

**Corvallis Gazette.**

**HOW LAWS ARE MADE.**

They are first published separately in sheet form, as "slip laws," as soon as possible after being received by the bureau, and numbered in the order of their receipt. When so published, the slip laws are given to the editor of the laws (a competent person selected from the legal profession by the secretary of state and privately employed for that purpose), who notes marginal references to previous legislation, arranges the acts and resolutions by "chapters," and prepares a suitable index; and under his editorial care, at the end of the session of Congress, they appear again in pamphlet form, as "session laws." Lastly, at close of a Congress, the laws of each session are gathered by the editor into a single volume and bound, as "Statutes-at-Large." The numerous readings given to the printed "proof," and the careful comparison with the text of the originals, effectually guard against discrepancies. The manner in which the department performs its duty is thoroughly creditable; the manner in which Congress dismisses its own work is, in many instances, absolutely disgraceful. Some of the rolls received at the department are disfigured by erasures, interlineations and blotches, by errors in orthography, capitalization and punctuation, and by hieroglyphic mangling, that suggest the master-pieces of school boy art. These and more serious imperfections, once placed upon the parchment roll are law. However glaring the blunder, however mischievous the distortion or omission, the State Department is powerless to add a correcting dot or stroke. Mistakes made by congressional enrolling clerks have undone legislation accomplished by Congress after hours of debate. An item of half a million dollars for public purposes was bodily left out in the enrollment of a recent appropriation act; and the substitution of a comma for a hyphen in transcribing a tariff measure, some years ago caused a loss to the Government of thousands of dollars before the error was detected, and further loss arrested by the passage of another act.—St. Nicholas.

**BREVITIES.**

A 6-year-old girl died at Tiffin Ohio, from injuries caused by excessive rope-jumping.

Friends of the late president Arthur have erected a handsome monument over his grave in Albany, N. Y.

The Russian eats on an average once every two hours. The climate and custom require such frequent meals.

The population of Berlin in 1885 was 1,315,412. The board of Health estimates the population of New York at 1,564,324.

The word par comes from the Latin par, meaning "equal;" the par value of stock is a value equal to its original full value.

Washington and Napoleon were two great men who never made a speech. Each tried it a few times and regretted his inability.

When all the suburbs are annexed that want to come in the Chicago city council will be composed of seventy members.

At the horticultural show at the Trocadero, Paris, during June, there will be 5,000 rose trees, of 3,000 varieties in blossom.

In Paris there are more than 20,000 places for the sale of intoxicating drink. This is one to four houses, or one to twenty-five men.

Executing murderers by electricity will be a grim illustration of the well known saw that lightning does not strike twice in the same spot.

At Pittsburg, Penn., lightning twisted a lad's head around to one

side on his neck, and the doctors have thus far been unable to get it back again.

A consul in Paraguay reports that in that country the women do the work and the women do the smoking, gambling and cock-fighting.

The man who invented the return ball, an ordinary wooden ball, with a rubber string attached to pull it back made \$1,000,000 from it.

During the last nineteen years 310 amendments to the constitution of the United States have been proposed in congress, but only three have been adopted.

Secretary Rusk said in a late interview, in reply to an intimation that he was not conducting himself with sufficient dignity for a cabinet officer: "If I were president I couldn't help having some fun now and then."

Benjamin D. Sullivan of New York city says there were only 495 lawyers in that city when he began his practice sixty years ago, but that the New York bar is now adorned with 5,575 members, some of whom have grown rich.

The rapid transit of the age is not confined to the railroads. The steamer is showing wonderful progress in this respect also. The steamer Owego has recently made the run from Buffalo to Chicago, around the lakes, in fifty-eight hours, the fastest trip of the kind on record.

In the future every great iron-clad will have its suit, composed of a small fleet. This will consist of two first-class torpedo-boats, a fast gunboat ram, generally towed, and a very fast 200-ton "turnabout torpedo catcher," fitted with the latest improvements for destroying torpedoes.

The African teak wood is said to be almost indestructible by wear or decay. It has been known to last over one hundred years in vessels. It weighs from 42 to 52 pounds per cubic foot. The tree requires from 60 to 80 years growth to produce the size suitable for ship building.

The census of 1890 will furnish information which no other federal census has yielded relating to the recorded indebtedness of the people. The idea is to present statistics showing the extent of this private indebtedness of record and the form in which it exists—namely, whether in real estate or mortgages, debts otherwise secured or in general indebtedness through notes and bills payable.

In these peaceful times no business is more profitable than that of the manufacture of death-dealing instruments. At Steyer, in Upper Austria, is the biggest small arms factory in the world. Day and night the factory is busy making repeating rifles for the Germans. Germans. At Birmingham and Enfield a plant is being put in, in anticipation of big orders for the British service rifle. The British orders will keep English arms factories busy for at least two years.

James Gordon Bennett, while at Monaco, just before his late departure for Egypt, had a quarrel with the princely ruler of that famous gambling resort, and the princeling gave orders that the American millionaire should be excluded from the borders of the principality. Now, as all the world knows, the palace at Monaco stands on a great rock overhanging the Mediterranean. Mr. Bennett's yacht lay near at hand, and after the quarrel, he went on board and spent the night in steaming up and down in front of the castle with the foghorn blowing every other minute. The disturbed prince next morning made peace with his old friend, and Mr. Bennett returned to Monaco.

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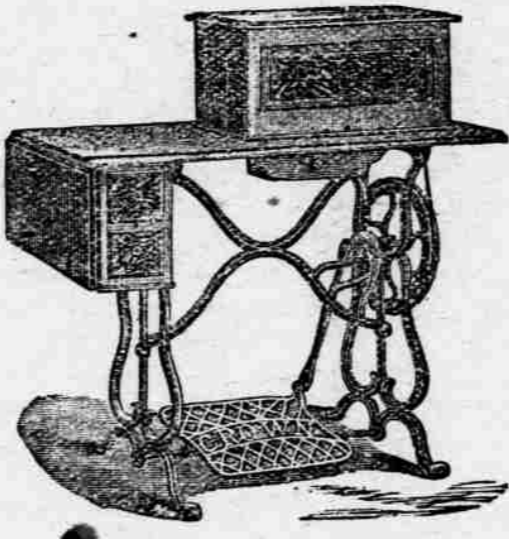
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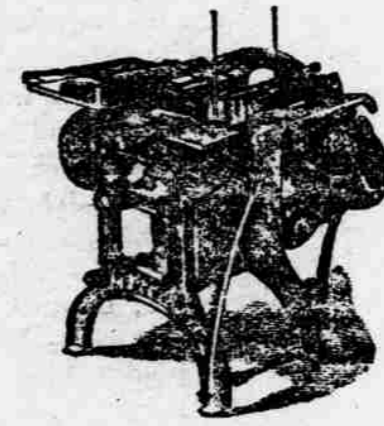
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