating will be worked on the under water body of the vessel, except the keel plates, a strip of plating on each side of the keel plates under the boilers to form the lower portion of a water tank and narrow strips for the plates under the longitudinal and bilge keels. The entire top sides will be plated as on steel vessels.

Throughout the machinery space, an inner bottom of plating will be worked, giving added strength to this part of the vessel enabling the bilges to be kept clean, and affording additional means of safety should the outer bottom be ruptured.

The principal dimensions and general features are: Length of load water-line..... 174 feet Beam, extreme, at load water-line..... 24 feet Draught at bottom..... 11 feet Displacement, normal, about..... 1,600 tons Indicated horse power, about..... 800 Speed an hour in knots..... 12

The armaments, being identical in both types, will consist of six four-inch, four six-pounder, and two one-pounder



The "Wheeling's" Deck Arrangement.

guns, all rapid fire, and will be disposed in this order: Four four-inch guns, in two batteries, port and starboard, on the gun deck amidships; the two other four-inch guns being carried on the main deck, one at the bow and one at the stern, each having a wide arc of fire. The six-pounder guns will be carried on the gun deck, two well forward, one on either bow, and two amidships between the four-inch guns, respectively in the port and starboard batteries. The one-pounder guns will be disposed where most advantageous on the hammock berths.

For the four-inch guns there will be 900 rounds of ammunition. For the six-pounder guns there will be 2,000 rounds of ammunition. For the one-pounder guns there will be 1,200 rounds of ammunition.

The normal coal supply is 120 tons, with a total bunker capacity of 250 tons. The engines will be rights and lefts, each in a separate water-tight compartment, and will be of the usual vertical, direct-acting, triple-expansion type, with a high-pressure cylinder, an intermediate-pressure cylinder and a low-pressure cylinder of twelve, eighteen and twenty-eight inches respectively, having a common stroke of eighteen inches, capable of developing 800 horse-power when running at 200 revolutions a minute.

Each boat will have two single-ended boilers. In the "Marietta" they will be of the Babcock and Wilcox type, while in the "Wheeling" they will be of the Scotch pattern.

They will have moderate forced draught induced by two blowers for each boiler applied directly to the ash-pit. The boilers will be placed side by side in the same compartment, with a common fire-room.

The essential reasons for the construction of vessels of the composite type are that they are largely independent of docking facilities and economical in the use of fuel. The exfoliation of the copper causes the barnacles, grass, etc., to be released just as soon as the vessel is put in motion, and the bottom is made comparatively clean, thus permitting the vessel to maintain her designated speed with a minimum consumption of coal.

or abroad, and the cost of fuel are two very serious outlays that these vessels are counted upon to minimize, while their activity, range of action, and general efficiency are greatly increased.

The docking expenses, whether at home these gunboats are particularly designed requires that they be exposed to major part of the battery by an unbroken deck, besides adding materially to the stiffness and strength of the vessels, gives admirable protection to the guns' crews in action. The necessarily exposed position of the bow and the stern guns is justified only by their arc of fire and possible usefulness in a running action; while for river service, for which these boats are particularly fitted, the disposition of the gun-deck battery is all that could be desired.

These boats are building at the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, Cal. The contract price for the "Marietta" was \$223,000, and that for the "Wheeling" \$219,000.

LAUNCHING OF THE "WHEELING."

The Wheeling Committee of Ten and Many Citizens will be There.

From information that has been received by the "committee of ten" which will represent the city at the launching of the gunboat, that important event will take place about the end of May, possibly sooner. In addition to this committee and newspaper representatives, there is a movement on foot for further representation of Wheeling at the launching. There is a desire that a popular excursion to the coast be arranged so that citizens not members of the committee can be present when the craft glides into the waters of the Pacific.

Although the committee has encountered many difficulties, by reason of the stubborn opposition of citizens to the moderate appropriations made by council for punch bowl, china and glass service, yet the "Wheeling" will not be without these usual articles of cabin complement, for if the injunction proceedings that are threatened, are successful, it would not be the work of more than a few hours to raise the necessary amount by popular subscription. The committee has not yet selected the young lady who will act at the christening of the "Wheeling." The

morrow morning, but fear the roads too bad to march. Lieutenant Chalfant informed that we will not move soon. Battery B., Fifth United States arrived.

April 6.—Weather somewhat more pleasant. Members of Battery B. engaged in shooting series. Mr. Matthew B. Reed and son, from Wheeling, to pay us a visit. (Mr. Reed frequently visited us when we were in the field, he being the chosen delegate of the Republican party to take our votes for elections of this city and state, and he did his work honestly and well.)

April 8.—Lieutenant Ryder, brigade inspector, inspected our battery and Battery B., Fifth United States.

April 11.—Report that a train loaded with soldiers had run off the track four miles this side of Clarksburg. All the doctors went down on a train.

