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The circulation of most of the Oregon newspapers has been decreasing for the past three months due to the high cost of print paper which necessitates a more rigid policy relative to the payment of subscriptions. If the publisher is doubtful of a subscriber's willingness to pay, promptly the name is taken from the books. No publisher can afford to take chances when the margin of profit has been removed as it has been. Fortunately the Monitor shows no decrease in circulation. Many new readers are enrolling each month and they take the places of those we reluctantly are forced to dismiss. While our pruning is not yet completed, we have every reason to believe that in the end, the Monitor will have more subscribers than when it started to sever relations with a body of readers who evidently are not disposed to pay for the service given them.

Firearms kill more people than all the opium, morphine and alcohol ever manufactured. We restrict or prohibit the use of the drugs but almost anyone can buy a gun and kill somebody with it. Fellows like Martin H. McCall, delirious from imagined wrongs for three years, are not only permitted to run at large, but upon tender of the price, a weapon is placed in their hands as an in-of a brooding, diseased mind. But few persons have any needful use for a gun. Their sale to DIGS CISTERN, FINDS GRAVE. Tom, Dick and Harry should be prohibited.

Tom Kay is out with the statement that digging a cistern on his farm one mile the legislature will have to ignore of an Indian who had been buried in the law, voted in by the people, which limits the A grave had been dug to a depth of state expenditures to only a six per cent increase. side pocket in a slitling posture, sup-Perhaps if some one else, rather than Tom, was posedly as a protection against despoildoing the book keeping, the law would not have to be ignored and the sovereign will of the people of a littherto unknown secret of Indian repudiated.

The word is brought back from the East that the politicians of both parties are prophecying that William Jennings Bryan and Theodore Roosvelt will lead their respective hosts in the great battle of 1920. If so, it will be Mr. Bryan's best chance to win the presidency.

This has been a joyful Christmas in America. The poverty of the few years past has been greatly decreased. There was a less number of needy ones for charitable organizations to provide for. There is more work and more working. Better times, better conditions and a better feeling is apparent everywhere.

Many suggest that instead of the state appropriating a large sum of money for the purpose of attracting tourists to Oregon that the hotels, who get most of the tourist's money after he gets here, do the inviting themselves at their own expense.

President Wilson has the well wishes of all patriotic American citizens in any effort he may make to stop the European war and they are not particular either whether it is according to Hoyle or not.

A number of county officials met in Portland recently and passed several resolutions favorable to economy, but nobody advocated reducing his own salary.

Happy New Year

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Great Indian Burial Ground Discovered

In South Dakota. Mitchell, S. D.-C. P. Sayles, while north of town, uncarthed the skeleton

an unusual manner.

discovery as the probable revelation

The skeleton is only one of many that have been uncovered among the mounds of the famous Indian burying ground which extends for a mile and a balf along the bloffs of Firesteel creek, but other skeletons are seldom more than two feet below the surface

SIX FEET GRUB TONNAGE.

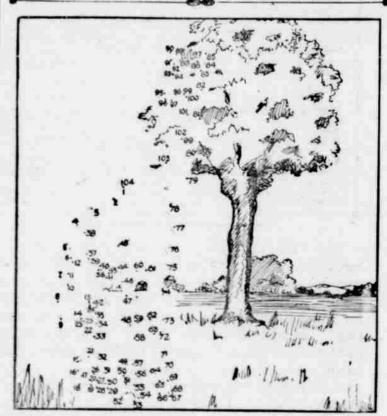
Sixteen Assorted Sandwich Capacity Wins Trophy For Al Luff.

Trenton, N. J. By gosh, it's no won-der Al Luff won that diamond studded Indian's head badge at the Red Men's banquet a few nights ago, say all the folk over to Edwardsville, N. J., for be ing the champion eater, when you figure what Al got away with, which was,

Seven ham sandwiches. Six limburger cheese sandwiches Three cups of coffee

Three big glasses of lemonade. Quite a passel of the boys started in the eating match, but Al kept a-going after they all were plumb filled up, being six feet, as he is, and 198 pounds and twenty-live years old and a farm hand who requires quite a bit of fill

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