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An official of the Oregon penitentiary recently scaled the walls in the night, moved about at his leasure and then climbed out again. He selected as the point of transit the place where Tracy and Merrill had gone in making their escape. Of course he ran some risk, for he could not be assured that the guards were of the same sort that were killed by the desperadoes, but this is the sort the guards proved to be. Naturally they were dismissed from their positions, as they deserved to have been. So would the former guards had not the outcome been sudden and final. It is strange that the ghastly episode failed to convey a lesson. The fact leads to a suspicion that the Salem prison is loosely and badly managed, thinks the Tacoma Ledger. Oregon was discredited by every detail of the break made by Tracy and Merrill. Not only was the escape without excuse, but the dilatory pursuit was wholly ineffective, and the rewards offered were withheld from the people who finally earned them. The burden of the chase fell to officials of Washington and the courtesy was never acknowledged. It was thought, however, that the Salem institution would be conducted as a prison rather than as a place where convicts might remain or which they might leave, as best suited their tastes.

The new year is now two weeks over two months old. Editors always expect subscribers to square up along about the first of the year, especially those who are delinquent, but as the weeks pass by and the delinquents do not show up it makes the editor love his advance subscribers the more and it is then that he feels like requoting those beautiful lines: "How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber, who pays in advance at the birth of the year; who lays down his money and does it quite gladly, and cast round the office a halo of cheer. He never says 'stop it, I cannot afford it,' nor 'I'm getting more papers now than I can read,' but always says, 'Send it, the family likes it; in fact, we all think it a real household need.' How welcome he is when he steps in the sanctum; how he makes our hearts throb, how he makes our hearts dance. We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him, the steady subscriber who pays in advance."

Securing decision of the department to establish an irrigation system in Oregon evidences the fact that Mr. Moody is an untiring worker for the state he has represented the past four years in congress, and had he accomplished nothing else, this alone would entitle him to credit, says The Dalles Times-Mountaineer. But since his term as congressman for the Second Oregon District has expired, and having declined to accept an appointment to office by the president, as told in the Washington dispatches of last Friday, signifying his intention to retire to private life, return to his home in this city and devote himself to business, all may view his public career from a dispassionate standpoint, and when this is done, it must be conceded that he has been a faithful public servant, a diligent and effectual worker for the interest of Oregon. While he may not have accomplished all his constituents expected of him, in fact he has not accomplished all for Oregon that he hoped to, perhaps more than any other congressman Oregon has ever had, and he can retire from public life with honors. It is to be hoped that his successor will be as untiring and successful a worker as he.

In connection with the situation in Morocco, the Spanish fleet is to be mobilized. Where did Spain get a fleet?

The men behind the guns have received due credit, and now Admiral Schley amends the famous phrase by adding "the men before the furnace."

The amendment will be unanimously accepted.

President Eliot, of Harvard, complains that the graduates of that institution are not becoming the fathers of enough children. This seems to indicate that they are marrying into the very best circles.

It is to be remembered that when Turkey engages in a "holy war" it is a holy terror.

Mr. Carnegie would like to be a father to any deserving nation that is in trouble.

GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION.

The ways of the new battleship Connecticut at the Brooklyn navy yard are complete and an announcement made that work on the actual laying of the keel will probably begin next week. In naval circles the progress in the construction of the Connecticut will be followed with closest interest. In the first place, the battleship is being built by the United States at one of its own yards, something that has not been done since the days of the old wooden ships of war. It has been contended by many high authorities that the building of the nation's warships could be done better and more cheaply by private contract than by the nation itself. In order to put the problem to a fair test the government decided to construct the Connecticut itself and at the same time let the contract for her sister ship, the Louisiana, to a private contractor. The results, it is expected, will determine the question as to whether Uncle Sam in future had better build his own warships.

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There is another reason why the building of the Connecticut attracts unusual attention. The ship will be the largest ever built by the United States navy. he is to carry the heaviest armor and the most powerful ordnance for a vessel of her class upon a trial displacement of not more than 16,000 tons, and is to have the highest practical speed and the greatest radius of action. The ship will, of course, be built of steel, and her hull protected at the water line by a complete circle of armament. She is designed as a flagship and everything upon her will be of the most modern character.

As it Is Stated.

The Brooklyn Eagle is responsible for the following stately rhyme, if a mind that works in such wise may be regarded as responsible:

In the State of Mass.,
There lives a lass
I love to go N. C.;
No other Miss.,
Can e'er, I Wis.,
Be half so dear to me.

R. I. is blue,
And her cheeks the hue
Of shells where waters swash
On her pink white phiz
There Nev. Ariz.
The least complexion Wash.

La.! could I win
The heart of Minn.,
I'd ask for nothing more.
But I only dream
Upon the theme,
And Conn. it o'er and Ore.

Why is it, pray,
I can't Ala.
This love that makes me Ill.?
N. Y., O., Wy.
Kan. Nev. Ver. I.
Propose to her my will?

I shun the task
'Twould be to ask
This gentle maid to wed,
And so, to press
My suit, I guess
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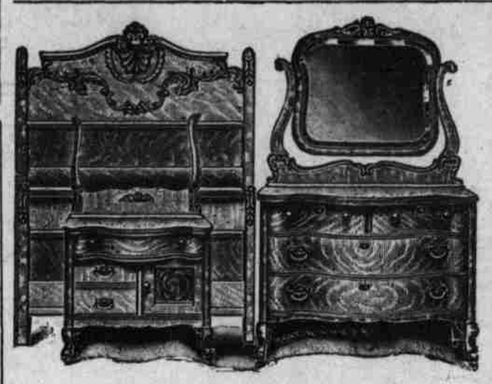

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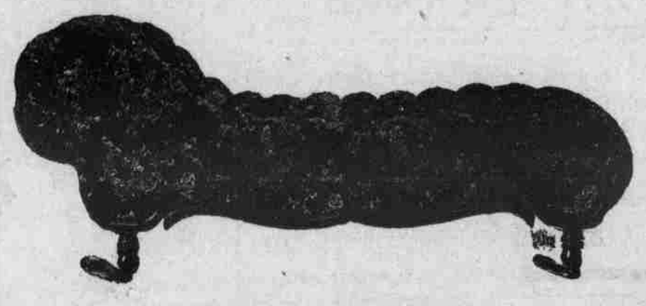
Combination Cases

Not a more useful piece of furniture made. The finest line of Combination Cases ever shown in Athena are to be seen now on my floor. They are direct from the best factory of this kind in the country. New in design with pretty French plate mirrors in fancy shapes, set them off in fine style. These cases have large book-room space with adjustable shelves. The writing table is large and roomy with nicely pigeon-holed space for the household bills. The desk lid closes up over this work and locks, affording protection and security. The prices are $26, $28, $30, $38.

CHIFFONIERS

These very desirable articles of furniture are almost indespensible in the home. I have a half dozen different styles on my floor. From the plainest design in ash, without mirrors, up to the solid oak with shaped mirrors in best French bevel plate. The prices are $9, $12.50, $13, $13.50, $14 and $16.



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