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 Which calls for a litile comment.
Capt. Flavel has just the same. "monopoly" that any business
man has. Time was when he got 2 state subsidy when without that subsidy hbe could not thave run his
business. That subsiay ceased
When the increasing comerce of the Columbia made towage a selfsustaining industry. His tugs
have alwars been kept in good have always been kept in good
service and well manned. Any one desirous of engaging in the
business of towing on the bar has precisely the same opportanities land capitalists concluded that the a tug and put her to work to apply some of their surplus
capital in the same line of busi-
ness, there ts nothing them from embarking in the en-
terprise. Whatever Capt. Flavel has a morises from
a thorough knowledze of business and ample facilities keeping his tugs in trim.
We belieres the $N$. not knowingly make indefensible
statements, and in the sifitit suggest to our enterprising
contemporary, that in asserting the possession of a monap
this instance, it is mistaken.
Anour a month ago we wrote
an item about a strawberry plant an item about a strawberry plant subscribreers brought into the office It throve well, and we ate two we allude to it now is this. The of the principal papers throughout the United States; and with a trees, and the thermometer away down we fear some of our Missis
sippi Valley friends may get wrong impression of Astori
True, strawberries grow bere December, but that doesn ${ }^{\prime} t$ pre uary Nor easter.

## Iv the 48 dh Congress, which meets next December, there will

 be 401 men bers, the largest in thehistory of the country of the history of the country. Of the
senate's serectuty six members there
 there will be 119 Repablicans, 19 Dewocrate, and tharicen "pinto." Yanas ago a Dakota herd of fire and as the tweive-pear-old boy in charge was missing it was fearee
be had met the sume fate. La week he appared, a grown man
and exylanned that fering to curn he had stayed away till in which be was successfic
Perhars nothing better illus trates the rague ideas of foreign
ers towards this country than recent question of the Ieali
ing primate of Eagiand, the Arccis bishop of Canterbiry, directed
an American visior, wherain an American visitor, wherein b
asked for an explanation of "the atitude of an explanation of "the attitude of th
dissenters."

Revererisg to the statemen
regarding the aileged combination
of Portland hotel men in relation to the Oregonian, that paper say does not publish the hotel lists because it objects to doing so that is proper compenstion, and of the case.
Tas stone that Oregon will sen
 Josephine coanty quarry, an
after being suitabiy dressed, arve and engraved, will be sent to the attional capital about April let.

| The 47 th Congress has but four weeks more of life: what it has doue in this last session can best be represented by a negative quantity. $\qquad$ |
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| Redtced letier pustage is now an assured fact The only question is when it will go into effect |
| To "pass away gently while preaching" is Preacher Barnes' idea of a happy death. |
| As offer of marriage to a Michigan girl occasioned a fatal attack of heart disease. |

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