MUSICAL WHEELING.

FROM SATURDAY TO SATURDAY.

This (Saturday) afternoon, 3 o'clock, Woman's Musical Club rehearsal, A. O. U. W. temple; this (Saturday) evening, 8 o'clock, Leatherwood, Musical Club entertainment, at Robert H. Dalzell's residence; Monday evening, 8 o'clock, Wheeling Oratorio Society rehearsal at Bellaire Opera House; Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, Wheeling Oratorio Society, Bellaire Opera House; Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Chicago Ladies' Military Band, Wheeling Opera House; Thursday evening, 8 o'clock, Chicago Ladies' Military Band, Wheeling Opera House.

The Philharmonic Quartet concert last Tuesday evening was the best of the series so far, and Musical Wheeling may refer hereafter to this organization with as much justifiable pride as Pittsburgh does to the Von Kunitz Quartette, heard here at the Fort Henry Club by a few invited guests after the Opera House concert of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. Of this quartet, the Pittsburgh Dispatch, in referring to the Apollo Club's first concert, says: "The Von Kunitz Quartette, scored a two-fold success in the quartette selections given, renewing the

Fernando Tenducci, an Italian tenor, London's idol in the middle of the last century, ranked it among the gems of his repertoire, and sang it with Irish words to enthusiastic audiences. A dramatic story is attached to the "Robin Adair" to be sung February 11. About a century and a half ago a handsome young surgeon of that name started from Dublin on foot for London. On his way he assisted a lady whose traveling coach had been overturned and completed the journey in a seat by her side. She proved to be a person of wealth and fashion, and at her home he met Lady Caroline, daughter of the earl of Albemarle. A passion that was as enduring on both sides as it was sudden was the result, and the lady's kinsfolk spared no pains to divert her mind from the stranger. Her health giving way, she was sent for restoration to Bath, where she wrote or inspired the well-known verses, adapted to the plaintive measure her lover had taught her: "What's this dull town to me? Robin's not here."

A reluctant consent being finally gained, the pair were married February 22, 1738. In declining a baronetcy offered by King George III. Robert Adair, esq., gained considerable popularity. Their son, Right Honorable Sir Robert Adair, served his country with distinction as a diplomat and died in 1855, aged ninety-two. In 1795, Thompson, the music publisher, for whom Haydn and Beethoven harmonized Scotch songs, wrote Robert Burns: "I shall be glad to see you give 'Robin Adair' a Scotch dress, Peter (Pindar) is furnishing him with an English one, and you are well matched together." To this Burns replied: "I have tried my hands on 'Robin Adair' and you will probably think with little success—but it is such a cursed, cramp-out of the way measure that I despair of doing anything better to it." He enclosed "Phillis the Fair." A few days later he wrote again to Thompson: "That crinkum-crankum tune, 'Robin Adair' has been running in my head and I succeeded so ill on my last attempt that I have ventured one essay more." This time he sent, "Had I a Cave," John Brahan, a noted English vocalist, introduced Lady Caroline's "Robin Adair" at his benefit concert at the London Lyceum theatre, December 17, 1811. The melody to which he sang it had been remodelled by William Reeve, a well known composer of the day. As the vowels are long in "elven" and short in "Robin" Reeve introduced the short grace notes which Dr. Burney called the "Scotch snap." The French composer, Boieldieu, introduced Reeve's version of the melody into his opera, "La Dame Blanche," and Beethoven harmonized "Robin Adair" for soprano, tenor and bass, with piano violin and cello accompaniment.

Miss Isabel Hanser, a prominent member of the Woman's Musical Club, will hereafter make her home in Wheeling.

Arrangements are on in Martin's Ferry for an "Eisteddfod" and Dr. Paris R. Meyers was sent an invitation to give the Oratorio Society compete. The proposition was laid on the table. But this brings to mind the fierce several Welsh singers are at present creating in this country. However, the whole of Wales is a sea of song, for the Welsh all are endowed with beautiful voices. Whether this gift is due to climatic influences or racial peculiarities is not known, but that it is a distinctly national trait is undoubted. Of Musical Wheeling, Mrs. Flora Williams traces her ancestry into this sea of song. D.

Pittsburgh River News.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 22.—The Belle McGowan arrived in the harbor at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon with six empty barges from Cincinnati. Scott R. Dawson and Alfred Eckler left last night to bring the Joseph B. Williams up from Louisville. Capt. James A. Henderson is in Cincinnati looking after the construction of the Queen City. The agitation regarding a new marine hospital for Pittsburgh is being revived among rivermen. There is a necessity for such an institution here, as the marine surgeon at Pittsburgh does a large amount of business. The Virginia is expected to arrive at the wharf early tonight. She has a big trip of freight, mostly through from Cincinnati.

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